

Public Notice of Decision

Community Governance Review 2015/16 Issue 5

"South-East Bury St Edmunds" 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 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 5 in the Community Governance Review 2015/16, which affected the parishes of:

- **Bury St Edmunds**
- **Nowton**
- **Rushbrooke with Rougham.**

The decision is that:

1. The parishes listed above should not be abolished;
2. The boundary of Bury St Edmunds Parish be extended to include the whole of the "South-East Bury St Edmunds" Vision 2031 growth site, as shown on the attached map.

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

3. The boundary of Nowton and Rushbrooke with Rougham Parishes be amended so that it reflects the A134 and transfers Willow House, and adjacent land, from Nowton to Rushbrooke with Rougham, as shown on the attached map.
4. The names of the parishes listed above should not be altered;



5. The parishes should continue to have a town/parish council as currently applicable; and
6. No changes be made to the electoral arrangements that apply to the parish/town councils listed above in respect of this issue (but see the decision for issue 4 in relation to Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council).

Reasons for the decision

1. local preference (*the principle of the proposal was supported by all respondents including the Parish Councils*); and
2. it provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents (current and future) and offers them more effective and convenient local government (*respondents felt that the new electors would have more in common with existing electors of Bury St Edmunds and the identity and cohesion of the existing Nowton Parish should be preserved. Similarly, the Council was told that the electors at Willow House more strongly identify with Rushbrooke with Rougham*).

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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