

APPENDIX 1

REVIEW of POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES and POLLING STATIONS in the UTTLESFORD DISTRICT (SAFFRON WALDEN CONSTITUENCY)

The Electoral Administration Act 2007 requires a review of polling districts and polling places to be carried out and completed by no later than the end of 2007.

Any changes made as a result of the review will be implemented when the revised register of electors is published on 3 December 2007.

A polling district is a geographical area that is either the same as, or is a sub-division of, an electoral area.

A polling place is any building or other designated area within the boundaries of the polling district where electors may cast their vote.

The locations of polling stations are determined by the returning officer but must be contained within any defined polling places as designated by the Council.

The review must be undertaken in relation to Parliamentary elections but the polling places and districts agreed will apply to all other elections as well, unless otherwise decided.

Proposals for a suggested revised scheme have been drawn up and details are included on the appendix enclosed with this notice.

Maps and a schedule setting out in full the existing scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at London Road at any time after the date of this notice.

At this stage of the review any elector or other interested party may make a representation about any of the existing arrangements (last agreed by the Council in September 2006), or any of the proposals for a revised scheme, by no later than Monday, 10 September 2007.

Please note that the Returning Officer for the Saffron Walden Parliamentary constituency must be consulted and must make representations on the existing scheme, and on any proposed revisions, by the date mentioned above.

The Council must also consult appropriate bodies or persons in relation to access to premises, or facilities for persons, who may have different forms of disability.

Anyone wishing to comment on this review is encouraged to submit proposals for alternative arrangements if appropriate.

All comments received as part of this review will be published on the Council's website and will be made available for public inspection when the review is concluded.

Please note that a full review of the Council's polling districts and polling places was carried out during 2005 and 2006, so it is likely that any changes made to the scheme will be limited in scope.

All representations should be sent to the review officer, Peter Snow at the address below or to psnow@uttlesford.gov.uk.

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30 July 2007**

APPENDIX 2

Draft proposed changes to the scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places within the Uttlesford District (Saffron Walden Parliamentary Constituency)

In considering these proposals, regard should be had to the published scheme approved in September 2006 and implemented from 1 December 2006.

Ashdon ward

No changes are proposed for the polling districts of Ashdon, Hadstock or Swards End.

Barnston and High Easter ward

No changes are proposed for the polling districts of Barnston and High Easter.

Birchanger ward

No changes are proposed for the polling district of Birchanger.

Broad Oak and the Hallingburys

No changes are proposed for the polling districts of Great Hallingbury, Bush End, Hatfield Broad Oak, and Little Hallingbury.

Clavering ward

No changes are proposed for the polling districts of Clavering and Wicken Bonhunt.

Elsenham and Henham

No changes are proposed for the polling districts of Elsenham, and Henham and Chickney.

Felsted ward

No changes are proposed for the polling districts of Felsted East and Felsted West.

However, it is proposed that the polling district of Little Dunmow be divided into two separate polling districts of Flitch Green and Little Dunmow based on the areas of the proposed new parish of Flitch Green and the revised parish of Little Dunmow.

A proposal to create a new parish of Flitch Green (based on the housing development known as Oakwood Park) was submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in June 2007. The new parish is not expected to come into effect until either 2008, or at such later time as is agreed.

It is proposed that the polling district boundaries co-incide exactly with that of the proposed new parish. Until such time as the parish is created by order, it will be necessary to define the boundary as follows:

Flitch Green – ‘The northern boundary to run along the edge of Oakwood Park immediately to the south of Gypsy Lane. The north-eastern boundary will follow the centre of Station Road to the point where it is crossed by Stebbing Brook; it will then follow the line of the Brook along the south-eastern boundary. The River Chelmer will then form the southern boundary (coinciding, at this point, with the common boundary between Uttlesford and Chelmsford Borough). The western boundary will then follow first the nature reserve boundary and then the development limits of Oakwood Park until it joins with the boundary at the north-western point.’

Little Dunmow – ‘That part of the existing parish of Little Dunmow not included in the Flitch Green polling district.’

It will be necessary to designate a polling place for the new polling district of Flitch Green. A primary school is currently under construction but it thought to be premature, at this stage, to designate this building as the polling place for Flitch Green until further investigation has been carried out.

It is proposed that the Flitch of Bacon public house continue to be designated as the polling place for Little Dunmow.

Great Dunmow North

No change is proposed to the polling district of Great Dunmow North.

Great Dunmow South

No change is proposed to the polling district of Great Dunmow South.

Hatfield Heath

No change is proposed to the polling district of Hatfield Heath.

Littlebury

No change is proposed to the polling districts of Arkesden, Littlebury Green and Strethall, Littlebury (Village), and Wendens Ambo.

Newport

No changes are proposed to the polling districts of Newport, Quendon and Rickling, and Widdington.

Saffron Walden Audley

No change is proposed to the polling districts of Audley North and Audley South.

Saffron Walden Castle

No change is proposed to the polling districts of Castle South-East, Castle South-West, and Little Walden.

Saffron Walden Shire

No change is proposed to the Shire North and Shire South polling districts.

Stansted North

No change is proposed to the Stansted North and Ugley polling districts.

Stansted South

No change is proposed to the Stansted South polling district.

Stebbing

No change is proposed to the Lindsell and Stebbing polling districts.

Stort Valley

No change is proposed to the Berden, Farnham, and Manuden polling districts.

Takeley and the Canfields

No change is proposed to the polling districts of Great Canfield, Little Canfield, Mole Hill Green, and Takeley.

Except that, the description of the boundary between Mole Hill Green and Takeley polling districts **be amended to read:**

‘Mole Hill Green: that portion of the parish of Takeley lying to the east and north of a line commencing on the north-western boundary of the parish at a point due north of the Passenger Terminal at Stansted Airport, and running in a southerly direction to a point on the road from Coopers End to Takeley village just to the north of Bridgefoot Cottages, then in a north-easterly direction to the parish boundary at the point where it is crossed by the byway known as Cobbs Lane.’

As before, Takeley will consist of that portion of the parish not included in the Mole Hill Green polling district.

The amendment suggested does not change the definition of the boundary line but updates the description to make it more relevant.

Thaxted

No change is proposed to the polling districts of Duton Hill, Little Bardfield and Thaxted.

The Chesterfords

No change is proposed to the polling districts of Great Chesterford and Little Chesterford.

The Eastons

No change is proposed to the polling districts of Broxsted, Great Easton and Tilty, and Little Easton.

The Rodings

No change is proposed to the polling districts of Aythorpe Roding, High Roothing, Leaden Roding, Margaret Roding, and White Roding.

The Sampfords

No change is proposed to the polling districts of Great and Little Sampford, Hempstead, and Radwinter.

Wenden Lofts

No change is proposed to the polling districts of Chrishall, Duddenhoe End and Wenden Lofts, Elmdon, and Langley.

Wimbish and Debden

No change is proposed to the polling districts of Debden, Wimbish (Carver Barracks), and Wimbish (Village).

Proposals published for consultation on 30 July 2007