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Report to the Hadleigh Town Council 19th October 2017

Madam Mayor,

I am pleased to report that although it has been a busy month I have been attentive to the needs of my constituents and have attended various District Council meetings on their behalf.

COUNCILS MERGER

Cabinet has agreed that the issue should go out for public consultation.

BABERGH MOVE

The first Council Meeting to take place at Endeavour House will be next Tuesday 24th October.

Negotiations are still on-going between the Councils and Unions by ACAS, but it is expected that the staff move to Endeavour House will happen during the first two weeks of November.

BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Local Government Boundary Commission has proposed that Hadleigh should be a three-Councillor Ward (one of only two such Wards, the other being Great Cornard). I was quite surprised at this outcome as we had been lead to believe that the Commission is not keen on two-hander wards, let alone three-hander. I was expecting Hadleigh to be divided into three, with each Ward having one representative. The current recommendation is Hadleigh as one large Ward, with three representatives. I have put forward questions asking their thinking behind this decision.

I would be interested in your feedback.

91 BUS TO IPSWICH

Councillor Fraser and I went to see Philip Munson at Beeston the day after the last Town Council meeting. We feel very optimistic as to the outcome – it does sound very likely that Beestons will reverse their decision regarding the timing of the first bus in the morning that older people may use their pass to go to Ipswich. I am very hopeful that the decision will be reversed. An internal discussion is needed at Beestons. I have phoned twice to enquire on progress – but Mr Munson is on holiday until 1st November. I will chase again then.

East House

East House has been granted planning permission and the owner anticipates that the work on the house should be completed in 18 months.

Yours sincerely,

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