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Dear Julia

Parish Boundary Review
Spoooner Row, Wattlefield & Suton Community Council

Wymondham Town Council acknowledges that the Electoral Arrangements Review Committee at South Norfolk Council received 316 responses to their initial consultation from residents, of which 308 indicated their support for the idea of creating a separate Community Council, independent of Wymondham.

Wymondham Town Council has undertaken its own consultation by way of an information sheet and response form being delivered to all properties in polling district DT1 and drop in sessions held at Spooner Row Church. To date 70 response forms/emails have been received indicating that they support the creation of a new Community Council and 43 wishing to remain as part of the Parish of Wymondham.

Discussion took place at the Council's meeting held on 10th October 2017 and the unanimous view of Councillors attending is that they are strongly against the formation of this new Community Council to retain community cohesion. The settlements of Spooner Row, Wattlefield & Suton have historically been governed by various administrative bodies located within the Town going back over 120 years through the Wymondham division of the Forehoe & Henstead Rural District Council, then the Wymondham Rural District Council and more latterly by Wymondham Town Council.

The Town Council requests that the Electoral Arrangements Review Committee take the following points into consideration at its next formal meeting on the 29th November 2017, when a recommendation is due to be made to the Electoral Commission.

1. Should the EARC be minded to recommend the creation of a new Community Council, Wymondham Town Council requests the EARC organise a formal referendum within the parish to establish the residents' views.

2. From the responses received, it is apparent that there is strong support from the residents of Sutton to remain within the parish of Wymondham. Wymondham Town Council recommends that the EARC take these views into account and should it be minded to recommend the creation of a separate Community Council to the Electoral Commission, requests that the recommended boundary for the new parish be drawn along the line of the A11 Trunk Road such that the existing parish land to the west of the A11 remains within the Parish of Wymondham, otherwise to be defined as the electoral area known as DT1. Please see attached plan.
3. It is noted that the parochial church of Spooner Row is a daughter church of Wymondham Abbey and that the parish boundary for the church purposes is identical to the civic parish boundary.

In summary, taking into account the historic ties, Wymondham Town Council strongly recommends that the settlements of Spooner Row, Wattlefield & Sutton remain with the existing parish of Wymondham.

Yours sincerely



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