

## Babergh District

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### Comment text:

Thank you for the further opportunity to comment on the proposal for Ward boundaries in Babergh. Sproughton Parish Council is not supportive of the proposal for the proposed two parish ward of Sproughton and Pinewood, and would refer you to the previous representations that the Council has made on the arrangement of Wards involving Sproughton. Pinewood and Sproughton, although they are adjoining parishes are completely different in character, have different issues and challenges and apart from sharing an administrative / parish boundary have little in common. Sproughton is a rural community, with significant heritage features, open countryside, agricultural land uses, rural and historic housing stock and public buildings. Pinewood on the other hand is a recently created parish, which is wholly of urban residential character and has no discerningly obvious boundary between it and the immediately adjacent Ward of Chantry which is within the Borough of Ipswich and is in fact contiguous with Ipswich. There is no logical reason why Sproughton and Pinewood should become one Ward. Sproughton has significant and meaningful commonality and relationship with its adjacent rural parishes to the west and south and the Parish Council would like these to be retained and strengthened. The joining with Pinewood will dilute these important community ties and relationships and so the Parish Council does not support the current proposal, and would ask the Boundary Commission to reconsider and to follow the proposal that the Parish Council has previously put forward. Should the Commission not take on board the Parish Councils wishes, but instead create a Ward including Sproughton with Pinewood, The Parish Council would request that the Ward name be Sproughton and Pinewood. Sproughton is an historic parish whereas Pinewood is a relatively recently created area, and therefore Sproughton warrants having its name first in the title.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded