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I wish to object to Leverington being placed into the Wisbech area and feel this will be detrimental not only to the village and parish but a retrograde step for this area as a whole. The history of the Fens is diverse and unique and undeniable part of that quintessential unique appeal is the village identity. We are losing much in the way of history as planning allows further and further growth where we are seeing an increasing creep across boundaries where now it is difficult to distinguish where one parish starts and another ends. One could argue that this provides a case for the amalgamation into Wisbech - I would vehemently disagree and argue for the point that it becomes even more important to recognise and indeed celebrate the unique identity of each village in the true sense which include the parish boundaries which encourages engagement and a sense of belonging to an area that has centuries of history, stories and pictures as well as people that make up that identity. The mere suggestion of merging this unique village into Wisbech Leverington as if it was some afterthought or add on would be in effect devaluing the worth, The local authority should be celebrating the unique identity and value of each of the villages that surround Wisbech be that Leverington, Gorefield, Parsons Drove, Wisbech St Marys as we see evidenced in many other Towns and villages across the UK. To approve the change would be to send out a message to all those people living in Leverington indicating you are not worth recognising as a unique identity - as a county and nation we look to welcome, encourage and celebrate diversity in all forms of background, culture and identity and many social and cultural studies have clearly shown that an important part of that fabric is recognising that unique identity of where we come from, where we live and how we view ourselves - people of Leverington view themselves as villagers of Leverington Parish which as an administration you would look to change to merge and annotate under one block heading. As stated at the beginning of this comment I object to this unification and suburbanisation of village identity - this is not London, this is not Birmingham, this is not Manchester this is a small village location in the Fens that is proud of the history and identity it holds and the people of the village hold and should be maintained.

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