



## Long Stratton Parish Council

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Dear Julia,

### **Community Governance Review**

Please see below a summary of the key points that we would like the Community Governance Review to consider.

Long Stratton has a large proactive council with accessible office qualified staff, many responsibilities and ongoing projects. We are actively working to coherently strengthen our community through undertakings such as our Neighbourhood Plan and working with the High School and District to secure the leisure facilities for Long Stratton. We have commenced a project working with Norfolk Constabulary to tackle issues such as speeding and antisocial behaviour.

Serving a current electorate of near 4000, the council are preparing for the growth of Long Stratton and are actively working with all parties to ensure the planned 1800+ homes, bypass and related infrastructure integrate with the existing settlement in a cohesive way.

At the end of this review, Long Stratton wishes to become a Town Council and we will be seeking to raise the number of councillors in line with South Norfolk recommendations. We have several people who already have shown interest in joining the council.

The recent boundary review removed the rural parishes of Wacton, Tharston and Hapton from the ward as a reflection of the significant growth and urbanisation of Long Stratton. There is no rationale to change the existing boundary to merge Long Stratton with its satellite villages.

Whilst the council is not seeking a boundary change, it should be noted that the neighbourhood plan follows the boundary line as defined by the Long Stratton Area Action Plan which incorporates a small part of Tharston.

Yours sincerely

Roberta Bennett  
Parish Clerk