

North Norfolk District

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LGBCE – Review of North Norfolk DC. Regarding Beeston Regis. For some time, Beeston Regis has been within Chaucer Ward, which predominantly comprises inland, quite rural, Parishes. Beeston Regis Parish Council is of the view that this arrangement does not offer the best representation at District Council level. Beeston Regis is, in many ways, almost a suburb of Sheringham. Many years ago, quite a significant part of the eastern area of what is now Sheringham was in fact within Beeston Regis Parish. The Parochial Church boundary still follows these boundaries and therefore encompasses a significant number of Sheringham residents. BRPC conducted a survey around 2011, and one of the many questions that was asked was did residents consider Beeston as a village, or as a suburb of Sheringham? The survey engendered more than a 70% (by residence) response rate and exactly 70% of the respondents answered the latter. Other than a small village shop, there are no facilities or services in Beeston. The doctors, dentists, library, etc are all situated in Sheringham. Additionally, Post office, main line railway station, theatre, supermarket, public houses, restaurants, cafes and shops. Most children in Beeston Regis attend the primary, secondary and sixth form schools in Sheringham. Whilst Beeston Regis has an Anglican Church the nearest Methodist, Baptist and Roman Catholic churches are in Sheringham. Beeston Regis is policed by the Sheringham team of constables and PCSO's . Beeston Regis Parish Council is represented on the Sheringham Safer Neighbourhood Scheme and the Sheringham Society. Our County Council representation is aligned to Sheringham. We would very strongly represent for an alignment with Sheringham, preferably the North Ward if the town is to remain warded. We have been privy to the draft NNDC proposal, which suggests a Ward consisting of Beeston Regis and East and West Runton. We are not in favour of this arrangement, albeit we accept it may be a slight improvement on the current situation. The Runtons and Beeston have very little affiliation, the former tending to lean towards Cromer in every way. In summary, an alignment with Sheringham North best meets the criteria regarding community interests and identities, would satisfy the need for effective electoral arrangements, and would promote effective and convenient representation at District Council level. Beeston Regis Parish Council 20th. August 2016

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