I would recommend that the LGBCE consults on a newly defined ward of Beck Vale & Dickleburgh. This ward would include the 3 parish of Beck Vale (Pulham Market, Pulham St Mary and Starston) and Parish of Dickleburgh and Rushall. This would be a rural ward in South Norfolk with little electoral growth in the next 10-20yrs. The proposed Ward consists of four parishes which all lie to the East of the A140, the main arterial route from Norwich to Ipswich. All three Parishes links to Harleston in the East, Diss in the South & Long Stratton to the North. There is a strong ecclesiastical connections for creating such a ward as the Diocese of Norwich rearranged in to a similar arrangement back in 1998 http://www.thebenefice.org.uk/dickleburgh.html Currently the 3 Parishes of Beck Vale work very closely together with joint parish working on Highways (particularly given the main road that runs through the 3 villages). Each village works together with speed awareness monitoring equipment. I appreciate the proposal produces an unacceptable levels of variance (from the ideal elector to councillor ratio) in the LGBCE eyes, however this proposal would be considered very acceptable with the local communities. I think the proposal above meets the most logical pattern, and the community of Starston will particularly feel that alternative proposals (combining them with Harleston) won't work as well for the long term. The proposal of Beck Vale and Dickleburgh will allow them to better retain there community identity and resolve long standing parish boundary issues. Regards Clayton Hudson Local Member for Beck Vale, SNC