

Public Notice of Decision

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Community Governance Review 2015/16

Issue 14

"Hanchett End" Vision 2031 Strategic Growth Site (Haverhill Research Park)

NOTICE is hereby given that St Edmundsbury Borough Council ("the Council"), in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the Act"), has undertaken a Community Governance Review of certain parishes in its area.

The Council has now decided to what extent it will give effect to the recommendations made in respect of issue 14 in the Community Governance Review 2015/16, which affected the parishes of:

- **Haverhill**
- **Withersfield.**

The decision is that:

1. The parishes listed above should not be abolished;
2. No change be made to the current parish boundaries in relation to the "Hanchett End (Haverhill Research Park)" Vision 2031 Strategic Growth Site i.e. the Research Park will remain in Withersfield;
3. The names of the parishes listed above should not be altered;
4. The parishes should continue to have town/parish councils as currently applicable; and
5. No changes be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to the parishes listed.

Reasons for the decision

The Council considers that, having tested the matter through consultation, there was insufficient evidence of support to justify a change to the current arrangements. Although Haverhill Town Council and other respondents supported a transfer of the growth site to Haverhill Parish, Withersfield Parish Council and the majority of local electors (particularly those living in affected properties) felt that retention of the current boundaries would best meet the criteria of reflecting community identity and providing effective local government.

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