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Dear SCDC,

I refer to your undated leaflet about the consultation starting 26th April ending 21st June concerning the designated area for the Leiston Neighbourhood Plan.

This is a very good example of "Parkinson's Law" showing how public money is wasted. I reserve the right to quote it. (If you are not familiar with "Parkinson's law" and other organisation related analysis I suggest you come to the talk I am giving at the Leiston Long Shop Museum on 20th June. It is titled "The Human Side of Work", starts at 7.30 pm in the Garrett room. Admission £4 to include tea / coffee and biscuits) The logic of the situation is quite simple.

1 The Leiston Neighbourhood Plan is being constructed by the Leiston cum Sizewell Town Council with the help of residents doing the necessary research. When complete it will be subject to a resident's referendum. As the Council can only represent people in their electoral constituency, any involvement beyond the electoral boundary is not relevant.

2 The area represented by the Leiston cum Sizewell Town Council was defined by the 1974 reorganisation of local government as the area that elected the Leiston cum Sizewell Town Council. If this needs revision then the matter should have been dealt with years ago, it should not need the preparation of a Town Neighbourhood Plan to bring this about.

3 If people who live outside the Leiston Town Council constituency wish to become part of Leiston it is for them, having discussed it with the Town Council and carried out public consultation, to petition for this to come about. It is not for "Big Brother" in Woodbridge to suddenly wake up because the Town Council is consulting their electorate on how the electors would like to see the area develop. This is another case of "If it isn't bust then don't fix it".

4 The consultation process is flawed and would not pass the standard expected of a scientific paper. I have lived continuously in Leiston for the past 44 years yet have not been made aware of this consultation until I happened by chance to pick up the leaflet at the Long Shop Museum today. If I have not been made aware of this consultation then there must be many other residents who are not aware. There have been no public meetings or exhibitions to publicise the issues. Consequently it can not be claimed to be a statistically significant result.

5 The Neighbourhood Plan was inaugurated in November 2012 and most of the research has now been completed. I chair the Group researching the Infrastructure Issues and we are in the final stages of submitting our report. If there are any changes required in the electoral boundary then that should have been defined before the Neighbourhood Plan research started, not after it has finished. It is inconceivable that SCDC were unaware of the Leiston Town Council's intention to construct a Neighbourhood Plan.

Consequently this move of SCDC to now start a so called consultation on the designated area for the Plan has the appearance of being a delaying tactic for bureaucratic reasons.

Barrie Skelcher,

