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Dear Sirs

I have read your proposals for Berners Ward and feel they are completely unacceptable on the grounds of the size of the area and the number of parishes. To do their jobs properly Councillors would have to attend 2 parish meetings for two weeks each month and 3 the other 2 weeks. Far too many.

It would also be very difficult for canvassing at election time and to keep up to speed with what's going on in each parish. I also feel there could be conflict if members of different parties were elected.

I believe that as many wards as possible should be single member and every endeavour made to make it possible.

I have looked at the numbers concerned and have come to the following conclusion-

Total number of electors in the 11 parishes = 6364 divided by 3 = 2121 per Councillor based on 2017 figures and 2325 based on 2023 figures.

These could be made up as follows 2017 Holbrook 1359, Stutton 712, Harkstead 233 = 2304.
2023 Holbrook 1506, Stutton 712, Harkstead 233 = 2451

These villages are adjoining and share the north coast of the Stour as a boundary and be named Peninsula Stour

2017 Shotley 1840, Ewarton 110 = 1950
2023 Shotley 2304, Ewarton 110 = 2414

This area to be named Peninsula Ganges.

The other six wards as a one member ward = 2110 in both cases.

These parishes, apart from Belstead and Tattingstone have a border to the river Orwell and share the road from Ipswich to Shotley.

This ward to be named Peninsula Orwell.

As you will note the number for 2023 stack up quite well although the 6 parish ward maybe a little light, but I feel acceptable in the circumstances.

I trust these suggestions will be considered favourable and workable.

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