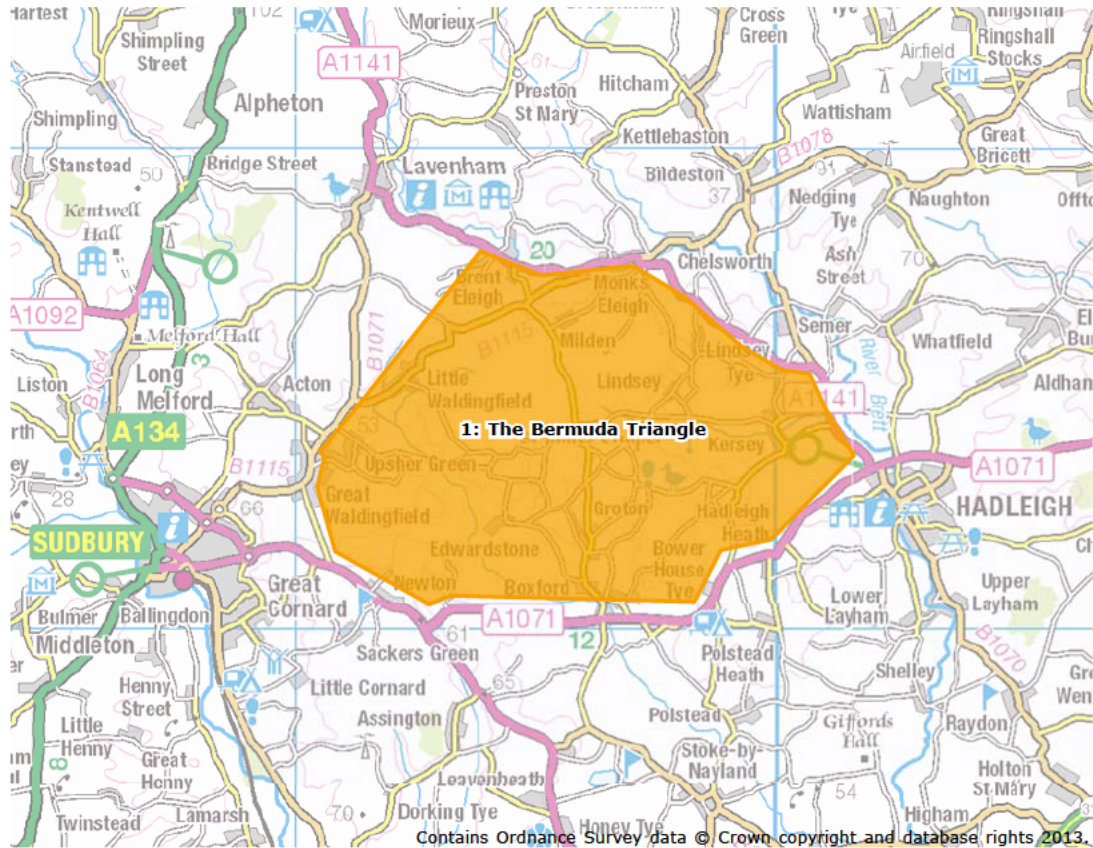


## Babergh District

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### Feature Annotations



### Map Features:

Annotation 1: The Bermuda Triangle

### Comment text:

Dear Sirs, The following are my comments for the boundary review of Babergh, written in my capacity as District Councillor for Waldingfield Ward. My Ward currently comprises: • Acton • Chilton • Great Waldingfield • Little Waldingfield My comments on these and the proposed groupings are as follows... 1. ACTON - The proposal to include Acton with Long Melford makes a good great degree of sense in that the two parishes share some major common interests a. They both border the critical highway, A134 b. They both border Sudbury and share a common interest to establish some sort of Green Belt and retain their identity c. The plans for the major Chilton Woods development suggest the infrastructure impact will be greatest on these two parishes i. The B1115 will also be severely effected. However, to date the application has not allowed direct access onto this road Therefore, I support the recommendation, as more co-operation between Acton and Long Melford is to be encouraged. 2. CHILTON - Chilton should be paired with either Acton or Great Waldingfield a. The Parish is very firm in their belief that they wish to remain distinct and NOT absorbed into Great Cornard or Sudbury b. Chilton has a lot in common with Acton and Long Melford as they share the Northern Sudbury boundary c. Chilton also shares a common interest with Great Waldingfield and Acton, with regard to Chilton Airfield which is viewed as a critical "Open Space"/Community asset d. Chilton share a strong common interest with Great Waldingfield regarding the critical highway, B1115 which is a major community concern e. The B1115 Highway, the Airfield and The Chilton Woods development are probably the most important issues in the area Therefore, I support the recommendation that Chilton NOT be paired with either Sudbury and Cornard. I support the recommendation that Chilton is paired with Great Waldingfield. 3. GREAT WALDNGFIELD AND LITTLE WALDINGFIELD a. Whilst historical associations are not the most important factor for the boundary review, in this case, much more is shared b. Great and Little Waldingfield have too much in common to split them up c. Both have significant Heritage assets d. They share Church Names e. Both have very valuable Conservation Areas f. Both villages act as Boundary markers for the highly distinctive region that lies between Edwardstone, Monks/Brent Eleigh, Kersey and Boxford or Highways B1115, B1071, A1071 and A1141 . I have marked this area on the map "1:The Bermuda Triangle" as it is easy, even for locals, to sometimes get a bit lost. g. Both have common ties to the Highway B1115/B1071, the main infrastructure highway between Lavenham and Sudbury Therefore, I support any recommendation that keeps Great Waldingfield and Little Waldingfield together. I do not object to the other pairings. 4. Proposed pairing of Lavenham, Chilton, Great Waldingfield, Little Waldingfield and Cockfield a. There is little doubt that Lavenham has a strong association with these parishes and therefore pairing them makes a good degree of sense, although Cockfield is perhaps an exception. b. There is also a strong case for this grouping to be split into two wards with Lavenham and Cockfield forming their own ward. i. Whilst the commission is concerned that this will leave Chilton, Great Waldingfield and Little Waldingfield with poor electoral equality at -16%, a strong case can be made to justify a high electoral variance. 1. Chilton Woods has received planning permission for an additional 1500 homes, with 500 homes to go forward immediately. 2. The effect of this will be that the ward achieves electoral equality fairly quickly 3. Until then, the ward will require and indeed has required, considerable more work than other parishes, due to the substantial developments on the table a. It is the volume of work that each parish creates which is the critical factor here b. In terms of electoral equality, if one parish takes a lot of time, like Chilton, then it will naturally detract from the time that can be spent on other parishes in the ward. With that in mind, I support a negative variance for this parish. Therefore, I am reasonably happy with the existing grouping, except to say that there are some other possibilities that would be in keeping with the principles above. I would suggest that the commission look again at making this two wards for the reasons discussed. With thanks frank Councillor Frank Lawrenson Babergh District Council Waldingfield Ward +44 (0) 1787 372428

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