

## King's Lynn and West Norfolk District

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### Comment text:

Roydon Parish Council strongly object to the proposal by King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council to merge Roydon with South Wootton Ward. We would instead recommend that Roydon remains in Grimston Ward with the villages of Pott Row and Grimston, and also that Congham joins the ward rather than being in Valley Hill. The four villages (Pott Row, Congham, Roydon and Grimston) are known locally as 'Fourville' and are closely linked as small rural parishes with combined facilities and community groups. All four villages are currently drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan, something which has already taken a great deal of time and effort and the needs of the residents would be echoed in this plan. South Wootton Ward is a completely different dynamic and is much more urbanised, being almost a suburb of King's Lynn. The needs of the community there would differ greatly from those of Roydon's low populated, rural existence. The relationships of the villages in Grimston Ward, along with Congham, are close and have built up over a great many years, so we feel strongly that this should remain so. Please also see an attached document, being a letter to King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council outlining Roydon Parish Council's objection to being removed from Grimston Ward. Thank you.

### Uploaded Documents:

**[https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download\\_document?file=draft%2F1504478172\\_Letter+to+BC+re+boundary+change+proposal.doc](https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1504478172_Letter+to+BC+re+boundary+change+proposal.doc)**



## ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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To Whom It May Concern

It is our understanding that the Borough Council proposes to submit recommendations to the Boundary Commission, which would see Roydon become part of South Wootton Ward instead of the current arrangement where we are part of Grimston Ward. Roydon Parish Council strongly objects to this proposal and Councillors are dismayed at the thought of such an arrangement, which is wrong on so many levels.

Primarily we are a rural parish very closely linked with Grimston Ward, in that the equally rural villages of Pott Row and Grimston are immediate neighbours (as is Congham) and, as the Borough Council Planning Policy Team should be able to verify, we are already in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan with the three aforementioned villages. It would seriously negate and undermine all the time and effort already spent on historical research and public consultation within these villages to build the foundations of the Plan.

South Wootton, whilst still a village, is a large, **urban** village, almost a suburb of King's Lynn. This is in stark contrast to Roydon, which is a small, **rural** village. The lifestyles and needs of residents in South Wootton are very different to the quiet, village life of parishioners here in Roydon. Villagers here are very closely inter-linked with villagers and amenities in Grimston Ward. The catchment school, Holly Meadows in Pott Row, and local GP Surgery, Grimston Medical Centre, form the hearts of our way of life, and residents enjoy a large number of social groups formed to combine villagers in all four villages in a wide variety of activities. In fact, committees of many of these groups are intentionally made up of representatives from each village, to enhance the community cohesion and cement the close living and working aspect of our lives. One such committee exists to maintain the play area at Hudson Fen, Pott Row, adjacent to our Parish Boundary, and fund raising efforts involve all the community (which we class as residents of the four villages, known in our villages as 'Fourville').

We believe that this proposed change is purely a number balancing exercise and it makes no sense at all for geographical and practical ideals. Roydon, Grimston, Pott Row and Congham form a natural, rural village community which has been established for many years. There is a well-formed closeness, the views and concerns

of the residents in our villages are shared and we all care for our local environment. Whilst we acknowledge the hard work of the Council officer/s who undertook this work, and have every sympathy with their efforts to try and find suitable solutions, this proposal to merge Roydon with South Wootton is not appropriate. A better solution would be to include Congham in the existing Grimston Ward. It is people who form our community and the life we all share here, and to split villages as small as ours and link them with urban areas does not make any sense.

Please give every consideration to our views and dismiss this proposal, as we would be extremely disappointed if it were to be submitted to the Boundary Committee.

Yours faithfully

*Suzi Pimlott*

Suzi Pimlott (Mrs)  
Chair of Rydon Parish Council  
For and on behalf of Roydon Parish Council and Roydon Parishioners

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