

# RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Review Officer (Babergh)  
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
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Dear Sir

**Electoral Review - Babergh District Council**

Raydon Parish Council has carefully considered the draft recommendations from the Boundary Review Committee and finds the proposed Polstead Ward unacceptable.

The village of Raydon has no connection to, or with, Polstead village. Indeed, to travel between them entails passing through Hadleigh or Stoke by Nayland; the current proposal forms a 'doughnut' ward.

As the current proposal gives the ward a variance of 11%, the Parish Council feels that a far better proposal would be to drop Polstead from the Ward entirely and instead include Wenham Magna and Wenham Parva. Raydon is connected to both the Wenhams, and shares the facility of Notley Enterprise Park. This grouping would allow Polstead to be linked with Stoke by Nayland, with which it shares far more links, both historically and currently.

Raydon has no shared identity, facilities or amenities with Polstead. Indeed, naming us Polstead Ward creates a huge misnomer. A far more appropriate name would be Brett Valley, as the river Brett joins Stratford St Mary, Higham, Lower Raydon, Shelley and Layham.

We trust that the Boundary Commission will take these views in consideration.

Yours faithfully



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