

# Public Notice of Decision

## Community Governance Review 2015/16

### Issue 20

#### Fornham Lock/Sheepwash Bridge

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

- **Fornham All Saints**
- **Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve.**

#### The decision is that:

1. The parishes listed above should not be abolished;
2. The area between Fornham Lock Bridge and Sheepwash Bridge, adjacent to the sewage works entrance, shown on the attached map be transferred from Fornham All Saints Parish to Fornham St Genevieve Parish;
3. The names of the parishes listed above should not be altered;
4. The parishes should continue to have a parish council; and
5. No changes be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to the parish councils listed above.

#### Reasons for the decision

1. Local preference and/or evidence (*although there was not a consensus between the parishes, the Council felt that, on balance, given the expressed view of some of the residents, it had enough evidence to justify the change*);
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 utilises the strong natural boundary of the river.

### **Next steps**

The changes referred to above will be brought into effect from 1 April 2017. The Council will make an Order in the autumn of 2016 to give effect to 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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