

APPENDIX C – DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR A 39 MEMBER SCHEME

Uttlesford Further Electoral review 2012/13

Proposed scheme of revised District wards to be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Name of ward	No. of Cllrs	Area of ward	2012 Electors and % variance	2018 Electors and % variance	Areas to be transferred	Commentary/explanation
Ashdon	1	Ashdon Hadstock Little Walden Sewards End Total Variance	673 270 187 422 1552 -3	736 293 201 459 1689 -5	Add Little Walden to existing Ashdon ward to balance numbers. Little Walden is part of Saffron Walden parish and its transfer to Ashdon ward will necessitate the creation of a parish ward identical to the transferred area.	<p>The existing ward of Ashdon has a variance of -16% at 2018 figures and therefore needs an infusion of 200-300 electors from elsewhere. Little Walden has been identified as the most appropriate area to be moved as it is a rural community separated from the town of Saffron Walden of which parish it forms a part.</p> <p>Because of its geographical position next to the border with Cambridgeshire in the north-east of the district, the only alternative solution would be to move part of the parish of Radwinter instead but this would have the effect of breaking up the Sampfords ward.</p> <p>The transfer to Ashdon ward of the Little Walden area means that a separate Saffron Walden parish ward of Little Walden must be created.</p>

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Saffron Walden Castle	2	Saffron Walden Castle Total Variance	3226 3226 +1	3504 3504 -1	<p>Transfer the small settlement of Little Walden to Ashdon ward (see above).</p> <p>Block of streets to be transferred from Audley ward: Castle Street (south) Castle Hill (west) Church Street (north) Museum Street High Street (part) (east) Electors moved 2012 = 148</p> <p>Block of streets to be transferred to Shire ward: Ashdon Road (south) Radwinter Road (part) (north) Hollyhock Road (east) Shepherds Way Everitt Road Bradley Mews Hamilton Mews Nightingale Mews Carnation Drive Elizabeth Way (west) Electors moved 2012 = 474</p>	<p>The entitlement to councillors in Saffron Walden is reduced from nine to seven. The proposed way of dealing with this change is to base two member wards on the existing Audley and Castle wards and retain Shire ward as a three member ward by moving blocks of electors from the other two town wards.</p> <p>There is also a proposed exchange of electors between Audley and Castle wards.</p> <p>The simplest way of achieving this adjustment of wards in Saffron Walden is to move blocks of electors between wards as described in the previous column.</p>
Saffron Walden Audley	2	Saffron Walden Audley Total Variance	3535 3535 +11	3627 3627 +2	<p>Block of streets transferred to Castle ward (as shown above): Electors moved 2012 = 148</p>	<p>See comments under Castle ward above.</p>

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Saffron Walden Audley cont.					Block of streets transferred to Shire ward: Debden Road (part) (east) Mount Pleasant Road (north) South Road (part) (west) West Road (south) Westfields Electors moved 2012 = 201	
Saffron Walden Shire	3	Saffron Walden Shire Total Variance	4993 4993 +4	5313 5313 +0	Block of streets moved from Audley ward (as shown under Castle ward above) Electors moved 2012 = 201 Block of streets moved from Castle ward (as shown above) Electors moved 2012 = 474	See comments under Castle ward above.
Chesterford and Littlebury	1	Great Chesterford Little Chesterford Littlebury Village Total Variance	1154 174 436 1764 +10	1302 180 450 1932 +9	This proposal involves the transfer to The Chesterfords ward of the Littlebury Village portion of Littlebury parish. There are already separate polling districts of Littlebury Village and Littlebury Green and Strethall so the division between wards can be based broadly on these units. However, a new boundary has been defined involving the transfer of 19 electors at Audley End from Littlebury Village to Littlebury	The Chesterfords ward is 15% below electoral equality on 2018 figures. Because of its location on the county boundary with Essex the only options to increase the number of electors are from either of Saffron Walden, Hadstock or Littlebury parishes. There are no known community or direct transport links between Hadstock and the Chesterfords area and the option of combining the ward with part of the town of Saffron Walden is considered to be neither feasible nor desirable.

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<p>Chesterford and Littlebury cont.</p>					<p>Green.</p> <p>This proposal will involve the creation of new parish wards in Littlebury.</p>	<p>A journey by road from Great Chesterford to Hadstock would involve travelling via either Linton or Saffron Walden.</p> <p>The only possible solution therefore is to add part of Littlebury parish to the ward to achieve electoral equality. Littlebury parish has two distinct and separate communities of Littlebury Village and Littlebury Green/Catmere End. The proposal is to add the whole of the adjoining settlement of Littlebury village to the ward as described.</p> <p>This will result in the creation of parish wards in Littlebury.</p> <p>Although this proposal will result in an imbalance between the proposed wards of Chesterford and Littlebury and Elmdon and Wenden, the option of dividing Littlebury parish more evenly would not respect the integrity of the separate settlements of Littlebury Village and Littlebury Green as it would involve placing an artificial boundary line through the village of Littlebury.</p>
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Chesterford and Littlebury cont.						The proposals will result in the demise of the district ward of Littlebury which is proposed to be divided between different new wards.
Elmdon and Wenden	1	<p>Chrishall Elmdon Wenden Lofts Strethall Littlebury Green Wendens Ambo Total Variance</p>	<p>463 445 61 19 235 345 1568 -2</p>	<p>488 471 65 20 242 355 1641 -7</p>	<p>It is proposed to move the parish of Langley to Clavering ward and add Littlebury Green, Strethall and Wendens Ambo from the existing Littlebury ward.</p> <p>Note the proposed adjustment between Littlebury Village and Littlebury Green (see under Chesterford and Littlebury above).</p>	<p>The existing Wenden Lofts ward has a negative variance of -24% at 2018 figures and needs an injection of around 400 electors.</p> <p>The proposal is to add Littlebury Green, Strethall and Wendens Ambo from the Littlebury ward, and to transfer Langley to Clavering ward. Langley has more natural affinity with Clavering and will help to balance electoral numbers in that ward.</p>
Clavering	1	<p>Arkesden Clavering Langley Total Variance</p>	<p>292 1015 303 1610 +1</p>	<p>301 1031 321 1653 -7</p>	<p>Add Arkesden from Littlebury ward and Langley from Wenden Lofts ward. The small parish of Wicken Bonhunt is proposed to be transferred to Newport ward.</p>	<p>Clavering ward has an imbalance of -31% on 2018 figures and needs an injection of around 500 electors to balance numbers.</p> <p>The suggested solution is to move the parish of Langley from Wenden Lofts ward, and Arkesden from Littlebury ward at the same time as transferring Wicken Bonhunt to Newport ward.</p>

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Newport	2	Newport Quendon and Rickling Widdington Wicken Bonhunt Total Variance	1868 490 395 189 2942 -8	2315 520 405 191 3431 -3	Add the small parish of Wicken Bonhunt to the existing two member ward.	<p>On 2018 figures, Newport ward has an electoral variance of –9%. It is proposed to boost the electorate in this ward by adding the tiny parish of Wicken Bonhunt.</p> <p>Newport ward already contains the adjoining parishes of Quendon and Rickling and Widdington and the inclusion of Wicken Bonhunt as well seems a logical solution. The two parishes were paired in the ward existing prior to 2003.</p>
Debden and Wimbish	1	Debden Village Wimbish (Carver Barracks) Wimbish Village Total Variance	436 637 482 1555 -3	476 693 523 1692 -5	<p>Transfer the Debden Green area to the proposed new ward of Henham and Broxted.</p> <p>This will involve creating a new division between Debden village and Debden Green and the creation of parish wards.</p>	<p>The existing Wimbish and Debden ward has an electoral variance of +6%.</p> <p>The ward contains the whole of the service base of Carver Barracks, home to 33 Engineer Regiment and therefore includes many service voters. This is already recognised by the division of Wimbish into separate Carver Barracks and Village polling districts (but not parish wards).</p> <p>It is not possible to predict with any certainty the continuing level of registration of service personnel at Carver Barracks but there are no known plans for the</p>

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<p>Debden and Wimbish cont.</p>						<p>regiment to move, or for the barracks to be discontinued as a service base. There are strong links between 33 Engineer Regiment and Uttlesford as the regiment has been granted the freedom of the district.</p> <p>Given these factors there is no need for the existing ward to change, but the proposal to create a new ward of Henham and Broxted means that it is necessary to find some electors from this ward to make it viable.</p> <p>The small settlements of Debden Green and Hamperden End are located mostly along the road leading to Chickney and Henham from the junction with the Debden to Thaxted road. This demonstrates a link between the Debden Green area and the villages of Henham and Chickney. The community of Debden Green/Hamperden End is separate from Debden village and it is therefore possible to maintain the integrity of these settlements by their inclusion in different district wards.</p>
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The Sampfords	1	Great Sampford Little Sampford Hempstead Little Bardfield Radwinter Total Variance	476 223 344 213 482 1738 +9	515 245 377 223 525 1885 +6	Add the parish of Little Bardfield from Thaxted ward.	The existing ward of The Sampfords has an electoral variance of -6% at 2018 figures. There is strictly no need to change this ward at all but the inclusion of the small parish of Little Bardfield assists the definition of a revised Thaxted ward. Little Bardfield is located on the border with Braintree district and there are direct road links between the parish and Great and Little Sampford to the north.
Thaxted and the Eastons	2	Duton Hill Great Easton (Village) Little Easton (Village) Lindsell Thaxted Total Variance	309 425 345 209 2251 3539 +11	319 454 370 224 2368 3735 +5	Add Great Easton Village and the bulk of Little Easton parish from The Eastons ward, and the small parish of Lindsell from Stebbing ward. At the same time, Little Bardfield is proposed to be transferred to The Sampfords ward. There is also a proposal to divide Little Easton parish (0 electors in 2012 but an estimated 219 electors in 2018) to enable electors at the Woodlands Park sector 4 development to be included in a revised Great Dunmow North ward (see also comments under Great Dunmow	Thaxted ward has an electoral imbalance of -18% and The Eastons ward an imbalance of -25% (both on 2018 figures) and so significant adjustments are needed. It is proposed effectively to merge the majority of these two wards together to form a new two member ward, together with the small parish of Lindsell from the Stebbing ward. The proposal enables the Duton Hill and Great Easton Village areas of Great Easton parish to be reunited in the same district ward. They were separated at the time of the last

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<p>Thaxted and the Eastons cont.</p>					<p>North ward); this will involve the division of Little Easton parish into a village ward and a Woodlands Park ward. Eventually, Little Easton Parish Council would like to see a community governance review result in an adjustment of boundaries to place the sector 4 site wholly within Great Dunmow parish.</p>	<p>district warding review in 2003 and the detached community of Duton Hill has been included in the Thaxted ward since then.</p> <p>It is difficult to see otherwise how it would have been possible to find the number of electors required to retain Thaxted and The Eastons as separate wards.</p> <p>Broxted and Tilty from the existing Eastons ward are proposed to be included in a new Henham and Broxted ward. Ideally, Tilty would be included in the same ward as Great Easton as, since 2007, it has been part of the grouped parish of Great Easton and Tilty but electors in Tilty need to be included in the proposed Henham and Broxted ward (see below) to balance numbers between the two wards.</p> <p>Note also the proposal (see previous column) to include part of Little Easton parish in a revised Great Dunmow North ward.</p>
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Henham and Broxted	1	Broxted Chickney Debden Green Henham Tilty Total Variance	389 35 175 960 78 1637 +2	419 35 191 978 83 1706 -4	<p>This is a proposed new ward linking the parishes of Chickney and Henham from the existing Elsenham and Henham ward with Broxted and Tilty from The Eastons ward, and Debden Green from Wimbish and Debden ward.</p> <p>Note the new division needed between Debden village and Debden Green to facilitate this new ward (see comments under Debden and Wimbish ward above)</p>	<p>For a statement of justification for the creation of this new ward see comments relating to Debden Green under Debden and Wimbish ward above.</p> <p>A number of options were examined to see whether it would be feasible to retain the parishes of Elsenham and Henham together in the same ward and this would have been the Council's preference in other circumstances. However, it was not possible to find an electoral scheme that would permit these parishes to stay linked in this way as it would not otherwise have been possible to propose satisfactory electoral arrangements in the southern part of the district.</p> <p>Having said that, the formation of this new ward based on rural communities in the centre of the district is seen as making total sense in terms of community identities and interests. The large village of Henham and the much smaller and dispersed settlements of Broxted, Chickney, Debden</p>
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Henham and Broxted cont.						Green and Tilty are interlinked via a network of rural roads. The only real centre of population in this proposed ward is in the village of Henham.
Stort Valley	1	Berden Farnham Manuden Ugley Total Variance	370 327 512 376 1585 -1	380 353 525 396 1654 -7	Add the parish of Ugley from the existing Stansted North ward.	<p>The electoral variance of the existing Stort Valley ward is -29% and so a significant addition of electors is needed from elsewhere.</p> <p>The existing ward consists of three small parishes located tightly against the district and county border with Hertfordshire immediately north of the large town of Bishop's Stortford (in East Herts) and north-west of Stansted.</p> <p>The only options to change this ward are therefore from the east and north. The Council has decided that it would not be suitable to mix together electors from Stort Valley with the large settlement of Stansted and so the only option is to look elsewhere for a partner from a rural parish to the north or east.</p> <p>The nearby parish of Birchanger</p>

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Stort Valley cont.						<p>(south of Stansted village) could not be joined to this ward as it is physically detached from the Stort Valley parishes. In addition the creation of the proposed Stansted wards would not be feasible without the addition of the electors from Birchanger.</p> <p>The proposed solution is to add to the ward the parish of Ugley located mainly east of the B1383 road north of Stansted. The combination of these parishes is not ideal given other circumstances because there is no direct road link between Ugley and the Stort Valley parishes other than via either Stansted or Rickling (to the north). However, as stated above, other options are limited.</p>
Stansted North	2	Stansted North Total Variance	3360 3360 +5	3491 3491 -2	<p>Transfer the parish of Ugley from Stansted North to a revised Stort Valley ward (see comments above).</p> <p>Transfer the following block of streets from Stansted South to Stansted North: Bentfield Road (part) (south)</p>	<p>The entitlement to councillors in Stansted in 2018 under a 39 member scheme is 2.95 excluding the Forest Hall Park area and 3.5 including it.</p> <p>Prior to 1 April 2012, the large residential development known as Forest Hall Park was divided</p>

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<p>Stansted North cont.</p>					<p>Cannons Mead Blythwood Gardens Silver Street (part) (east/west) Chapel Hill (south) Station Road Waterside Water Lane Sunnyside Woodfield Close Woodfields Woodfield Terrace Recreation Ground Spencer Close Sanders Close Windmill Close Millside Millfields Mill Hill Brook Road Electors moved 2012 = 1048</p>	<p>between the parishes of Birchanger and Stansted Mountfitchet and the existing ward boundary between Birchanger and Stansted South still reflects that division.</p> <p>In July 2011, following a community governance review, the Council made an order adjusting the boundary between the two parishes so as to place the whole of the Forest Hall Park area into Stansted parish (and into Stansted Mountfitchet South parish ward) with effect from April 2012.</p> <p>At the same time, the Council applied to the Electoral Commission to make a consequential change to district ward boundaries so as to transfer the whole of the area moved between parishes into Stansted South ward. That request has been held in abeyance pending the outcome of the Further Electoral Review. The Council's proposals have been framed on the assumption that the whole of the Forest Hall Park area will be</p>
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Stansted North cont.						<p>included in a Stansted based ward regardless of any other considerations.</p> <p>However, the entitlement to councillors of the Stansted parish area of 3.5 means that at least one other parish must be added to allow the present arrangement of two wards of two members each to continue.</p> <p>The existing Stansted North ward includes the parish of Ugley. A continuation of this arrangement would enable two wards to be formed with a minus electoral variance of around 7% in each ward. However, as seen above, the Council's submission proposes the addition of Ugley to a revised Stort Valley ward.</p> <p>The parish of Birchanger presently forms its own discrete ward. It is acknowledged that this arrangement cannot continue since the parish, as amended by the community governance order already mentioned, is forecast to include only 730 electors in 2018, or only 41% of the electors</p>
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Stansted North cont.						<p>required to elect a councillor.</p> <p>It is inevitable that Birchanger must be joined to another parish or parishes to form a new ward. For the reasons outlined under Stort Valley ward above it is impracticable to join Birchanger to that ward. It is also not considered feasible to join Birchanger to parishes to the south such as one or both of the Hallingburys or Hatfield Broad Oak, because of the geographical position of these parishes on the opposite side of the A120 and the Birchanger Services M11/A120 interchange.</p> <p>The addition of Birchanger to Stansted produces enough electors to create two wards of two members each which fits neatly with the patterns of settlement in the area. There is, for historic reasons, a strong association between Birchanger and the Forest Hall Park and Stoney Common areas of Stansted as the parish boundary extended as far as Stoney Common as recently as the</p>
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Stansted North cont.						1980s. The proposal is to bring about adjustments between North and South wards by transferring from South to North ward a block of electors in the central part of Stansted village south of Chapel Hill and Bentfield Road and on either side of Silver Street.
Stansted South (and Birchanger)	2	Stansted South Forest Hall Park Birchanger Total Variance	1555 617 715 2887 -10	1753 963 730 3446 -3	Add the parish of Birchanger to Stansted South ward, as well as that part of the Forest Hall Park development transferred to Stansted parish under the 2011 community governance order as described under Stansted North above. To balance numbers between the two wards. It is proposed to move a block of streets to Stansted North ward (see under Stansted North above).	See detailed comments above explaining the proposal to add Birchanger and the whole of Forest Hall Park to this ward.
Elsenham and Takeley	3	Elsenham Mole Hill Green Takeley Village Total Variance	1874 103 2079 4056 -15	2617 110 2347 5074 -5	This is a proposed new ward pairing together the parish of Elsenham from the existing Elsenham and Henham ward with the whole of Takeley parish from the Takeley and the Canfields ward, excepting that part included within the new	The proposal to form a new ward joining together Elsenham and most of Takeley parish has proved to be the most contentious of the proposed new wards. As already explained in the commentary for Henham and

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Elsenham and Takeley cont.					<p>residential estate of Priors Green.</p> <p>This proposal will involve transferring some electors from the Takeley Priors Green polling district to Takeley Village as follows:</p> <p>Bambers Green Dunmow Road (part) Jacks Lane Smiths Green Warish Hall Road Electors moved 2012 = 176</p>	<p>Broxted ward above, the Council examined various ways of retaining Elsenham and Henham in the same ward and thus avoiding the conjunction of Elsenham with Takeley. It has not proved possible to construct a satisfactory pattern of wards around Elsenham, Takeley, Great Dunmow and the southern parishes south of that line without dividing Elsenham and Henham into separate wards. However, for an alternative method of resolving this problem please refer to the minority scheme proposed by the Liberal Democrat group as set out in appendix D.</p> <p>The entitlement to councillors of Elsenham in 2018 is 1.48 and that for Takeley is 1.29 excluding Priors Green, 1.96 including just that part of Priors Green in Takeley parish, and 2.39 including the whole of Little Canfield parish. It will be readily apparent that, in the absence of an alternative solution, these parishes must be combined in some way to produce a new warding pattern.</p>
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Elsenham and Takeley cont.						<p>The parish of Takeley includes the small hamlet of Mole Hill Green, which has a separate polling district but is not a parish ward, and other areas including Bambers Green north of the main village and of the A120.</p> <p>Another factor the Council has had in mind throughout this exercise is to attempt to keep together in one ward the residential estate known as Priors Green. This new residential area is divided by the parish boundary between Takeley and Little Canfield with the majority of the site falling into Takeley parish. In terms of the community interests and identities of the residents there, it seems to the Council important that the entire site should be included in the same ward, especially as there are a number of shared community facilities at Priors Green, including a new community hall. A new Takeley village school is being constructed at Bennet Canfield close to the parish boundary.</p> <p>A community governance review</p>
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Elsenham and Takeley cont.						<p>was carried out in 2010/11 in an attempt to define community interests and identities in this area. The review considered a number of options, including the inclusion of the entire site in either one parish or the other, and the creation of an entirely new parish of Priors Green. Another possible option was to merge the two parishes together into a single enlarged parish.</p> <p>In the event, the review was unable to identify with any certainty the community interests and identities of the residents at Priors Green and the boundary was left unchanged.</p> <p>Bearing in mind that satisfactory arrangements for new wards have been made in the surrounding areas of Great Dunmow and for those parishes south of Takeley and Dunmow, the scheme has attempted to define suitable new wards from the sum total of Elsenham, Little Canfield and Takeley combined. The number of electors in 2018 in these parishes together is forecast to be</p>
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Elsenham and Takeley cont.						<p>6848, allowing for four councillors to be allocated in total.</p> <p>Ideally, the arrangement should be for two wards of two members each. However, this would result in the division of Takeley village in some as yet unidentified way that would be likely to prove unsatisfactory in terms of defining community values. Work carried out as part of the FER suggests that there is no natural division of Takeley village that could be used as a ward boundary. No attempt has therefore been made to define a boundary line to divide the area into two wards of two members each.</p> <p>The only other option is to divide the area into one three member ward based on Elsenham and the bulk of Takeley village and one single member ward based on the Priors Green estate and the remainder of Little Canfield parish.</p> <p>To make this work in practice, it has been necessary to draw the proposed boundary between the two wards tightly around the</p>
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Elsenham and Takeley cont.						<p>Priors Green estate itself.</p> <p>This will mean that two parish wards will need to be created reflecting the proposed new ward boundary.</p>
Priors Green	1	<p>Takeley Priors Green</p> <p>Little Canfield</p> <p>Total</p> <p>Variance</p>	<p>578</p> <p>718</p> <p>1296</p> <p>-19</p>	<p>1014</p> <p>760</p> <p>1774</p> <p>+0</p>	<p>This is a proposed new ward including Little Canfield parish and that part of Priors Green estate in Takeley parish.</p> <p>Note the exchange of electors between polling districts in Takeley needed to facilitate this new ward grouping as explained under Elsenham and Takeley above.</p>	<p>Refer to the detailed explanation under Elsenham and Takeley ward above of the reasoning behind the configuration of these proposed wards.</p>
Great Dunmow North	2	<p>Great Dunmow North</p> <p>Little Easton (Woodlands Pk)</p> <p>Total</p> <p>Variance</p>	<p>2974</p> <p>0</p> <p>2974</p> <p>-7</p>	<p>3594</p> <p>219</p> <p>3813</p> <p>+7</p>	<p>Create a new Little Easton parish ward incorporating the Woodlands Park sector 4 development site and transfer the new ward area to Great Dunmow North ward (see also comments under Thaxted and the Eastons ward above).</p> <p>There are as yet no electors in this area but there are forecast to be 219 electors on the sector 4 site by 2018.</p>	<p>The entitlement of Great Dunmow to councillors on 2018 figures is 4.87 and so two wards can be formed consisting of two and three members respectively.</p> <p>The formation of two revised wards contained wholly within Great Dunmow would require the transfer of some 350 electors from North to South ward.</p> <p>However, it is proposed to include the parish of Barnston within a Great Dunmow South ward thus</p>

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Great Dunmow North cont.						<p>allowing the formation of two wards based on the existing north/south division.</p> <p>The proposed creation of a new ward of High Easter and the Rodings (see under later commentary) would entail the break-up of the existing Barnston and High Easter ward. The geographical position of Barnston on the eastern boundary of the district immediately south-east of Great Dunmow limits the options for joining the parish with adjoining parishes. It is not considered practicable to link Barnston with Little Dunmow or other parishes to the north because of the lack of direct transport or other links between these areas.</p> <p>Barnston is the nearest village community to Great Dunmow linked via the B1008 Chelmsford Road either side of the A120. The two parishes were linked in a ward prior to 2003 and it is now proposed to reactivate that grouping.</p> <p>The addition of Barnston to Great</p>
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Great Dunmow North cont.						<p>Dunmow South ward leaves the numbers of electors in each proposed new ward very close to the required number of electors with no apparent need to revise the boundary between the two wards.</p> <p>Note also the proposal to create a new parish ward of Little Easton consisting of the Woodlands Park sector 4 development site and to transfer this area to Great Dunmow North. The Woodlands Park development has been underway for a number of years already and is expected to continue for several more years. There are forecast to be a total of 476 further houses built on this site by 2018, including those in sector 4.</p> <p>Woodlands Park essentially is part of the community of Great Dunmow and it is considered an accidental consequence of the alignment of historic boundaries that sector 4 is included mostly within Little Easton. There is a proposal to build a new road to the west of Great Dunmow linking</p>
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Great Dunmow South	3	Barnston Great Dunmow South Total Variance	773 4019 4792 +0	844 4820 5664 +6	Add the parish of Barnston to Great Dunmow South ward.	Refer to the detailed explanation for this proposal included in the comments relating to Great Dunmow North ward above.
Stebbing	1	Felsted East Little Dunmow Stebbing Total Variance	466 253 1057 1776 +11	478 259 1185 1922 +8	<p>Move the parish of Lindsell to Thaxted and the Eastons ward (see earlier comments).</p> <p>Transfer the parish of Little Dunmow to this ward.</p> <p>Transfer the eastern part of Felsted parish from Felsted ward. There is already a polling district of Felsted East consisting of 399 electors on 2018 figures.</p> <p>However, to make this proposal work in terms of boundaries, it will be necessary to transfer 79 electors at Braintree Road and Gransmore Green from the Felsted West polling district area to Felsted East. The proposal would not otherwise work as the component parts of the proposed ward would be detached from one another.</p>	<p>The growth of the area now known as Flitch Green has had the effect of expanding the electorate of Felsted ward to the extent that it has a variance of +43% on current electorate figures (based on the present 44 member scheme).</p> <p>Flitch Green is located between the villages of Little Dunmow and Felsted and was formerly part of the parish of Little Dunmow. Although small geographically, Flitch Green has 1365 electors and was created as a separate parish by order on 1 April 2009.</p> <p>The population changes in this south-eastern corner of the district have the inevitable consequence that significant changes are needed to ward boundaries.</p>

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Stebbing cont.						<p>Stebbing ward is proposed to lose the parish of Lindsell to a revised Thaxted and the Eastons ward (see comments above). It is proposed to transfer the parish of Little Dunmow to this ward. Even with this adjustment there are insufficient electors to form a revised ward.</p> <p>There are too many electors in Felsted and Flitch Green to form a two member ward (+10 on 2018 figures). The geographical nature of the tightly packed development area of Flitch Green makes it impracticable to divide the parish in any way so the only remaining option is to divide the parish of Felsted into different wards (as explained further below).</p>
Felsted and Flitch Green	2	Felsted West Flitch Green Total Variance	1958 1365 3323 +4	2021 1406 3427 -3	<p>Transfer the parish of Little Dunmow and the eastern part of Felsted parish to Stebbing ward (see proposals described above).</p> <p>See also comments above regarding changes between the Felsted East and West polling districts.</p>	<p>The changes proposed to Stebbing ward (see above) means that the parish of Felsted will be divided into East and West parish wards. The boundary between the wards is proposed to be very similar to the existing polling district division but adjustments will be needed to provide a workable option in terms of ward</p>

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Felsted and Flitch Green cont.						<p>boundary definition. To achieve this it is proposed to move 79 electors at Braintree Road and Gransmore Green from Felsted West to Felsted East.</p> <p>In dividing Felsted parish it seems sensible to use the main settlements of Felsted village and Bannister Green in the core of the village as the basis of the new ward. This would leave the smaller and more scattered communities in the east of the parish, such as Bartholomew Green and Willows Green, to be attached to the adjoining Stebbing ward.</p>
High Easter and the Rodings	1	Aythorpe Roding High Easter High Roding Leaden Roding Margaret Roding Total Variance	164 610 382 465 140 1761 +10	173 663 395 485 144 1860 +5	Add High Easter parish to the existing Rodings ward and move White Roding to a revised Hatfield Heath ward.	The reconfiguration of the wards in Great Dunmow has the effect that High Easter must be attached to some or all of the parishes in the existing Rodings ward. This makes sense in terms of community identities as High Easter is located tight to the district border with Chelmsford and connected to a network of rural roads leading to Aythorpe, High and Leaden Roding.

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Hatfield Heath	1	Hatfield Heath White Roding Total Variance	1442 257 1699 +6	1563 270 1833 +3	Add the parish of White Roding to the existing ward.	<p>Hatfield Heath has insufficient electors to form a new ward and the numbers must be boosted from elsewhere.</p> <p>The proposed solution is to add electors from the parish of White Roding. This proposal will retain four of the five villages that make up the Rodings group together in a revised ward (see under High Easter and the Rodings above). White Roding is located along the A1060 road and therefore has a direct link with Hatfield Heath.</p> <p>The Council considered another option to link Hatfield Heath with Great and Little Hallingbury in a two member ward. The proposed arrangement was preferred as it better preserves existing ward links.</p>
Hatfield Forest	2	Bush End Great Canfield Great Hallingbury Hatfield Broad Oak Little Hallingbury Total Variance	100 334 602 873 1258 3167 -1	111 353 658 947 1366 3435 -3	Add the parish of Great Canfield to the existing Broad Oak and the Hallingburys ward.	<p>As stated above, the Council originally considered another option which would have linked Hatfield Heath with the Hallingburys.</p> <p>There would then have been a ward linking Hatfield Broad Oak and Bush End with Great Canfield</p>

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Hatfield Forest cont.						and High Roding, with the remaining Rodings linked together with High Easter. The proposed solution is considered to be more harmonious as it keeps more closely to existing parish warding links.
Totals	39 12x1 9x2 3x3		62335	69195		