

# Breckland

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**Related subject:** Thetford

1/ I strongly support having two-member wards, as I feel this gives residents a greater chance of being well represented on the council, and also allows councillors to share their workload in each ward.

2/ I think it is helpful if wards are more or less homogeneous in their make-up, e.g. covering an area of the town of Thetford or a more rural area outside it, but not having bits of both. Wards having parts of both character risks residents in the minority not being well represented. In particular, I would like to see current ward boundaries moved so that Arlington Way, Heathlands Drive, Hillhouse Lane and the areas covered (and to be covered) by the new Kingsfleet (SUE) development to the north and east of the current town, all fall within predominantly urban Thetford wards. The rural parts of Thetford Priory Ward outside the town would be better moved to a rural ward not covering Thetford.

3/ It is unhelpful in terms of residents associations and councillor coordination if natural groupings of houses (e.g. housing estates) are split between different wards. The most significant issue in Thetford at the moment is the Redcastle Furze estate (St Martin's Way and St John's way) which is split between Priory Ward and Burrell Ward. It would be better if the whole estate was in a single ward. Less critically, it would be better if the small estate to the north of the leisure centre on Croxton Road could be included in the same ward as the other estates off Croxton Road. The railway, the river, London Road, Norwich Road, Hurth Way and Mundford Road would all be good natural boundaries for ward boundaries to follow. Croxton Road is not. Any changes to the boundaries should avoid splitting housing areas with a common identity. Some such areas covered (or previously covered) by Residents' Associations can be seen at <https://thetford.mathmos.net/residents-associations/> - though not all listed there are currently active.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*