



## Fakenham Town Council

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Dear Sir

**Re: Proposed Boundary Change to Fakenham North (Lancaster North) ward of NORTH Norfolk District Council**

Fakenham Town Council (FTC) debated this proposed boundary change at its recent meeting. FTC strongly rejects the proposal to reduce the number of District Councillors from 4 to 3. Fakenham North's electorate is marginally smaller than the proposed average number. However, Fakenham North has Final Planning Permission for 80 extra houses and Final Permission for another development of 106 which includes housing with care flats. It also has Outline Planning Permission for a further 800 houses plus associated industrial areas and a school. NNDC has indicated that detailed planning permission is imminent and indeed preparatory digging has started on the site.

Given that this ward is planned to have the largest development in North Norfolk it would be crazy to reduce its representation as any increase to cater for the definitely anticipated development would have to wait many years until the next boundary change leaving the area sadly underrepresented.

Fakenham is to a certain extent disadvantaged as several hundred of its residents live outside the historic Parish Boundary of Sandy Lane; they consider themselves as Fakenham residents, benefit from the town's amenities but electorally are Sculthorpe precept payers.

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FTC would support the inclusion of those residents of Sculthorpe living inside Fakenham Bypass into Fakenham North ward.

Yours sincerely



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