

## Babergh District

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### Comment text:

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL objects to the proposed arrangements to expand the Nayland Ward shared with Stoke-by-Nayland to include Bures St Mary. This parish has a history of close association with Stoke-by-Nayland and Leavenheath communities, but has no current community, cultural, transport, school or service connections with Bures St. Mary. The catchment school for Nayland-with-Wissington and Leavenheath is Nayland Primary School. It makes no sense to split that school catchment area in two and link this parish with Bures St Mary which has its own school. The ecclesiastical Benefice group includes Nayland-with-Wissington, Stoke-by-Nayland and Leavenheath parish churches, but NOT Bures St. Mary so community events that link parishes do not include the congregation of Bures St. Mary which is in a separate benefice. The local bus service route goes through Nayland, Stoke-by-Nayland and Leavenheath, but does not cover Bures St. Mary. There are therefore no public transport links with Bures St Mary. The adjacent parishes of Leavenheath and Nayland-with-Wissington are easily connected to Colchester or Sudbury by the A134 that runs through both parishes so those parishes have a shared interest in highways issues that affect the A134, such as the current speed limit consultation. The road link to Bures, on the other hand, is a narrow, winding, potholed route that can be blocked by snow. Bures St Mary has a separate road network to connect it to Colchester or Sudbury. Shops in the centre of Nayland also serves the residents of Leavenheath. Nayland Post Office covers Leavenheath which has no Post Office but is part of the same delivery and collection area. Services provided to Nayland-with-Wissington and Stoke by-Nayland by Babergh District Council such as waste collection have routes linking to Leavenheath but not to Bures St. Mary. Local planning issues that have an impact on Nayland with Wissington and Stoke by Nayland are sometimes likely to affect Leavenheath land and properties and vice versa. This is not the case with Bures St. Mary. As a result there is no history of Bures St Mary Parish Council working together with Nayland-with-Wissington or Stoke-by-Nayland Parish Councils when there are issues with services or planning. Bures St Mary's situation is complicated further by the fact that the wider area of Bures is divided both at County level between Suffolk and Essex and at District level because half of it is covered by Braintree Essex, not Babergh Suffolk. This Parish Council therefore believes that the proposed changes will not only join parishes that have no history of working together, but will actually split associated communities apart in an illogical manner. If the ward is to be expanded, then it should be linked with Leavenheath rather than Bures St. Mary. The proposal appears to be taking into account electoral numbers only rather than recognising existing community links between neighbouring parishes. Mary George Chairman of Nayland with Wissington Parish Council Debbie Hattrell Parish Clerk to Nayland with Wissington Parish Council

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