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Please ask     Ms. Deborah Sarson  
for:  
Date:           31 August 2016  
Email:         [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs

**Re: South Norfolk Boundary Review**

The parishes of Diss and Roydon are physically, socially and culturally linked. The current parish boundary means that many of the 'Diss' facilities are physically located in Roydon including Diss Sports Ground, Diss Rugby Club, Diss Football Club to name just three. Recent housing developments have blurred the clarity of the parish boundary and there are existing residential streets where residents on one side pay £149.90 to Diss Town Council and on the other, pay £22 to Roydon Parish Council.

The electorate per councillor in the parishes of Diss and Roydon are lower than the average by 16% and 21% respectively. The projected combined electorate of Diss and Roydon for 2022 is 8,481. Currently there are three councillors for Diss and one for Roydon. If the two wards were combined, the number of councillors could be reduced overall to three. The projected electorate figure divided by 3 equals 2,827 electors per councillor. This is 10% above the average for the local authority area but within acceptable parameters. This new ward area would be identical to the current County Council electoral division and would reflect the local affinity and the realities of integration between the two parishes as set out above.

This would facilitate a community governance review which would be essential in the future and would not be possible unless Diss and Roydon were to become one District Council ward as part of this review.

Yours sincerely,

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Town Clerk

Cc: District Councillor Goldson (Roydon)  
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