

BOUNDARY COMMITTEE RESPONSE

Trimley St Mary Parish Council would like to register strong objection to the Suffolk draft proposal of an Ipswich and Felixstowe unitary authority ('North Haven') along with a Suffolk unitary authority (less Lowestoft) as, in our view, this would create an authority in which the interests of Ipswich would dominate those of the proposed parishes and towns within this authority to their general and particular detriment. We also feel that the Suffolk alternative proposal for one Suffolk unitary authority (less Lowestoft) would result in an area authority, which would be geographically too large and diverse in nature to be governed and administered efficiently.

We are in favour of creating three unitary councils, namely East Suffolk, West Suffolk and Ipswich and of keeping Lowestoft in Suffolk. We feel that this would meet the needs of our local communities better than the other options being offered.

We wish to make the point most strongly that, in our view, there has been a scarcity of information concerning how the Boundary Committee proposals have been reached or how the additional powers and responsibilities, which are proposed to be devolved to parish councils will be resourced.