

Stewart & Pat Moffat	Leave lowestoft in suffolk. There is no benefit for the town and surrounding area for removing it from suffolk into norfolk. It should be left in suffolk with the rest of waveney or in an east suffolk/west suffolk split!!!!
Mrs S-J Gee	<p>Having moved out of Ipswich to live in Kesgrave I feel very much a part of Suffolk Coastal.</p> <p>I very much value the fact I not a part of the Ipswich 'politics'/high council tax rates.</p> <p>I really do not want to become a part of Ipswich again.</p> <p>My preferred choices would be One Suffolk or an East/West Suffolk - in both cases avoiding becoming a part of Ipswich again.</p> <p>I know people in Kesgrave value the fact they are not a part of Ipswich.</p> <p>The community spirit we have here is what makes Kesgrave a wonderful place to live and know it will dissipate if people become a part of a Greater Ipswich.</p> <p>From reading the local press I believe this whole issue is going to be a very contentious issue.</p>
sally cockrell	waveny should stay I live in Southwold and do not want to be managed from west of the county
Malcolm White	It is an excellent idea to move Lowestoft into Norfolk. Many of the services that Lowestoft has are Norfolk based such as the hospital, the regeneration company and streert cleaning. Suffolk County Council , based in Ipwich, is too distant whereas Norwich is much closer.
Chris Smith	Further to my earlier submission that I agree with a unitary Ipswich and Felixstowe (even though I would have preferred to see a Greater Ipswich on extended boundaries) and that I DO NOT agree with Lowestoft becoming part of Norfolk but instead remaining part of Suffolk either as an Ipswich/East/West Suffolk split or the 2 unitary model you are recommending. Please also note that after again reading your recommendations I strongly disagree with the "one" Suffolk option that Suffolk County Council have put forward. Many thanks
Mrs A Cousin	Lowestoft belongs in Suffolk.
Chris Smith	I agree with the Ipswich and Felixstowe Authority being created. Even though But I feel an East and West split for the rest of the county would be more beneficial with the East Suffolk Area to include Lowestoft. I certainly do not agree with Lowestoft being seperated from the Suffolk area.

David Chandler	<p>I have been following the issue of boundary changes with Suffolk and this is a discussion that is good for the public to be involved with. If any change to Suffolk that abolishes District Councils and lower Local government costs is in my opinion good for the public. District councillors and County Councillors are only concerned about their own political agenda and financial gains and the general public is totally fed up with how the political landscape is set up in Suffolk. The consensus with people I have talked to is that all district councils be abolished, split Suffolk into 2 authorities of Ipswich & East Suffolk and Bury St Edmunds and West Suffolk. There is also an urgent need to adopt proportional representation at elections so that any council set up has councillors from all political parties based on the percentage voting of the public. This would bring democracy to Suffolk and a true representation of the people and may just encourage higher turnouts at elections.</p>
Alison Parker	<p>I cannot believe the proposal of changing the boundaries of Norfolk and Suffolk, I have lived in Lowestoft nearly my whole life and I am and always will consider to be a resident of the county of Suffolk. I think it is ludicrous to even consider moving Lowestoft into the county of Norfolk there would be so much bad feeling if this were to go ahead. I am 100% sure the residents of Lowestoft will not want or allow this to happen!!!! and nor would you if you truly listen to the public. After all it is us who has to live here!!</p>
Martin Cowgill	<p>I would like to express my opposition to the proposed Ipswich/Felixstowe unitary authority.</p> <p>We are currently well served by both Babergh DC and Suffolk CC. I work for an engineering business within the Ipswich BC area and see a far poorer service from local council services to both businesses and residents within Ipswich compared to my own residence at Capel St Mary. Council Tax bills are considerably higher for Ipswich residents than for other parts of Suffolk for what appears to be a poorer service.</p> <p>I have a mentally disabled child who is statemented with funding and assistance provided by Suffolk CC, I fail to see how splitting the existing county services into two for a county of this size can make financial sense, having previously worked for Suffolk CC alongside the education team I have a good understanding of the complexities of the administration required, duplicating all this for Ipswich seems pointless and very poor value for money.</p> <p>Ipswich BC in their previous submission to become a unitary authority said that they intended to outsource education services to Suffolk CC, it seems likely that an enlarged Ipswich would operate similarly, in which case there seems little benefit for education customers from a change of structure.</p> <p>Our experience of Social Services with respect to our son also suggests that the service provided by Suffolk CC is of a very high standard. I compare this to the service provided from a unitary authority elsewhere in the UK for my disabled father - my feeling is that any change for the area can only lead to a degraded and inferior service.</p>

	<p>There is little to link the Capel St Mary / East Bergholt area to Ipswich other than the existing physical transport links, I see no benefits for arbitrarily dumping these villages within the Ipswich authority, there is little to culturally link us to Ipswich. My preference would be for maintenance of the existing status-quo, or as an alternative maintain the boundaries of Ipswich rather than enlarge them, the southern boundary should roughly follow the A14.</p> <p>I see no benefits as a resident of Capel St Mary and am very concerned that the outstanding service provided by Suffolk CC in education and social services would be lost by enforcing a change and could lead to a reduction in value for money. In the current economic climate I see no justification for a costly upheaval of local services which would divert funds from service provision into duplicated administration.</p>
sally middleditch	<p>It would appear that the Commission have ignored the wishes of the majority of the residents and failed to realise the very real differences between the coastal areas and the areas to the West of Suffolk. I am not happy that my council tax will in all likelihood be spent in some place i have never been to and in all probability have never heard of. How many offices will there have to be to administer such a vast geographical area? Some residents feel that they get a raw deal now because of the location of the council offices and the 'seat of power' how much worse will they feel if they are even more divorced by distance. An area the size of Suffolk would logistically be a nightmare to operate and i believe would have to be split up into smaller areas anyway.</p>
Graham Amiss	<p>I feel very strongly that the break up of Suffolk into A Suffolk UA and a Ipswich and Felixstowe will lead to serious problems with funding and development in rural Suffolk. The income generating areas such as Ipswich will draw in investment while the villages will become dormitories and lose important amenities such as schools, shops, transport links, telecommunications etc. This is already an issue in preventing companies from locating in rural areas and employing local people. A single UA for Suffolk would provide a more balanced funding structure and from my knowledge of local authority workings it would provide the most cost effective method of meeting the needs of the whole of Suffolk.</p> <p>If you would like a more details submission please feel free to request it.</p>
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Mrs Janet Foulger	<p>Having just heard the proposal to put Lowestoft into Norfolk I would just like to register my displeasure at the thought of being made to be a part of Norfolk, I am Suffolk born and bred and proud of the fact. If I wanted to live in Norfolk I would move there, and I don't wish my council tax to go to bail out the white elephant that is Great Yarmouth's outer harbour. I am fed up to the back teeth of this government riding roughshod over the people of this country and this is just another stamp of the boot, there is no real reason for the change of boundaries as far as i can see and the bigger the authority the more removed from the people they are. As usual I suppose the people of the areas affected will have no say. Having read the responses from the councils etc it seems that you have taken no notice whatsoever of their proposals and already had a decision on removing Lowestoft from the county whatever happened. You have also taken no notice on the effect this would have on the people who will be affected by this change either and I am disgusted.</p>
S Moffat	<p>The proposals are an absolute outrage. We do not want to become part of Norfolk and there are other viable proposals to remain in Suffolk which have been totally ignored. WE HAVE BEEN CAST ASIDE AND SHUNTED TOWARDS NORFOLK WITHOUT A CARE. SORT IT OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>
Audio Images	<p>I think the prospective review is a waste of money when the councils in this area are working more closely together and saving money without upheaval of staff and resources. How can splitting Lowestoft into Norfolk benefit the citizens of the area and effectively splitting sea defences into three possible authorities. It would make more sense to encourage joint working in areas that are possible and keep the personal touch for other areas. Too much is for speed and being 'large' and then losing expertise and efficiency to the detriment of the community. I think policitically and economically it is a very bad idea.</p>
Lyn Dearing	<p>As a member of Waveney, I am not adverse to efficiency and make things better for staff and the public. However I feel that splitting Lowestoft away from the rest of the area we are currently responsible for is a mistake. Knowing of problems that can be encountered with computer system transfer over, it would be an expensive mistake to try and merge all the area to one computer system to a limited amount of time. That aside, the economy in this area is very fragile and the council has worked hard to improve itself and encourages joint working where possible and has made savings. Surely the best way to keep local knowledge and expertise is to encourage joint working in some areas and the ones that work keep separate but with sharing of knowledge/managers etc. It is a disappointing option and after having worked in the council for over 22 years one that seems to be a political kneejerk reaction to a long standing issue with regard to local authority finance. I do not see how such an upheaval can help and will only confuse the public and businesses alike. There has been enough change in this area lately and this seems to be a kick in the teeth for Waveney who have tried to hard to turn ourselves around.</p>

R Glaisher	<p>With respect, it is difficult to see how you could come up with a proposal so unsuited for purpose and also likely to alienate so many people. I was truly amazed when I read the suggestions. On no account do we want the resort town of Felixstowe, which has a unique identity, to become a satellite of Ipswich. Such an arrangement would only give licence to the expansion of Ipswich eastwards into Felixstowe burning up all the intervening towns and villages in-between. Ipswich has many problems, not least that of an overlarge immigrant population, crime and a left of centre position in general which do not sit well with the largely retirement & costal town of Felixstowe. I cannot understand the thinking or advantage of Lowestoft being hived off into Norfolk. Suffolk is a conservative area in general (with a little "€"™) but we would like to retain the identity of Suffolk as it is. As somebody who works throughout Suffolk clearly, to me, the best way to re-organise if that must be done is to have three large unitary authorities centred around the town of Ipswich, Lowestoft and Bury St Edmunds. I do hope your current proposals, which do not seem to follow any of the original suggestions, will be drastically re-thought.</p>
John Steggles	<p>I like the idea of the County staying whole but without the two major urban areas of Ipswich and Lowestoft</p>
Leonard Grint	<p>I think that Lowestoft should be left where it is. It has always been Suffolk and that is the home of Waveney District Council (for Waveney). If anything it should become part of Suffolk Council.</p> <p>If all else fails think of the enormous expense that it will cost every business in the town to change all their paperwork etc.</p>
C Hale	<p>It is wrong to annex Lowestoft from Suffolk. A more practical divide would be East Suffolk & West Suffolk. This would enable the authority to address the needs of similar areas more appropriately. For example Coastal defence and towns with higher than average holiday homes. A 'Yarforth' authority would exacerbate the problems faced by both towns rather than addressing them.</p>

<p>Imogen Wedd</p>	<p>I have read your summary report and I believe it is entirely focussed on the wishes of vested interests. You do not appear to address the needs of residents at all. Very probably, most of the business community in the Haven Gateway area do not live in the area and are not interested in the effect on ordinary people. If you go ahead with the unitary authority scheme for the Ipswich area, what little democratic control we now have will go, and the business community will be able to have its way on all things.</p> <p>The proposal for a unitary authority for Ipswich in no way reflects the needs of local people Just because the business community wants something does not make it the right thing to do; you will do a great deal of damage to local communities if you go ahead with these proposals. Our lives are not limited to the Ipswich area, and you will take away such democratic control as we have over the rest of the county. The political leaders of Ipswich may want this, because it will give them more power and patronage, but the state of administration in Ipswich makes me full of dread for what they would do with a wider remit. The whole thing is a recipe for corruption.</p> <p>As for Lowestoft, it might be very convenient to amalgamate it with Great Yarmouth., again, it smacks of convenience for the business community rather than the needs of residents, for you appear to take no account of loyalties and affiliations. This is a county in which little changes, and the divide between Norfolk and Suffolk is racial. The people of Lowestoft will not want to be subsumed into Great Yarmouth. How will their interests be represented? Of course they won't be, it will be the interests of Great Yarmouth and the port authorities which will prevail.</p> <p>I have little doubt that this is all a done deal , but really you should be ashamed at the motives.</p>
<p>Mrs G E Wix</p>	<p>For many years we spent our holidays in Norfolk but when it came to moving we chose Suffolk.</p> <p>Why? My husbands family were Suffolk.</p> <p>Have you heard the difference in the dialect? Suffolk is beautiful soft,not as rasping as Norfolk.</p> <p>The most Easterly Point, our visitors love it and Gulliver.</p> <p>Our lovely beach and Marine Parade.</p> <p>The service in shops is wonderfull our Police are good.</p>

	<p>We have a beautiful Seaside without the Hurdy Gurdy of gt yarmouth.</p> <p>Why would we want to change?</p>
Andrew Houseley	<p>Noting that boundaries of proposed authorities under the draft proposal have not being considered in detail, I wish to make the case for Playford, Little Bealings and Great Bealings to be part of the rest of Suffolk Authority and not part of the Ipswich and Felixstowe (or North Haven) Authority. These parishes are located to the North-East of Ipswich, between the much larger parishes of Rushmere St Andrew, Kesgrave and Martlesham and the town of Kesgrave to the south, and the market town of Woodbridge to the north. They have much in common with neighbouring villages such as Grundisburgh, Witnesham and Tuddenham St Martin which are outside of the draft North Haven authority boundary, being distinctly rural villages with a strong commonality of interest with other parts of rural Suffolk, with a great deal of history and present day farming that contribute to the character of the rural County. These three villages are well connected by transport routes to London and Essex, as well as to Ipswich and Felixstowe, and are also a popular place for people with no previous economic connections to the area to retire to. The travel-to-work area for the proposed North Haven authority will always be much wider, and its proposed boundaries exclude many areas well within that area, so this is not necessarily a well argued case to include any parish that happens to be close to those two economic centres.</p> <p>For the delivery of appropriate and effective local authority services, as well as extending partnership working with other agencies, it will be necessary, as far as possible, to group centres of population together according to commonality of interest. The major concern of local communities at Parish level is probably Planning. It is essential that in new authorities that take on the Planning function of the District councils, there are good arrangements for considering planning applications - and contributing strongly to planning strategy - at a local area level, and indeed there is considerable scope for local communities to play a much heightened role in Planning that is too often perceived not to exist both by members of parish councils and parishioners. The concept of Area Committees is an exciting opportunity, but Planning matters should also be either a function of Area Committees or a conjoined function i.e. Area Planning Committees. It is essential that the Areas share a strong sense of place and commonality of interest. It would be a great strength in the proposed North Haven Authority for the larger parishes - such as Rushmere St Andrew, Kesgrave and Martlesham - to meet as a series of Areas and for the same arrangements for the smaller parishes in both authorities. For Playford, Little and Great Bealings to meet alongside Grundisburgh, Witnesham, Otley and Charsfield would provide for developing policy and making decisions along shared interests and concerns, whereas grouping small villages with much larger parishes has the potential to produce mismatches between strictly rural concerns and those of</p>

	expanding semi-rural areas where extended development is being allowed.
Mr J Hale	Lowestoft has always been part of Suffolk. It is wrong to change the boundary and change the status quo. If necessary include Waveney in with Suffolk Coastal
Will Roney	Unfortunately, the effective result for the west of Suffolk (where I live) will be the removal of the current council, to be replaced by an authority which has broad similarity to the present Suffolk County Council. This will mean that whilst Ipswich & the surrounding area will be served specifically, the rest of Suffolk which includes the towns of Stowmarket, Newmarket, Bury St Edmunds and Mildenhall will be served by a one-size-fits-all council. It is unfortunate that the county is being split this way as it appears no understanding of the differences between East & West Suffolk have been considered. I honestly believe that if this is the best solution that can be provided, then the original remit was incorrect. The people currently living outside Ipswich / Felixstowe will be even more disenfranchised and put off by the remoteness of the people that provide their services. I will also place a bet with you today, that my Council Tax Bill in 5 years time will have increased in real terms despite these changes - proving that this is simply an exercise in moving deckchairs around the cruise ship.
graham andrew jarrett	Just leave things alone - Lowestoft belongs in Suffolk NOT Norfolk. I do not want Lowestoft to become another Great Yarmouth!
Ian Reekie	In order just to re-arrange the current council set up will cost a huge amount of money and time. Potential savings cannot possibly be realised for years to come and in the mean time the public will suffer confusion, uncertainty and poor value for money as most of the council's energy is put into re-organising rather than providing the services we all rely on.
Mrs Veronica Everson	I am not in favour of having two authorities - ie one for Suffolk and another for "greater" Ipswich/Felixstowe. This would continue to create a "two-tier" system of services which we basically have at present - ie Ipswich Borough Council and Suffolk County Council. By having just one authority all services would be under one roof and therefore the residents of Suffolk would get a uniform service in all areas. It would also help to standardise the amount of Council Tax we pay - which I believe varies quite considerably according to where you live in Suffolk at the present time.

<p>Gary Catchpole</p>	<p>The idea to place Lowestoft in Norfolk is I think a good one. Geographically speaking you only have to look at an outline of Norfolk to see that Lowestoft is like the missing piece of the jigsaw, also considering that many years ago both Gorleston and Hopton were both in Suffolk the idea is not wholly without justification.</p> <p>Many of the services that are already provided to Lowestoft including health are already provided by Norfolk County Council anyway, so to me it makes sense that Lowestoft should be in Norfolk. The current county town of Ipswich is much too far away and transport links with Ipswich from Lowestoft are very poor to say the least. Many people in this area work in either Lowestoft, Great Yarmouth and mainly Norwich which is only 27 miles distance so again it makes sense for Lowestoft to become part of Norfolk. I had hoped that a unitary authority for Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth would have been a preferred option as the two towns are very similar in many ways and have a lot in common with one another. However, of the options that are being proposed I personally would prefer to see the "wedge" option whereby Lowestoft is joined with both Great Yarmouth and Norwich as I think this would greatly improve on the current level of services that we get from the very distant County Council in Ipswich where Lowestoft always seems to be treated like the forgotten corner or last outpost from being so remote!</p> <p>The other option is not a good one in my opinion and would see Lowestoft swallowed up as remote corner of Norfolk and would probably be no different to the current status quo!</p> <p>.</p>
<p>Alfred Vaughan Pryce</p>	<p>Tottally Opposed for amalgamation wth Norfolk. Quite Happy with Status Quo. Money saved could be spent on more important issues i.e Third Crossing for Lowestoft</p>
<p>Doreen Cunningham</p>	<p>I have read the report and press releases from both Suffolk and Norfolk councils and deplore the proposal that Lowestoft should be moved from Suffolk to Norfolk. I live in Lowestoft and have worked for the past fifteen years for Norfolk County Council Social Services. Lowestoft has no connection with Norfolk and is too far away from Norwich (which has no interest in the coastal area) to have any meaningful connection in terms of services or culture. As far as I am aware Norfolk has never professed any interest in gaining Lowestoft and I feel the particular needs of Lowestoft, together with its near neighbour Great Yarmouth, would be overlooked. I do not see where these proposals have come from and certainly Waveney District Council have never put them forward for consultation.</p>

alec r butler	I support Mr Blizzards view of Gt Yarmouth and lowestoft areas being made a unitary authority. It makes sense to me to divide norfolk and suffolk into areas in the vicinity of existing large populations. Lowestoft is already very remote from Ipswich and even more remote from Bury. Gt Yarmouth and Lowestoft have much in common,including poor transport links with other areas
Liz Beighton	The recommendation was far from expected. Whilst I can see the logic of Ipswich being separate to the rest of the County (and possibly include Felixstowe as part of the Haven Gateway), I feel that the remainder of the County is too large in terms of size and population to work effectively. An east / west split would be a more logical solution. On top of that, I fundamentally disagree with the removal of Lowestoft from Suffolk. It is part of Suffolks history and heritage and should remain in Suffolk.
Mrs M.A. Harland	Economically it make more sense to have one unitary authority in Suffolk instead of dividing it up by including Ipswich with Felixstowe. People living in Felixstowe would prefer to have autonomy than be included with Ipswich. Let us have one unitary authority where all things are equal.
Julian Fasler	<p>Most of the proposals you rejected advocate a unitary West Suffolk. This functioned as a county until 30 years ago and those living within that area still largely look towards Bury St Edmunds for health and social care, shopping, culture,police and legal matters etc. We feel marginalised by authorities based in Ipswich and I certainly feel no affinity with the contrived Mid-Suffolk district. Stowmarket and Needham Market are too small to be natural centres for the activities I mentioned and Ipswich is too distant.</p> <p>I believe there should be a unitary West Suffolk authority based on the historic boundaries of the former county. A unitary authority for the whole of Suffolk would be too large and remote.</p>
Glenn Proctor	I do not feel that the current boundaries need to be changed. If they must be changed, I would prefer a West Suffolk Unitary Authority covering the western part of the county.
David Beighton	<p>I write principally as a resident of Suffolk, albeit I do work for one of the Local Authorities affected by the Suffolk review.</p> <p>I agree that the inclusion of Lowestoft within the Norfolk area is a reasonable suggestion. Lowestoft relates better physically and perhaps economically to nearby Norfolk towns so there is certainly merit in this idea. I do hold some concern in the option proposed for Suffolk however. Whilst I agree that Ipswich and Felixtowe have a certain commonality in terms of the issues experienced at both, i do not consider that an Ipswich unitary is the most ideal solution to this. The problem is is that it leaves the remaining Suffolk unitary as somewhat large and, importantly lacking in focus, particularly for those residents in the east (Southwold, Halesworth etc). Without either Lowestoft or Ipswich to travel to as a regional centre, to attend face to face Council services it is likely that residents in this location would feel cut off, isolated, and as if their 'local' authority was not interested in their needs. This would be highlighted by the fact that Bury St Edmunds is likely to be the principal administrative</p>

	<p>centre of any Suffolk unitary that excludes Ipswich, and is some considerable distance from towns in the east. Even the provision of satellite offices, perhaps at the existing Authority offices in Needham Market and Woodbridge would be some considerable distance from those residents who formerly associated themselves with Lowestoft as their centre of local government. My view is that two separate unitary authorities, one based in the west in Bury, and one based on the east in Ipswich, would be the most obvious solution. The eastern authority need not include Lowestoft as eastern residents would then have Ipswich as their focus for face to face local government contact.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to reading your conclusions and your final recommendation to the SoS.</p>
Laurence Jarrold	<p>I find the decision to merge Felixstowe and many rural parishes with Ipswich very surprising. Knowing Felixstowe as a place of work and knowing a number of people who live there I do not believe Felixstowe has a strong enough link with Ipswich to bring them together under one authority. I am also concerned that Ipswich as a (currently) predominantly urban authority will take charge of a large rural area and will not recognise the needs of these communities. However, I do not disagree with towns such as Kesgrave and Martlesham merging with Ipswich, as having lived in Kesgrave I personally found it to have stronger ties with Ipswich, both geographically and from the point of view of leisure and services.</p> <p>My other concern from the current proposals is that without an east/ west split in the rest of Suffolk the area will be too large to manage effectively by one body serving a considerable population spread over a very large area.</p>
Adrian Ward	<p>I am not sure what is the best option, but changing councils to large areas is not a good idea. The problem in Lowestoft is being so far from Suffolk CC in Ipswich we might as well be controlled from London. They are out of touch with local issues. Smaller areas are better who listen to local people.</p>
Tim Dearing	<p>I do not feel that splitting Lowestoft from Suffolk and splitting Waveney District Council into segments will benefit such a rural area and that the needs of the population will not be benefited just causing additional expense and turmoil during a period of economic downturn. This will not help such a deprived area to recover at all and I think that the recommendations should be scrapped and start again.</p>
Peter Bird	<p>You mention that you have spent a lot of time talking to individuals and councils. Yet none of the councils support your proposals. Can you tell me the names of the people/organisations/councils you have spoken to and what they actually said please. An East/West option excluding Lowestoft is the only tangible option in view of carbon foot print and the environment etc. Southwold is 60 miles distant from Bury St Edmunds. The East would more than likely back such a proposal as in your proposals Ipswich will always dominate the debate. At the end of the day I am looking for a reduction in Council Tax. I can see it happening in a East/West division but not in your proposals at all.</p>

Mr.B.W.Agate	I have no wish to be swallowed up in the expansion of Ipswich's authority which I consider irrelevant and potentially detrimental to this particular area; in this respect I have the northern bypass in mind. All my local connections are with Woodbridge of which I consider myself a part. As a rural parish I feel that we should either come under the alternative rural, or at worst, county authority.
Michael Walters	I live in Suffolk and am absolutely opposed to anything that would change that. I will never recognise any unitary authority based in a different county. This only seems to benefit bureaucrats, not the people who elect them. Hands off Lowestoft!
victor hicks	I completely disagree with your proposal for Suffolk. My preferred option is to keep things as they are, but as this cannot be, then an East and West Suffolk split would be the next preferred option. Taking the two largest towns out of Suffolk makes no sense at all.
mr cc porter	as a ratepayer and resident of the parish of little bealings i totally disagree wiith the suggestion that my parish should be transfered from suffolk coastal to a new ipswich authority and strongly object to the prosal
andrew carver	No to Lowestoft and district being controlled by Norfolk, we would be their lowest priority NO NO NO !!
Kevin Wilkins	All of these proposals are so appalling and are an affront to local democracy. One must seriously consider whether the Committee should be allowed to exist if it is to be this bad.
Michael C Mills	My family are not happy with your proposed daliance with Gt.Yarmouth. I work in yarmouth and not one of my colleagues who are resident in that town are happy with the GYBC and say that Waveney DC is far better, which I tend to agree with. At the turn of the last century the Suffolk boundry went as far as the river Yare. lets put it back again.
Sandra Hammersley	Being a resident in Oulton Broad and employed in Lowestoft I must state my dissapointment and grave concerns about Lowestoft being axed from Suffolk within the the new Boundary proposals. I have lived and worked within this area for most of my adult life and have always felt very much part of Suffolk both personally and professionally. Lowestoft is a deprived area but this was balanced by the more affluent areas in Suffolk. If we go to Norfolk and align with Great Yarmouth you have two depirved areas within one authority close together. Historically Lowestoft and Yarmouth have never been close communities, there is no feeling of loyalty amongst the two towns and they both have very different cultures. I feel that the powers that be have just cut off Lowestoft and made us feel unwanted and in limbo. Although we are at the very northern end of Suffolk our allegiance has always been to Suffolk, why should we have to change to Norfolk!! Monetary wise I cannot see what benefits will be gained from these proposals and feel that we in Lowestoft are being treated abominably. You will alsoao be carving up Waveney which will have agreat impact on services to some of the most vulnerable in our society.

Frederick Roger Jones	<p>I find the proposals publicized on 7 July to be totally abhorrent. I have lived in Suffolk for 34 years formally in Wherstead and have always considered that to be brought to the sphere of Ipswich as a council to be detrimental to the well being of the very rural surrounds of the Borough. I have always enjoyed all the services I need from Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council and have never been able to find any advantage to belonging to Ipswich other than to the detriment of the increase in council tax that would inevitably ensue from such a move. The very distinct possibility of increased housing being imposed on the areas close to the existing borough boundaries, bringing about the loss of open countryside, does not bear thinking about. I fervently hope that you will take note of the already growing opposition to these plans when formulating your reply to the Minister.</p>
Mrs Annette Wigg	<p>I am opposed to Lowestoft becoming part of Norfolk County Council. I was born in Lowestoft and was born in Suffolk which is where I wish to stay. I am cautious that we will become too rural if we join Norfolk County Council.</p>
A Jackson	<p>NOT a good idea to merge Lowestoft into Norfolk, we will lose our identity and become even more rural than we are already.</p>
School Community group	<p>I am writing on behalf of my school community group and school staff and Governors as we feel very strongly that we should have a single unitary council for Suffolk. The strategies in place and those planned have been thought through over the past two-three years with our voice being heard and delivery through community clusters is just beginning to work. This working together model has ensured everyone is signed up to the vision for the future. As a school we rely heavily on the CYP services which have grown through consultation into an expert and well run service. If this is to be split it will result in diversification of staff and finances, with Ipswich running services they have never previously been involved in. The financial implications of ensuring staff are trained and for capacity to be built will be enormous. Even if services are bought back staff implications are again huge. Why are we doing this? We have an excellent system which is beginning to get things right we do not want it upset at this sensitive moment.</p> <p>If Ipswich and Felixstowe are creamed off, all the big commercial money will be in this sector, and rural Suffolk will be a second class area. A unified council run on our cluster basis will bring value for money, one vision for us all without splitting into small expensive areas. This is also the view of Highfield Nursery School and Children's Centre.</p>

Margaret Rogers	<p>To separate Lowestoft & Yarmouth would be bad for those villages which have been under WDC authority for considerable time, eg Blything ward to north of Halesworth. This area is renowned for retirement ages. Ipswich hospital is an hour away. To be included in a larger Suffolk authority alone detached from Lowestoft would prove detriment to our facilities at present. eg. we benefit from using James Paget hospital at Gorleston under Yar/Wav PCT and Norwich hospital as a choice some 35minutes away in both cases. Full provision must be made for these arrangements to continue.</p> <p>Why is the Waveney river the boundary as it stands why not make the river Blyth the boundary?</p> <p>It would be of no use for a Norwich/Yarwift unitary council as these would have the cream areas of tourism, employment, you might just as well include the Blything ward in this exercise, to ensure the rural areas with cottage industries and farming areas do not get forgotten. Blything ward is a long way from Ipswich or Bury St Edmunds.</p>
John Mabb	<p>I am County Commissioner for Suffolk Scouts and the town of Lowestoft is at the centre of one of our 8 Scout Districts.</p> <p>I read with interest that there is a proposal to move Lowestoft's council administration into a Norfolk unitary authority, and find it hard to see how this will be a good thing for the people of the town and area. Culturally, Lowestoft is strongly Suffolk, and to move its council administration into Norfolk would be difficult for the residents, I'm sure. The town has been squeezed by economic forces for some years now, and forcing the residents to be administered by a body which has no past affiliation with the town will not help local morale.</p> <p>From a Scouting perspective, any change in council provision will be irrelevant to our current set-up (we will carry on as before and I will expect Lowestoft Scouts to continue wearing their Suffolk County badge), except that we do not want to replicate the Essex Scouts situation. There, the residents administered by Essex County Council pay a different Scout County membership fee from those living in Thurrock. As a body, Thurrock gives little if anything to Essex Scouts, so members living in that area pay more than those who are supported by Essex County Council. I would hate that to happen to Lowestoft District Scouts.</p> <p>In short, therefore, I think the proposal to move Lowestoft into a Norfolk unitary authority is flawed both practically and culturally, and an alternative proposal be put up for debate. At present there is no alternative to the single proposals for Norfolk and Suffolk. Surely in the interests of democracy, alternatives are necessary.</p>
Shirley Scott	Am horrified!! Object most strongly to proposed boundary changes. Leave us alone!

David Cleary	<p>I cannot see any value being added to the residents of the county by the introduction of 2 Unitary Authorities. The creation of a single authority for the whole of Suffolk, including Lowestoft will ensure that any individual, wherever they live within the county, would be able to contact a single point/organisation in order to get their services provided.</p> <p>On another point, the splitting of of the major County town into an authority on its own, with other major industrial areas, and the creation of a seperate rural unitary will create inequalities</p>
Kathryn Oelman	<p>I find this suggestion rediculous. Not only will it be entirely impossible to impliment from a practical point of view - just resulting in various council offices for Suffolk dispersed around the region (in much the same way as an East and West Suffolk option would, but worse, as more jobs could be lost), it does not account for the different economic and practical needs of the communities in the region. Further to this, my worry is that because Ipswich will now be merged with Felixstowe, the entire penninsula will become ripe for development. There will be huge pressure placed on AONBs and Historic Areas, green belt around ipswich will be eaten up as Ipswich expands. This is especially true under the Haven Gateway scheme which identifies this as an employment growth area and ipswich as a growth point for housing. At present the Ipswich boundary forces careful consideration of the need for development on the Ipswich fringe. My worry is that this will disappear and places like Tattingstone will become just another Ipswich suburb.</p> <p>Funding for the region is a further concern. Because Suffolk will have all of its economic centres removed (save St Eds) there will be little to money allocated by government or private investment funding available to raise for infrastrucutre and services in rural communities. How will they become sustainable communities and meet their housing targets without new bus networks and road links? While the growth of Ipswich and Felixstowe will create huge infrastructure demand to the road network and all the inhabitants of suffolk will depend on decisions made their because they work there, they will have no say. This just leaves a doughnut effect with suffolk suffering all the impacts but having no say in the solutions. In addition there will be no money generated by the success of the larger towns in order to regenerate places like Haverhill. Palming off Lowestoft only half solves the problem! Going back to the East and West Suffolk solution made much more sense, although there doesn't seem to be a problem with the way its working now!! The selfish demands of Ipswich will detrimentally affect the whole region. Like a slow, creeping rot it will seep out from the core, until its time to get up from your chairs, the music starts, and we all move round again!!</p>

<p>mr a smith</p>	<p>No No and thrice No, Lowestoft regardless of a single unitary authority or split into 2, should remain in suffolk.What do Norfolk now about Lowestoft ,NOTHING .Will they what to now about lowestoft NO , its right at the end of their area, just look at the mess th've allowed Yarmouth to turn into under thier control.do you really believe just because a few more people travel into Norfolk to work or shop, that we want to join with them NO. The least you can do is leave well alone as is.NO TO LOWESTOFT GOING TO NORFOLK.Will the funding come our way to improve things No, Norfolk will look at Lowestoft and think it's just had a refit (new southern relief road & Sunrise scheme)we don't need to spend any money there for the next 10-15years, Will they pay for phase five of the spine road through lowestoft ,Suffolk's now its working hard on funding to complete.No they will spend it elsewhere and say they have to prioritize thier funding and the greater need is elsewhere.Lowestoft will be left completely alone to its own devises with little or no funding cumming from Norfolk to improve our inferstructure But we know its in the forfront of Suffolk .C.C planes to complete ASAP. Lowestoft should remain in Suffolk. as i have read this report and it has no obvious benifits to Join with Norfolk (other than some idiots idea of a bad joke).</p> <p>LOWESTOFT should under all circumstanses remain in SUFFOLK.</p>
<p>ian grahm</p>	<p>the idea of putting lowestoft in with gt yarmouth and norwich is the best of the options that you have given us.</p> <p>i believe a better option is a straight joining of waveney and gt yarmouth, with or with out southwold</p>
<p>Mark McCaghrey</p>	<p>I am surprised by the suggestions of the Boundary Commission for Norfolk and Suffolk and am not convinced by them. I am broadly in support of the link between Yarmouth and Lowestoft - people from both towns are increasingly seeing the need to put the old rivalries behind and work together - that we have more that unites than divides. However Lowestoft has suffered for years from being the poor cousin of Ipswich. It is not a good alternative to make it the illegitimate child of Norfolk (I am being polite). I am not convinced that union would work on any level and would certainly be resented by Lowestoft - very proudly Suffolk. Please remember Humberside! These old county loyalties are not to be sniffed at.</p> <p>Although I can see a bit more sense with the Norwich/Yarmouth/Lowestoft unitary I am not sure it would work given the balance of population distributed around the 3 main centres of population with the centre of balance being in the middle of the marshes somewhere around Reedham! I think it would feel more like Norwich + some other bits it would like to forget about.</p> <p>Either go for an all Suffolk Unitary council or a Yarmouth/Lowestoft unitary on its own.</p>

Denise Durrant	<p>The proposal that Lowestoft becomes separated from Suffolk control and attached to a Norfolk Local Authority is a joke! How can one of the largest towns in Suffolk be detached from the county its original county and become lumped together with towns with very different needs and problems, under Norfolk control. I can see no benefit to the people of Lowestoft and as Great Yarmouth LA was not in favour of this YARTOFT idea in its own proposals, I can only conclude that Lowestoft will become the 'poor relation' in terms of funding and attention to its needs. Once again, a public body ignores the suggestions and opinions of the people it is meant to be providing a service to. Well Done Boundary Committee</p>
Didy Ward	<p>There will be responses from other organisations with which I am involved, including our town council and community partnership, but this response is on my own behalf.</p> <p>I welcome the proposals outlined by the Boundary Committee for a single unitary authority for Suffolk, excluding Ipswich and Felixstowe, which will form their own unitary authority, and Lowestoft, which will join with Gt Yarmouth and Norwich. I think the suggestions that each of those form their own unitary authorities make economic, social and environmental sense.</p> <p>I particularly agree with the formation of a single unitary authority for the rest of Suffolk comprising largely or rural areas, villages and parishes and historic market towns. I can see great potential for strengthening the market towns, working through town and parish councils in partnership with local community partnerships to serve the towns and their hinterlands, with the market towns forming administrative 'hubs'. Further strategic alliances could be formed between hubs to plan for future development, building on the strength of each hub with agreements between the hubs regarding the direction future growth might take, so that rather than conflicting and competing, complementary growth is sought with agreed priorities for each hub according to local plans and shared networking, all feeding into a county wide strategy agreed with the unitary authority.</p>
Paul White	<p>I am currently served by Babergh and see the move to Ipswich unitary as a retrograde step. Our village is more aligned to the rest of Suffolk rather than 'lumped' in with Ipswich. The new authority will not focus on the rural needs, rather the needs of the mass of population in Ipswich. We will just be expected to pay for services we can not access.</p>

Gavin Reeve	I disagree with your proposals for aggregating Ipswich and Felixstowe into one unitary authority. Ipswich's Council Tax is currently quite a lot higher than SCDC's - there seems to be no consideration in your proposal of the financial effects on Council Tax payers of this move. I'm sure Ipswich taxes won't go down to match SCDC's - more likely the other way around, so SCDC residents end up subsidising Ipswich's higher costs for services. Furthermore, the idea that services can be more economically provided in unitary authorities may not work. The work still needs to be done and, unless the existing management is underemployed, will need the same number of people to do it. Achieving the economy will mean job cuts and therefore poorer services - and how is that good for the economic success of the county as a whole?
Mike Dowdall	Would wish to support the One Suffolk option not the two council option which splits the county
Megan Smith	I support the whole suffolk unitary authority proposal. I do not feel that an Ipswich/Felixstowe unitary will be sufficiently experienced or resourced to provide the services required.
clair missen	I am confused and disappointed by the proposals to divide Suffolk up into an ipswich/felixstowe area and rest of suffolk especially when the proposal for Norfolk is for one unitary authority. This simply doesnt make sense. Norwich is a bigger city with a stronger argument to be an authority in its own right. Ipswich borough council has a very different agenda and it would be a mistake to lump together a rural area which Ipswich as rural concerns will not be addressed. Suffolk already has a very strong county council and its this that is best placed to lead suffolk into a new era. The proposal is completely bizarre and unworkable and not what Suffolk residents want.
Julia Ley	The proposed re-alinement of boundrys relating to Norfolk and Suffolk is an unecessary beuracratc exercise which will waste millions of taxpayers money and achieve absolutely nothing
Susan Cummings	I do not want to be part of Norfolk. I work in Norfolk and do not agree with many of the Norfolk council policies. Moving the boundary will antagonise many of the population living in the Lowestoftarea
Mrs A Holand	One unitary authority for the whole of Suffolk, apart from Ipswich and Felixstowe, would move local government further from the area where we live. We live only 6 miles from the east coast and have completely different requirements here from the rest of the county such as coastal erosion. Bury St Edmunds, where the council would be based, is at least 50 miles from us and has totally different requirements - and to have ALL local services organised from there would be inpracticable. In addition, local councillors would have a long way to travel for meetings - all at our expense.
Mrs Elphick	I feel that we need a new single unitary council emcompassing the 8 local authorities operating in Suffolk

Ben Earl	<p>7 July announcement on Norfolk-Suffolk borders and unitary authorities. As a resident of Bury St Edmunds, where the preferred solution was a "West Suffolk" unitary authority, the proposed solution would surely make administration and representation unmanageable where the distance between Newmarket and the Suffolk coastal area is massive - both culturally and geographically (85 miles). The proposed solution does not appear to have come from recommendation of any of the current local authorities. Surely the East - West split is the logical answer? Either with one eastern authority or two - "Greater Ipswich" as proposed yesterday plus "Suffolk Coastal" administered from Lowestoft.</p>
julie missen	<p>I think this proposal will be costly, in terms of making changes and to the number of jobs which is of great concern given the current economic climate. Having worked in the area of planning i am fully aware of the pitfalls of trying to govern over a large area and of an area not in close proximity to the governing body. The idea that Ipswich and Felixstowe can be governed together is silly as they are completely different with different needs and communities e.g. Felixstowe is dominated by one employer, has the issues with being a seaside town and has an aging population, Ipswich has a more varied community which can have its own issues. Splitting Suffolk into two areas will cause confusion to residents and a loss of identity with Suffolk. Lowestoft begin governed by Norfolk is also very strange if it is also to remain part of Suffolk. It would make more sense for Lowestoft to become part of Norfolk, but then what would be the justification for this? Could it be to get rid of the problem area?</p> <p>There is a need to keep departments such as Trading Standards and Environment and transport centrally, otherwise there will no longer be any continuity in decisions and there will be confusion over who to contact and how e.g. if you live in Felixstowe but wish to complain about a trader in Woodbridge who do you contact?</p> <p>I suspect the idea stems from saving money by cutting jobs and therefore costs. Local Government are already over-stretched and understaffed and the reduced level of service will be detrimental to the community.</p>
1	<p>The proposal is an utter mess. Waveney DC will be in complete limbo with their staff and customers not knowing which service is governed by who? Who would even think that a town based in Suffolk could be run by a council in Norfolk</p> <p>All Councils got their preferred option and Waveney gets completely stuffed!</p>
R R Jacobs	<p>As a resident of Suffolk, who lives and works Suffolk (for a Local Authority) I am astonished at the proposals of the review. I have to question what was the driver for the review which appears to be the failed unitary bid by Ipswich, so the changes proposed are solely designed to appease Ipswich and to make their unitary bid viable - if they had done their calculations right in the first place they would have seen that their first bid was flawed.</p>

The proposals as they stand fail to address the sense of community issues which are highly valued in Suffolk - the areas annexed by Ipswich have very little in common with the Town, in fact these areas are proud of the fact that they are not in Ipswich and enjoy their rural lifestyle. The greater Ipswich area is clearly defined between urban and rural and I do not see how there will be a fair, transparent and inclusive division of services - when it comes down to the crunch, resources will be placed where the greater weight of population is - ie Ipswich, so all the resident and businesses of the Shotley peninsular and the A14 corridor to Felixstowe will be excluded - I'm sure that warm supportive noises have been made but these will count for nothing when the realities of budgetary constraints hit.

Looking at the rest of Suffolk it is a large diverse area with contrasting issues from East to West. Historically the County has always aligned itself as East or West Suffolk - so why clump everything together - the cynical view is that once Ipswich had been sorted and the surrounding areas carved up to make that viable the rest had to go together to make the weight of numbers. It is very important to remember that Suffolk is not defined by Ipswich - however this proposal is heavily (actually excessively) weighted towards Ipswich, and virtually ignores the rest of the County.

I live in Mid Suffolk, I work in East Suffolk and shop in West Suffolk - the people of Suffolk understand and enjoy that sense of belonging and I am extremely disappointed that the Suffolk 'culture' has been completely ignored.

Of all the proposals put forward this is the one which causes the most disruption, the most confusion, destroys communities, and will cause resentment and anger amongst the population.

I sincerely hope that the proposal will be reviewed - based on my 40+ years of living and working in Suffolk the proposal I would support, assuming that the status quo is not an option, is East Suffolk, West Suffolk, and Ipswich unitaries - the Ipswich Unitary being restricted to the urban areas and not encompassing the surrounding villages.

David

I prefer the option of a single Suffolk to avoid the boundary problems near Ipswich particularly concerning schools and other education issues.

I also think that separating the Ipswich/Felixstowe largely urban area from the rest of the almost entirely rural parts of the county would not be in the best interests of people in the area.

Belinda Boast	I feel the proposed Ipswich & Felixstowe unitary authority and a Suffolk unitary authority is not feasible at all. If the Suffolk unitary is centralised in Bury St Edmunds how can they possibly know the needs of a coastal area? I am also concerned that the spread of funds across the county would be centralised on the bigger towns with rural areas missing out. It seems odd that the Ipswich unitary is swallowing all the "lucrative" money areas e.g. Felixstowe, Martlesham. I am also concerned from the point of view in being an employee at Suffolk Coastal. Am I going to be expected to travel to Bury St Edmunds or lose my job. I can also see the costs rocketing for this exercise, why things could not be left as they were is beyond me.
John Hughes	Absolutely appalled at the prospect of Lowestoft being moved out of Suffolk. Whilst I realise that boundary changes are to take place, to move Lowestoft into another county is totally unacceptable. Have the Lowestoft people been consulted? Our schools are currently undergoing a major restructure. They certainly do not want to also be faced with the prospect of moving to a new Education Authority.
Allison Small	It is absolutely absurd that Lowestoft should become part of Norfolk. If only the General Public were given the right to some kind of vote on this matter I'm sure the outcome would reflect the feelings of both counties in this matter. I currently work in Lowestoft for SCC - and myself and colleagues are all concerned about where this will leave us both personally and professionally. If something isn't broken, why is there the need to spend thousands of pounds in fixing it and causing public upset.
Brian Mobbs	to hive off Suffolk's second biggest town into Norfolk is nothing short of disgraceful, I'm speechless with indignation and dismay. Will the current spending on new LA building in Lowestoft be a complete white elephant. Certain elements of the council work very well in Suffolk, if it ain't broke don't fix it!
Mary Harvey	I have concerns that splitting Suffolk would not provide the economy of scale that a larger One Suffolk unitary would provide. Suffolk has the experience in providing the major county wide services, like school provision. The Police Authority and Fire Service would be at a disadvantage if split. Lowestoft has little identity with Norfolk so should stay with Suffolk. Adding the deprived town of Lowestoft would stretch Norfolk's resources further. Ipswich is our county town and it should be kept with Suffolk. The financial benefit of Felixstowe docks should be felt by Suffolk when you consider the upkeep of the A14. The rural areas that would be included with Ipswich would have little identity and common ground with the urban town.
Kevin Youngman	The proposals for Suffolk are wrong and does not take into consideration the views of the people of Suffolk. We need a east west split if an unitary authority is going to work and meet the needs of the people of Suffolk which includes keeping Lowestoft in East Suffolk.
Tony Barnard	I would like to see the Ipswich/Felixstowe and the rest of Suffolk plan without Lowestoft if you are not going to have one council for the whole of Suffolk

Robert Ward	I agree something needs to be done as we have several councils and then one county council, I believe the best option is to have Ipswich and Felixstowe as one council, Stowmarket and surrounding villages as another, Claydon, Great Blakenham etc should come under this. In short, we should have 3 councils, Ipswich, Stowmarket, Bury St Edmunds.
Mitchell Bradshaw	<p>I support the concept of an Ipswich and Felixstowe Unitary authority but would make the following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I believe that Kessingland looks towards Lowestoft and Norfolk and should be included within the Lowestoft package of parishes to be included with the Norfolk option(s) 2. I believe that the boundary of the Ipswich and Felixstowe unitary should include Westerfield, Witnesham and Culpho to better reflect the travel to work area around Westerfield rail station, particularly in view of the development proposals to the north of Ipswich - this would also include the "northern bypass" corridor 3. I am surprised that Woodbridge is excluded from the Ipswich and Felixstowe unitary as I would have seen it relating better to that authority rather than the rest of Suffolk
Adrian Taylor	<p>As per the review document. I wish for both my name and comments to be treated as confidential. I request this as people's views can be somewhat heated. I hence wish to contribute as part of a democracy, but the input treated as in confidence.</p> <p>As a voter, I wish the current status quo to continue.</p> <p>I would wish to reject both of your proposals.</p> <p>Although I may live reasonably close to Ipswich, I have more in contact with Woodbridge and the surrounding area toward the north of Suffolk.</p> <p>Ipswich is a place I rarely go, hence I don't wish to be subject to their council and decisions as an extension to a greater Ipswich. There are other areas of Suffolk besides Ipswich.</p> <p>Suffolk Coastal District Council works fine for me.</p>
Peta Cook	<p>I would prefer a West Suffolk authority that can concentrate on local issues, rather than a whole Suffolk one. The more remote a council is to the people it serves, the service becomes poorer, communications inadequate with people not really knowing their population and is less cost effective. Why the change any way??</p>

M Hampson	<p>Why is the BCE determined to make Lowestoft a part of Norfolk? All three options put Lowestoft into Norfolk. We do NOT want Lowestoft in Norfolk and I am sure Lowestoft will want to remain in suffolk. The proposal is sheer lunacy.</p>
Sylvia Heneghan	<p>I object to the three options being "less Lowestoft" - Lowestoft has a lot of history in it's own right and would be more suited in being part of Suffolk Coastal OR East Suffolk - that would give Lowestoft in North Suffolk and Felixstowe in South Suffolk - each understanding the other's needs.</p> <p>Plus Norfolk County would be so large that it would not be able to cover in detail and closeness the needs of the Lowestoft Business and Community.</p> <p>Great Yarmouth does not have the same needs and requirements as Lowestoft, Great Yarmouth is much more commercial - I always equate the two as with Blackpool and St. Annes - They should not be the same, they have their own identity. Lowestoft is far more like Felixstowe. I can see far ranging problems with the break up of the Waveney area, this should all be about giving the public good services and acknowledging each counties identiies and respecting them.</p> <p>I would have thought Norfolk would gladly accept having Lowestoft within their County, but their other options are not attractive in that they would loose Norwich.</p> <p>I cannot stress enough my concerns at Lowestoft being part of Norfolk County Council. All I would say is ask the people of Lowestoft - please.</p>
tim sheppard	<p>I do not agree with the proposals for changes to suffolk and norfolk.It is wrong to take the trade area of ipswich and felixstowe.This will also affect the schools too,already going through the process of change re middle schools.Hiving off Lowestoft makes little sense there is little relationship between gt yarmouth and lowestoft.If change has to happen at all one unitary authority for suffolk would be my prefered option any other prposal would fragment two whole counties. Tim Sheppard</p>

Phil Catchpole	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>Having read your current proposals for Suffolk I would like to express my concern on splitting Suffolk up into different councils and teh treatment of Lowestoft. I would prefer there to be only one council in charge of all activities namely Suffolk County Council. In this way the whole county will be considered on an equal and fair basis. It also removes the farce that has been Ipswich seeking unitary status. As Lowestoft is part of Suffolk it should be looked after by a Suffolk Council, rather than by Norfolk.</p> <p>Hence, give your proposals I would prefer you adopt the "Single Unitary Pattern" for Suffolk and reconsider taking Lowestoft out of Suffolk.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Phil Catchpole</p>
Mike Woodhouse	<p>These proposals appear to have an extra letter in their title - DAFT proposals would make far more sense. It would appear that this review has been undertaken in total ignorance of local views (except maybe a few from those who must be 'special' in some way!). The idea of a combined Ipswich/Felixstowe unitary is totally crazy and is likely to be unacceptable to almost anyone outside the current Ipswich Borough. Suffolk County are grossly inefficient and to create a new unitary around them is equally crazy! The only possibly logical explanation for these choices that I can think of is that they are politically motivated in an attempt to create a couple of areas that might be daft enough to vote for Labour - nothing else I can think of makes any sense at all in these proposals!!</p>
P J ROBERTSON	<p>I am totally disgusted as all these proposals should have allowed the public to be consulted, but we are unable to access a copy of the report from the library or on-line at the library. How are we supposed to comment on it? Where do we get a hard copy from? There is a total lack of communication and help to be able to read your proposals that affect our future. We pay an inordinate amount of Community Charge and get nothing in return, we do not wish to be part of Ipswich Borough as they pay a greater amount that we do, so we want an absolute guarantee that our Community Charge will not go up, in fact we want a reduction. All a bunch of conning merchants!</p>

Miss M F Wright	<p>I do not agree with the proposals - Lowestoft is and has always been part of the Waveney and I do not see the need to change this. The present system works well and I am not convinced the the proposed change would lead to better services or cost savings. Instead of wasting money on trying to change boundaries, it would be better spent on the things that really matter to the general public - better transport/roads, improved health care services, better educational facilities and more police on the beat. The councils are meant to serve the public, not the other way round. Remember - if it isn't broke, then don't fix it !!!</p>
Jon Saunders	<p>I think that your recommendations for the new shape of Suffolk are one of the most misconsidered ideas that I have ever heard.....</p> <p>Your recomendation appears to be geared to allowing Ipswich to promote itself as a major area of trade (Felixstowe Port), Technology (BT Martlesham) and Leisure (Snowasis). These are 3 areas that Ipswich has successfully undermined and driven out of its current boundaries due to mis management and penny pinching by the council. Having lived here all my life I cannot actually tell you what Ipswich now produces or could be proud to brag about. This proposal would also allow Ipswich to grab thousands of acres of land to build yet more houses and destroy large areas of the environment. If you took the time to visit the area before just carving it up as you have been instructed, then you would realise the environmental damage that is being done by the ridiculous housing exercises that are being forced upon this whole are of natural beauty.</p> <p>And to be honest after the way Suffolk County Council have handled the employing of their new Chief Exec, I would not rate their ability to spell 'Brewey' let alone arrange anything in one as about zero.</p> <p>As a non Ipswich borough resident I do not trust their ability to manage and I do not respect the governance of Suffolk County as I believe that there it too much wastage within this organisation, it is still run from an antiquated view point, and where this does not appl then they spend so much time being PC or trying to appease the lowest common denominator, that the interests ofwe the majority are forgotten.</p> <p>Your proposals have seriously not taken into account the representations and wishes of the majority of the local councils in Suffolk, its members or in deed the residents (who may I take this opportunity to remind you pay your wages....)</p> <p>This whole thing smells of you being mmanipulated by the government rather that taking into consideration the views of we the people.</p> <p>Listen!!!!!! and if you're not prepared to listen, then leave Suffolk alone.....</p>

Bryan Wright	<p>I feel that your proposals would create a much less satisfactory situation than currently exists. The suggested linking of east and west will be merging areas that are very different in lots of ways. Furthermore, I cannot see that any changes will result in the lowering of Council Tax, particularly as the Government has already stated that there will be no loss of jobs. My preferred option would be to link Suffolk Coastal District Council with Waverney District Council. You are I am sure already aware that the SCDC Chief Executive is already responsible for both District Councils.</p> <p>Yours sincerely.</p> <p>Bryan Wright (an ex Parish Council Chairman. Exning Newmarket)</p>
Jennifer Smith	<p>I object strongly to Lowestoft being moved into Norfolk. As a Lowestoftian born and bred I am proud to be part of Suffolk and would like to continue to do so. We have been served well by Suffolk County Council and do not believe that Norfolk will understand our needs. I will be surprised if you can find any true Lowestoft person who is in support of this proposal.</p>
Robert G Simpson	<p>Dear Sirs, Whilst agreeing that the status quo in Suffolk is not a viable model I cannot agree with either of your proposals. Surely the obvious solution for Suffolk is to use the model provided by other similar Shire Counties (Cornwall , Herefordshire etc.) & have one unitary council covering the area presently covered by Suffolk County Council with the County seat in Ipswich. To take Lowestoft into Norfolk is an abomination liked by very few. The distances to the furthest parts of the County from Ipswich are well covered by the existing road system (A12,A14 & A140) & rural areas (such as that where I live) do not feel distant from Ipswich. Historically Suffolk has been an entity for well over 1000 years & should remain such.</p> <p>Yours Faithfully</p> <p>RG Simpson</p>
Maria Walters	<p>Lowestoft has always been in Suffolk and a has been proud to be so - we do *NOT* want to be part of Norfolk</p>
jane clifford	<p>including felixstowe in the ipswich area is extremely worrying for me. felixstowe is quite unlike ipswich and should not be included with it. felixstowe should stay with the other smaller towns and villages in the district and not get lumped in with ipswich. the people of felixstowe have been fighting for years to maintain a separate identity to ipswich. this seems like another nail in the coffin of felixstowe!</p>

Barrie Skelcher

I am completely against the proposed reorganisation. Local Government was re-organised about 30 years ago. The new were told that a larger sized authority would bring economy and save the duplication that was then going on between the small UDC and RDC. It has not worked out like that. The service to the public has declined and the costs have greatly increased. A large bureaucracy, which is expensive to operate, has grown up. As a result decisions which were made locally, by local people, in the light of their experience and knowledge, are now being made remotely.

It is a myth to think that increasing size brings a reduction of operating cost as many organisations have found out. Increasing size of an organisation will only bring financial savings where there is absolute standardisation through out the organisation such as buying for a supermarket. Where different parts of the organisation have different problems then improved efficiency only comes with forcing down the decision making to a level as near as possible to the problem.

I will quote just one example, although there are many in the management books. In the 1950's GEC was a major UK company and expanding into new areas such as nuclear power. By the 1960's it was in trouble. Arnold Wienstock rejuvenated the Company, not by mergers to make it even bigger, but by breaking it down into small, self managing, companies.

Clearly the last reorganisation of Local Government has been a failure, otherwise why "fix it if it aint bust?" Success will not be achieved by making the administration even larger, that would be still pursuing the approach which has failed but making for an even grander failure. The answer has to be to return to small management units (elected councils), closer to the problems. For example it is absurd to consider that the problems and needs of Leiston, Aldeburgh, or Saxmundham, are going to be the same as those of Stowmarket, Haverhill, etc. Furthermore Suffolk is a very large county, (it used to be East and West at one time), which means a new administrative centre would have to be created and would be remote from most areas. The cost of travel, meetings etc, would rise dramatically and the bureaucracy will grow and grow.

The real answer is to reform the local councils, with some possible amalgamations, and let them get on with local administration. For example the best people to decide on Mrs Jones application for an extension to her house, is the elected people who live local, not a committee based may be 30 miles away!

Barrie Skelcher

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<p>Jason Lockwood</p>	<p>Structural review of Suffolk.</p> <p>Whilst in general I agree that Waveney (less Lowestoft) should join other rural districts in Suffolk and form a single unitary council the details of the proposal are too vague to make an informed decision.</p> <p>There are no details on where the new council will be based (presumably Bury St Edmunds) or if parish councils will be retained. It seems that whatever happens people such as I who are based in very rural areas will be even further removed from the policy makers. Also Suffolk undergoing a major schools review at the moment? Will this now be halted? Questions? there are many - answers? there seem to be very few.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Jason Lockwood</p>
<p>Chris Punt</p>	<p>The report contains no economics or costings to support and prove your proposals, even simple numbers to support cost of exercise v savings.</p> <p>The Proposals are contrary to all the advice and knowledge that you gained from local leaders, councils, authorities etc.</p> <p>No costings or judgements have been done on the effect on the council tax to the residents left in each area</p> <p>The Government is promoting Local democracy but the proposals of larger unitaries have the opposite effect and lead to centralisation</p> <p>Lowestoft if the central authority point for North Suffolk, the proposal of putting the town into the Norfolk unitary would leave the rest of North Suffolk without a local focus.</p> <p>Town and Parish councils that are left will have no local support from a district council, e.g. Beccles will link into Bury St Edmunds</p> <p>Waveney are now building a £55m Campus for WDC , Suffolk CC and DEFRA what do we do with this?</p> <p>What will happen to the dualling of the A12, it will be of no interest to the central Suffolk in Bury.</p>

Do you really think underpaid councillors and local representatives will make round trips of upto 100 miles for meetings?

I hope the Boundary team working on this project manage to satisfy the majority,

Helen Stanley

As a resident of Waveney and an employee of Suffolk County Council I wish to register my surprise and dismay at the proposals for boundary changes in Suffolk. I have the following objections to the proposed schemes:

1) Neither of the two possible outcomes for Suffolk bear any relation to the original proposals put forward. The annexation of Lowestoft by Norfolk has never been considered as a possible way forward and the reasons given in the draft report for this idea are weak and poorly thought out. I have worked in Lowestoft for six years and I cannot agree that there is a more natural relationship within the town with Norfolk than with Suffolk. The fact that people go shopping in Norwich is not a factor which should be guiding this type of momentous decision. Norwich is closer and has better shopping facilities. This is surely not a valid reason for putting in place such a far reaching and costly piece of re-organisation. People working here are angry and feel that their views and feelings have played little part in the decision making process.

2) Paragraph 6.48 of the report suggests that ' that there would only be a limited need to

disaggregate county council services in the Lowestoft area.' This statement entirely overlooks the fact that Lowestoft is the administrative centre of the Northern Area of Suffolk. Disaggregation will most likely be difficult and costly. As a member of the the Children and Young Peoples Services team in Lowestoft I have significant concerns about the continued provision of services to children in the Northern Area. Lowestoft contains 2 special schools, 3 pupil referral units, not to mention a range of outreach services. These are not services provided only to children in Lowestoft, but must serve the whole of the Northern Area. How are these services to be replicated and at what cost? How much will a reorganisation of services cost the taxpayer? The area is already in the midst of a reorganisation of schools, has any thought been given to how this will fit with the disaggregation of services from Suffolk to Norfolk?

3) The plans for a Public Service Village in Lowestoft based in a new Waveney Campus appear to have reached a fairly advanced stage. The website reports that the Secretary of State feels the project to be worthwhile and in the public interest. What is the intended outcome for this project should Lowestoft become part of a Norfolk authority? Presumably the Secretary of State's confidence in this project must be under question if it is to be cast aside so easily by a stroke of the pen of the boundary committee?

It is clear that commissioners responsible for the draft report have not considered the thoughts and feelings of local people, nor have they looked with any level of scrutiny at the costs, both financial and emotional to the tax payers and the young people of Lowestoft and Waveney. These proposals seem plucked out of the air with no evidence presented to support them, and with few of the outcomes for local people given any real consideration. As such I cannot see how the plans fulfill the 5 requirements set down by the Secretary of State. I must therefore request that my opposition to these proposals be registered.

paul mullen

Where do I start? Firstly I am Lowestoft, Suffolk born and bred and proud of it. Why should I live in a town run by another county? I'm sure I will be one of thousands of people and businesses that will strongly oppose this review. It is complete and utter madness. There is no sign of reasoning for the short listed proposals at all!!

The short listed 3 options revealed, after you have spent months considering proposals for the reorganisation of local government in Suffolk and Norfolk, and the recommendation is that Waveney is split, sending Lowestoft in to a giant Norfolk unitary authority and leaving the rest of the district as part of a rural unitary authority stretching from Southwold to Newmarket. It just seems to indicate that all the work done by the numerous local authorities within Suffolk & Norfolk has been ignored totally. I thought your organisation would listen to the views of those that do the functions, but obviously not. Where is the sense in this?

I know some of the functions within local authorities are not perfect, but that is member led. Most local authorities do a bloody good job with the budgets they have. Some are pioneering in their approaches and this just seems to punch them in the face for no reason. I'm one for change but these proposals are too radical and will not achieve the objectives (and remember it's the tax payer that pays your wage!)

With an agenda of trying to save the tax payer money, all that is going to be achieved is the whole process costing millions and no-one being happy with the outcome.

Why fix something when it isn't broken, well actually you're not fixing it are you. Just seems to be take it apart, re-build and then hope you did it right? Not the way to do it I'm afraid.

	<p>Please re-consider the options put forward originally by the Suffolk authorities, they do make more sense than your proposals.</p>
Daniel Whiting	<p>I see the idea of bringing the Suffolk Coastal district in to Ipswich as a Unitary authority as madness.</p> <p>We are a modern local town that do not want our decisions made by a town council that has no clue.</p> <p>The Ipswich area as a whole has grown into a town which lacks character, charm and is just full of ridiculous planning.</p> <p>I moved house for the reason of not being part of Ipswich having lived most of my life there and seeing its fast decline.</p> <p>Please consider the views of the people who have to live with this mad idea, that is not good for Suffolk as a whole.</p> <p>In my view this is a waste of Tax payers money, when the system we have works.</p>
clive digby	<p>I my view the boundary commissions view that Lowestoft be linked to Great Yarmouth and Norfolk will have a huge negative impact upon the people and in particular the children of Lowestoft and the wide area. Lowestoft acts as a hub for ECM agenda in the northern area of Suffolk. Huge amounts of progress are being made through reorganization of education, social services and health. To have this thrust upon the vast area will have a devastating impact upon staff morale, effectiveness of services i.e. social services education and health. I believe so strongly that this could disrupt services so much that children will be put at risk, just when we are all working so hard to protect our children and provide the service they deserve.</p>
Anna Davidson	<p>There is absolutely no merit in my view of a separate Ipswich/Felixstowe authority, particularly if the commission is recommending a single unitary for Norfolk. This is an opportunity to have one council for the whole of Suffolk, providing all services. Don't waste it (or tax payers money) by creating two. Also, there is no benefit in cutting off Lowestoft and allocating it to Norfolk that I can see. Leave the boundary where it is and make one unitary council for the whole of Suffolk.</p>

sharon cartwright	I do not agree with the committee's draft proposal for suffolk to be split into two unitary authorities-Ipswich with Felixstowe and "the rest" of Suffolk, except Lowestoft. I strongly disagree with the proposal to administer Lowestoft as part of a Norfolk unitary authority; hands off! Lowestoft is part of suffolk and should be controlled by a Suffolk authority. While it may be a good idea to reduce tiers of Government i feel that Ipswich, as an urban area, needs to be run by a separate authority similar to the current Borough Council while remaining within the ultimate authority of Suffolk, which would control all other areas in the county, including Lowestoft, directly.
wendy thurlby	Leave suffolk alone, we do not wish to become part of Norfolk or any other county, leave things alone !
sheila craig	I am delighted to see in the draft proposal that Woodbridge remains in the Suffolk Unitary rather than part of Ipswich/Felixstowe. It is pleasing to see that the proposals recognise the importance of retaining the nature of the historic market towns with Suffolk rather than absorbing Woodbridge within the urban Ipswich/Felixstowe Unitary. I trust this continues to be the case when final proposals are submitted.
Ruth Hart	I support one suffolk propasal, which will retain the combination of rural and urban. The propasal for Ipswich, Felixstowe and a separate mid/coastal Suffolk will leave the area I live in bereft of economy and income generation
Anton Tungate	What is the matter with you civil servants? Don't you have any common sense at all. Why would you make a small Unitary of Ipswich and Felixstowe at all. Having recently retired from local government I, and many others, can tell you what an unco-operative and incompetent lot Ipswich Borough are. The fact they could not get their sums right on their original submission should give you a clue. As for removing Lowestoft from Suffolk, why does Norfolk, a larger geographic area need Lowestoft. The people of Lowestoft won't thank you as you ride roughshod over them. I feel similarly regarding making a Unitary of Norwich/Lowestoft and Gt.Yarmouth, what on earth is left for the rest of the county, just a huge rural area. For God's sake leave them both as Unitaries whioch is what you should have done last time! Stop pussy footing around and get some common sense into your reasoning please.

S. HART	<p>I strongly oppose the idea that Lowestoft becomes part of a Unitary Authority within Norfolk. Lowestoft is, and always will be, an integral part of Suffolk.</p> <p>Lowestoft is a vital part of the Coastal Towns of Suffolk & has nothing in common with Great Yarmouth. To try & link the 2 Towns in any way would be like trying to merge the London Borough of Westminster with the LB of Hackney.</p> <p>To include Waveney (minus Lowestoft) into St Edmundsbury Unitary Authority, is, frankly, ludicrous. The most meaningful arrangement, in my opinion, would be to incorporate Waveney, including Lowestoft, into Suffolk Coastal.</p> <p>S. Hart</p>
Karen Jordan	<p>As a Children's Services Team Leader managing Health Visiting and School Nursing in North Lowestoft I am very concerned regarding the proposed boundary changes for Lowestoft. We have spent many years developing, building and maintaining professional relationships with colleagues in other agencies in order to provide services to children, young people and families. The philosophy of the Suffolk CYPS has been our focus and vision in planning and designing services for this client group in our cluster. I am very concerned that the movement of Lowestoft into Norfolk would be detrimental to our community. Lowestoft is a very deprived area, currently we compete only with Ipswich for funding, however, in Norfolk we would have to compete with Kings Lynn, Gt Yarmouth and possibly Norwich. This would undoubtedly affect the services we were able to provide in an integrated way. The strong links we have built between agencies has been the reason for our major achievements and successes. Despite being in the very north of the county we have a strong voice and an even stronger commitment to working together. This can be seen with the CAF process, for instance.</p> <p>Currently the PCT works across two counties, this is not without it's difficulties. Our teams do not provide equality of service across the Trust because of differing services in each county, our Safeguarding Children processes are different and I do not believe that there is as strong a commitment to cluster working in the Gt Yarmouth end of our Trust.</p> <p>The proposal would mean that our colleagues in Waveney/Blyth would continue to be in Suffolk, I believe this would marginalise this community within the PCT.</p> <p>The Community Cluster are very proud of what we have achieved in North Lowestoft over the last 2-3 years. Please leave us in Suffolk so that we can continue to provide the excellent support and services that we are</p>

	<p>currently able to, so that outcomes for children, young people and families continue to be positive and successful. Thank you.</p>
Melanie Mills	<p>I am writing to give my views regarding Lowestoft becoming part of Norfolk under the Boundary Committee's proposals.</p> <p>School Organisation Review in Suffolk is already bringing about rapid change. Before we have had time to begin to implement these changes, further change is also proposed. The timing could not be worse.</p> <p>I do not believe the needs of Lowestoft would best be served by Norfolk. Indeed, I believe that the needs of Lowestoft would be lost in this huge proposed authority. It would be very difficult for those responsible for running services to have full knowledge and understanding of the local communities they serve. For the market towns of the Blyth valley I think we would be disadvantaged and I urge the review to keep Lowestoft as part of Suffolk.</p>