

Babergh District

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Comment text:

Dear Boundary Commission. The following comment is made in the context of my being the elected Member for South Cosford Ward, which includes all of the parishes that are now proposed to be part of an extended Ward called "South East Cosford". An increase from 6 parishes to 9 under the new proposals initially looks daunting, but with a reduction from 43 Councillors to 32, an increased in numbers of parishes per Ward is almost inevitable in most cases. From a personal perspective, I firmly believe that the electorate gets best value from its representative if that individual is prepared to attend as many meetings of the Parish Councils as possible, and clearly an increase from 6 parishes (the current arrangement in South Cosford) to 9 (the proposed South East Cosford) will require even greater commitment than is the case at the moment - not small. However, when the frequency of meetings in the smaller parishes is taken into account, it's not likely to be an unmanageable task and the proposed grouping of parishes in South East Cosford fits well with the rural patterns of the district. In sum, the new proposals for a South East Cosford Ward are manageable and if re-elected I would not expect to have to change my pattern of attendance at parish council meetings. Not everyone agrees, but face to face time as a result of attending as many meetings as possible and focus on the individual and local problems of that village, is a critical element of representation whilst not forgetting a Members' wider strategic responsibilities as a District Councillor. Alan Ferguson District Councillor South Cosford Ward

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