

Public Notice of Decision

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Community Governance Review 2015/16

Issue 13

"North-East Haverhill" Vision 2031 growth site

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 (CGR) 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 13 in the Community Governance Review 2015/16, which affected the parishes of:

- **Haverhill**
- **Little Wratting**
- **Kedington.**

The decision is that:

1. The parishes listed above should not be abolished;
2. The boundary of Haverhill Parish be extended as indicated on the attached map to incorporate the Vision 2031 Strategic Site "North-East Haverhill".

N.B. The transferred parish area will be temporarily added to the existing East Ward of Haverhill Parish pending any review of town and borough council wards by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England;

3. The names of the parishes listed above should not be altered;
4. The parishes should continue to have a town/parish council or parish meeting (as currently applicable); and
5. No changes be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to the parishes listed above.

Reasons for the decision

1. Local preference and/or evidence (*while there was disagreement about the position of the new boundary, there was support for, or reluctant acceptance of, the main principle that the new homes would be in Haverhill Parish. The transfer of land at Calford Green was objected to by Kedington Parish Council but supported by Haverhill Town Council which argued that this green buffer would be most closely associated with Haverhill Parish, in terms of the CGR criteria. There were also mixed views on the recommendation to leave the Little Wrattling boundary by the A143 unchanged but, overall, a majority of respondents supported this course of action (or did not formally object)*);
2. it provides parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents and businesses (current and future) and offer them more effective and convenient local government (*the Town Council suggested that administrative boundaries around Haverhill should reflect the patterns of everyday life and the ability of the respective parish and town councils to provide effective local government to new and existing electors. There was also consensus that the identity of all surrounding villages should be protected through the CGR. In respect of Calford Green, the Council concluded that, as part of the masterplan for the growth site, the proposed parkland was most closely associated with the new development (and, therefore, with Haverhill Parish in community governance terms) and that, in planning terms, it would still act as the desired green buffer irrespective of the outcome of the CGR*).

Next steps

The changes referred to above will be brought into effect from 1 April 2017 if the Local Government Boundary Commission for England recommends similar changes to district ward/county division boundaries at the same time. If the Commission does not recommend similar changes, the above will be brought into effect from 1 April 2019.

The Council will make an Order in the autumn before the above changes are to have effect to implement its decision. The Order, together with a map showing the effects of the Order, will be made available for inspection at the following addresses as soon as practicable after making the Order:

- 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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