

Public Notice of Decision

Community Governance Review 2015/16

Issue 3

Vision 2031 Strategic Site "North-East Bury St Edmunds"

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

- **Bury St Edmunds**
- **Great Barton.**

The decision is that:

1. The parishes listed above should not be abolished;
2. The "North-East Bury St Edmunds" Vision 2031 growth site be retained in Great Barton Parish as shown on the attached map.

N.B. This notice should be read in conjunction with Decision 4 in relation to the future external boundary of Great Barton Parish;

3. The names of the parishes listed above should not be altered;
4. The parishes should continue to have a parish/town council as currently applicable; and
5. No changes be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to Bury St Edmunds Parish but the electoral arrangements for the Parish of Great Barton be amended as follows:
 - (a) the growth site would be represented by two parish councillors elected to a "Severalls" parish ward with a boundary as shown on the attached map; and



- (b) the remaining electors in the Parish would be represented by nine councillors elected to a "North" parish ward.

Reasons for the decision

1. Local preference (*while there were alternative proposals and views, this option was supported by Great Barton Parish (council and electors). Local electors in Cattishall also felt strongly that that their homes were part of Great Barton Parish*);
2. it provides parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents (current and future) and offers them more effective and convenient local government (*Great Barton felt that being an integrated part of their Parish would allow the new community to develop with strong and focused democratic representation and reflect shared interests and needs with the rest of the Parish (which already has several distinct but strongly connected communities i.e. village, Cattishall and East Barton). The Parish Council also felt that this option would provide the new residents the chance to develop their own community identity and local services while development is taking place, and then decide their own future at a later CGR after building is complete*); and
3. it reflects, in community identity terms, the barrier created by the railway.

Next steps

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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