We live in Swardeston lane, Lower East Carleton and approve of the proposed boundary change to move in favour of Swardeston.
Dear Miss Tullock,

South Norfolk Boundary review

I attach a letter objecting to the proposed change of boundary at East Carleton where your proposed change would give Lower East Carleton to Swardeston

I would also like to make the following points:-

1 Consultation: I was unaware of the first stage of the consultation process. I was aware of a review affecting ward boundaries but not parish boundaries. Could I suggest that if you want to consult people that you should always put an article in Parish Magazines.

2 I have looked at your website relating to Boundary changes which suggests giving Swardeston 20 properties in East Carleton to Swardeston whereas your letter to me states that the number is 35, a very different figure than that given in the recommendations column on the website. Was the change of number approved by the Committee or was the first figure given to the committee inaccurate?

3 I think that the second stage consultation is flawed because not all the people affected have been consulted. The whole parish of East Carleton is affected because if the proposal is approved then there will be a loss of parish precept to East Carleton and a likely rise to those still in East Carleton after any change. The whole Parish should have been consulted.

Yours Sincerely
Dear Miss Tullock,

Proposed Boundary Change
East Carleton

I understand that a proposal has been made to change the boundary between Lower East Carleton and Swardeston which involves taking 35 properties from East Carleton and giving them to Swardeston.

I object to this proposal in the strongest possible terms.

1.1 I can see no practical or administrative advantages to the proposal.

1.2 Lower East Carleton is specifically referred to on Ordnance Survey maps, changing the boundary will cause confusion.

2 The proposal is unfair to East Carleton who will lose some £707 in Parish Precept based on figures provided by you. This means that the remaining inhabitants of East Carleton will have to pay more.

3 It has been said to me that the current boundary causes problems to delivery drivers. This argument does not seem credible because deliveries are based on post codes. It would be easy to erect a sign indicating where the parish boundary is.

4 I am currently a church warden of East Carleton and wish to continue to live within the parish. A change will mean that the ecclesiastical and civil boundaries will be different.
5 Currently the road through Lower East Carleton is called Swardeston Lane, if the properties are given to Swardeston, this will cause confusion and to change the name of the road will cause the unnecessary spending of more public money.

6 From a personal point of view, the proposal would require me to change my address from Lower East Carleton to Swardeston and I would have to alter my note paper etc which would cause additional expense.

I trust that you will recommend the Committee not to endorse this proposed change. If the village was being divided by a major road with no crossings, there might be an argument in favour of change. In this case no such dramatic alteration has happened and there appear to be no advantages whatever for changing the existing and ancient boundary.

Yours Sincerely
Electoral Services,
South Norfolk Council,
South Norfolk House,
Cygnet Court,
Long Stratton,
Norwich,
Norfolk NR15 2XE

24th October 2017
East Carleton Parish Boundary

I have lived at this address in Lower East Carleton for the past thirty-five years. During this period I have been entirely satisfied with the administration of East Carleton parish.

I am unable to understand what advantage may be gained by altering the parish boundary to include the residents of Lower East Carleton in the parish of Swardeston and wonder why South Norfolk Council is again proposing this change, which was last mooted about twenty years ago and rejected.

I wish to register my strongest opposition to any change in the existing parish boundary.

Yours faithfully,
Dear Sir or Madam

Proposed changes to Lower East Carleton

We would like to register our strong objection to the proposed boundary change that would see our property moving into the parish of Swardeston. This is the first time we have responded to this consultation process as we were not notified of the consultation until recently, although we understand from your website it was originally launched in March of this year.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England Guidance on community governance reviews states 'It can be helpful to undertake community governance reviews in circumstances such as where there have been changes in population, or in reaction to specific or local new issues.' It further provides examples of such situations including: '...new houses are built across the boundaries resulting in people being in different parishes from their neighbours...Reviews also offer the chance to principal councils to consider the future of what may have become redundant or moribund parishes' and lastly 'Community governance reviews may also be triggered by local people presenting public petitions to the principal council'. None of these circumstances apply in the case of Lower East Carleton. There have been no new houses built in the village, never mind those that cut across local boundaries; the parish of East Carleton and Ketteringham is certainly not redundant and we are not aware that any local petition has been submitted. We therefore believe there are no substantial or reasonable grounds to move the boundaries as suggested.

The guidance further goes on to explain the factors for consideration when undertaking such a review, principally these are; 'the impact on community cohesion of community governance arrangements and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.'
We have been residents of Lower East Carleton since 2004 and are proud to say we live in Lower East Carleton, not Swardston and not East Carleton. Despite our proximity to Swardston we feel less affinity to Swardston than to East Carleton, although principally we feel separate and distinct to both villages and therefore cannot see any improved community cohesion if the boundary were to change. Furthermore, the parish council of Swardston has not shown any particular support to the residents of Lower East Carleton, for example when a recent planning application was submitted on land directly behind our street that would impacted on Swardston residents as much as East Carleton residents, Swardston Parish Council did not actively seek the views of its residents and did not object to the application. East Carleton and Ketteringham Parish Council did listen to the residents and did object in support of their views. In addition, we do not see how community governance would be more efficient or convenient as a result of this proposed change. As a rural community there is very little viable governance that would change or be improved by this suggestion.

In terms of the size of the parish, it is our belief that the size and viability of the East Carleton and Ketteringham Parish would be adversely affected by this boundary change. There are some 20 houses proposed to move to Swardston Parish. The published electoral totals for the parish identifies some 481 residents on the electoral role whereas Swardston has 544 Therefore there is no imperative to increase the population of Swardston parish to ensure viability.

If this proposal is to go ahead against our wishes we would like clarification on the following:

**The impact on the local plan.**

As previously mentioned we have recently fought off a housing development to the rear of Lower East Carleton properties, in part because our village is not identified as a development area in the local plan. However, parts of Swardston are. If the boundaries are to change what would the impact be on future planning applications? Would developers have more of a case to build or would the current plan see no change?

**Our village name and identity.**

Would this change mean we were now officially part of the village of Swardston and Lower East Carleton would cease to exist? If so this would create significant administrative impact and inconvenience for us to notify others of the change but more significantly, the village would be lost. The guidance on boundary reviews states that 'It is desirable that any changes do not upset historic traditions but do reflect changes that have happened over time, such as population shift or additional development, which may have led to a different community identity.' This certainly does not apply in our case. There have been no changes over time that necessitate this change and the loss of our village identity would indeed upset historic traditions.
In conclusion we can see no value in changing the boundary to include the majority of houses within Lower East Carlton in the parish of Swardeston and therefore strongly object to this proposal.

Yours faithfully
Miss Nicola Tullock  
South Norfolk District Council  
South Norfolk House  
Swan Lane  
Long Stratton  
Norfolk  
NR15 2XE

Dear Miss Tullock

Proposed Boundary Change  
East Carleton

I understand that a proposal has been made to change the boundary between Lower East Carleton and Swardeston which involves taking 35 properties from East Carleton and giving them to Swardeston.

I object to this proposal in the strongest possible terms. I do not see the point of spending public money needlessly and can see no advantages in making the change.

Yours Sincerely
From: 
Sent: 25 October 2017 23:51
To: Review
Subject: PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE EAST CARLETON

Dear Sir/Madam

We understand that a proposal has been made to change the boundary between Lower East Carleton and Swardeston.

We would like to object to this proposal.

We can see no reason for this change, and think the council, would be better to spend funds in upgrading, and maintaining some of the present infrastructure, as a norm, i.e. maintaining the so-called passing spaces on the road at Low Common, Swardeston. These are hardly good enough to use, and very poorly maintained. Replacing the signs that stated - not suitable for heavy goods vehicles. These disappeared a considerable time ago, and I mean years, just leaving the stumps of the metal posts.

If there was a strong practical reason - e.g. a new roads to be planned, and constructed through Lower East Carleton, it might put a different perspective on this proposal.

We can see no practical reason for this proposed change of boundary, can we not spend public money for no good reason.

If you wish to give a clear definition of where 1 parish ends and another begins, a sign can be erected to state this.

My husband and I do not want to change the deeds our property to Swardeston, or the expense of this sometime in the future.

It seems unnecessary to cut a chunk off East Carleton to give to Swardeston.

It is also sad to loose more of our counties heritage for no good reason, and to spend the public funds to obtain this would be funds depleted for no good reason.

I have sent this e mail to review@s-norfolk.gov.uk as given in your correspondence to us. To be received by the Electoral Service Team prior to the stated date of 27/10/17.

Thanking you for your consideration
Electoral Services,
South Norfolk Council,
South Norfolk House,
Cygnet Court,
Long Stratton,
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27th October 2017

Dear Sirs,

In reply to your undated letter regarding a proposal to redraw the boundaries of the parishes of East Carleton and Swardeston I have the following comments.
Swardeston is designated within the South Norfolk Local Plan as a ‘service village’ whilst East Carleton is designated as a ‘smaller rural community’. I suspect that the planning constraints for a ‘smaller rural community’ may be more restrictive than those for a ‘service village’. Consequently I wonder if South Norfolk Council are perhaps engineering greater freedom to award planning permission to housing developments in Lower East Carleton than is currently allowed. I am opposed to the erection of more quasi-suburban housing developments in Lower East Carleton along the lines of those sanctioned on the approach to Bobbins Farm Shop and at Chestnut Close. The housing erected have no features which reproduce local Norfolk architecture and the density is quite suffocating.

In the first phase of the consultation, according to the South Norfolk Council website, there were two responses from residents in East Carleton who wished their parish boundary to be changed and two responses from residents in Swardeston who did not wish their parish boundary to be changed. In my opinion these replies hardly give the South Norfolk Council a mandate to progress further with the proposed change which will affect thirty-five properties.

I have lived in Lower East Carleton for thirteen years and was married in St. Mary’s church. I have more affinity with East Carleton than Swardeston and strongly object to the proposed parish boundary alteration.

Yours faithfully,