

East Suffolk

Warding Submission Volume 1



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East Suffolk

East Suffolk so much in common

A new council for east Suffolk would be a logical and natural development reflecting important, shared similarities and challenges. The two councils cover the entire Suffolk coastline (much of which requires protection), and have a shared transport infrastructure (including rail links and the A12), ports, market towns, beach resorts and similar areas of outstanding natural beauty. The area also boasts an 'Energy Coast' combining expanding off-shore wind sector and nuclear power.



Warding Pattern Submission by Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District Council for the proposed East Suffolk Council Electoral Area

Introduction

The proposed East Suffolk Council is situated along the entire east coast of the county of Suffolk and is bounded by the sea to the east, the Norfolk county boundary to the north and the estuary of the River Orwell and Harwich harbour mouth to the south. The two current districts (Suffolk Coastal District Council “SCDC” and Waveney District Council “WDC”) have land borders with Ipswich Borough Council to the south and Mid Suffolk District Council to the west. The northern boundary borders Great Yarmouth Borough Council and South Norfolk District Council. East Suffolk has a coastline of 49 miles (79 km).



The A12 runs north-south from the A14 to Lowestoft and is the main trunk road through the area. Furthermore, the eastern tip of the A14 arterial trunk road also runs through the south of the district to terminate at Felixstowe. There are rail links that run north and east from Ipswich connecting with the towns and villages across the area including Lowestoft and Felixstowe.

The combined area of East Suffolk is approximately 487 square miles (1261 square km) and is home to approximately 242,500 people. Both districts have a higher proportion of older residents compared to the overall number for Suffolk. There is higher proportion of over 65s in Suffolk Coastal (26.9%) and in Waveney (26.5%) compared to the Suffolk average of 22.8% and the England average of 17.9%.



The area is predominantly rural but includes some large towns such as Lowestoft and Felixstowe, an urban fringe development area east of Ipswich and an urban area in the vicinity of Woodbridge. The rural area has a number of market towns scattered across the area that act as small sub-centres for shops, basic services and facilities that are diverse in character. The towns and smaller village settlements reflect the history, size and location of east Suffolk. There is a strong identity with the character of the area which local residents associate with, combined with links to local industries that have developed over the years.

There is a significant tourism thread that runs through the entire area which is particularly reflected in small coastal resorts. The two larger towns of Lowestoft and Felixstowe are well renowned nationally in the fishing, shipping and container industries. More recently the emerging energy industries around wind power and wind turbines have seen significant investment in the area.

The decision making process for this warding submission has gone through the various stages of development, including Member Working Group sessions, informal consultation with the local communities, LGBCE/MHCLG briefings, Member Programme Board and simultaneous Full Council meetings.

Council Size

At Full Council meetings of SCDC and WDC held on 23 November and 15 November 2017 respectively, approval was given to recommend a council size for the proposed East Suffolk Council of 55 Councillors, with the flexibility of plus or minus 2 should this be required as a consequence of the outcome of the boundary review.



Local Member Involvement and Consultation

A Member Working Group was set up on 17 January 2018 with the purpose of proposing a district warding structure for the new East Suffolk Council. The Working Group comprises 16 Members with an equal number drawn from Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils. The membership includes representatives from all political parties on the Council and is open for all councillors to attend.

A timetable and work plan was prepared for the Electoral Review Member Working Group, with various milestones starting in January 2018 continuing through to 31 January 2019. It contains key dates including the preparation and submission of a warding structure to meet the submission deadline of 4 May 2018 set by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

The Member Working Group has been closely involved with the development of the warding submission contained in this document and has met on 5 occasions to consider the merits or otherwise, of suggested warding options. The group from the inception recognised the importance of fostering community adhesion across the whole area, recognising that the existing council boundary between the two authorities would no longer exist and therefore taking advantage of bringing together communities within this area. The final recommended warding pattern reflects this approach.

In order to seek local views and evidence of community ties to inform the councils warding proposals, an informal consultation was undertaken and the views of residents and various stakeholders including Town/Parish Councils was sought. The survey placed emphasis on community links and any joint working arrangements at a local level. The Member Working Group considered these responses and assessed their potential impact on any draft warding models being considered.

The debates at the Member Working Group have been thorough; detailed and robust arguments made and put forward. The warding structure has been adjusted during the course of discussions and investigation and has led to the production of 6 warding options, which have been refined at each stage to reach a final submission.

There has been a general consensual approach to this task and Members have worked well together in this difficult and complex exercise, bearing in mind the significant change from 90 to 55 Councillors that involves major adjustments in the size of wards, arrangements and approach that Members will need to take in serving the new council and local community. Against this challenging context, Members have (through their local knowledge) put forward practical solutions that best reflect community interests and the criteria set by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

This warding pattern submission comprises of two volumes. The first being the primary document setting out the councils' preferred warding pattern for East Suffolk and the supporting evidence for it. The second volume is a supporting document, that traces the background and discussions that have taken place on the various alternative options that have been put forward. It also demonstrates how Members reached their final conclusion.

By virtue of their roles and background the Members have a good local knowledge of the district particularly those areas they represent. Therefore, the warding pattern proposal is very much a reflection of that local knowledge, including consideration of the local feedback obtained from the informal consultation responses.

Parishes and Community Identity

The entire area of East Suffolk is parished. Parishes are the embodiment of the local community, and, except in the major towns, form the basis for the polling districts which were the building blocks used for this review in order to create the new district wards. The area has a number of instances where parishes are grouped together for the purposes of delivering parish council functions. In all such cases, these district warding proposals have placed these parish groups together in the same ward. Changing polling districts is outside the scope of the review, although the LGBCE can make consequential changes to the internal wards of parishes, if it is considered necessary.

Electoral Equality

Given the constraints and the challenges, the warding review exercise has endeavoured to maintain good levels of electoral equality taking into account projected forecasts for the electorate over next five years. The area does have geographical limitations around its borders such as the sea, rivers and the Norfolk county boundary. There are three wards where the levels of electoral equality are marginally above the recommended tolerance of 10%. In each case, the equality is within 1% above this criterion. These are the proposed wards of Lothingland, Beccles and Martlesham & Purdis Farm. The justification exceeding the tolerance is outlined in the evidence document for each ward. The councils consider, that in terms of community identity and to provide effective and convenient local government, these slight variations to the electoral equality are justifiable and in accordance with LGBCE guidance.

Multi Member Ward approach

Both councils operate an electoral system of whole elections every 4 years. There are no proposals to change this for the new East Suffolk Council, as this arrangement best reflects both the nature and structure of the area and has worked well to reflect community interests with a mixture of single and multi-member wards. The new warding proposal would create 8 Single Member wards, 16 two Member Wards and 5 three Member wards.

The area of East Suffolk is a large geographic area, which is on the whole sparsely populated with pockets of urbanised areas. Therefore, the warding structure proposed is a balanced mix of multi and single member wards. Accordingly where it is possible, within the constraints, those wards that have the largest geographical areas are represented by two Members, which can help balance representation where individual wards themselves are diverse in nature. In some of the smaller urban areas which are highly populated, three member wards have been proposed. However irrespective of this, the Council, in looking to the future, will be exploring and developing new arrangements and approaches to assist Members in delivering their representational roles locally more effectively across these areas. This will include innovative electronic means of providing communication and the creation of a number of local Community Partnership Boards.

New Ward Names

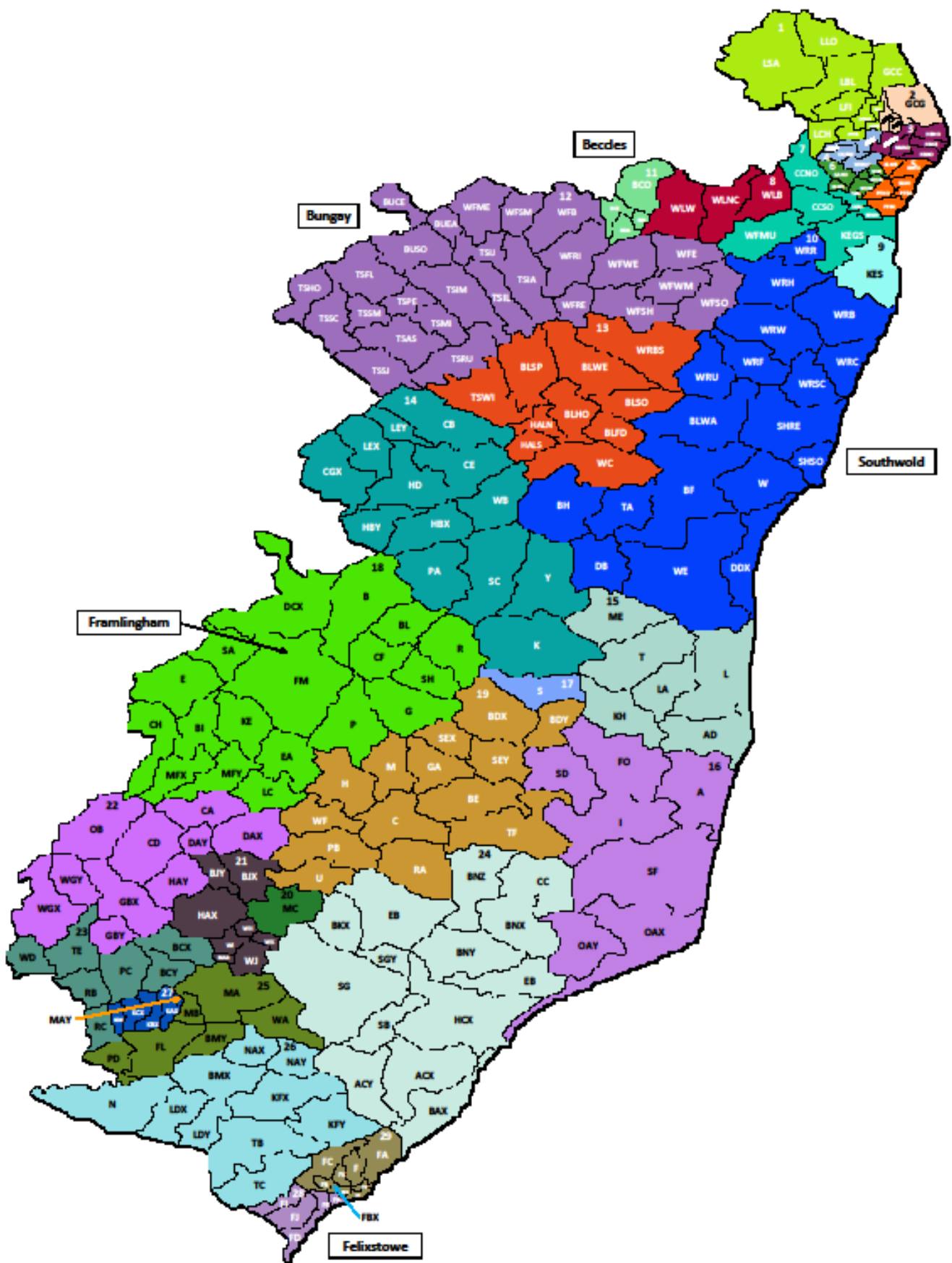
In discussing proposed new names for the preferred warding pattern, the Working Group took account of the LGBCE guidance that any name should be short, distinct and identifiable in encapsulating the ward area. Members also put forward their own suggestions after taking local soundings in their communities. These were based on local knowledge; background to any historical links that were relevant and appropriate, whilst appreciating the subtleties of putting forward names that reflect local preferences. The names suggested at the meeting were deliberated on by councillors present and there was virtual consensus on the names proposed.

Conclusion

The warding proposal contained in this submission document best reflects the results of the Member Working Group, the input from the informal consultation with the local community whilst working with the geographical constraints of the nature of the district, in terms of boundaries and pockets of population.



PROPOSED WARDING STRUCTURE FOR EAST SUFFOLK



SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED WARDS

| Map Reference | Ward Name | No of Councillors | Electorate Forecast (2023) | Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Lothingland | 2 | 8114 | 110.5% |
| 2 | Gunton & St Margarets | 2 | 7491 | 102.1% |
| 2 | Harbour & Normanston | 3 | 11522 | 104.7% |
| 2 | Oulton Broad | 2 | 6834 | 93.1% |
| 2 | Kirkley & Pakefield | 3 | 11060 | 100.5% |
| 2 | Carlton & Whitton | 2 | 7745 | 105.5% |
| 3 | Carlton Colville | 2 | 7641 | 104.1% |
| 3 | Worlingham | 1 | 3804 | 103.7% |
| 3 | Kessingland | 1 | 3607 | 98.3% |
| 3 | Beccles | 2 | 8177 | 111.4% |
| 4 | Blyth Estuary | 2 | 6935 | 94.5% |
| 4 | Leiston | 2 | 6798 | 92.6% |
| 4 | Sandlings | 1 | 3760 | 102.5% |
| 4 | Deben & Ore | 1 | 3829 | 104.3% |
| 5 | Wainford | 2 | 7363 | 100.3% |
| 5 | Blything | 2 | 6928 | 94.4% |
| 5 | Kelsale & Yoxford | 1 | 3322 | 90.5% |
| 6 | Saxmundham | 1 | 3504 | 95.5% |
| 7 | Framlingham | 2 | 7052 | 96.1% |
| 7 | Rendlesham & Wickham Market | 2 | 7418 | 101.1% |
| 7 | Carlford | 1 | 3754 | 102.3% |
| 8 | Fynn Valley | 2 | 6841 | 93.2% |
| 8 | Martlesham & Purdis Farm | 2 | 8139 | 110.9% |
| 8 | Orwell & Villages | 2 | 7786 | 106.1% |
| 8 | Kesgrave | 3 | 10534 | 95.7% |
| 9 | Melton | 1 | 3636 | 99.1% |
| 9 | Woodbridge | 2 | 7382 | 100.6% |
| 10 | Felixstowe South | 3 | 10299 | 93.5% |
| 10 | Felixstowe North | 3 | 10561 | 95.9% |

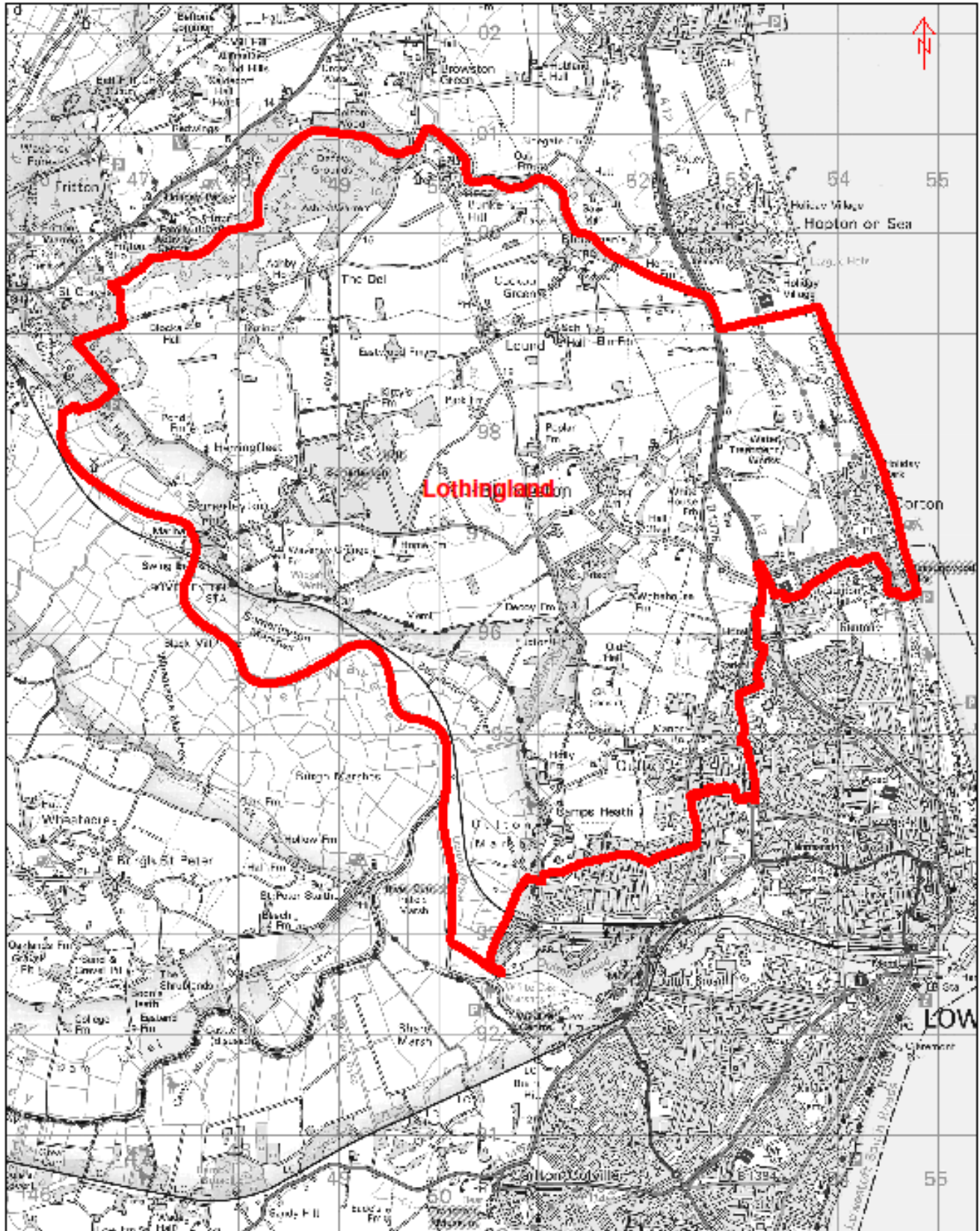
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East Suffolk District Ward: Lothingland - Map 1

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| Map No. | 1 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Lothingland |
| Lothingland is an area in the Counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. It is bound by the River Yare and Breydon Water to the north and the River Waveney to the West and Oulton Broad to the South. This ward broadly covers the Suffolk area of Lothingland. | |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 7159 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 8114 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 110.5% |

Proposed ward composition

Corton
Lound
Somerleyton
Blundeston
Flixton East
Camps Heath
Oulton Centre and North,
St Margarets Parkhill and West

Evidence and rationale:

Lothingland as a ward is restricted by the border with Norfolk to the north and west, the sea to the east and the town of Lowestoft to the south. The ward is a cohesive self contained area north of Lowestoft because of the geographical boundary constraints.

Whilst this ward is marginally over the 10% tolerance, it can be argued that the mitigating factors above determine its composition.

These northern parishes relate to Lowestoft as a Service Centre and the majority of students from this area attend the Benjamin Britten school for high school education.

Blundeston and Flixton East (underlined above) are a grouped Parish Council and should be located in the same ward for this reason.

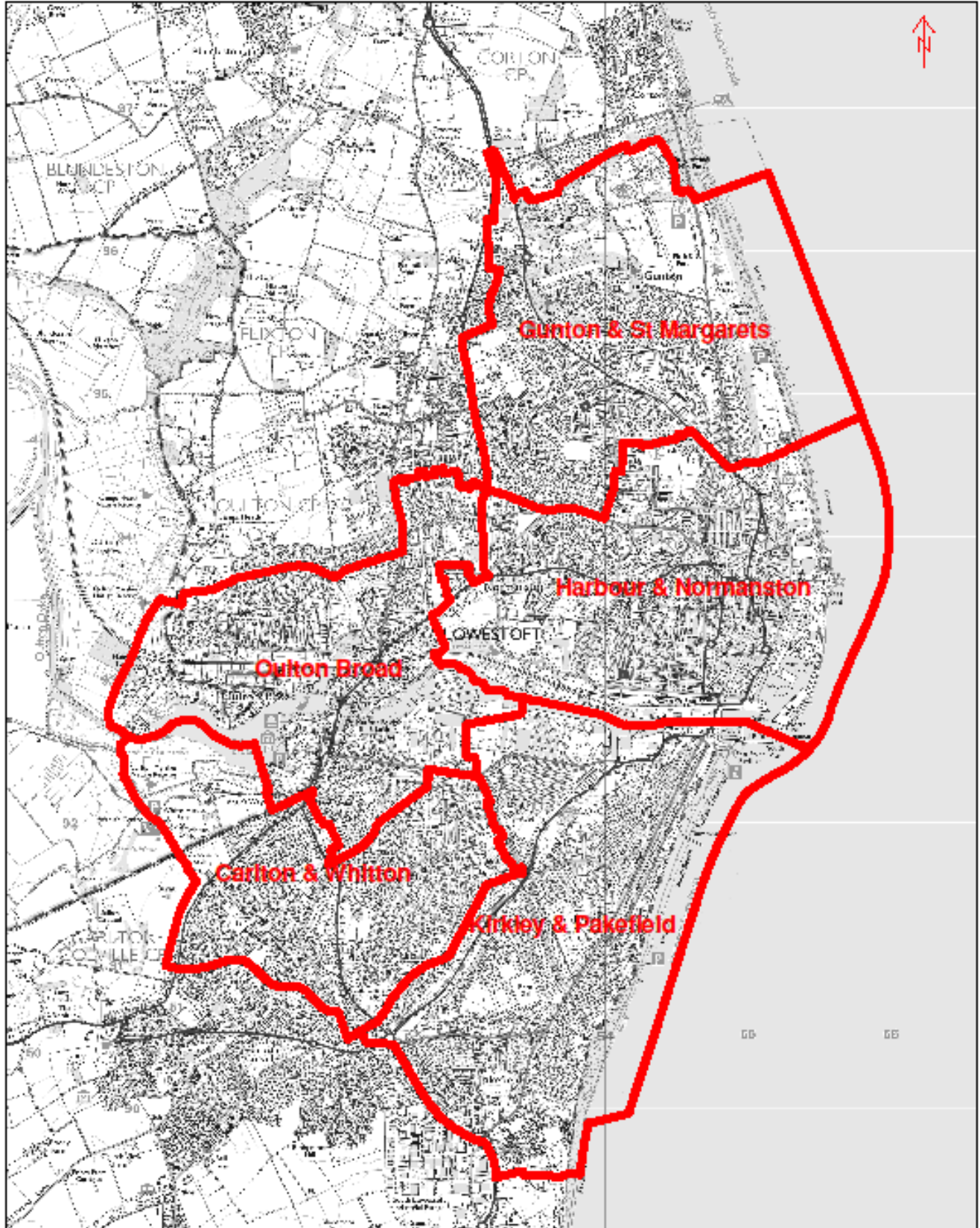
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East Suffolk District Wards: Lowestoft Area Map 2

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| Map No. | 2 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Gunton & St Margarets |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 7436 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 7491 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 102.1% |

Proposed ward composition

Gunton
St Margarets Centre and East

Evidence and rationale

This ward covers the north end of the town of Lowestoft, bordered to the east by the sea and to the west by the more rural ward of Lothingland.

It is urban in nature and represents the northern community of Lowestoft, with strong transport links via the A47.

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| Map No. | 2 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Harbour and Normanston |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 3 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 11259 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 11522 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 104.7% |

Proposed ward composition

Harbour North, Centre & South,
Normanston North & South

Evidence and rationale

The Harbour area of Lowestoft is one of the most deprived in Suffolk.

This ward is covered by the Lowestoft Business Improvement District (BID).

This area is generally served by the Denes Academy for high school education and Lowestoft Sixth Form College.

This ward covers the town centre and high street shopping area including the main transport hub for buses and trains.

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| Map No. | 2 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Oulton Broad |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 6413 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 6834 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 93.1% |

Proposed ward composition

Oulton Broad West, South and East
Whitton North

Evidence and rationale

Oulton Broad is a self-contained settlement with shops and other local facilities within the ward, including Oulton Broad Library serving all of this area.

A local Community Life Centre operates in the Whitton community area located in the heart of the estate as a focal point for the community and adjacent area with projects and various groups and activities for all ages.

Bridge Road Surgery in Oulton Broad serves the majority of the patients in this area.

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| Map No. | 2 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Kirkley & Pakefield |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 3 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 10924 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 11060 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 100.5% |

Proposed ward composition

Kirkley North & South and West
Pakefield East, North & South

Evidence and rationale

This ward represents the main tourism area of Lowestoft including the south beach sea front, creating a natural boundary to the east.

Kirkley and Pakefield have a joint community football club serving the community of all ages and abilities.

The ward is served by two high schools drawing in children from this area.

Comments received during the informal consultation stated that Kirkley and Pakefield should be kept together and the distinct area of Pakefield should be retained and not put with Carlton Colville.

The ward shares a bus route and coastal path as well as shared Scout Halls and other groups.

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| Map No. | 2 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Carlton & Whitton |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 7693 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 7745 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 105.5% |

Proposed ward composition

Carlton East, North and West
Whitton Centre, East & South

Evidence and rationale

This ward represents the south west corner of the town of Lowestoft, bordering the broads as a natural boundary to the north. It is an urban area of Lowestoft with natural community ties within the area.

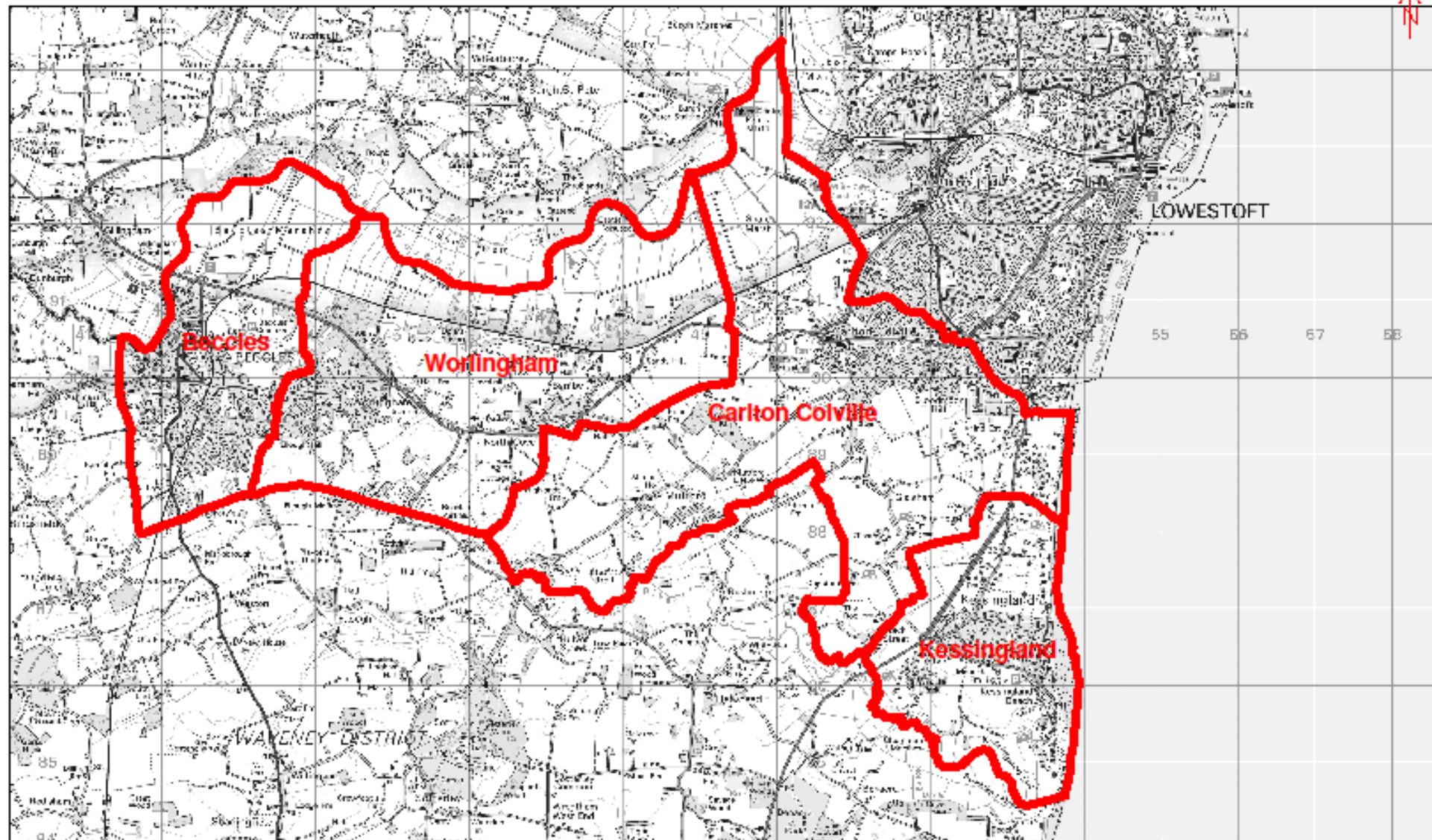
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East Suffolk District Wards: Northern Rural Map 3

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| Map No. | 3 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Carlton Colville |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 7564 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 7641 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 104.1% |

Proposed ward composition

Carlton Colville North, East & South
 Gisleham North and South
 Mutford

Evidence and rationale

This ward is bordered to the north by Lowestoft, the east by the sea and the settlement of Kessingland.

Students from this area either attend Pakefield or Sir John Lehman in Beccles.

During the informal consultation, Parish Council comments included that Carlton Colville and Gisleham should be kept together

Carlton Colville is a recognised growing community outside of Lowestoft.

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| Map No. | 3 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Worlingham |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 1 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 3758 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 3804 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 103.7% |

Proposed ward composition

Worlingham
Barnby
North Cove

Evidence and rationale

Worlingham ward has a natural northern boundary with the Norfolk County Boundary to the north and to the west with Beccles, which is a self-contained ward.

The residents generally look towards Beccles for services; however they are a distinct community outside of the town.

Students in this area attend one of 3 primary schools within the ward before progressing to Sir John Leman High School in Beccles.

Worlingham is covered by a Local Area Coordinator who works with vulnerable individuals on a one to one basis.

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| Map No. | 3 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Kessingland |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 1 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 3481 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 3607 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 98.3% |

Proposed ward composition

Kessingland

Evidence and rationale

Kessingland is a self contained large village community bordered by the sea to the east and more rural areas to the remaining boundaries. The A12 provides a westerly border as well as transport links through the ward.

The tourist industry provides a strong focus for this area supporting the local economy.

Students in this area attend the local primary school before moving to Pakefield High School.

The Longshore Surgeries cover Kessingland.

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| Map No. | 3 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Beccles |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 8085 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 8177 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 111.4% |

Proposed ward composition

Beccles

Evidence and rationale

Beccles is a self contained market town on the boundary with Norfolk with a rural area bordering to the south. Beccles has a strong community identity and cohesion as a town which should be retained within a whole ward.

Beccles is a large settlement which operates as a service centre for surrounding communities. It has a GP surgery (Beccles Medical Centre), an intermediate care facility serving the wider area at the hospital and a library. Beccles has a Citizens Advice office which again is used by a wider catchment area. It has a train station and is well served by buses.

Beccles is covered by a Local Area Coordinator who works with vulnerable individuals on a one to one basis.

Whilst this ward is marginally over the 10% tolerance, it can be argued that the mitigating factors above determine its composition as a complete ward.

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**East Suffolk District Wards:
Coastal Region Map 4**

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| Map No. | 4 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Blyth Estuary |
| The Blyth estuary is four miles long starting at Blythburgh and finishing at its mouth at Southwold Harbour. This ward contains parishes situated along the Blyth estuary. | |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 6581 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 6935 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 94.5% |

| Proposed ward composition | |
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| Dunwich | Benacre |
| Reydon | Wrentham |
| Southwold | Wangford |
| Walberswick | Henham |
| Henstead with Hulver Street | Blythburgh |
| Covehithe | Darsham |
| <u>Uggeshall</u> | Westleton |
| <u>South Cove</u> | <u>Bramfield</u> |
| <u>Frostenden</u> | <u>Thorington</u> |
| Rushmere | |

Evidence and rationale

The A12 provides good transport links through the entire ward. The ward has a long easterly coastal boundary with the sea. The ward has many similarities in terms of community identity such as second homes, tourism, rural and coastal issues.

There are two grouped Parish Councils within this ward (underlined above) – Uggeshall, South Cove and Frostenden; Bramfield and Thorington.

Southwold has a library along with a wide range of shops and services serving the area. A local group has recently purchased the old Hospital site from NHS Property Services for use as a multi-purpose site including employment, housing and community uses – including potential relocation of the library. Students in this area attend one of 7 primary schools within the ward.

Local residents suggest our proposals should aim to bring communities around the Blyth Estuary together to help foster a partnership to protect and develop Southwold Harbour and the estuary in general. The creation of this ward uses the river Blyth to bring communities together to help solve local issues and removes the current artificial district boundary which has been seen as a restrictive administrative border, a manned ferry exists across the river.

Comments from Parish Councils during informal consultation stated that Southwold, Reydon, Wangford, Wrentham work together. Also links exist between Southwold, Walberswick, Henham and Reydon. Similar links between Reydon, Wangford and Wrentham, and also Bramfield and Walpole.

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| Map No. | 4 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Leiston |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 6121 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 6798 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 92.6% |

Proposed ward composition

Leiston
Knodishall
Middleton
Theberton
Aldringham cum Thorpe

Evidence and rationale

This ward is bound by the sea to the east.

The existing Sizewell A and B sites and the Sizewell C development proposed by EDF Energy affect/impact upon all of the settlements in this area.

Students in this area all attend Leiston, Coldfair Green or Middleton primary schools before progressing onto Alde Valley Academy in Leiston.

All of the villages in this area are served by the Leiston Surgery. A new social prescribing project – Leiston Links – was launched in April 2018 and covers all of the areas in this proposed ward.

Leiston is covered by one of the Council's place based initiatives – Leiston Together. Leiston Together is a Coastal Communities Project and has an Economic Plan which references its role in relation to the surrounding settlements.

Leiston has a Leisure Centre which serves the surrounding area and is being refurbished later this year. It also has a community run cinema and a range of shops and facilities.

Leiston Parish Council during informal consultation expressed the view that the Leiston area should have two distinct Councillors.

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| Map No. | 4 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Sandlings |
| The Sandlings walk takes a route, generally inland, running parallel with the Suffolk Coast Path. Part of the Sandlings walk passes through this ward. | |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 1 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 3685 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 3760 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 102.5% |

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| Proposed ward composition |
| <p>Aldeburgh Friston Iken Sudbourne Orford Gedgrave Snape</p> |

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| Evidence and rationale |
| <p>This ward is bound by the sea to the east</p> <p>Orford and Gedgrave are a grouped Parish Council.</p> <p>Aldeburgh has a library and a community run cinema along with a wide range of other shops and services which make it a focal point for the surrounding villages.</p> <p>The parishes within this ward share similar issues such as coastal protection, flooding and the rural environment.</p> <p>The Sandlings coastal walk runs through the ward. Tourism, second homes and the arts are all common themes bringing these communities together as a ward.</p> |

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| Map No. | 4 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Deben & Ore |
| The river Ore runs through the East of this ward and the river Deben provides the natural boundary between this ward and the wards of Felixstowe North and Orwell & Villages. | |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 1 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 3678 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 3829 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 104.3% |

| Proposed ward composition | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Alderton | Shottisham |
| Ramsholt | Sutton |
| Bawdsey | Sutton Heath |
| Boyton | <u>Butley</u> |
| Bromeswell | <u>Capel St Andrew</u> |
| Eyke | <u>Wantisden</u> |
| Hollesley | Chillesford |

| Evidence and rationale |
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| <p>This is a predominantly rural ward, with natural boundaries surrounding it – to the west is the River Deben, a major river for the area, to the east is the sea and to the north east is the River Ore/Butley River. To the west, it is bordered by the more urban areas of Woodbridge and Melton.</p> <p>The ward is made up of village settlements within areas of forest and heathland.</p> <p>There is a grouped Parish Council of Butley, Capel St Andrew and Wantisden parishes (underlined above).</p> <p>All of these villages are covered by the Peninsula Practice which has GP surgeries in Alderton, Orford and Hollesley.</p> <p>The Village Voice magazine covers four of the villages in this area.</p> <p>Response from the informal consultation process suggested clear links between Bromeswell and Sutton Heath</p> |

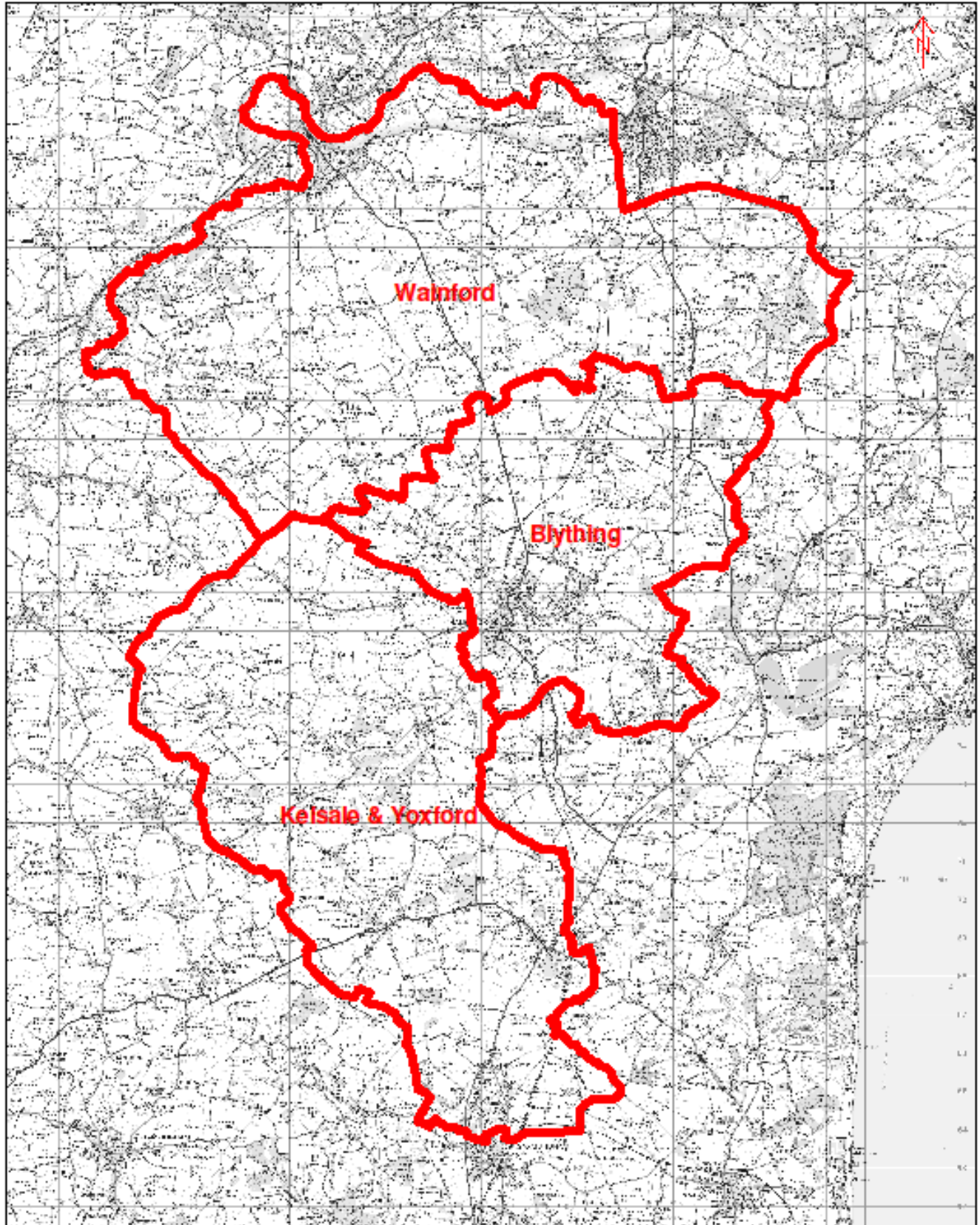
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East Suffolk District Wards: Central Rural Map 5

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| Map No. | 5 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Wainford |
| From 1935 until 1948 the Registration District of Wainford covered the majority of this ward. The Wainford name is still associated with this area. | |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 7014 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 7363 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 100.3% |

| Proposed ward composition | |
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| Bungay | South Elmham St James |
| <u>South Elmham All Saints</u> | <u>Barsham</u> |
| <u>South Elmham St Michael</u> | <u>Shipmeadow</u> |
| <u>South Elmham St Peter</u> | Mettingham |
| Homersfield | Redisham |
| Ilketshall St Andrew | Ringsfield |
| Ilketshall St John | Rumburgh |
| Ilketshall St Lawrence | <u>Ellough</u> |
| Ilketshall St Margaret | <u>Sotterley</u> |
| <u>Flixton West</u> | <u>Shadingfield</u> |
| <u>South Elmham St Cross</u> | <u>Willingham St Mary</u> |
| <u>South Elmham St Margaret</u> | Weston |

Evidence and rationale

This ward is bordered by the Norfolk county boundary and the Mid Suffolk District boundary to the north and west. It is a less densely populated rural area, with natural links towards Bungay.

There are a number of grouped Parish Councils within this ward (underlined above):
 South Elmham All Saints, South Elmham St Michael and South Elmham St Peter;
 Flixton West, South Elmham St Cross and South Elmham St Margaret;
 Barsham and Shipmeadow;
 Ellough, Sotterley, Shadingfield and Willingham St Mary.

Bungay is a service centre for a range of villages covered by this ward. It has a Library, a Citizens Advice office and a Medical Practice (Bungay Medical Centre).

The majority of students in this area attend Bungay Primary although students may attend one of 6 other primary schools depending on their village. They move on to either Bungay or Sir John Leman high schools.

Parish Council comments state there are links between Shipmeadow & Barsham
 And also links between Shadingfield, Willingham St Mary's and Sotterley

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| Map No. | 5 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Blything |
| Blything was the largest of Suffolk's 21 hundreds. All parishes within this ward were contained within the Blything Hundred. | |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 6525 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 6928 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 94.4% |

Description of proposed ward composition

Blyford

Sotherton

Holton

Westhall

Spexhall

Halesworth

Wissett

Brampton with Stoven

Wenhaston with Mells

Evidence and rationale

Halesworth is seen as a natural service centre for all of these communities; people from these parishes tend to use Halesworth for their local services. The creation of this ward removes the current artificial district boundary which has been seen as a restrictive administrative border, now enabling parishes to be naturally warded together.

There is a grouped Parish Council within this ward (underlined above):
Blyford and Sotherton.

Students in this area attend one of 4 primary schools within the area.

Halesworth has a well-used library, along with a wide range of other shops and services that are used by people living in the town and surrounding villages within the ward.

There are train stations at both Halesworth and Brampton (which is a request stop) providing transport links.

The Cutlers Hill Surgery serves many of the villages in this area and there is also a well-established Carer Support project and a number of other community led health and wellbeing projects.

Parish Council comments during the informal consultation were that there are strong links between Halesworth and Holton.

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| Map No. | 5 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Kelsale & Yoxford |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 1 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 3245 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 3322 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 90.5% |

Description of proposed ward composition

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| Cratfield | Sweffling |
| Kelsale Cum Carlton | Ubbeston |
| Yoxford | Cransford |
| Heveningham | <u>Cookley</u> |
| Huntingfield | <u>Walpole</u> |
| Peasenhall | <u>Linstead Magna</u> |
| Sibton | <u>Linstead Parva</u> |
| | <u>Chediston</u> |

Evidence and rationale

This ward is bound by a westerly border with Mid Suffolk District Council and a southern boundary with the town of Saxmundham, providing constraints geographically.

This ward brings together a group of small villages to retain their rural community identity.

There are two grouped Parish Councils within this ward (underlined above):

Cookley and Walpole;

Linstead Magna, Linstead Parva and Chediston.

In a wider context of what is a large rural area, residents travel to Saxmundham Health Centre and Leiston Surgery, with Framlingham Surgery also seeing some patients from this area.

Parish Council and residents comments during the informal consultation suggest a number of links between parishes and communities within this ward:

Sweffling and Cransford;

Ubbeston, Huntingfield and Heveningham;

Ubbeston and Heveningham;

Chediston, Cookley and Cratfield.

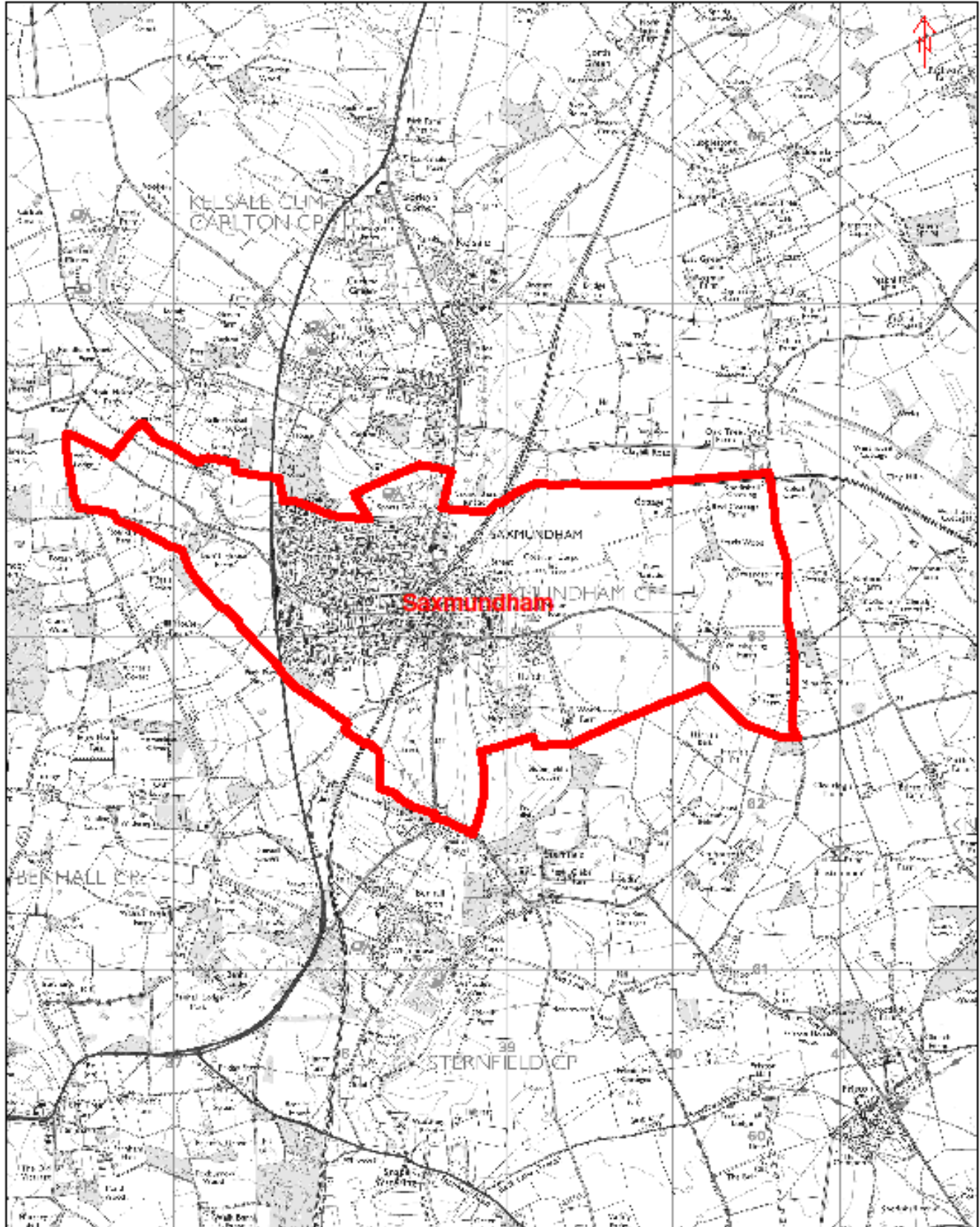
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East Suffolk District Wards: Saxmundham Map 6

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| Map No. | 6 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Saxmundham |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 1 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 3212 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 3504 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 95.5% |

Description of proposed ward composition

Saxmundham

Evidence and rationale

The ward of Saxmundham is a self contained market town within a rural area. Saxmundham has a strong community identity and cohesion as a town which should be retained within a whole ward.

Saxmundham is a settlement which operates as a service centre for surrounding communities.

Students in this area attend the local Saxmundham primary school before progressing to Alde Valley Academy in Leiston.

Saxmundham has its own Health Centre, a library and a train station which makes a focal point for people working in locations between Lowestoft and Ipswich.

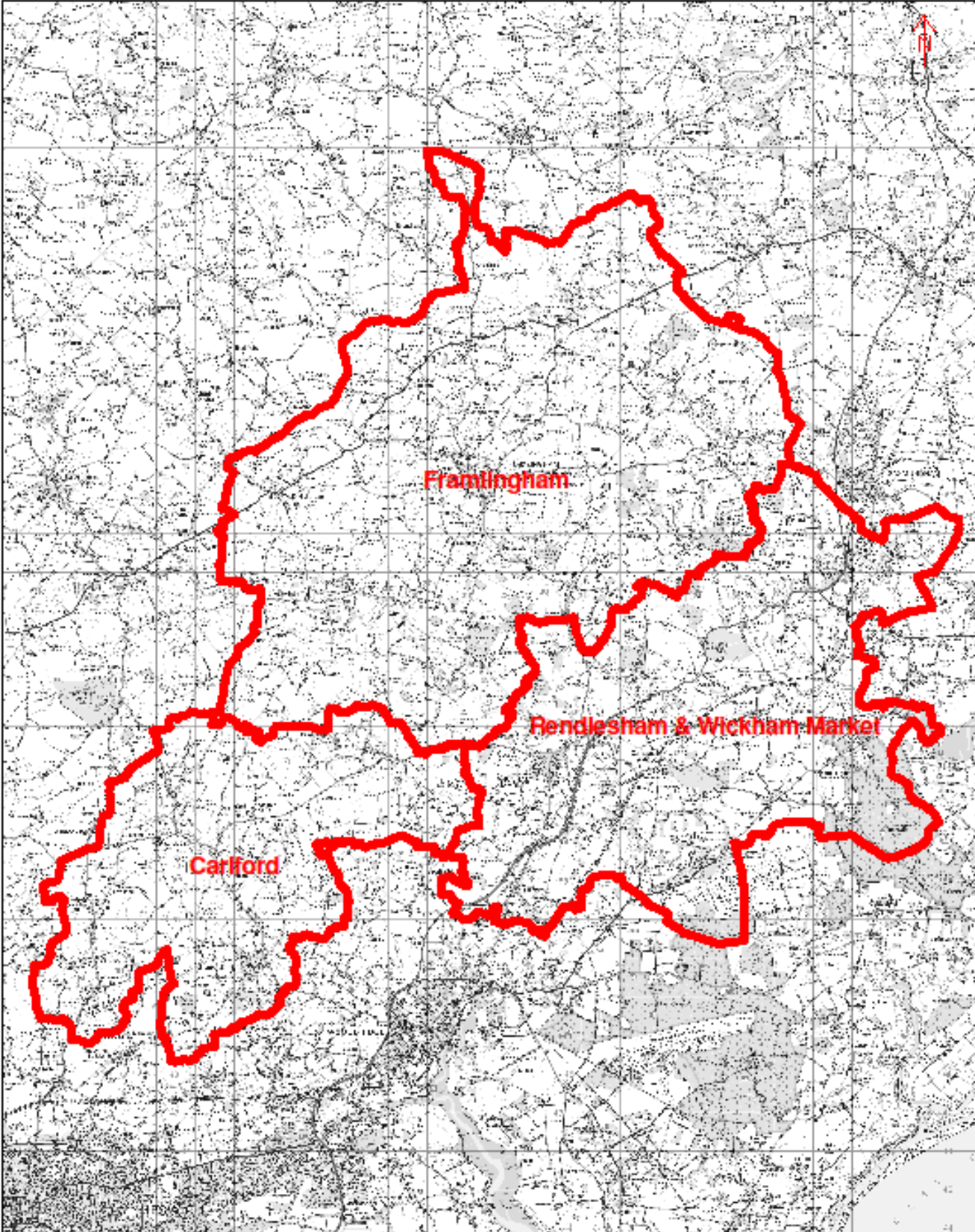
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**East Suffolk District Wards:
Eastern Rural Map 7**

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| Map No. | 7 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Framlingham |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 6293 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 7052 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 96.1% |

Description of proposed ward composition

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| Framlingham | Parham |
| Dennington | Earl Soham |
| Badingham | Easton, |
| Brandeston | <u>Monewden</u> |
| Bruisyard | <u>Hoo</u> |
| Cransford | <u>Cretingham</u> |
| Sweffling | Letheringham |
| Great Glemham | Kettleburgh |
| Saxtead | Rendham |

Evidence and rationale

This ward is bordered to the west by Mid Suffolk District Council, creating a geographical constraint.

Framlingham is seen as a natural service centre for all of these communities; people from these parishes tend to use Framlingham for their local services.

This ward contains a grouped Parish Council (underlined above):
Monewden, Hoo and Cretingham.

The majority of students in this area attend Thomas Mills High School in Framlingham.

This area is an almost exact match for the catchment area for the Framlingham GP Surgery. Framlingham has a library which serves this wider community.

Suggestions from residents and Parish Councils in the informal consultation exercise express clear links between Letheringham, Monewden, Hoo, Kettleburgh and Charsfield.

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| Map No. | 7 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Rendlesham & Wickham Market |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 7175 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 7418 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 101.1% |

Description of proposed ward composition

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| Rendlesham | Little Glemham |
| Wickham Market | Tunstall |
| Pettistree | Blaxhall |
| Campsea Ashe | Hacheston |
| Ufford | Marlesford |
| Sternfield | Stratford St Andrew |
| Benhall | Farnham |

Evidence and rationale

This ward shares a strong transport link of the A12 through the area. Although it has common rural issues, we also recognise this is a diverse ward but one that could operate well as a two member ward so that interests can be represented in a balanced way. There is a shared GP practice across the area and a train station at Campsea Ashe serving these parishes.

This ward contains the following grouped Parish Councils:
Sternfield and Benhall;
Stratford St Andrew and Farnham.

Students in this area attend a number of primary schools within the area before progressing further afield to Thomas Mills (Framlingham), Alde Valley Academy (Leiston) or Farlingaye (Woodbridge).

A number of groups in Wickham Market are used by residents from the other communities in this area e.g. the Gardening Club, Community Club and Family Carers Group.

Informal consultation responses suggest strong links between these communities:
Wickham Market and Ufford;
Hacheston and Campsea Ashe;
Hacheston and Marlesford;
Wickham Market and Pettistree;
Blaxhall and Hacheston.

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| Map No. | 7 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Carlford |
| Carlford was one of Suffolk's 21 Hundreds. The majority of the parishes within this ward were part of the Carlford Hundred. | |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 1 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 3575 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 3754 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 102.3% |

Description of proposed ward composition

Grundisburgh

Culpho

Otley

Clopton

Witnesham

Swilland

Charsfield

Dallinghoo

Debach

Burgh

Evidence and rationale

This ward has a westerly boundary with Mid Suffolk District Council, providing a geographical constraint.

This ward is north of the Ipswich Fringe, ensuring we have kept areas together in this ward with a strong rural identity.

There are three grouped Parish Councils in this ward (underlined above):

Grundisburgh and Culpho;

Witnesham and Swilland;

Charsfield, Dallinghoo and Debach.

The Deben Group GP surgery at Otley covers the majority of these villages. Witnesham and Grundisburgh have strong links through having a joint choir and newsletter.

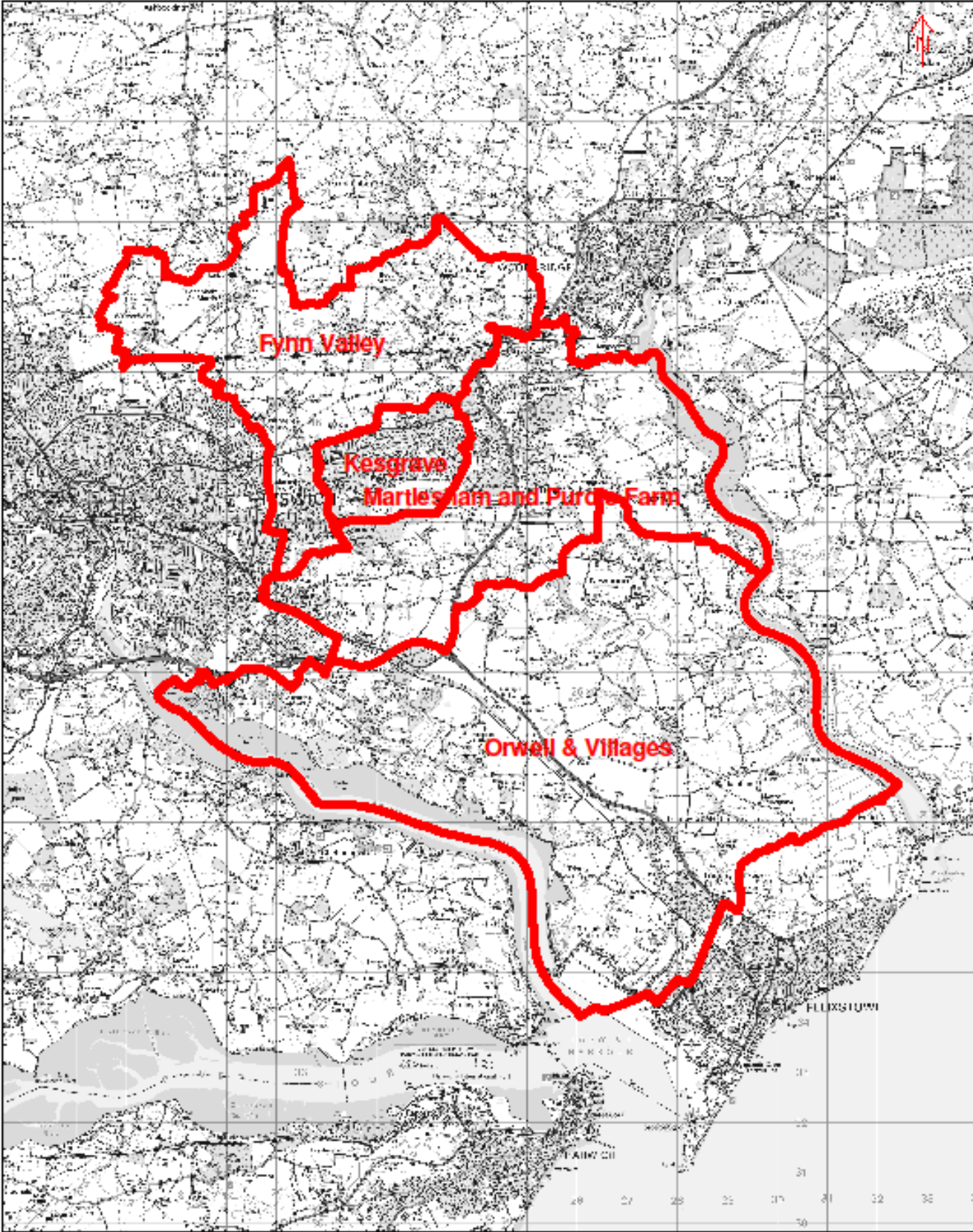
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**East Suffolk District Wards:
Southern Rural Map 8**

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| Map No. | 8 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Fynn Valley |
| The River Fynn passes through a number of the parishes within this ward. The general area is known as The Fynn Valley. | |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 6597 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 6841 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 93.2% |

Description of proposed ward composition

Rushmere St Andrew
Tuddenham St Martin
Westerfield
Playford
Great Bealings
Little Bealings

Evidence and rationale

This ward borders Ipswich and is part of the Ipswich fringe. It also has a border with Mid Suffolk District Council.

Fynn Valley is identified within the Ipswich Fringe area of the Local Plan and fall within the Ipswich Policy area, many of the parishes look towards Ipswich for their services.

This area is covered by Deben Group, which has GP surgeries at Otley and Grundisburgh, and The Birches in Kesgrave.

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| Map No. | 8 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Martlesham & Purdis Farm |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 6610 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 8139 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 110.9% |

Description of proposed ward composition

Martlesham (MA)
Martlesham Heath (MB)
[Purdis Farm](#)
[Foxhall](#)
[Brightwell](#)
Waldringfield

Evidence and rationale

The river Deben provides a natural boundary to the east, with urban areas of Kesgrave and Ipswich Borough Council bordering to the west. The majority of these parishes fall within the Ipswich Policy area of the Local Plan and look towards Ipswich for their services.

Part of Martlesham (MAY) has been kept with Kesgrave as this small area identifies strongly with Kesgrave and not within this ward - the access to this part of Martlesham is from the same main road running through the north of ward. This area of Martlesham is also in a different constituency (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich), suggesting stronger links with Kesgrave towards Ipswich.

Martlesham North (MAX) has been kept with Woodbridge as this area of Martlesham more readily identifies with Woodbridge rather than the village of Martlesham, due to its location and access routes. A separate piece of work looking at the Neighbourhood Plan for the area undertook a consultation with residents in this part of Martlesham where the majority stated they identified as being part of Woodbridge, both physically in terms of location and where they relate to for local services.

There is a grouped Parish Councils within this ward as follows:
Purdis Farm, Foxhall and Brightwell.

The majority of students in this area attend Kesgrave High School. This area is covered by The Birches GP practice in Kesgrave and Martlesham Heath Surgery. This area includes the proposed development at Adastral Park in Martlesham/Brightwell.

During the informal consultation, Purdis Farm Parish Council stated that it does not want to be linked to Felixstowe due to completely differing community make ups.

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| Map No. | 8 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Orwell & Villages |
| The river Orwell provides a natural border to the South of this ward. | |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 7150 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 7786 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 106.1% |

Description of proposed ward composition

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| Trimley St Mary | Newbourne |
| Trimley St Martin | Hemley |
| Bucklesham | <u>Falkenham</u> |
| Nacton | <u>Kirton</u> |
| <u>Levington</u> | |
| <u>Stratton Hall</u> | |

Evidence and rationale

This ward has a natural boundary, described as (part of) the Felixstowe Peninsula, which is bounded by the River Orwell to the south west and the River Deben to the north west – surrounding the area with geographical constraints, including Felixstowe town to the south east. The A14 provides key transport links to all of the villages in this ward.

The majority of this ward is included in the Felixstowe Peninsula Area Action Plan.

All communities are predominantly rural villages, with slightly more urban areas in Trimley, however this is a two member ward which will help to balance out representation.

There are two grouped Parish Councils within this ward (underlined above):
Levington and Stratton Hall;
Falkenham and Kirton.

These communities are covered by the Howard House Surgery, Grove Road Medical Practice or Haven Health – all in Felixstowe.

Several comments from informal consultation responses argue to keep Kirton, Levington and Bucklesham Parishes together as they have common interests. Furthermore other informal consultation comments suggest links between Falkenham, Levington, Stratton Hall, Hemley and Nacton.

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| Map No. | 8 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Kesgrave |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 3 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 10482 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 10534 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 95.7% |

Description of proposed ward composition

Kesgrave
Martlesham West (MAY)

Evidence and rationale

Kesgrave is a self-contained town, an urban area to the east of Ipswich and bordering with Martlesham. Part of Martlesham (MAY) has been kept with Kesgrave as this small area identifies strongly with Kesgrave - the access to this part of Martlesham is from the same main road running through the north of ward. This area of Martlesham is also in a different constituency (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich), suggesting stronger links with Kesgrave towards Ipswich.

All areas of this ward fall within the Ipswich Policy area of the Local Plan and look towards Ipswich for many of their services.

The Birches in Kesgrave is the main GP surgery. It has three primary schools serving this area and Kesgrave High School to which all students in this ward would naturally attend.

Kesgrave has a library which serves the community along with local shops and other services within its centre, such as local Scout groups and playgroups.

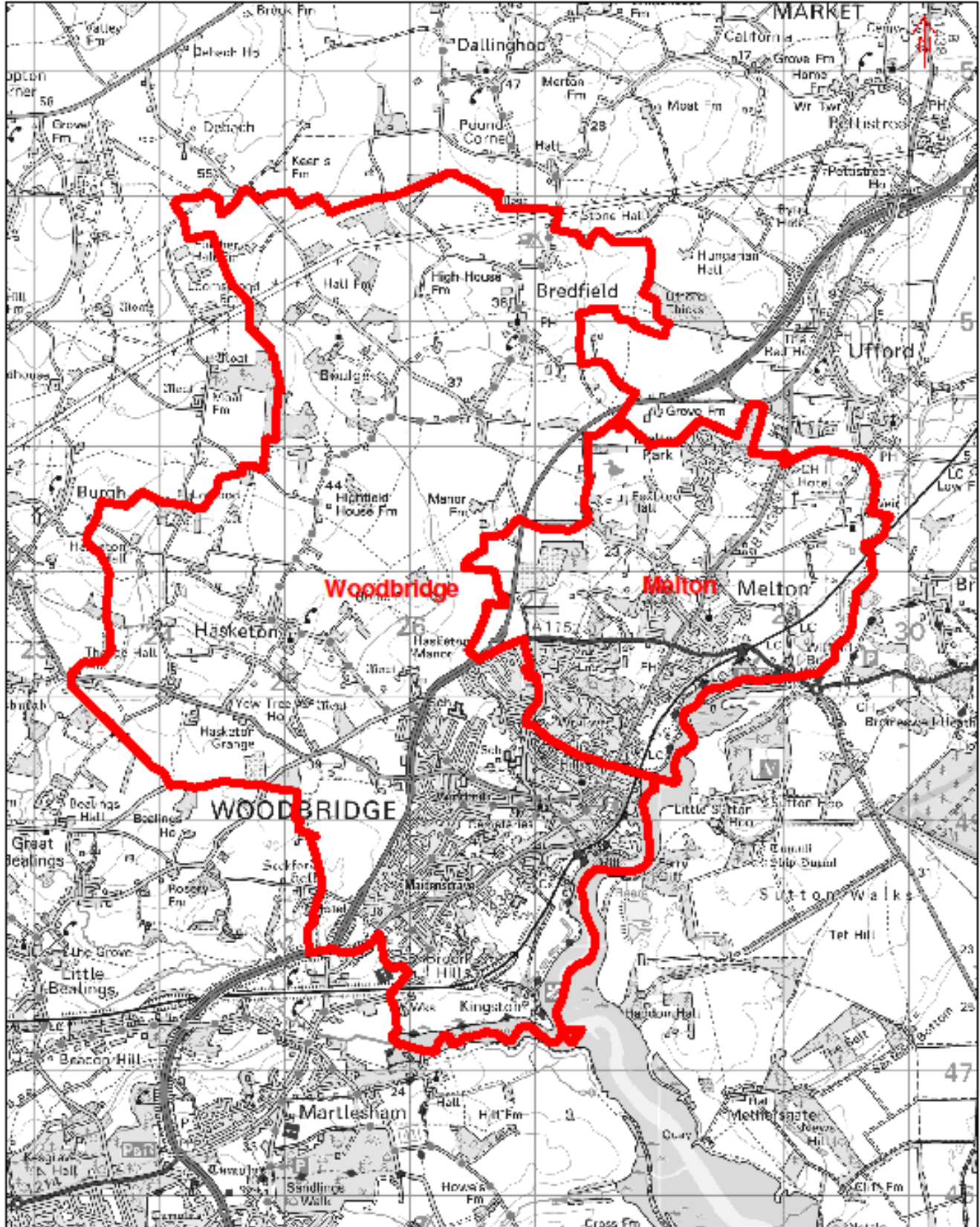
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East Suffolk District Wards: Melton & Woodbridge Map 9

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| Map No. | 9 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Melton |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 1 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 3264 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 3636 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 99.1% |

Description of proposed ward composition

Melton

Evidence and rationale

Melton is a distinct large village settlement with local amenities such as a train station, church, shops and primary school. It is on the outskirts of the urban area of Woodbridge.

There is a community magazine called the 'Melton Messenger' produced jointly by the Parish Council and St Andrews Church for people who live and work in Melton.

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| Map No. | 9 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Woodbridge |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 2 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 7041 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 7382 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 100.6% |

Proposed ward composition

Woodbridge
Martlesham North (MAX)
Bredfield
Boulge
Hasketon

Evidence and rationale

Woodbridge is a market town serving the local area with a wide selection of shopping facilities, recreational facilities and local amenities.

Martlesham North (MAX) has been kept with Woodbridge as this area of Martlesham more readily identifies with Woodbridge rather than the village of Martlesham, due to its location and access routes. A separate piece of work looking at the Neighbourhood Plan for the area undertook a consultation with residents in this part of Martlesham where the majority stated they identified as being part of Woodbridge, both physically in terms of location and where they relate to for local services.

The more rural parishes of Bredfield, Boulge and Hasketon have been warded with Woodbridge as their strongest identity is with Woodbridge and they make up a good mix of urban and rural spread, with these parishes naturally looking to Woodbridge for all of their local needs including Framfield House and Little St Johns GP Surgeries, both in Woodbridge, covering this area.

Woodbridge Library is one of many facilities in this well used market town. Woodbridge has a train station and a cinema along with a wide range of other services and facilities serving these communities.

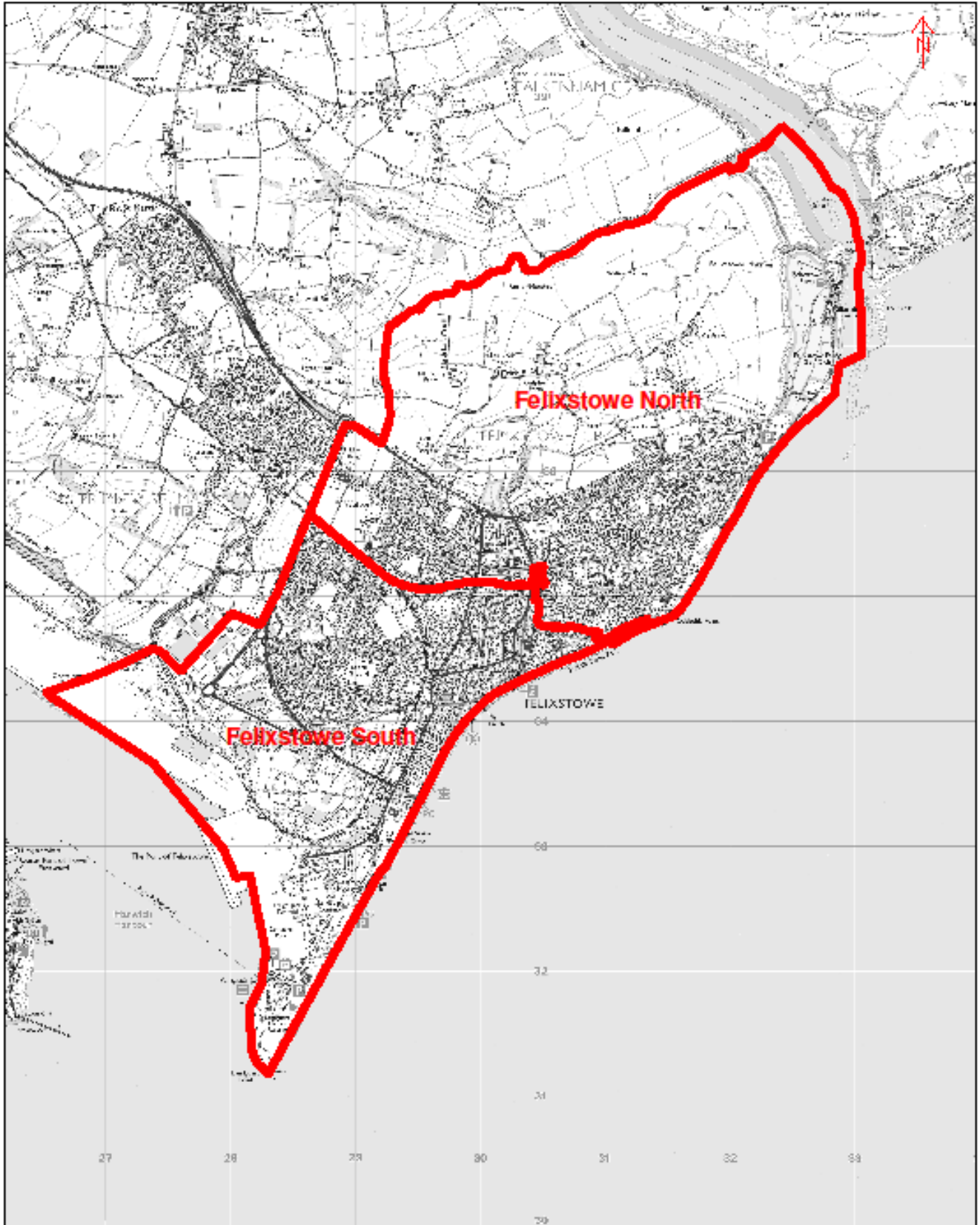
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East Suffolk District Wards: Felixstowe Map 10

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| Map No. | 10 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Felixstowe South |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 3 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 9982 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 10299 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 93.5% |

Proposed ward composition

Felixstowe South
Felixstowe West

Evidence and rationale

The ward is bounded by the sea and the mouth of the river Orwell to the south east and south west. This ward represents the southern part of the town of Felixstowe.

The proposal to pair South and West Felixstowe together to form a ward makes sense geographically as well as within the community, using the High Road/High Street as a natural break point. It reflects to a considerable degree the demographic, social and commercial makeup of Felixstowe, keeping the Town Centre, Resort and Port areas in this southern ward.

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| Map No. | 10 |
| Proposed Ward Name | Felixstowe North |
| Proposed number of Councillors | 3 |
| Current Electorate (2017) | 8888 |
| Forecast Electorate (2023) | 10561 |
| Forecast Electorate Variation (2023) | 95.9% |

Proposed ward composition

Felixstowe East
Felixstowe Walton
Felixstowe Allenby

Evidence and rationale

This ward is bounded by the sea to the east and the river Deben to the north. This ward represents the northern part of the town.

One resident stressed within the informal consultation that Walton should be kept in Felixstowe.

The proposal to pair East and North Felixstowe together to form a ward makes sense geographically as well as within the community using the High Road/High Street as a natural break point. It reflects to a considerable degree the demographic, social and commercial makeup of Felixstowe, keeping the predominantly residential area of north Felixstowe together.