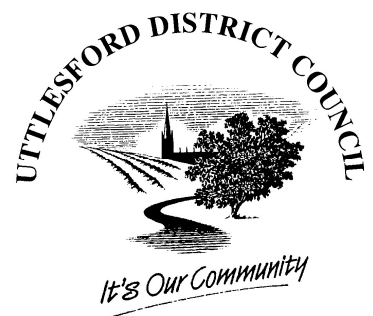


# UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL SURVEY OF WARD COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

## Citizens E-Panel Results

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The council has an established volunteer group of local residents, the Uttlesford District Council Citizens Panel, who are willing to participate in consultations regarding the provision of local services and decisions regarding relating to the council's performance. Of this group 188 panellists were identified as preferring to be consulted electronically and it was this group of panellists who were contacted by email and asked to participate in the online Survey of Ward Councillor Representation.

In the survey, members of the citizens panel were asked for their opinions on the ratio of electors to councillors, with additional questions relating to the ward in which they live and the frequency with which panellists contact their local councillor.

The survey was sent to panellists on 17 May 2012 and of the 188 panellists, there were 56 responses received by the deadline of 27 May 2012.

17 respondents (30.4%) considered that there should be a consistent number of councillors in each ward. The majority of respondents, (39 panellists, 69.9%) believe that the number of councillors should be dictated by the local population. 21 (37.5%) respondents believe that there are currently too many councillors with only 3 (5.4%) panellists considering that the district has too few councillors. Panellists were also given an opportunity to make comments about the boundary review. 23 panellists responded and their comments are tabulated in Appendix 2. The majority of the comments indicated that respondents believe a review is necessary and desirable.

## METHODOLOGY

### 2.1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to highlight the findings of the survey of Ward Councillor Representation in which members of the Uttlesford District Council Citizens Panel who had elected to receive electronic versions of council consultations, were invited to participate.

Panellists were asked for their opinions on the ratio of electors to councillors, with additional questions relating to the ward in which they live and the frequency with which panellists contact their local councillor. By surveying the panel it is possible to obtain views and opinions broadly representative of local residents which will be used to inform an Electoral Review.

### 2.2. Background

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At the time of the survey (May 2012), some wards are represented by one councillor, some are represented by two councillors and some by three councillors. The more densely-populated areas, such as Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow, are multi-member wards. The total number of registered local government electors in Uttlesford as at 1 June 2012 is 62,273 with 44 councillors serving on the District Council. This therefore averages at 1,415 electors per councillor.

In some wards there are differences (electoral variances) in the ratio of electors to councillors and the criteria under which an electoral review is necessary has been indicated by the LGBCE as follows:

- Any local authority with a ward that has an electoral variance in excess of 30% and/or
- Any local authority where more than 30% of the wards have an electoral imbalance in excess of 10% from the average for that authority.

Uttlesford qualifies for a Further Electoral Review under both criteria. The Survey of Ward Councillor Representation was carried out to obtain a sample of local residents' views regarding such a boundary review

The council has an established volunteer group of local residents, the Uttlesford District Council Citizens Panel, who are willing to participate in consultations regarding the provision of local services and decisions regarding relating to the council's performance. The panel was recruited on behalf of the council by the private market research company BMG Research during April and May 2010 to a baseline of 500 citizens broadly representative of the demographic of the Uttlesford administrative area. In February 2012, BMG Research was commissioned by the council to refresh the citizens panel and recruit a further 100 panellists with a view to making the panel a closer reflection of the demographic of the area. Following the panel revision, in total, 188 panellists were identified as preferring to be consulted electronically and it was this group of panellists who were contacted by email and asked to participate in the online Survey of Ward Councillor Representation.

In the survey, members of the citizens panel were asked for their opinions on the ratio of electors to councillors, with additional questions relating to the ward in which they live and the frequency with which panellists contact their local councillor. Each panellist's unique panel number enabled a breakdown of their individual profile including age, ethnicity and gender.

### 2.3. Methodology

Members of the Citizens Panel who had elected to receive electronic versions of council consultations were contacted by email containing a link to an online questionnaire. Panellists were asked to enter their unique panel number to enable a profile breakdown of responses to the survey. The survey was sent to panellists on 17 May 2012 with a closing date of 27 May 2012.

In the survey, panellists were asked for their opinions on the ratio of electors to councillors, with additional questions relating to the ward in which they live and the frequency with which panellists contact their local councillor. Within the online questionnaire panellists were provided with a link to a document featuring a breakdown of the 27 wards with details regarding the size of the electorate, the number of councillors representing the ward and how the ratio of electors to councillors compares with the district average. A section of the questionnaire also allowed panellists to express any views regarding councillor representation in the district.

## 2.4. Questionnaire Development

The questions were developed in conjunction with the Committee and Electoral Services Manager and the Assistant Director for Corporate Services with a view to providing data to be collated and included in the report to an extraordinary meeting of Full Council in June 2012.

## 2.5. Profile breakdown of respondents

Of the 56 panellists who participated in the survey, 18 (32%) were female and 36 (64.3%) male (2 panellists were not identifiable by gender). Those whose age was identifiable (54 respondents) are shown in the table below.

Age Group	No of surveys returned	Percentage of respondents
25-34	6	11.11%
35-44	7	12.96%
45-54	10	18.52%
55-64	16	29.63%
65+	14	25.93%
Not provided	1	1.85%
Total	54	100%

The chart below shows a breakdown of respondent panellists by Ward.

## Ward response breakdown

Ward	Surveys Returned %	ONS Population number*	Population %
22UQGJ Ashdon	1.79%	1633	2.25
22UQGK Barnston and High Easter	1.79%	1569	2.16
22UQGL Birchanger	0.00%	1040	1.43
22UQGM Broad Oak and the Hallingburys	0.00%	3324	4.58
22UQGN Clavering	3.57%	1416	1.95
22UQGP Elsenham and Henham	5.36%	3626	5.00
22UQGQ Felsted	3.57%	4735	6.53
22UQGR Great Dunmow North	7.14%	3259	4.49
22UQGS Great Dunmow South	8.93%	4748	6.54
22UQGT Hatfield Heath	3.57%	1739	2.40
22UQGU Littlebury	3.57%	1671	2.30
22UQGW Newport	3.57%	3214	4.43
22UQGX Saffron Walden Audley	7.14%	4605	6.35
22UQGY Saffron Walden Castle	3.57%	4818	6.64
22UQGZ Saffron Walden Shire	8.93%	5236	7.22
22UQHA Stansted North	1.79%	3063	4.22
22UQHB Stansted South	5.36%	2820	3.89
22UQHC Stebbing	0.00%	1505	2.07
22UQHD Stort Valley	1.79%	1434	1.98
22UQHE Takeley and the Canfields	5.36%	3088	4.26
22UQHF Thaxted	5.36%	3257	4.49
22UQHG The Chesterfords	5.36%	1651	2.28
22UQHH The Eastons	5.36%	1525	2.10
22UQHJ The Rodings	1.79%	1756	2.42
22UQHK The Sampfords	0.00%	1871	2.58
22UQHL Wenden Lofts	1.79%	1431	1.97
22UQHM Wimbish and Debden	3.57%	2510	3.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>72,544</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\* Source Office for National Statistics (ONS), 2009 Ward Population Estimates for England and Wales, mid-2007



## 3.1

### SURVEY RESULTS, DETAILED FINDINGS

#### 3.1. Overview

Of the 56 respondents to the questionnaire, 17 (30.4%) considered that there should be a consistent number of councillors in each ward. The majority of respondents, (39 panellists, 69.9%) believe that the number of councillors should be dictated by the local population. However, the size of the respondent group is too small to be certain of reflecting the views of the residents of these wards.

The highest number of responses from those selecting "consistent number of councillors in each ward" came from the wards of Great Dunmow North (3 respondents, 5.36%) and Great Dunmow South (3 respondents, 5.36%). Of those selecting "Number of councillors dictated by local population" the highest number of responses came from Saffron Walden Audley (4 Respondents, 7.14%) and Saffron Walden Shire (4 respondents, 7.14%).

Panellists were asked whether the existing 44 councillors is the right number of councillors for the district. The largest response came from the 21 (37.5%) respondents who believe that there are currently too many councillors. 18 (32.1%) respondents considered the number to be correct with only 3 (5.4%) panellists considering that the district has too few councillors. A quarter of the respondents (14 panellists) did not have an opinion.

The highest number of respondents who consider 44 councillors to be the right number for the Uttlesford district came from Great Dunmow South and The Chesterfords each with 3 respondents or 5.36% of the total number responding. There is however, a slightly greater and more even spread across the wards of those who believe there are currently too many councillors with Great Dunmow North, Great Dunmow South, Saffron Walden Audley, Saffron Walden Shire and the ward of Wimbish and Debden, all having more than one response. Single responses selecting this option also came from panellists in 11 other wards.



The largest group answering question 5 (How often to you contact your district councillor?) responded 'Never' (27 respondents, 48.2%) with 19 (33.9%) respondents contacting their councillor "about once a year". Two respondents specified that they contact their councillor more regularly; one about 5 or 6 times a year and the other respondent sees their District Councillor bi-monthly at Parish Council meetings. Question 7 gave participants an opportunity to make comments about the boundary review. 23 panellists responded and their comments are tabulated in Appendix 2. The majority of the comments indicated that respondents believe a review is necessary and desirable.

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The results of this survey will assist in the review and will be taken into consideration when decisions are made regarding electoral representation in the district. Your participation is therefore very important to us and will assist the council to better serve the needs of the Uttlesford community.

## Please read each question carefully and check a box to indicate your answer

### 1. Please enter your panel number here (as shown in our email to you)

56 (100.0%)

### 2. Which ward do you live in?

1 (1.8%) <i>Ashdon</i>	2 (3.6%) <i>Hatfield Heath</i>	1 (1.8%) <i>Stort Valley</i>
1 (1.8%) <i>Barnston and High Easter</i>	2 (3.6%) <i>Littlebury</i>	3 (5.4%) <i>Takeley and the Canfields</i>
0 (0.0%) <i>Birchanger</i>	2 (3.6%) <i>Newport</i>	3 (5.4%) <i>Thaxted</i>
0 (0.0%) <i>Broad Oak and the Hallingburys</i>	4 (7.1%) <i>Saffron Walden Audley</i>	3 (5.4%) <i>The Chesterfords</i>
2 (3.6%) <i>Clavering</i>	2 (3.6%) <i>Saffron Walden Castle</i>	3 (5.4%) <i>The Eastons</i>

3 (5.4%) <i>Elsenham and Henham</i>	5 (8.9%) <i>Saffron Walden Shire</i>	1 (1.8%) <i>The Rodings</i>
2 (3.6%) <i>Felsted</i>	1 (1.8%) <i>Stansted North</i>	0 (0.0%) <i>The Sampfords</i>
4 (7.1%) <i>Great Dunmow North</i>	3 (5.4%) <i>Stansted South</i>	1 (1.8%) <i>Wendon Lofts</i>
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**3. Do you think there should be a consistent approach to the number of councillors representing each ward or do you think the number of members should be dictated by local circumstances?**

17 (30.4%) <i>Consistent number of councillors in each ward</i>	39 (69.6%) <i>Number of councillors dictated by local population</i>
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**4. Uttlesford District Council has 44 councillors. Do you think this is the right number?**

18 (32.1%) <i>Yes</i>	3 (5.4%) <i>No - Too few</i>
21 (37.5%) <i>No - Too many</i>	14 (25.0%) <i>Don't know</i>

**5. How often do you contact your district councillor?**

27 (48.2%) <i>Never</i>	8 (14.3%) <i>About twice a year</i>
19 (33.9%) <i>About once a year</i>	2 (3.6%) <i>More regularly (please specify)</i>

**6. If more than twice a year, How often do you contact your district councillor?**

2 (100.0%)

**7. Is there any other comment you wish to make about the boundary review?**

30 (100.0%)

Please submit your completed questionnaire by midnight, **Sunday 27 May 2012**

**Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire**

## UDC Survey of Ward Councillor Representation

### Uttlesford Citizens Panel (E-panellists) - Responses to Question 7

Is there any other comment you wish to make about the boundary review?
I think my local councillors do an excellent job raising and addressing local issues.
Clearly Felsted and Takeley & Canfields require another District Councillor each. The nine Dist. Cllrs in Saffron Walden if evenly distributed average out to 94% of the UDC average of 1414 electors. The Saffron Walden ward boundaries need to be re-drawn to even out the representation. Similarly about 70-75 electors could be moved from the North Ward of Great Dunmow to the South Ward to give more uniform representation.
SPEAK TO THE CLAVERING PARISH COUNCILL
I believe a fair number of councillors for electors however I also believe that it has to be cost effective in the current climate. As it is very important to move away from the belief that councillors are the same as MPs and are just interested in themselves and not the electorate.
Better to have 1 councillor per area (decided by size of electorate) rather than 2 or more councillors for a larger area - that way a councillor is more responsive to their electorate
Little Canfield (in particular, Priors Green) is an expanding development within a rural setting, and as such requires representation of a specific nature to reflect the population density which is reaching urban density levels. It is a microcosm of social classes and the lack of certain community facilities and services could lead to tension within the community. Better local representation would help to focus on local issues, and promote improved community liaison, and identify areas for additional funding.
I think that large, multi-member constituencies are working well here - up to three Councillors seems reasonable. It would be very confusing to split smaller parishes so that parts were in different Wards, so some inconsistency in the ratios is inevitable. Your figures show Stansted South as having a ratio of 0.92, but also a variation of >10%. This seems inconsistent. If the transfer of Foresthall Park voters from Birchanger is considered, the ratio will increase.
Councillors tend to follow national party politics instead of representing local views on local issues. Boundaries and numbers of votes have little real relevance.
A think boundary reviews are necessary to ensure an even distribution of electors for each councillor. Too many can be overwhelming and impossible to `service' properly. Sadly there will always be councillors who do not see their ward role, other than at election time, as important as their committee/portfolio role and who are often conspicuous by their absence!
I think it is right that a village has one district councillor even if this means there are fewer electors than in other areas because it is a self-contained unit. A councillor who represents Clavering, say will have much less interest in and knowledge of say Rickling, so for the same person to cover both districts would not be right. I might contact my district councillor more if they actively encouraged such contact
I think it is a good thing and needs a review
There are too many wards. It needs simplifying and streamlining.
I was most unhappy about my house being moved from Birchanger to Stansted. I always felt very well represented by Mrs. Godwin.
It has not been made clear to me why the boundaries have to be reviewed at this time of cost saving.
Our current ward matches neatly with the area that I identify with as my immediate community and this is more important to me than abstract electoral variances.

We really do have to reduce the number of councillors or at least make them demographically representative - at least in age. The statistical variances are actually meaningless.
Too much money is spent on the council staff
I personally think that all streets should have a name and that boundaries should be redesignated as where I live, although it comes under Uttlesford the address is Braintree and we are at least some 12 -14 miles from there and never contact that council and always contact Uttlesford where our council tax is paid and all our services come from. Little Bardfield is a very rural area and extremely pleasant to live in and I understand that it may be snobbish but being linked to Braintree can be misconstrued especially with a postcode or trying to get a hospital appointment. People automatically assume that you come from Braintree and as some areas are not that pleasant it is quite exasperating explaining that it is purely a postcode district. I do understand that this is a personal view and that a lot of people would disagree with myself but as I clearly stated this is my personal view.
44 District Councillors within a three tier local government structure (parish/town, district, county) is 'bonkers'. It's just too many, and we should be looking to streamline, especially in the current economic climate where we should do 'more for less'. 30 should be enough. I also can't see any real rationale for not having a fairly uniform approach in terms of numbers of people per councillor.
Happy as things are at present
No where there are anomalies they should be rectified
Why don't we have ANY public transport to Saffron Walden when we are part of Uttlesford district? Not really to do with the boundary review but we do feel neglected. We don't all want to shop in Bishop's Stortford and would appreciate feeling that Uttlesford council cares!
There should be one councillor per ward then it is clear who is the sole representative of that area. If there are more then there is scope for confusion.

Number of literal responses (including 7 stating either 'No' or 'None'): 30

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birchanger                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Newport               | <input type="checkbox"/> Thaxted                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broad Oak and the Hallingburys | <input type="checkbox"/> Saffron Walden Audley | <input type="checkbox"/> The Chesterfords          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clavering                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Saffron Walden Castle | <input type="checkbox"/> The Eastons               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elsenham and Henham            | <input type="checkbox"/> Saffron Walden Shire  | <input type="checkbox"/> The Rodings               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Felsted                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Stansted North        | <input type="checkbox"/> The Sampfords             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Dunmow North             | <input type="checkbox"/> Stansted South        | <input type="checkbox"/> Wendon Lofts              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Dunmow South             | <input type="checkbox"/> Stebbing              | <input type="checkbox"/> Wimbish and Debden        |

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- Never       About twice a year  
 About once a year       More regularly (please specify)

**6. If 'yes' If more than twice a year, How often do you contact your district councillor?**

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<i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>No. of Councillors</i>	<i>No. of electors per councillor</i>	<i>Electoral variance</i>	<i>Electoral Variance &gt;10%?</i>	<i>Electoral Variance &gt;30%?</i>
Ashdon	Parishes of Ashdon, Hadstock and Swards End	1367	1	1367	0.97		
Barnston and High Easter	Parishes of Barnston and High Easter	1381	1	1381	0.98		
Birchanger	Parish of Birchanger	1333	1	1333	0.94	Yes**	Yes**
Broad Oak and the Hallingburys	Parishes of Great Hallingbury, Hatfield Broad Oak and Little Hallingbury	2828	2	1414	1.00		
Clavering	Parishes of Clavering and Wicken Bonhunt	1206	1	1206	0.85	Yes	
Elsenham and Henham	Parishes of Chickney, Elsenham and Henham	2864	2	1432	1.01		
Felsted	Parishes of Felsted, Little Dunmow and Flitch Green	4039	2	2020	1.43	Yes	Yes
Great Dunmow North	The North Ward of the parish of Great Dunmow	2971	2	1486	1.05		
Great Dunmow South	The South Ward of the parish of Great Dunmow	4018	3	1339	0.95		
Hatfield Heath	The Parish of Hatfield Heath	1440	1	1440	1.02		
Littlebury	The parishes of Arkesden, Littlebury, Strethall and Wendens Ambo	1328	1	1328	0.94		
Newport	The parishes of Newport, Quendon and Rickling and Widdington	2751	2	1376	0.97		
Saffron Walden Audley	The Audley Ward of the parish of Saffron Walden	3880	3	1293	0.91		
Saffron Walden Castle	The Castle Ward of the parish of Saffron Walden	3742	3	1247	0.88	Yes	
Saffron Walden Shire	The Shire Ward of the parish of Saffron Walden	4312	3	1437	1.02		

Stansted North	The North Ward of the parish of Stansted Mountfitchet and the parish of Ugley	2691	2	1346	0.95		
Stansted South	The South Ward of the parish of Stansted Mountfitchet	2600	2	1300	0.92	Yes	
Stebbing	The parishes of Lindsell and Stebbing	1259	1	1259	0.89	Yes	
Stort Valley	The parishes of Berden, Farnham and Manuden	1209	1	1209	0.85	Yes	
Takeley and the Canfields	The parishes of Great Canfield, Little Canfield and Takeley	3796	2	1898	1.34	Yes	Yes
Thaxted	The parishes of Little Bardfield and Thaxted and the Duton Hill Ward of the parish of Great Easton	2767	2	1384	0.98		
The Chesterfords	The parishes of Great Chesterford and Little Chesterford	1325	1	1325	0.94		
The Eastons	The parishes of Broxted, Little Easton and Tilty and the Great Easton Village Ward of the parish of Great Easton	1242	1	1242	0.88	Yes	
The Rodings	The parishes of Aythorpe Roding, High Roothing, Leaden Roding, Margaret Roding and White Roothing	1403	1	1403	0.99		
The Sampfords	The parishes of Great Sampford, Hempstead, Little Sampford and Radwinter	1521	1	1521	1.07		
Wendon Lofts	The parishes of Chrishall, Elmdon, Langley and Wenden Lofts	1270	1	1270	0.90	Yes	
Wimbish and Debden	The parishes of Debden and Wimbish	1730	1	1730	1.22	Yes	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Average</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>62273</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1415</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>

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Appendix E

\*\* In future district council elections, Birchanger ward boundaries will harmonise with the existing parish boundaries, thus changing the size of the ward electorate. Therefore for the purpose of this review, the size of the Birchanger electorate is taken to be 717 producing an electoral variance of 0.51%.