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Margaret Morris	<p data-bbox="448 230 1334 293">Felixstowe Labour Party has considered the options for Unitary Authorities put forward by the Boundary Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="448 383 1334 445">We do not agree with your preferred options of the North Haven and Rural Suffolk authorities.</p> <p data-bbox="448 535 1358 808">We believe that Ipswich will be better served if it remains an urban authority. The areas added to the current Ipswich authority should be only of an urban nature. The current suggestion for North Haven does not fit with this: the many rural parishes do not belong with Ipswich. Putting Ipswich and Felixstowe together means putting a commercial urban town with a coastal town, both of whom have very different priorities as do the rural parishes situated in between. Whilst Ipswich is keen to expand its urban and commercial growth, Felixstowe is against this type of urban/commercial growth and wishes to retain its coastal characteristics.</p> <p data-bbox="448 898 1251 960">The "Rest of Suffolk" authority would have no easy means of communication and no obvious centre.</p> <p data-bbox="448 1050 1262 1084">We feel the One Suffolk option would be too remote from our needs.</p> <p data-bbox="448 1173 1273 1236">We therefore wish to support the proposal that has gained increasing recognition of: Urban Ipswich; East Suffolk; West Suffolk.</p> <p data-bbox="448 1326 1358 1509">This has the merit of ensuring Ipswich retains its urban priorities. It provides an obvious geographical centre for West Suffolk in Bury St Edmunds. And now Lowestoft is keen to be part of East Suffolk, it means that the numbers within an East Suffolk Unitary "add up"; it will provide an authority with a feeling for the coast and for the coastal priorities that we share in East Suffolk.</p> <p data-bbox="448 1599 644 1632">Margaret Morris</p> <p data-bbox="448 1666 568 1700">Secretary</p> <p data-bbox="448 1733 740 1767">Felixstowe Labour Party</p>

R J Kirby	<p>I do not believe that the interests of the people of Ipswich will be best served by their being incorporated into an authority that mixes urban , country and seaside communities . Each of these has its own needs and financial priorities . The N Haven authority would have a less democratic mandate than the current structure with both Borough and County members representing Ipswich wards and interest groups The unitary Ipswich arbitrarily dismissed last year was supported by all political parties in the town - a rare event that has not been repeated for the proposed hybrid authority . The alleged financial savings of the current proposal are unachievable in a period of higher inflation and could only lead to poorer public services - perhaps not much change outside the existing borough boundaries but a serious loss to the town . Our social housing dwarfs that of the rest of the area and the refuse service , parks , street care and social support to underprivileged residents are all unique to this part of Suffolk . Any government that chooses to neglect the most needy members of the community by placing their destiny in the hands of the more prosperous countryside dwellers is abandoning its responsibility to those who most need its protection .</p> <p>I would welcome close neighbours of the town , such as those inside the A14 between Ravenswood and Sproughton as these folk share our services and shops and schools , to a large extent . This and the current rapid growth in the town population through immigration and the new University will create a community of over 150000 people who share most of their needs and aspirations as well as a centralised infrastructure . This is of a high standard that can only be reduced by the dilution of its needs into an academically designed authority that is not wanted by the people and their representatives whether from town or country . This is an abuse of local self-determination on a Zimbabwean scale and I would ask the boundary committee to re-appraise its proposal and replace it with boundaries that better reflect to demography of South Suffolk plus urban Ipswich .</p> <p>Richard Kirby Borough councillor</p>
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