

Public Notice of Decision

Community Governance Review 2015/16

Issue 21

RAF Honington

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 21 in the Community Governance Review 2015/16, which affected the parishes of:

- **Honington**
- **Sapiston**
- **Troston.**

The decision is that:

1. The parishes listed above should not be abolished;
2. The names and external boundaries of the parishes listed above should not be altered;
3. The parishes should continue to have a parish council; and
4. No changes be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to Sapiston or Troston Parishes but the "Village" and "Station" parish wards of Honington Parish be removed so that these two electoral areas can be combined and represented by seven councillors for Honington Parish as a whole.

N.B. It is possible that, to achieve electoral equality in borough wards or county divisions, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) might require the two parish wards to stay in place or reinstate them at some future point.



Reasons for the decision

1. Local preference (*the principle of the proposal was supported by the Parish Councils and the RAF Station Commander following consultation with RAF personnel*);
2. it provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors and offers them more effective and convenient local government; and
3. it assists in terms of ensuring elected representation for the whole Parish.

Next steps

Unless the LGBCE requests otherwise, the changes referred to above will be brought into effect from 1 April 2019. The Council will make an Order in the autumn of 2018 to give effect to its decision. The Order will be made available at the following addresses as soon as practicable after the Order has been made:

- West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3YU; and
- On the Council's website:
<http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/community/cgr.cfm>

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