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Dear LGBCE,

I am the District Councillor for the current Earsham Ward. I was content with the new boundaries proposed by South Norfolk Council, i.e. removing Topcroft from the Earsham Ward but adding Bedingham, Woodton and Hedenham. However the LGBCE proposals are for a 2 Member Ditchingham and Earsham Ward. I am not a fan of 2 Member Wards as it reduces accountability and this particular proposal creates a very large Ward in terms of both geographical area and number of Parishes included (12). The problem here is that Harleston by itself is not sufficiently large to justify a 2 Member Ward without adding some adjacent rural parishes, one of which is Wortwell which is removed from the SNC proposed Earsham Ward. If it is not possible to reinstate the SNC proposal for the Earsham Ward (=2507 predicted electors) I would request that, in relation to the LGBCE proposal:

1. Geldeston (302 electors) is removed from the Ditchingham and Earsham Ward, reducing it by 1 Parish, and adding it to the Thurlton Ward. Note that Geldeston Parish Council previously asked to be with either Ellingham or Gillingham. The LGBCE proposal linked it with Ellingham. I am suggesting linking it with Gillingham within the Thurlton Ward.
2. Toft Monks (292 electors) is removed from the Thurlton Ward and added to the Loddon and Chedgrave Ward which is undersize under the LGBCE proposals.

Many thanks,

Cllr Murray Gray
Earsham Ward