

Public Notice of Decision

Community Governance Review 2015/16

Issues 4, 6 and 8

Vision 2031 Strategic Sites "Moreton Hall" and "Suffolk Business Park" and Primack and Mortimer Roads

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 issues 4, 6 and 8 in the Community Governance Review 2015/16, which affected the parishes of:

- **Bury St Edmunds**
- **Great Barton**
- **Rushbrooke with Rougham.**

The decision is that:

1. The parishes listed above should not be abolished;
2. The areas of Bury St Edmunds, Great Barton and Rushbrooke with Rougham Parishes be amended as shown on the attached map.

N.B. The Borough Council has also indicated that it will consider terms of reference for a follow up CGR in 2021 or when the majority of the new residential properties on the growth site are first occupied (whichever is the sooner).

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 and Great Barton Parishes in relation to this particular issue (*although see decision 3 in relation to Great Barton Parish*) but the electoral arrangements for the Parish of Rushbrooke with Rougham be amended as follows:

- (a) the "Moreton Hall" Vision 2031 growth site (and any other properties to the north of the A14) be represented by two parish councillors elected to a "North" parish ward, with a boundary shown on the attached map; and
- (b) the remaining electors in the Parish be represented by nine councillors elected to a "South" parish ward.

Reasons for the decision

1. Local preference (*while there were alternative proposals and views from within Bury St Edmunds Parish, the changes in relation to issue 4 were supported by both Great Barton and Rushbrooke with Rougham Parishes (councils and electors) and by several other stakeholders (including the Rougham Tower Association, the Rougham Estate and the new Academy in phase 1). In relation to issue 6, both the Parish and Town Council agreed with the proposal, as did several other respondents. There was strong consensus on issue 8 from all respondents*);
2. it provides parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents (current and future) and offer them more effective and convenient local government (*respondents felt that: the identity and history of Rushbrooke with Rougham (particularly its airfield) could be lost if there is any further movement of the boundary with Bury St Edmunds; and creating a new parish ward would allow the new community to develop with a distinct local identity, appropriate local services and strong and focused democratic representation, as well as being an integrated part of the existing parish (which already has several distinct communities)*);
3. it reflects the strong ground feature of Lady Miriam Way in terms of a new boundary with Bury St Edmunds Parish; and
4. it reflects, in community identity terms, the barrier created by the railway in relation to the boundary with Great Barton.

Next steps

The boundary changes referred to in 2 above (and shown on the attached map) 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 changes to the electoral arrangements of Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish referred to in 5 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 decisions. The Orders, 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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