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Organisation Name: Moreton Hall Residents Association

Comment text:

We wish to make further representations regarding the Draft Boundary Commission Review for West Suffolk Council as it affects Moreton Hall Ward. We welcome and approve of the Boundary Commissions Proposals for Moreton Hall Ward. We note that you have limited powers in relation to Parish Councils. We understand that if the Boundary Commissions Proposals are implemented then the part of the new Moreton Hall Ward to the east of Lady Miriam Way will remain in Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council which seems illogical and again if the LGBC proposals are adopted this means the ward split between Bury St Edmunds Town Council and Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council. We do not know whether this is something the Boundary Commission are able to address at this review. The majority of Rushbrooke with Rougham Ward is located to the south of the A14 with Rougham Village centre 3 miles away. This area to the North of the A14 is adjacent and forms part of the urban extension of Bury St Edmunds which has been expanding eastwards from the original town and expanded over the past 40 or so years, forming a cohesive community. The Residents of Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish in contrast live in a spread out rural community in the countryside. There is no impingement on Rougham Village whatsoever and no open space has been lost. The area of land to the east of Lady Miriam Way and to the south of Airfield Road is being developed as a business park right up to Sow Lane and junction A45. Whilst we appreciate the historic element mentioned we would point out that communities change over time and what was open fields in the 1970s all the way from the edge of the A14 to the Rookery Cross Roads is now a built-up area. We do not support the division of Moreton Hall into two wards and again would point out the established neighbourhood centre which is well used with community facilities. We very much hope that your final recommendation will be as per your draft and the comments made in paragraphs 55 to 59. [REDACTED] Secretary Moreton Hall Residents Association

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Organisation Name: We Love Bury St Edmunds!

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So far, I don't recall being consulted about the merger of the two councils. Now you are asking for us to give our say, well I will. As there will be effectively new wards, there should be fresh elections for all of these areas, How else can you possibly justify placing a councillor into an area when the people in that area have not been given the choice whether they want him/her. You also need to look at the far bigger picture. With this merger, obviously conceived to apparently save money, we again have not been consulted over the loss of the Mayoralty of The Borough of St Edmundsbury. I know you have a "subcommittee" who we do not know the names of, who are decided for us what they think the direction should be. AGAIN, this is something which is way too large an issue to let the few decide, and should be put to the people to decide how our heritage and history is decided It is definitely NOT for the few. We Love Bury St Edmunds, is watching you very carefully.

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Organisation Name: Southgate Community Partnership & Southgate Church

Comment text:

Re the proposal rename Southgate Ward Hardwick Heath Ward: I write as the Secretary of Southgate Community Partnership (SCP), which runs Southgate Community Centre, and also on behalf of Southgate Church. Both of these organisations have been in existence since the 1970's and act as a focal point for our local communities. Our catchment area is broadly the area of the proposed Hardwick Heath Ward and our name is well established, as well as having our own community magazine Southgate Directory which is distributed free to all households in our area. Hence we would deem it to be counter productive to our sense of community to have this unnecessary change of name. We ask for this proposal to be reconsidered.

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Organisation Name: Suffolk Chamber of Commerce

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From: Suffolk Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the electoral wards of West Suffolk DC. Although somewhat tangential to Suffolk Chamber's core purpose and objectives, we would like to take this opportunity to make the following observations on this matter: • We are broadly supportive of the reduction in numbers of councillors as that presumably would save a small amount of money • We would like to have seen an even greater aggregate reduction in the number of councillors than the c. 11% being proposed • We query the value of single-member wards (as competition between councillors should improve their responsiveness to business community) • Our broader concern is ensuring that the culture of political leadership is properly attuned to the needs of business as form should follow function etc. Best wishes [REDACTED] Suffolk Chamber of Commerce

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On behalf of Moreton Hall Residents Association we would re-iterate our viewpoint that the new houses, school and sports centre are part of the Moreton Hall Urban Expansion of Bury St Edmunds and as such should be affiliated with the nearest community which is Moreton Hall. The Village of Rougham is remote has limited local facilities and is three miles the other side of the A14. The Village itself is spread out and has nothing in common with the town of Bury St Edmunds. Having read the technical guidelines to assist the drawing up of boundaries we welcome and support the boundary commissions recommendation for Moreton Hall Ward and would hope that this draft recommendation is confirmed in the report due out on the 23rd October. Moreton Hall Ward is none cohesive community separated from the town by the a 14 and it is important that it is not divided.

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Organisation Name: CLARE SEEKERS

Comment text:

I object to the proposal that the ward which at present covers Clare, Hundon, Stoke by Clare and Wixoe should be changed and the villages separated and moved to other wards. There are many historical links between these villages in the Stour Valley, not least the fact that they are all part of the same Deanery. There are family and social ties, shared fund-raising activities and clubs and a shared history. To separate these villages and join them with communities with which they have no links would be to the detriment of the residents.

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