

A meeting of the **ELECTIONS PANEL** will be held on **TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2007** at **4:00 PM IN THE CABINET ROOM, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

APOLOGIES

**Contact
(01480)**

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2007.

**Mrs L Jablonska
388004**

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any Agenda Item. Please see Notes 1 and 2 below.

**3. PARISH ELECTORAL REVIEW - FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS
(Pages 1 - 28)**

To consider a report by the Head of Administration on final recommendations arising from the parish electoral review of the District.

**Mrs L Jablonska
388004**

**4. POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW (Pages
29 - 58)**

To consider a report by the Head of Administration on the outcome of the review of polling districts and polling places.

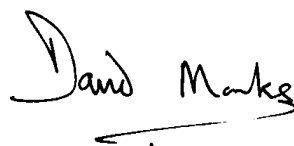
**Mrs L Jablonska
388004**

5. ELECTIONS - PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (Pages 59 - 64)

To consider a report by the Head of Administration on a consultation paper issued by the Electoral Commission on performance indicators for the conduct of elections.

**Mr R Reeves
388003**

Dated this 8th day of November 2007



Chief Executive

Notes

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 - (a) *the well-being, financial position, employment or business of the Councillor, their family or any person with whom they had a close association;*
 - (b) *a body employing those persons, any firm in which they are a partner and any company of which they are directors;*
 - (c) *any corporate body in which those persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or*
 - (d) *the Councillor's registerable financial and other interests.*

2. *A personal interest becomes a prejudicial interest where a member of the public (who has knowledge of the circumstances) would reasonably regard the Member's personal interest as being so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.*

Please contact Mrs L Jablonska, Central Services Manager, Tel No 01480 388004/e-mail: Lisa.Jablonska@huntsdc.gov.uk if you have a general query on any Agenda Item, wish to tender your apologies for absence from the meeting, or would like information on any decision taken by the Panel.

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PARISH ELECTORAL REVIEW – FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS (Report by the Head of Administration)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the present position in connection with parish electoral review of the District, including the consultation exercise and comments received during that process. Final recommendations are to be determined by the Panel for approval by the Council.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The District Council has a duty to keep under review the electoral arrangements of its parishes to ensure that parishes continue to reflect the identities and interests of local communities. The Local Government and Rating Act 1997 requires all district and unitary authorities to review the parish pattern in their area. The last parish electoral review in Huntingdonshire was completed in 1980.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The review commenced at the end of March 2006 and interested parties were invited to submit any proposals for changes to parish arrangements. Arising from the responses received, draft proposals were formulated for changes to parish boundaries and electoral arrangements. The public consultation exercise on these draft proposals commenced in December 2006 and was concluded at the end of March 2007.
- 3.2 Throughout this consultation period, it was established that the issue of parish meetings had been omitted from the earlier consultation on the draft proposals and additional proposals were formulated and circulated for public consultation mid January 2007. In addition to this, as a result of extensive representations received regarding the proposals for Ramsey and Bury, alternative proposals were determined for these parishes and circulated for further consultation.
- 3.3 Attached as an Appendix to this report is a summary of representations received on the draft proposals for changes to parish boundaries and electoral arrangements.

4. COUNCIL SIZE

- 4.1 The Council, at their meeting on 20th November 1974, approved a scale of parish council representation. The scale has remained in place despite significant changes to the size of parishes over the years. At the meeting of the Panel on 2nd October 2006, a new scale was devised and comments invited from parishes as part of the consultation exercise. The current scale and proposed scale are detailed below –

Current		Proposed	
Electorate	Members	Electorate	Members
Up to 250	5	Up to 500	5
251 to 500	7	501 to 1,000	7
501 to 1,000	9	1,001 to 1,500	9
1,001 to 1,500	11	1,501 to 2,000	11
1,501 to 2,000	13	2,001 to 3,000	13
2,001 to ,3000	15	3,001 to 5,000	15
3,001 to 5,000	17	5,001 to 10,000	17
5,001 to 10,000	19	10,001 to 15,000	19
Over 10,000	21	Over 15,000	21

4.2 **Members are invited to consider any revisions to the proposed new scale of parish council representation in the light of comments received prior to its submission to the Council.**

5. FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Members are invited to consider the issues raised for each respective parish with a view to formulating final recommendations for approval by the Council prior to their submission to the Secretary of State and the Electoral Commission. In order to assist the Panel, draft proposals for final recommendations are outlined in more detail below for further consideration.

5.2 The majority of the small parishes with either parish councils or parish meetings were opposed to the proposed amalgamation with neighbouring parishes. These proposals resulted from the difficulty experienced by some parishes in appointing clerks, attracting enough candidates for election and general lack of resources. The proposals met with universal opposition from the parishes affected and in view of the unpopularity of the proposals the Panel are invited to reconsider these proposals.

Abbotsley/Spinney Ward of Eynesbury Hardwicke parish/part of St Neots Rural

5.3 It was proposed to amalgamate the Spinney Ward of Eynesbury Hardwicke parish, the remaining part of St Neots Rural parish following proposed amendments to the St Neots area (paragraph 5.86 refers) and Abbotsley parish to form a new parish of Abbotsley and Hardwicke consisting of 7 councillors.

5.4 Abbotsley Parish Council accepted the concept in principle, with some reservations. They would prefer to retain the existing name of Abbotsley Parish Council and were concerned that the 7 councillors would not be sufficient to cover the extended area. Eynesbury Hardwicke Parish Council also raised no objections to the proposals. A resident of St Neots Rural supported the proposal to merge with Abbotsley. St Neots and District Liberal Democrats submitted an alternative proposal for this area.

5.5 As the suggested number of councillors is in accordance with the proposed new scale of parish council representation, whilst allowing some flexibility to plus or minus 2 councillors within the new band, and the proposals for amalgamation do not result in a large increase of electors, only 332 to 430 there is no justification to increase the number of councillors.

- 5.6 **The Panel is invited to support the amalgamation of the Spinney Ward of Eynesbury Hardwicke parish, the remaining part of St Neots Rural parish (see proposals for St Neots) and Abbotsley parish to form an expanded parish of Abbotsley consisting of 7 councillors.**

Abbots Ripton/Alconbury/The Stukeleys

- 5.7 It was proposed to amend various boundaries affecting the parishes of Abbots Ripton, Alconbury and The Stukeleys.
- 5.8 Alconbury Parish Council was not in favour of the proposed changes. Abbots Ripton Parish Council have suggested moving Bevills Wood into their parish from Woodwalton parish. The Stukeleys have expressed their support for the proposed boundary changes, with the exception of the part of Abbots Ripton parish.
- 5.9 It is illogical to leave the airfield split between two parishes and Alconbury Parish Council would continue to be consulted on major applications despite their concerns.
- 5.10 **The Panel is invited to support the proposed transfer of shaded areas A from Abbots Ripton parish to The Stukeleys parish, B from Alconbury parish to the Stukeleys parish and C from Abbots Ripton parish to The Stukeleys parish. It is also suggested that the Parish support the transfer of Bevills Wood from Woodwalton parish to Abbots Ripton parish. This transfer does not involve any properties, but aligns the parish boundaries more clearly with a geographical feature as the new boundary would follow the road.**

Abbots Ripton/Kings Ripton

- 5.11 It was proposed to amalgamate Kings Ripton parish and Abbots Ripton parish to form a new parish of The Riptons consisting of 5 councillors.
- 5.12 Abbots Ripton Parish Council and Kings Ripton Parish Council were unanimously against these proposals and wished to see no reduction in the current number of councillors.
- 5.13 **As the proposals were resisted by both parishes, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to make no changes to the existing arrangements. Abbots Ripton Parish Council will remain in existence consisting of 6 councillors and Kings Ripton Parish Council will remain in existence consisting of 5 councillors.**

Alconbury

- 5.14 Alconbury Parish Council expressed concern if their membership would decrease from 11 to 9 councillors. This did not form part of the original draft proposals and therefore no change is necessary.

Barham and Woolley/Buckworth/Leighton Bromswold

- 5.15 It was proposed to amalgamate Barham and Woolley parish, Buckworth parish and Leighton Bromswold parish to form a new parish of Leighton Bromswold consisting of 5 councillors.
- 5.16 Barham and Woolley Parish Council were unanimously against these proposals. Buckworth Parish Council strongly opposed such a merger. Leighton Bromswold Parish Council and residents of the parish did not support the proposals. The District Councillor for Ellington also found no support for the proposals.
- 5.17 **As the proposals were resisted by all of the parishes and there was no evidence to suggest an affinity of interest between the parishes, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to make no changes to the existing arrangements. Barham and Woolley Parish Council will remain in existence consisting of 5 councillors, Buckworth Parish Council will remain in existence consisting of 5 councillors and Leighton Bromswold Parish Council will remain in existence consisting of 7 councillors.**

Broughton

- 5.18 Broughton Parish Council expressed concern if their membership would decrease from 7 to 5 councillors. This did not form part of the original draft proposals and therefore no change is necessary.

Bury/Ramsey

- 5.19 Following the publication of draft proposals for changes to parish boundaries in Bury and Ramsey extensive representations were received and as a result alternative proposals were formulated.
- 5.20 A large majority of residents in the affected areas wished to remain in Bury. Bury Parish Council submitted an alternative proposal, but supported proposal A if this was not achievable. They also objected to the old Bury Industrial Estate, Signal Road becoming part of Ramsey which formed part of the Ramsey Town Council submission. Ramsey Town Council rejected the alternative proposal.
- 5.21 It is imperative that the parish boundary between Ramsey and Bury is amended as it currently cuts directly through properties and is not easily identifiable. Where possible, boundaries should be tied to geographical features that are unlikely to change.
- 5.22 **As a result of the reasons outlined above, the Panel is invited to support alternative Option A as the new parish boundary which closely reflects the current parish boundary. It is also suggested that the Panel support the transfer of shaded Area B from Ramsey parish to Bury parish which includes realigning the boundary with a geographical feature rather than cutting directly through properties.**

Catworth

- 5.23 It was proposed to decrease the membership of Catworth Parish Council from 9 to 7 councillors.
- 5.24 Catworth Parish Council expressed concern with the proposal and requested that the status quo be maintained.
- 5.25 **As the suggested decrease in councillors is in accordance with the proposed new scale of parish council representation, whilst allowing some flexibility to plus or minus 2 councillors within the new band, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to decrease the membership of Catworth Parish Council from 9 to 7 councillors.**

Chesterton/Haddon/Elton

- 5.26 It was proposed to amalgamate Chesterton Parish Meeting and Haddon Parish Meeting with Elton Parish Council. The membership would be reduced from 11 to 9 councillors.
- 5.27 Chesterton Parish Meeting have requested that no change be made to their existing arrangements. No response was received from Haddon Parish Meeting or Elton Parish Council.
- 5.28 **As no representations were received from Elton Parish Council and Haddon Parish Meeting, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to amalgamate Elton Parish Council with Haddon Parish Meeting to form a new parish of Elton consisting of 9 councillors. (See paragraph 5.116 ante). This is in accordance with the proposed new scale of parish council representation, whilst allowing some flexibility to plus or minus 2 councillors within the new band. It is also suggested that the Panel support the retention of Chesterton as a parish meeting following their views submitted.**

Covington/Tilbrook

- 5.29 It was proposed to amalgamate Covington Parish Meeting with Tilbrook Parish Council consisting of 7 councillors.
- 5.30 A signed petition was received from Covington residents against the proposals. Tilbrook Parish Council objected to the proposals, but expressed support for a reduction in councillors from 7 to 5. This did not form part of the draft proposals. The Ward Councillor for Kimbolton and Staughton supported the concerns of Tilbrook Parish Council.
- 5.31 **As the proposals were resisted by both parishes, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to make no change to the existing arrangements. Covington will remain as a parish meeting. It is also suggested that the Panel support the reduction of membership of Tilbrook Parish Council from 7 to 5 councillors, which is in accordance with the proposed new scale of parish council representation.**

Denton and Caldecote/Stilton

- 5.32 It was proposed to amalgamate Denton and Caldecote Parish Meeting with Stilton Parish Council consisting of 11 councillors.
- 5.33 Denton and Caldecote Parish Meeting have requested that no change be made to their existing arrangements. No response was received from Stilton Parish Council.
- 5.34 **As the proposal was resisted by one of the parishes, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to make no change to the existing arrangements. Denton and Caldecote will remain as a parish meeting and Stilton Parish Council will retain their current membership of 11 councillors.**

Diddington/Southoe and Midloe

- 5.35 It was proposed to amalgamate Diddington Parish Meeting with Southoe and Midloe Parish Council consisting of 7 councillors.
- 5.36 The Ward Councillor for Buckden has suggested that Diddington would prefer to group with Buckden and not Southoe and Midloe, thereby retaining their own identity as a parish. If this could not happen then Diddington Parish Meeting would prefer to remain as a separate entity. Diddington Parish Meeting has concurred with the Ward Councillors views.
- 5.37 **As the parishes have indicated their resistance to the original proposed amalgamations, the Panel is invited to support the recommendation to group Diddington parish with Buckden parish to form a new parish council of Buckden consisting of 15 councillors, of whom 14 shall be elected to represent the parish of Buckden and one shall be elected to represent the parish of Diddington. This is subject to the consent of the parish meeting of each of the parishes. It is also suggested that the Panel support the retention of Southoe and Midloe Parish Council with the current membership of 7 councillors.**

Easton/Ellington

- 5.38 It was proposed to amalgamate Easton parish and Ellington parish to form a new parish of Ellington consisting of 5 councillors.
- 5.39 A survey was carried out by Easton Parish Council who were completely opposed to the proposal. Ellington Parish Council were strongly against the proposal and indicated their preference to retain their existing membership. Residents of Easton parish and Ellington parish did not support the proposals for amalgamation. The District Councillor for Ellington also found no support for the proposals.
- 5.40 **As the proposal was resisted by both parishes, the Panel is invited to make no changes to the existing arrangements. Easton Parish Council will remain in existence consisting of 5 councillors and Ellington Parish Council will remain in existence consisting of 7 councillors.**

Fenstanton/St Ives

- 5.41 It was proposed to amend the boundaries between the parishes of Fenstanton and St Ives. This would result in a reduction of membership of Fenstanton Parish Council from 15 to 13 councillors.
- 5.42 Fenstanton Parish Council rejected the proposal and requested that the boundaries remain unchanged. Residents in Greenfields, Maytrees, Elizabeth Court, London Road and Bridge Terrace also objected to the proposals. The former Ward Councillor for Fenstanton found no support for the proposals. St Ives Town Council disagreed with the proposals, but suggested alternative arrangements.
- 5.43 **Taking into account the representations submitted, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to amend the southern boundary of St Ives south to follow the Low Road up to the junction with London Road as it is felt that the properties in London Road have more affinity of interest with St Ives. The membership of Fenstanton Parish Council will remain unchanged consisting of 15 councillors which is in accordance with the proposed new scale of parish council representation, whilst allowing some flexibility to plus or minus 2 councillors within the new band.**

Folksworth and Washingley

- 5.44 Folksworth and Washingley Parish Council expressed concern if their membership would decrease from 9 to 7 councillors. This did not form part of the original draft proposals and therefore no change is necessary.

Godmanchester

- 5.45 It was proposed to increase the membership of Godmanchester Town Council from 15 to 17 councillors.
- 5.46 Godmanchester Town Council supported the proposal for an increase in membership.
- 5.47 **In accordance with the proposed new scale of parish council representation, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to increase the membership of Godmanchester Town Council from 15 to 17 councillors.**

Hamerton/Winwick/Steeple Gidding/ Great and Little Gidding

- 5.48 It was proposed to amalgamate the parish meetings of Hamerton, Winwick and Steeple Gidding with Great and Little Gidding Parish Council consisting of 7 councillors.
- 5.49 Hamerton Parish Committee expressed the view that they would prefer to remain as they are. Winwick Parish Meeting would not like to be forcibly amalgamated with any other village. Great and Little Gidding Parish Council would prefer to remain as they are with 8 members, but if they were to amalgamate they would prefer to join Winwick.
- 5.50 **As no representations were received from Steeple Gidding Parish Meeting and given the small size of the electorate of 19, the Panel is**

invited to support the amalgamation of Steeple Gidding parish with Little Gidding parish to create a new parish of Little Gidding. It is not possible to amalgamate with Great and Little Gidding Parish Council as these parishes have already been grouped as a common parish council under an Order made in 1979. Under the proposed new scale of parish council representation, the Panel is invited to support the reduction in membership of Great and Little Gidding Parish Council from 8 to 7 councillors. As the proposals were resisted by the parishes of Hamerton and Winwick, the Panel is also invited to support the proposal to make no changes to the existing arrangements. Hamerton Parish Committee and Winwick Parish meeting will remain in existence.

Great Gransden

- 5.51 Great Gransden Parish Council expressed concern if their membership would decrease from 9 to 7 councillors. This did not form part of the original draft proposals and therefore no change is necessary.

Hail Weston

- 5.52 Hail Weston Parish Council expressed concern if their membership would decrease. This did not form part of the original draft proposals and therefore no change is necessary.

Hemingford Grey/St Ives

- 5.53 It was proposed to amend the boundaries between the parishes of Hemingford Grey and St Ives.
- 5.54 Hemingford Grey Parish Council objected to the proposals for the area adjacent to The Dolphin Hotel, but were content with the proposals for Holt Island. St Ives Town Council supported the proposals for the boundary changes.
- 5.55 It is illogical to retain the current parish boundary between St Ives and Hemingford Grey, in particular the shaded area A, as the boundary currently cuts directly through units and the site of The Dolphin Hotel. The boundary also cuts directly through Holt Island and should be amended to follow the centre course of the River Great Ouse.
- 5.56 **The Panel is invited to support the proposed transfer of shaded areas A and B from Hemingford Grey parish to St Ives South Ward of St Ives Parish.**

Holme

- 5.57 It was proposed to reduce the membership of Holme Parish Council from 9 to 7 councillors.
- 5.58 Holme Parish Council objected to the proposal and indicated their preference to remain as they are.
- 5.59 **In accordance with the proposed new scale of parish council representation, whilst allowing some flexibility to plus or minus 2 councillors within the new band, the Panel is invited to support the**

reduction in membership of Holme Parish Council from 9 to 7 councillors.

Holywell-cum-Needingworth/St Ives

- 5.60 It was proposed to amend the boundaries between the parishes of Holywell-cum-Needingworth and St Ives.
- 5.61 Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council and a resident of the parish objected strongly to the proposals, but accepted that change to follow the physical boundary of Harrison Way was logical. St Ives Town Council supported proposals to amend the boundaries, but suggested alternative arrangements to extend the boundary further north.
- 5.62 **In order to take account of existing and planned development and the comments of the interested parties, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to amend the boundary between the parishes of St Ives and Holywell-cum-Needingworth to follow Harrison Way/St Ives bypass up to the roundabout and along the A1123 to follow the boundary of the Depot and Compass Point and transfer this area from Holywell-cum-Needingworth to St Ives parish.**

Houghton and Wyton/St Ives

- 5.63 It was proposed to amend the boundaries between the parishes of Houghton and Wyton and St Ives. This resulted in the split of Houghton and Wyton parish, currently consisting of 13 councillors and resulting in the Houghton and Wyton Ward of the parish consisting of 9 councillors and the Airfield Ward of the parish (Wyton-on-the-Hill) consisting of 7 councillors.
- 5.64 Houghton and Wyton Parish Council agreed with the split of Wyton-on-the-Hill and extension of the boundary to include How Lodge and The How. They also requested that consideration be given to including Houghton Lock, presently in Hemingford Abbots and amending the boundary between the wards of their parish. St Ives Town Council rejected the proposals.
- 5.65 **In order to take account of existing and planned development and representations submitted, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to amend the boundary between the parishes of St Ives and Houghton and Wyton to extend the Houghton and Wyton boundary to include How Lodge and The How and the transfer of Houghton Lock from Hemingford Abbots parish to Houghton and Wyton by way of amending the boundary to follow the centre course of the river. It is also suggested that the Panel support the amendment of the boundary between the current wards of Houghton and Wyton parish, whereby the properties at the top of Mere Way and Sawtry Way transfer to the Airfield Ward and Sawtry Way Cottages and Houghton Hill Farm transfer to Houghton and Wyton Ward of the parish. The Panel is invited to support the split of Houghton and Wyton parish to create a new parish of the Houghton and Wyton Ward consisting of 9 councillors and a new parish of the Airfield Ward (Wyton-on-the-Hill) consisting of 7 councillors.**

Huntingdon/The Stukeleys

- 5.66 It was proposed to increase the number of councillors on Huntingdon Town Council from 16 to 19 and proposed various amendments to the existing boundaries with adjacent parishes. This resulted in a proposed reduction of membership of The Stukeleys Parish Council from 13 to 7 councillors.
- 5.67 Huntingdon Town Council supported the proposals for changes to the parish boundaries, but requested that there be no change to the existing membership. Huntingdon Liberal Democrats submitted an alternative proposal for Huntingdon whereby Huntingdon would be split into smaller areas. It is felt that this area would not lend itself to such proposals and would lead to confusion for the public distinguishing between District and Town Councillors. The Stukeleys Parish Council supported the proposals for boundary changes, but requested a minimum membership of 10 councillors.
- 5.68 **In order to take account of existing and planned development, the Panel is invited to support the transfer of shaded areas A and B from The Stukeleys parish to Huntingdon West Ward of Huntingdon parish. As the electorate of Huntingdon has increased over the years and is likely to increase further as a result of the amended boundaries, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to increase the membership of Huntingdon Town Council from 16 to 19 councillors and the reduction of membership of The Stukeleys Parish Council from 13 to 9 councillors. This is in accordance with the proposed new scale of parish council representation, whilst allowing some flexibility to plus or minus 2 councillors within the new band.**

Kimbolton and Stonely/Stow Longa

- 5.69 It was proposed to amend the boundary between the parishes of Kimbolton and Stonely and Stow Longa.
- 6.70 Kimbolton and Stonely Parish Council objected to the proposals to redefine the boundaries. They also objected to a reduction of their membership from 11 to 9 councillors. As the latter did not form part of the original draft proposals, no change is necessary. The Ward Councillor for Kimbolton and Staughton endorsed Kimbolton and Stonely Parish Councils' concerns. Stow Longa Parish Council supported the proposals to amend the boundary, but suggested that Rookery Farm had not fully been included in the proposals.
- 5.71 **Subject to clarification from Stow Longa Parish Council, the Panel is invited to support the transfer of land to include fully Rookery Farm from Kimbolton parish to Stow Longa parish.**

Little Paxton

- 5.72 It was proposed to amend the boundary to include the Island site within the parish of Little Paxton.
- 5.73 Little Paxton Parish Council supported the proposals to amend the boundary and also objected to a reduction of their membership. The latter did not form part of the original draft proposals and therefore no change is necessary. St Neots and District Liberal Democrats also supported the proposals for the boundary changes.

- 5.74 **The Panel is invited to support the proposal to amend the boundary between Little Paxton parish and St Neots Priory Park Ward of St Neots parish to follow the southern reach of the River Ouse.**

Morborne/Folksworth and Washingley

- 5.75 It was proposed to amalgamate Morborne Parish Meeting with Folksworth and Washingley Parish Council consisting of 9 councillors.
- 5.76 A petition was enclosed with the representation from Morborne Parish Meeting outlining their rejection to such proposals. Folksworth and Washingley Parish Council made no comment on this issue, except reference to membership as outlined in paragraph 5.44 above.
- 5.77 **As the proposal was resisted by one of the parishes, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to make no change to the existing arrangements. Morborne Parish Meeting will remain in existence. Folksworth and Washingley Parish Council will remain in existence consisting of 9 councillors.**

Offord Cluny/Offord D’Arcy

- 5.78 It was proposed to amalgamate Offord Cluny parish and Offord D’Arcy parish to form a new parish of The Offords consisting of 9 councillors.
- 5.79 Offord Cluny Parish Council and Offord D’Arcy Parish Council supported the proposed amalgamation but considered a membership of 11 councillors to be more appropriate and preferred it to be named Offord Cluny and Offord D’Arcy Parish Council. Residents of both parishes were all strongly in support of such a merger. This view was also supported by St Neots and District Liberal Democrats.
- 5.80 **The Panel is invited to support the proposal to amalgamate Offord Cluny parish and Offord D’Arcy parish to form a new parish council of Offord Cluny and Offord D’Arcy consisting of 11 councillors.**

St Ives

- 5.81 It was proposed to increase the membership of St Ives Town Council from 16 to 19 councillors.
- 5.82 St Ives Town Council strongly opposed the increase in membership.
- 5.83 **In accordance with the proposed new scale of parish council representation, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to increase the membership of St Ives Town Council from 16 to 17 councillors.**

St Neots

- 5.84 It was proposed to increase the membership of St Neots Town Council from 18 to 21 councillors and make various amendments to the boundaries.
- 5.85 St Neots Town Council supported the proposals for changes to the boundaries and made no comment on the increase in membership. St Neots

and District Liberal Democrats have submitted an alternative proposal for this area which was considered and discounted by Members at an earlier stage of the consultation process.

- 5.86 **The Panel is invited to support the proposal to transfer the shaded areas from Hail Weston parish to St Neots Eaton Ford Ward of St Neots parish, from Eynesbury Hardwicke parish to St Neots Eynesbury Ward of St Neots parish and from St Neots Rural parish and Eynesbury Hardwicke parish to St Neots Priory Park Ward of St Neots parish. It is also suggested that the Panel support the proposal to increase the membership of St Neots Town Council from 18 to 21 councillors in accordance with the proposed new scale of parish council representation.**

Somersham/Pidley-cum-Fenton

- 5.87 It was proposed to amend the boundary between the parishes of Somersham and Pidley-cum-Fenton.
- 5.88 Somersham Parish Council raised no objection to the proposed boundary changes but strongly objected to any decrease in their membership. As the latter did not form part of the original draft proposals, no change is necessary. Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council also supported the proposed changes to the boundary.
- 5.89 **The Panel is invited to support the proposed transfer of the shaded area from Pidley-cum-Fenton parish to Somersham parish in order to re-align parish boundaries.**

Stow Longa/Spaldwick

- 5.90 It was proposed to amalgamate Stow Longa parish and Spaldwick parish to form a new parish of Stow Longa consisting of 7 councillors.
- 5.91 Stow Longa Parish Council and residents of the parish objected strongly to the proposed merger. Spaldwick Parish Council vigorously opposed the amalgamation of the two parishes. A vote was also taken at a village meeting where they unanimously rejected the proposals.
- 5.92 **As the proposal was resisted by both parishes, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to make no changes to the existing arrangements. Stow Longa Parish Council will remain in existence consisting of 5 councillors and Spaldwick Parish Council will remain in existence consisting of 7 councillors.**

Spaldwick/Ellington

- 5.93 It was proposed to amend the boundary between the parishes of Spaldwick and Ellington.
- 5.94 Spaldwick Parish Council supported the proposal for the change to the boundary. Ellington Parish Council also supported transfer of part of their parish to Spaldwick.

- 5.95 **The Panel is invited to support the proposed transfer of the shaded area from Ellington parish to Spaldwick parish in order to re-align parish boundaries.**

Toseland/Yelling

- 5.96 It was proposed to amalgamate Toseland parish and Yelling parish to form a new parish of Toseland consisting of 5 councillors.
- 5.97 Toseland Parish Council and its electorate voted unanimously against the proposals. Yelling Parish Council unanimously agreed that the status quo should be retained which was supported by 100% of the electorate at a Special Parish Meeting.
- 5.98 **As the proposal was resisted by both parishes, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to make no changes to the existing arrangements. Toseland Parish Council will remain in existence consisting of 5 councillors and Yelling Parish Council will remain in existence consisting of 7 councillors.**

Upwood and The Raveleys

- 5.99 It was proposed to reduce the membership of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council from 11 to 9 councillors.
- 5.100 Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council objected to the proposed reduction in members. This view was supported by the Ward Councillor for Upwood and The Raveleys.
- 5.101 **As the suggested decrease in councillors is in accordance with the proposed new scale of parish council representation, whilst allowing some flexibility to plus or minus 2 councillors with the new band, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to decrease the membership of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council from 11 to 9 councillors.**

Warboys/Pidley-cum-Fenton/Wistow/Ramsey

- 5.102 It was proposed to amend the boundaries between the parishes of Warboys, Pidley-cum-Fenton, Wistow and Ramsey.
- 5.103 Warboys Parish Council accepted the proposals for changes. Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council approved the proposed changes.
- 5.104 **The Panel is invited to support the proposed transfer of the shaded areas from the parishes of Pidley-cum-Fenton, Wistow and Ramsey to Warboys parish.**

Water Newton/Sibson-cum-Stibbington

- 5.105 It was proposed to amalgamate the parish meeting of Water Newton with Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council consisting of 7 councillors.
- 5.106 Water Newton Parish Meeting strongly objected to being forcibly amalgamated with any other village.

- 5.107 **As the proposal was resisted by one of the parishes, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to make no change to the existing arrangements. Water Newton will remain as a parish meeting and Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council will retain their current membership of 7 councillors. Views of the Panel are invited.**

Woodhurst/Oldhurst/Houghton and Wyton/St Ives

- 5.108 It was proposed to amend the boundaries affecting the parishes of Woodhurst, Oldhurst, Houghton and Wyton and St Ives.
- 5.109 Woodhurst Parish Council opposed the proposals for changes to the boundaries affecting their parish. They submitted alternative proposals. St Ives Town Council supported proposals to amend the boundaries and transfer an area of land from the parish of Woodhurst to St Ives. They also suggested alternative arrangements for the transfer of other areas of land to Wyton-on-the-Hill.
- 5.110 **In accordance with the proposal for Alconbury Airfield, it is illogical to leave Wyton Airfield split between parishes. The Panel is therefore invited to support the transfer of shaded areas A1 from Woodhurst parish to St Ives parish, A2 from Woodhurst parish to the Airfield Ward of Houghton and Wyton parish and B from Old Hurst parish to the Airfield Ward of Houghton and Wyton parish.**

Buckden/Offord Cluny

- 5.111 It was proposed to amend the boundary affecting the parishes of Buckden and Offord Cluny.
- 5.112 **As no representations were made in respect of these proposals and as the boundary between Buckden parish and Offord Cluny parish cuts directly through the properties in the Mill House, the Panel is invited to support the amendment of the boundary to follow the course of the River Ouse to the east of the Mill House and transfer the shaded area from Offord Cluny parish to Buckden parish.**

Tetworth/Waresley

- 5.113 It was proposed to amalgamate the parish meeting of Tetworth with Waresley Parish Council consisting of 5 councillors.
- 5.114 **As no representations were made in respect of these proposals, the Panel is invited to support the proposal to amalgamate Waresley Parish Council with Tetworth Parish Meeting to form a new parish of Waresley-cum-Tetworth consisting of 5 councillors.**

Elton/Great Staughton/Yaxley

- 5.115 It was proposed to decrease the membership of Elton Parish Council from 11 to 9 councillors, decrease the membership of Great Staughton Parish Council from 11 to 9 councillors and increase the membership of Yaxley Parish Council from 13 to 17 councillors.

5.116 **As the suggested increase and decrease in councillors is in accordance with the proposed new scale of parish council representation, whilst allowing some flexibility to plus or minus 2 councillors within the new band, the Panel is invited to support the proposals to decrease the membership of Elton Parish Council from 11 to 9 councillors, decrease the membership of Great Staughton Parish from 11 to 9 councillors and increase the membership of Yaxley Parish Council from 13 to 15 councillors.**

6. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Having regard to the representations received from interested parties following the publication of draft proposals for changes to parish boundaries and electoral arrangements, Members of the Panel are invited to consider –

(a) the determination of final recommendations for changes to parish boundaries and electoral arrangements for approval by the Council; and

(b) the formulation of a new scale of parish council representation for approval by the Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Local Government and Rating Act 1997

Guidance and procedural advice for periodic electoral reviews – The Electoral Commission July 2003.

Guidance on the establishment and review of parish electoral arrangements and related alterations to district ward and county division boundaries – The Electoral Commission August 2006.

Minutes and Reports of the meetings of the Elections Panel – 22nd August, 2nd October, 15th December 2006 and 19th February 2007.

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

Parish	Representations Received	Comments
Abbotsley	Abbotsley Parish Council	<p>Accepts in principle the rationale of amalgamating the Spinney Ward of Eynesbury Hardwicke parish and the remaining part of St. Neots Rural parish with Abbotsley.</p> <p>Concerns -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - considered that a larger area will be more difficult to manage - greater drain on resources, particularly Parish Clerk - considered that larger area will be much more difficult to monitor <p>Strong views that the area to the north of A428 should not be included in the new parish, this area is particularly alien to the village but due to difficulty of allocating this area of St. Neots Rural to any other area in relation to South Cambs boundary, that it was sensible for this area to be included – but demonstrates the general feeling that some new area outside the present village boundary has little relationship to the village.</p> <p>Prefer to retain name of – “Abbotsley Parish Council” and NOT – Abbotsley and Hardwicke Parish Council as smaller parishes are joining a much larger established parish.</p> <p>Also concern over number of councillors (seven at present) – will not be sufficient to cover larger area – as increased workload – could result in existing parish council from within the village being replaced by a majority from outside the village. Strongly opposed to any reduction in the number of councillors.</p>
Alconbury	Alconbury Parish Council	<p>Concerns – not in favour of changes to boundaries – The airfield is in close proximity and anything occurring on site directly affects Alconbury residents. Esp. traffic. Parish Council would like to be consulted on any major developments on the airfield.</p> <p>Also not happy if membership is to drop from 11 to 9 would put extra pressure on the whole council. Wants to be a professionally run council and has embarked on Parish Plan which requires a good deal of work and is ongoing.</p>

Parish	Representations Received	Comments
Abbots Ripton	Abbots Ripton Parish Council	<p>Various Clerk posts would unfortunately cease to exist which would cause a problem. Insufficient thought and planning is evident here. Disappointing that clerks to be affected had no prior warning or consultation with CALC.</p> <p>Councillors unanimously agreed that the proposal to merge to form a new parish would not be in the best interests of parishioners – would lead to loss of identity for both villages.</p> <p>No problem filling current 6 councillor positions - against reduction in number of councillors.</p> <p>Suggest moving Bevills Wood into the parish.</p>
Alwalton Barham & Woolley	Alwalton Parish Council Barham & Woolley Parish Council	<p>Feel that current parish boundaries still meet criteria</p> <p>Unanimously in favour of no change to present state and there should be no merger. Concerns -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - electorate numbers disproportionate between parishes - costs involved in employing more clerks to cover areas - would community be lost - would democratic right of electorate be lost - can merger be prevented from happening <p>Would rather have its present 7 councillors rather than be reduced to proposed 5</p>
Broughton	Broughton Parish Council	<p>Quorum might be difficult to achieve with lower number, due to councillor interests and restrictions with voting</p>
Buckworth	Buckworth Parish Council	<p>Strongly opposes any amalgamation or change – would be robbed of its own identity. Does not have trouble recruiting.</p> <p>Does not agree to reduction in Councillors.</p>
Bury	Mrs Carole M Crompton, Lioncroft Cottage, Bury	<p>Would prefer that Bury Parish/Ramsey Town Boundary is moved to the boundaries between current properties as close to original historical boundary as possible to newer residents.</p>
Bury	Bury Parish Council	<p>Bury villagers wish to remain in Bury and not become part of Ramsey - Petition held - Support of them remaining in Bury.</p> <p>Object to old Bury Industrial Estate, Signal Road becoming part of Ramsey</p> <p>Submitted alternative proposal.</p> <p>Arising from amended proposals circulated felt that clearer boundary would be achieved - If proposal A and B on map were amalgamated – if not proposal A would be alternative option</p>

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Bury	Malcolm Halliwell (Resident)	Following the publication of revised proposals totally against being incorporated into Ramsey Parish. Cannot see any benefits to be gained by changing boundaries at all and feel expenses associated with this would be better spent on local services.
Bury	Julie Matwijczuk, Taverners Drive, Bury	Support proposal A – prefer to stay in Bury
Bury	Julian Fisher, Taverners Drive, Bury	Wish to remain in Bury
Bury	Colin Dorrington, Foundry Way, Bury	Wish to remain in Bury
Bury	John Crompton, The Terrace, Bury	Wish to remain in Bury
Bury	Mr F W Starmer, Foundry Way, Bury	Wish to remain Bury
Bury	Mr F Bell, Lion Walk, Bury	Is happy to identify as a Bury resident and wishes to stay in Bury. Areas to be moved do not make sense.
Bury	Mr & Mrs Beesley, Foundry way, Bury	Bought house because wanted to remain in Bury not Ramsey.
Bury	Mr R Frost, Lion Walk, Bury	Want to live in Bury not Ramsey.
Bury	Mr & Mrs G White, The Terrace, Bury	Upset at proposals. Do not wish to live in Ramsey – wish to remain as Bury.
Bury	Mr & Mrs K Snoad, Foundry Way, Bury	Wish to remain in Bury
Bury	Bury Branch Conservative Association (Peter Hazell)	Extremely concerned about proposed changes. Totally opposed to any changes, particularly if it involves any degree of integration with Ramsey
Bury	Mrs M Dockerty, The Terrace, Bury	The Terrace is centre of Bury village – wish to remain in Bury
Bury	M E Clack, Lioncroft Cottages, Bury	No advantage to Bury residents – loss of social intercourse and community. Wish to remain in Bury
Bury	Mrs J Pilkington, Foundry Way, Bury	Wish to remain in Bury
Bury	Mr N Arden, Grenfell Road, Bury	Wish to remain in Bury
Bury	David Howells, Lioncroft Cottages, Bury	Wish to remain in Bury

Parish	Representations Received	Comments
Catworth	Catworth Parish Council	Wish to maintain the status quo of 9 councillors. Re: workload/planning applications/quorum/declarations
Catworth	Mr S Robinson, High Street, Catworth	Objection to reducing number of members from 9 to 5
Chesterton	Chesterton Parish Meeting	Request no change and remain as a Parish Meeting for foreseeable future
Covington	Marilyn Turrell (Chair of Covington Book Group)	Existing parish meeting attracts high turnout. Would have only one voice out of seven in decision-making of the newly formed PC. Wish to preserve unique identity
Covington	Convington Parish Meeting & Residents Petition	Do not wish to make ANY changes to parish boundary or to parish meeting. Would be under-represented after amalgamation. Lack of shared services, no additional benefits. Signed petition against proposals
Denton & Caldecote	Denton & Caldecote Parish Meeting	Unanimous support of Option 1 – no change
Diddington	Councillor R Bailey	Diddington would like to group with Buckden Parish Council. Diddington wishes to retain its identity as a Parish. If amalgamation does not offer this then parish would prefer not to change. Diddington would prefer NOT to be grouped or amalgamated with Southoe Parish Council.
Diddington	Diddington Parish Meeting	Not seek to join with Southoe – concur with Councillor Bailey's points
Easton	Beth Davies, Brook House, Church Road, Easton	Opposed to amalgamation as existing parish boundaries of great historical importance.
Easton	Easton Parish Council	Completely opposed to the proposal as distinct separate communities. Survey carried out ALL wanted separate parish council to be maintained. Local opposition to change of existing boundaries
Easton	David & Jennifer Hyde, Fiddlers, Easton	Objection to the proposed amalgamation. Villages are vastly different/have different local issues/own council understands own village needs
Easton	Malcolm Halliday, Ford Cottage, Easton	Strongly prefers Easton to retain its own Parish Council and not to be combined with Ellington.
Easton	Mr & Mrs A W P Graham, The Lane, Easton	Should not be amalgamated with Ellington
Easton	Dr B Davis, Church Road, Easton	Opposes as it does not provide better reflection of community identities – never had close affinity with Ellington. Proposal to change boundary follows natural boundary of Ellington Brook – very old historical feature.
Easton	Charles W Nixon, Easton	Villages dissimilar and have different needs. Should be allowed to retain present state.
Ellington	Mike Jones, Spinneyfield, Ellington	Intense competition for election to PC. More Ellington residents who would vote for Ellington residents and not Easton.

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Ellington, Easton, Spaldwick, Stow Longa, Leighton Bromswold, Buckworth and Barham & Woolley	District Councillor M Baker	Found no support whatsoever for any mergers – urge to leave present system as it is. Not aware of any struggle to find candidates either
Ellington	Ellington Parish Council	No problem recruiting Councillors – 7 councillors essential to represent number of electors. Supports transfer of part of its area to Spaldwick. Against proposal to amalgamate with Easton
Eynesbury Hardwicke	Eynesbury Hardwicke Parish Council	Raise no objection – in principle to draft proposals, however, concern about elections/precepts/unlikely to support early interim implementation arrangements which would benefit the Town Council and disadvantage the residents of Eynesbury Hardwicke
Eynesbury Hardwicke	R E Barnes, Chairman of Parish Council	For the amalgamation
Eynesbury Hardwicke (Rural)	St. Neots & District Liberal Democrats	This should simply be wound up with the bulk of the Parish joining with Abbotsley and the part between the St. Neots bypass, the railway line and Cambridge Road, which will eventually be built on, joined to the proposed St. Neots Cromwell Ward, so saving the need for a future revision
Eynesbury Hardwicke (Urban)	St. Neots & District Liberal Democrats	As this Parish now forms part of both the District and County Divisions of Eynesbury, we would propose that this becomes the new Ward, St. Neots Eynesbury Hardwicke, with one or two seats on the Town Council
Fenstanton	Fenstanton Parish Council	The decision of the Parish Council is that current boundaries remain the same. Wish to remain within the parish of Fenstanton
Fenstanton	E Gridle, Greenfields, St. Ives	Wish to remain in Fenstanton
Fenstanton	Cynthia Bu-Rashid, Greenfields, St. Ives	Wish to remain in Fenstanton
Fenstanton	M P Clarke, Elizabeth Court, St. Ives	Many residents have long standing connections with Fenstanton – remain in Fenstanton
Fenstanton	Various Residents in Greenfields, Maytrees, Elizabeth Court, London Road and Bridge Terrace	All signed same letter – wish to remain in Fenstanton
Fenstanton	Hally Hardie, Elizabeth Court, St. Ives	Furiously object to being under St. Ives. Wishes to keep status quo. St. Ives not interested in their area
Fenstanton	Gail Wase, Greenfields, St. Ives	Not acceptable to come under jurisdiction of St. Ives. Not interested in their area/Fenstanton Parish Council have always looked out for their interests

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Fenstanton	Mr and Mrs Foster, Greenfields, St. Ives	Object to proposals – wish to remain in Fenstanton
Fenstanton	Len Abbot, Elizabeth Court, St. Ives	Fenstanton PC always looked after my interests – wish to remain
Fenstanton	Jean Chandler (former-Councillor)	Concerned at the impact of removing 400 houses from the village – make services vulnerable Residents in the Low Road, Elizabeth Court, Greenfields, London Road and Maytrees wish to remain in Fenstanton.
Folksworth & Washingley	Folksworth and Washingley Parish Council	No problem with retaining membership of 9 councillors – do not wish to reduce to 7
Godmanchester	Godmanchester Town Council	Supports the recommendation to increase number of councillors to 17
Great & Little Gidding	Great & Little Gidding Parish Council	Prefer Option 1 and with 8 members as present – no change If Option 2 decided – happy to join Winwick
Great Gransden	Great Gransden Parish Council	If figures are to be 7 instead of 9 – this council objects strongly to reduction
Hail Weston	Hail Weston Parish Council	Do not wish to reduce members – inqorate etc. – Quality Status would be difficult to achieve – councillors could be over-burdened and resign
Hamerton	Hamerton Parish Committee	Little enthusiasm for a merger, remain as separate parish
Hemingford Grey	Hemingford Grey Parish Council	Map 4 – Hemingford Grey/St. Ives South – Object and wish the area to stay as part of Hemingford Grey Parish
Holme	Holme Parish Council	Holt Island/River Ouse – shaded area B – have no objection to this proposal Not in favour of proposal to reduce members from 9 to 7 – have no councillor vacancies
Holywell-cum-Needingworth	G Britton, resident, Holywell-cum-Needingworth	Against changes to boundaries – use Harrison Way and Somersham Road
Holywell-cum-Needingworth	Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council	Objects strongly to change of parish boundary with St. Ives. Prefer no change – as previously stated. But accept change of boundary/to follow physical boundary Harrison Way is logical.

Parish	Representations Received	Comments
Houghton & Wyton	Houghton & Wyton Parish Council	Split Wyton-on-the-hill, not until 2010. Support extension of boundary to How Lodge and The How Request Houghton Lock becomes part of Parish – presently in Hemingford Abbots. Adjust boundary so that houses and property at top of Mere Way and Sawtry Way become part of Parish and Houghton Hill Farm and Sawtry Way Cottages move into villages ward No need for increase in councillors, already sufficient. Supports changes to boundaries
Huntingdon	Huntingdon Council	Town
Huntingdon	Huntingdon Liberal Democrats	Submitted alternative proposal to expand the number of wards of Huntingdon.
Huntingdon	M Anderson, Street, Hartford	No clear association with a specific councillor. High multi representation is bad for democracy – confusing mix of councillors on all tiers
Kings Ripton	Kings Ripton Parish Council	Both villages have completely separate identities, although close together. Object to amalgamations
Kimbolton & Stonely	Councillor Jonathan Gray	Personally has no objection to proposed alterations to his Ward. However Kimbolton & Stonely PC objected to alterations to their boundaries around Stow Longa – historical issues – happy to endorse their objection. Tilbrook & Covington – wish to leave their current arrangements as they are – village meeting unchanged. Supports proposals re: down sizing number of members – dependant on where etc.
Kimbolton & Stonely	Kimbolton & Stonely Parish Council	Recommend Councils with an electorate +/- 10% of the proposed bands are re-organised in size as per proposals or given the option of retaining/increasing/decreasing their size Opposed to proposal to reduce number of councillors appointed from 11 to 9.
Leighton Bromswold	Richard Martin, The Avenue, Leighton Bromswold, past member of PC	Believe that historic parish boundaries should remain and oppose the proposal to redefine them Does not feel the amalgamation will benefit anyone
Leighton Bromswold	Leighton Bromswold Parish Council	Can see no advantages to the proposals – and does not support them. Fewer councillors covering a wider area – would not work. Administratively amalgamation of parishes would be more difficult and more expensive to manage.
Leighton Bromswold	John Auty, The Avenue, Leighton Bromswold	By adding other parishes – local knowledge would be diluted. Little awareness of other villages and vice versa

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Leighton Bromswold	Elizabeth Baxendale, resident, Member of PC but personal comments	Would not like proposed changes come into effect – Members will have responsibility for unfamiliar parishes
Leighton Bromswold	S Hansen, The Avenue, Leighton Bromswold	Have some concerns that issues for each separate village on newly merged parish council may be lost
Leighton Bromswold	Marianne & Peter Mallace, residents, Leighton Bromswold	Wish for Parish Council to retain its individual identity. Strongly feel that proposed amalgamations would be of no benefit to the community
Leighton Bromswold	Bohdan Mysak, Leighton Bromswold (Parish Councillor)	Proposal would lead to a dilution of the local voice.
Leighton Bromswold	Ian Bentley, The Avenue, Leighton Bromswold	Opposed to the proposals.
Little Paxton	Little Paxton Parish Council	Would not wish Leighton Bromswold to amalgamate with other parish council. At present has excellent sense of community, geographically separate and isolated from other parishes
Little Paxton	St. Neots & District Liberal Democrats	Present level of membership allows adequate cover at present. No benefit to be gained in reducing council size. Would wish that current membership remains unchanged. Happy with proposed boundary change to include the Island site within Little Paxton
Morbome	R W Dalglish, Morbome	The island site, currently under development appears, according to our reading of the maps to be partly in St. Neots Priory Park Ward. If so, this is an anomaly which requires rectification by incorporation of the whole site into Little Paxton.
Morbome	Morbome Parish Meeting	Registers an objection to amalgamation
Offord Cluny	Offord Cluny Parish Council	Petition enclosed – from residents against proposals to amalgamate
Offord Cluny	Mr and Mrs Brown, High Street, Offord Cluny	Not satisfied with proposed number of Councillors – consider 11 to be appropriate
Offord Cluny	Mr L Small, Asplins Lane, Offord Cluny	Councillors content with proposed amalgamation of two parish councils but would like it to be named “Offord Cluny & Offord D’Arcy Parish Council”
Offord Cluny	Mr and Mrs Reece, Manor Court, New Road, Offord Cluny	Strongly support amalgamation of the two Offord parishes
Offord D’Arcy	Offord D’Arcy Parish Council	Support amalgamation but would like to retain local identity – ie. Be known as “Offord Cluny & Offord D’Arcy”
Offord D’Arcy	Mrs J Griffiths, Apple Close, Offord D’Arcy	Happy with amalgamation – but would want to keep it called “Offord Cluny & Offord D’Arcy”
		Not satisfied with proposed number of Councillors – consider 11 to be appropriate
		Councillors content with proposed amalgamation of two parish councils but would like it to be named “Offord Cluny & Offord D’Arcy Parish Council”
		Fully support a combined parish council to represent parishes of Offord Cluny and Offord D’Arcy

Parish	Representations Received	Comments
Offord D'Arcy	Dennis Walker, Bramley Drive, Offord D'Arcy	View that parishes would be better served by united Parish Council
Offord D'Arcy	Liz Howes, Pippin Close, Offord D'Arcy	The principle of one council to represent the Offords would be a good idea
Offord D'Arcy	G Sherlock, High Street, Offord D'Arcy	Best for Offord Cluny & Offord D'Arcy to amalgamate
Offord D'Arcy	Mrs J Griffiths, Apple Close, Offord D'Arcy	Fully support a combined parish council and to combine Offord Cluny and Offord D'Arcy
Offord D'Arcy	Mr S Clayden, Bramley Drive, Offord D'Arcy	Positive view on Offord Parish Councils becoming one – stress though – that would like to keep identity of the Offords intact
Offord Cluny/Offord D'Arcy	St. Neots & District Liberal Democrats	Offord D'Arcy and Offord Cluny have for some considerable time formed a contiguous community. Having separate Parish Councils would seem to us to be no longer necessary, especially in view of the commonality of interests and the difficulties of filling two separate Parish Councils.
Perry	Perry Parish Council	Parish Council does not consider that any changes to Parish boundaries are necessary or desirable
Pidley-cum-Fenton	Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council	Wish to record their approval of planned changes to boundaries
Ramsey	Ramsey Town Council	Rejected the alternative proposal as a much bigger area of Ramsey is proposed to be moved into Bury than is necessary – involves moving large number of residents who have long standing identity with Ramsey
St. Ives	St. Ives Town Council	Suggested alternative proposals for Map 3. Agreed to Maps 4 and 5, with an amendment to Area C. Rejected Map 6 and agreed Map 12.
St. Neots	St. Neots Town Council	Town Council content with the proposals for the town of St. Neots and wished to make no further comment
St. Neots Rural	Mr A Sharp, New Cottages, Lower Wintringham Farm, St. Neots	Supports merger with Abbotsley
St. Neots Rural	St. Neots & District Liberal Democrats	The development of Loves Farm will turn this Parish into an urban area and effectively become part of St. Neots. We would propose that it becomes the new Ward, St. Neots Cromwell Ward (after the Cromwell Plantation, which is not on the estate but is the key feature of the area east of the railway line). The projected population would also make it appropriate for the ward to have one or two members of St. Neots Town Council
Somersham	Somersham Council	No objection to the proposed boundary change and increased area for Somersham – however strongly objects to the proposal in item 5.3 to reduce the ratio of Councillors to electors. This would be an immense strain by reducing from 15 to 13

Parish	Representations Received	Comments
Southoe & Midloe	Southoe & Midloe Parish Council	Very concerned about proposal to reduce the number of Councillors from 7 to 5.
Spaldwick	Mr Grahame Leach, High Street, Spaldwick	Against the amalgamation with Diddington if they are not in favour Took vote at village meeting – unanimously rejected idea of merging. The villages have different needs.
Spaldwick	Spaldwick Parish Council	Agrees to the proposed parish boundary changes between Spaldwick and Ellington. Vigourously opposed to amalgamation of parishes of Stow Longa and Spaldwick Also strongly oppose reduction of councillors from 7 to 5
Stow Longa	Stow Longa Parish Council	Council has considered the proposed merger with Spaldwick and concluded that they are strongly against the proposals. Support proposals to amend boundaries – with suggested amendments for inclusion.
Stow Longa	Mr Ajit Kotwal & Mrs Julie Kotwal, Spaldwick Road, Stow Longa	Dismay and resolute opposition to the proposal to amalgamate Stow Longa with Spaldwick
Stow Longa	Jane and Maurice Croft, Stow Longa Residents	No problem with candidate numbers in Stow Longa Reducing numbers could lead to it not being democratic. Also could lead to conflict. No purpose to the proposed amalgamation.
Stow Longa	Peter Webster, Spaldwick Road, Stow Longa	Concerned at consequences. Village issues only affect <i>that</i> village. Each village has own separate identity.
Stow Longa	Mrs V M Schorer-Nixon, Hunters Downe, The Lane, Stow Longa	What about costs – and one village could lose its voice. Objects to the proposed amalgamation. Stow Longa is a small community and very different from Spaldwick. It is perceived that “bigger is better” this is not always the case. It is more likely that the residents of Stow Longa would become side-lined
The Stukeleys	Councillor T Sanderson	Cannot see justification behind moving Northbridge development out of The Stukeleys and into the town. Development is clearly going to be part of Great Stukeley.
The Stukeleys	The Stukeleys Parish Council	Supports proposals for boundary changes – except part of Abbots Ripton Parish. Does not agree with the proposed reduction of parish councillors for the Stukeleys Ward from 13 to 7. Minimum of 10 is required

Parish	Representations Received	Comments
Tilbrook	Tilbrook Parish Council	Do not support the proposal to create a combined PC for Tilbrook and Covington – no geographical link and history
Toseland	Toseland Parish Council	Do not object to proposed reduction in Members from 7 to 5 Unanimous vote that two separate Parish Councils be retained. Evidenced by representation. Opposed by 81.5% of electors Opposed to reduction in Members also.
Upwood & The Raveleys	Upwood & The Raveleys Parish Council	A reduction in number of members could mean certain areas of parish have no representation. Appropriate for number to remain at 11
Upwood & The Raveleys	Councillor T Bell	Reduction of members would introduce some difficulty with representation due to the geographics of the parish
Warboys	Warboys Parish Council	As District Council has accepted Parish Council's recommendations for changes to the boundaries with Wistow, Ramsey and Pidley-cum-Fenton Parishes, the council supports the draft proposals
Water Newton	Water Newton Parish Meeting	Would like there to be no change
Winwick	Winwick Parish Meeting	Winwick has strong identity and has no wish to be forcibly amalgamated with any other village
Winwick	Neil Brine, Knott Cottage, Winwick	A revision of the boundary would enable controlled expansion, particularly affordable housing
Woodhurst	Woodhurst Parish Council	Fundamentally opposed to the changes as proposed Concern at reducing number of members from 7 to 5 Submitted alternative proposal.
Woolley	Maggi Harris, New Manor Farm, Woolley	Strongly opposed to changes, better as it is already
Yelling	Yelling Parish Council	Unanimously agreed that Yelling Parish Council should retain its status quo. Supported by 100% of electorate at Special Parish Meeting Clearly defined parish boundaries, well served by existing 7 members of the parish council

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**POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW
(Report by the Head of Administration)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the outcome of the recent review of polling districts and polling places as required by Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006, which came into force on 1st January 2007.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006 require each authority to undertake a review of all of the polling districts and polling places in its area on a regular four-yearly cycle. The first such review must be completed by 31st December 2007. However, in practice the review needs to be completed by mid-November 2007 so that any changes can be reflected in the new Register of Electors to be published on 1st December 2007.

- 2.2 In undertaking the review, the Council must —

- publish a notice indicating the holding of a review;
- consult the Returning Officer for each Parliamentary Constituency which is wholly or partly within its area;
- enable any such Returning Officer to make representations to the authority and publish them in a prescribed manner;
- seek the views of interested groups or bodies including electors, candidates and agents, political parties and members of the Council; and
- seek representations from such persons that it thinks has particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons with different disabilities.

- 2.3 On completion of the review, the Council is required to give reasons for its decisions in respect of the designation of both polling districts and polling places and publish other such information as prescribed in the Act and Regulations.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 A polling district is a geographical sub-division of an electoral area, e.g. UK Parliamentary Constituency, a European Parliamentary Electoral Region, a Ward or an Electoral Division. The Council is responsible for dividing its area into polling districts for UK Parliamentary Elections and for keeping the polling districts under review. Although there is no requirement to sub-divide local

government electoral wards into polling districts, it is recognised good practice to do so. When doing so, every effort must be made to ensure that the polling district scheme for local government elections mirrors as closely as possible that agreed for Parliamentary Elections.

- 3.2 In addition, and unless there are special circumstances that lead the Council to determine otherwise, each Parish must be in a separate polling district.
- 3.3 A polling place is a geographical area in which a polling station is located. However, as there is no legal definition of what a polling place is, the geographical area could be defined as a specific room within a particular building or as widely as the entire polling district.
- 3.4 A polling station is the actual area where the process of voting takes place and must be located within the polling place designated for the particular polling district.
- 3.5 The Council is responsible for designating polling places whereas the Returning Officer is responsible for determining where the polling stations are situated.

4. AIM OF THE REVIEW

- 4.1 In carrying out this statutory review, the Council must demonstrate that they have, as far as is practicable, met the criteria in the legislation and in doing so must —
 - (a) seek to ensure that all the electors in the Constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances; and
 - (b) seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places they are responsible for are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled, and when considering the designation of a polling place, must have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.
- 4.2 A schedule of existing polling districts and polling places is set out in Appendix A, together with details of existing polling stations used at Appendix B.
- 4.3 For administrative convenience, it would seem sensible to review all polling districts and polling places on a regular four-yearly cycle, regardless of whether or not a particular polling district or place has been reviewed for some reason in the intervening period (e.g. because of an influx of electors in an area or the non-availability of a building designated as a polling place). This will help to ensure a consistent approach is taken across the District.
- 4.4 It has been the practice to respond to feedback from Presiding Officers and Polling Station Inspectors on the adequacy and suitability of polling stations when elections are held. This is taken into account on an ongoing basis.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The formal consultation period ran from 16th August 2007 to 28th September 2007. A public notice was circulated to all Town and Parish Councils for display in their parish, displayed at the Council offices and on the Council's website. The Hunts Post also published an article on the review.
- 5.2 In addition, specific consultation was undertaken with all District Councillors, Town and Parish Councils, Returning Officers for the Constituencies of Huntingdon and Peterborough, the Returning Officer for Cambridgeshire County Council, political agents/parties and local disability groups.

6. ISSUES RAISED DURING THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

- 6.1 Responses received as a result of the consultation process are summarised in the schedule at Appendix C. The schedule provides details of the relevant Ward/Parish and identifies any action proposed.

7. COMPLETION AND CHALLENGE OF THE REVIEW

- 7.1 On completion of the review, the Council is required to give reasons for its decisions in respect of the designation of both polling districts and polling places.
- 7.2 Although the Electoral Commission has no initial role in the review process itself, it has an extremely important role in respect of considering representations and observations made that a Council has not conducted a review so as to meet the reasonable requirements of the electors and to take sufficient account of the accessibility to disabled persons of polling stations within a designated polling place.

8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Arising from the responses received to the consultation process on the review of polling districts and polling places, members of the Panel are invited to —
- (a) note the outcome of the review and consultations undertaken;
 - (b) agree the changes, as proposed, to polling district boundaries and polling places as detailed in the report; and
 - (c) note that a review of all polling districts is to be undertaken at least every four years, but in the intervening period agree to delegate authority to the Returning Officer, after consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Panel, to determine any changes necessary to polling places, within a Ward, in the light of any housing development.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 16 – Electoral Administration Act 2006

The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006

Circular EC 28/2007: Reviews of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations – 26th June 2007: The Electoral Commission

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Appendix A

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

WARD	POLLING DISTRICT	LETTERS	DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE
Alconbury and the Stukeleys	Alconbury	A C	Alconbury Parish	Alconbury
	Alconbury Weston	A D	Alconbury Weston Parish	Alconbury Weston
Great Stukeley	Great Stukeley	F H	The Great Stukeley part of The Stukeleys Parish (Stukeleys Ward)	Great Stukeley
	Little Stukeley	F J	The Little Stukeley part of The Stukeleys Parish	Little Stukeley
Brampton	Brampton	A H	Brampton Parish	Brampton
	Grafham	B M	Grafham Parish	Grafham
Buckden	Perry	D M	Perry Parish	Perry
	Buckden	A M	Buckden Parish	Buckden
Diddington	Diddington	B A	Diddington Parish	Diddington
	Southoe & Midloe	F D	Southoe & Midlow Parish	Southoe
Earith	Bluntisham	A G	Bluntisham Parish	Bluntisham
	Earith	B B	Earith Parish	Earith
Holywell cum Needingworth	Holywell cum Needingworth	C D	Holywell cum Needingworth Parish	Holywell cum Needingworth
	Barham & Woolley	A F	Barham & Woolley Parish	Spaldwick
Ellington	Brington	A J	The Brington part of the parish of Brington & Molesworth	Brington
	Molesworth	A K	The Molesworth part of the parish of Brington & Molesworth	Molesworth
Buckworth	Buckworth	A N	Buckworth Parish	Buckworth
	Bythorn	A R	The Bythorn part of the parish of Bythorn & Keyston	Bythorn
Keyston	Keyston	A S	The Keyston part of the parish of Bythorn & Keyston	Keyston
	Catworth	A T	Catworth Parish	Catworth
Easton	Easton	B C	Easton Parish	Spaldwick
	Ellington	B D	Ellington Parish	Ellington
Leighton	Leighton	D E	Leighton Parish	Leighton
	Old Weston	D L	Old Weston Parish	Bromswold
Spaldwick	Spaldwick	F E	Spaldwick Parish	Old Weston
	Stow Longa	F G	Stow Longa Parish	Spaldwick
Alwalton	Alwalton	A E	Alwalton Parish	Stow Longa
	Chesterton	A V	Chesterton Parish	Alwalton
Eilton	Eilton	B E	Eilton Parish	Alwalton
	Folksworth & Washingley	B K	Folksworth & Washingley Parish	Eilton
Haddon	Haddon	B V	Haddon Parish	Folksworth
				Haddon

WARD	POLLING DISTRICT	LETTERS	DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE		
Eilton & Folkesworth	Morborne	D G	Morborne Parish	Haddon		
	Sibson cum Stibbington	F B	Sibson cum Stibbington Parish	Sibson cum Stibbington		
	Water Newton	F V	Water Newton Parish	Sibson cum Stibbington		
	Fenstanton	B J	Fenstanton Parish	Fenstanton		
Godmanchester	Godmanchester (part)	D A	That part of Godmanchester which includes the following roads:- Allen Farm Close, Almond Close, Anderson Crescent, Berry Lane, Betts Close, Bridge Place, Cambridge Road (Rectory Farm Cottages), Cambridge Street (Charter House), (Tudor Court), Cambridge Villas, Chadley Lane, Church Place, Corpus Christi Lane, Cow Lane, Duck End, Earning Street, (Roman Gate), East Chadley Lane, Fairey Avenue, Fox Grove, Granary Close, Grove Court, Hilsdens Drive, Kisby Avenue, Lancaster Way, Laroc Close, Linden Grove, London Street (Barringer Court), Meadow Way, (Harcourt), New Street, Offord Road, Old Court Hall (Old Court House), Orchard Way, Park Lane, Pavillion Close, Pettit Road, Pinfold Lane (Oakleigh Crescent) (The Maltings), Pipers Lane, Post Street, Ravenshoe, Rectory Gardens, Riverside Mill Bridge Place, Saxon Close, Silver Street (St Anns Court) (Woodley Court), Stuart Close, Syton Close, The Avenue, The Causeway, The Close, The Stiles, Tudor Road, West Street (Oak Tree Court) (The Chestnuts), White Hart Lane, Wigmore Close, Windsor Road, York Close			Godmanchester
	Godmanchester (part)	D B	That part of Godmanchester which includes the following roads:- Bascraft Way, Bayliss, Bergamot Close, Bluegate, Brick Kilns, Buttermel Close, Carnaby Close, Cob Place, Croftfield Road, Crowhill, Danescroft, Devana Close, Dove House Close, Ferndown Drive, Field Walk, Fisher's Way, Golden Rod, Grainger Avenue, Hayling Close, Holmehill, Hudpool, Lions Cross, Littlefield Close, London Road, Malecoff, Martin Close, Merton Walk, Middlemiss View, Miller Close, Mowlands (McCartney House), Parcell Walk, Peate Close, Pinder Close, Porch Close, Roman Way, Rushes Walk, Sears Close, Sweetings Road, Thicketwillow, Tudor Road.		Godmanchester	

WARD	POLLING DISTRICT	LETTERS	DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE
Gransden and the Offords	Abbotsley	A A	Abbotsley Parish	Abbotsley
	Eynesbury Hardwicke (Spinney Ward)	B F	The rural part of Eynesbury Hardwicke parish which includes the following properties:- Caldecote Manor Farm, Bramley Bungalow, Caldecote Cottage, Weald Farm Cottage, Drey House Nursing Home, Eynesbury Hardwicke Manor, Lansbury Farm Cottage, Parkers Farm, Rectory Farm, Rectory Farm Cottages and Stockmans Cottage	Abbotsley
	Great Gransden	B R	Great Gransden Parish	Great Gransden
	Great Paxton	B S	Great Paxton Parish	Great Paxton
	Offord Cluny	D H	Offord Cluny Parish	Offord Cluny
	Offord Darcy	D J	Offord Darcy Parish	Offord Cluny
	St Neots Rural	E T	St Neots Rural Parish	Abbotsley
	Tetworth	F K	Tetworth Parish	Waresley
	Toseland	F M	Toseland Parish	Toseland
	Waresley	F T	Waresley Parish	Waresley
	Yelling	G E	Yelling Parish	Yelling
	Huntingdon – East	C G	That part of Huntingdon Parish which includes the following roads:- Bradbury Place, Castle Hill, Castle Hill Court, Castle Hill Lane, Dallington Court, Euston Street, Harford Road (part), High Street (St Clements Passage), Ingram Street, Montagu Road, Orchard Lane (Renton Court), Ouse Walk, Temple Close (Hemmdan Terrace), The Brow, Victoria Square, Waters Meet, Wood Street	Huntingdon
	Huntingdon – East	C H	That part of Huntingdon Parish which includes the following roads:- American Lane, Charles Drive, Clayton's Way, Coldhams Crescent, Coldhams North, Coldham's South, Coronation Avenue, Cross Street, Dene Close, Desborough Road, Drake Close, Driver's Avenue, East Street, Frobisher Close, Goldfinch Close, Hamlet Close, Hardy Close, Harford Road (part), MacBeth Close, Mayfield Crescent, Mayfield Road (Suffolk House), Nelson Road, Nightingale Close, North Street, Nursery Road (Charlton House), Primrose Lane, Priory Grove, Priory Road, Queens Drive, Rodney Road, South Street, Suffolk Close (Grenville House), Tennis Court Avenue, West Street	Huntingdon

WARD	POLLING DISTRICT	LETTERS	DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE
Huntingdon - East	Huntingdon – East	C J	That part of Huntingdon Parish which includes the following roads:- Amners Close, Arundel Road, Barn Close, Buzzard Close, Capulet Court, Church Lane, Clare Road, Desborough Road, Duncan Way, Eagle Way, Eaton Close, Elizabeth Drive, Falcon Drive, Falstaff Way, Girton Crescent, Goshawk Close, Hall Close, Harrier Close, Hawk Drive, Hobby Close, Kestrel Close, Kings Close, Kite Close, Lark Crescent, Longstaff Way, Main Street, Manor View, Merlin Close, Mill Close, Mill Road, Newnham Close, Oberon Close, Osprey Close, Othello Close, Owl Way, Pembroke Close, Pennington Road, Peregrine Close, Prospero Way, Sapley Road, School Lane, Snowy Way, Sparrowhawk Way, Tawny Crescent, The Grove, The Hollow, The Spinney, Veasey Road, Wallace Court	Huntingdon
	Huntingdon – East	C K	That part of Huntingdon Parish which includes the following roads:- Coneygear Road, Florida Avenue, Maryland Avenue, Sapley Park, Skeels Court, Coneygear Road, Stoney Close, Thames Road (Primrose Hill Care Home)	Huntingdon
	Huntingdon – East	C L	That part of Huntingdon Parish which includes the following roads:- Alberta Crescent, Alder Drive, Ambury Hill, Ambury Hill Walk, Ambury Road, American Lane, Ashton Gardens, Aspen Green, Avenue Road, Bevan Close, Brookside, Bushey Close, Cowper Road, Coxon's Close (Wilberforce Terrace), Cromwell Square, Harebell Close, Hawthorn Drive, Hodson's Drive, Horsecorner Close, Kings Gardens, Lamas Gardens, Mulberry Close, Priory Lane, Priory Road, Sparrow Close, Springfield, St Lukes Close, The Paddock, Priory Lane, Wellsfield	Huntingdon
Huntingdon – North	Huntingdon – North	C M	That part of Huntingdon Parish (North Ward) which includes the following roads:- Ash Close, Beech Close, Bernard Close, Bradshaw Close, Buttsgrove Way, Byron Close, Chestnut Close, Coneygear Road (Coneygear Court), Elm Close (Merle House) (Oaklands House), Martin Luther King Close, Maule Close, Milton Close, Poplar Close, Sallowbush Road, Sandwich Close, Saunders Close (Hawthorn House), Shaftesbury Terrace, Shelley Close, Silver Birch Close, Spring Close, Tennyson Close, Thackray Close, The Whaddons, Thongsley	Huntingdon

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Huntingdon - North	Huntingdon – North	C N	That part of Huntingdon Parish (North Ward) which includes the following roads:- Armstrong Court, Beale Court, Beaumont Close, Beavor Court, Burnett Way, Collinson Crescent, Conegear Road, Cotton Court, Deal Close (Canterbury Road), Dover Close, Essex Road, Foster Court, Garner Court, Gimber Court, Godeby Court, Green Tiles Close, Hazelwood Walk, Howell Drive, Jackson Walk, Jeffrey Drive, Judson Court, Kent Road, Kings Ripton Road, Kingston Close, Lampport Drive, Lavender Court, Lucas Court, Maple Drive, Medway Court, Medway Road, Nene Road, Norfolk Road, Richmond Close (Guildford House), Robertson Way, Sapley Road, Selby Court, St Barnabas Court, Surrey Road, Sycamore Drive, Tomlinson Court, Wolff Close	Huntingdon
Huntingdon – West	Huntingdon – West	C P	That part of Huntingdon Parish which includes the following roads:- Ambury Road South, Astilbe Lane, Brampton Road (Station Cottages), Brewery Yard (Blaines Court), Cherry Tree Close, Cromwell Walk, Ermine Street, Ferrars Road, George Street (St Johns) (The Views), Great Northern Street, High Street (Manchester Place), Market Hill, Merritt Street, Mill Common, Millfield Court, Millfield House, Millfield Lodge, Parkside Grammar School Walk, Petersfield Villas, Priory Gardens, Ambury Road South, Rowan Close, Royal Oak Passage, Sayer Street (St Johns Terrace), St Mary's Street, St John's Street (Roscrea Court), The Walks East, The Walks North, Walden Grove, Walden Road, Walnut Tree Drive	Huntingdon
	Huntingdon – West	C R	That part of Huntingdon Parish which includes the following roads:- Bassenthwaite, Beacon Close, Blea Water, Blethan Drive, Boretree Way, Brigland Close, Burmoor Close, Buttermere, Coniston Close, Crummock Water, Derwent Close, Devoke Close, Elter Water, Ennerdale Close, Goodliff Close, Grasmere, Greendale, Haweswater, Knipe Close, Lake Way, Levers Water, Lindeth Close, Lingmoor, Loughrigg Close, Loweswater, North Side, St Peter's Hill, Orthwaite, Overwater Close, Parkgate, Provence Road, Rydal Close, Salon Way, Seathwaite, Skeggles Close, South Side, St Peter's Hill, St Peter's Road, Stickle Close, Stukeley Road, Thirlmere, Thomas King Drive, Ullswater, Wastwater, Wertheim Way, West Side, St Peter's Hill, Whintell Close, Windermere	Huntingdon
	Huntingdon – West	C S	That part of Huntingdon Parish which includes the following roads:- Brecon Way, Burrows Drive, Dartmore Drive, Exmoor Close, Headlands, Hinchingbrooke (Albert House) (Alexandra House) (Elizabeth House) (Victoria House), Lodge Close, Peaks Court, Scholars Avenue, Snowdonia Way	Huntingdon
	Huntingdon – West	C T	The Hinchingbrooke Ward of the parish of The Stukeleys which includes the following roads:- Bliss Close, Bradley Road, Christie Drive, Dyson Close, Flamsteed Drive, Halley Close, Meadow Rise, Parkway, Pond Close, The Copse, The Glades, The Poplars, The Shrubbery, Woodlands	Huntingdon

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Kimbolton & Staughton	Covington	A Y	Covington Parish	Covington
	Great Staughton	B T	Great Staughton Parish	Great Staughton
	Hail Weston	B W	Hail Weston Parish	Hail Weston
	Kimbolton & Stonely	D C	Kimbolton & Stonely Parish	Kimbolton
	Tilbrook	F L	Tilbrook Parish	Tilbrook
Little Paxton	Little Paxton	D F	Little Paxton Parish	Little Paxton
	Ramsey (Town)	D R	That part of Ramsey Parish which includes the following roads:- Allen Road, Biggin Lane, Blenheim Road, Brands Close, Bryan Close, Bury Road, Burybrooke Court, Canberra Court, Charles Close, Cricket Field Road, Cricketfield Lane, Cromwell Close, Crown Mews, Drayhorse Road, Fairfields Drive, Followes Drive, Field Road, Flask Walk, Fletchers Close, Flowers Close, Great Whyte (Rudds Court) (Rules Place), Grenfell Road, Hawthorn Road, High Street (Spinning Court), Hildred Court, Hobbine Court, James Court, Lime Road, Malthouse Lane, Meadow Walk, Mews Close (Freeman Terrace), Milton Close, North Walk, Oast House Way, Oliver Close, Orchard Way, Palmer Close, Park Road, Pathfinder Way, Princes Street, Queen Mary Close, Queens Walk, School Lane, Sejeants Close, Slade Close (Slade Mews), South Walk, Spencer Court, St Marys Road, Star Lane, Station Gardens, Station Road (Russell Court), Taverers Drive, Temperance Court, The Avenue, The Malting, Vinery Court, West Avenue, Westfield Road, Wheatfield Drive, Whytefield Road, Wyatt Close	Ramsey
Ramsey	Ramsey Heights	D S	The Ramsey Heights part of the Ramsey Parish	Ramsey Heights
	Ramsey St Mary's	D T	The Ramsey St Mary's part of the Ramsey Parish	Ramsey St Mary's
	Ramsey Mereside	D V	The Ramsey Mereside part of the Ramsey Parish	Ramsey Mereside
	Ramsey Forty Foot	D W	The Ramsey Forty Foot part of the Ramsey Parish	Ramsey Forty Foot
	Ramsey (Town)	D X	That part of Ramsey Parish which includes the following roads:- Abbey Fields, Abbey Road, Abbey Rooms Lane, Abbey Terrace, Abbots Close, Bankers Walk, Becketts Close, Church Green (Abbey Stable Flats), Conley Close, Ethelred Close, Granary Court, Great Whyte (Jones Court) (Marriotts Yard) (Rivermill Apartments) (Rivermill Cottages), High Street (Lion Yard), Hollow Lane, Lawrence Road, Little Whyte (Angel View) (Whyte Court), Longlands Court, Mill Drive, Mill Lane, Millfields, New Road (Malting Yard) (Scotts Row) (Trustee Bungalow), Newtown Green (Howard Court), Newton Road, Oates Way, Oswald Close, Puddock Road, Silver Street (Mill House), The Hollow, Tower Close, Turvers Lane, Wood Lane (Abbey Woodyard)	Ramsey

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Sawtry	Conington	A X	Conington Parish	Conington	
	Glatton	B L	Glatton Parish	Glatton	
	Great and Little Gidding	B N	Great and Little Gidding Parish		Great Gidding
		B P			
	Hamerton	B X	Hamerton Parish	Hamerton	
	Sawtry	F A	Sawtry Parish	Sawtry	
	Steeple Gidding	B Y	Steeple Gidding Parish	Hamerton	
		F N	Upton & Coppingford Parish		
	Upton & Coppingford			Upton	
	Winwick	F W	Winwick Parish	Winwick	
Somersham	Broughton	A L	Broughton Parish	Broughton	
	Colne	A W	Colne Parish	Colne	
	Old Hurst	D K	Old Hurst Parish	Old Hurst	
	Pidley-cum-Fenton	D N	Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish	Pidley-cum-Fenton	
	Somersham	F C	Somersham Parish	Somersham	
	Woodhurst	F Y	Woodhurst Parish	Woodhurst	
	St Ives East	D Y	That part of St Ives Parish (East Ward) which includes the following roads:- Abbots Crescent, All Saints Close, All Saints Green, Burstallars (part), Garden Close, Gosslian Close, Kings Hedges, Kingsbrook, Leger Close, Ramsey Road, Spinney Way, Wheatfields	St Ives	
St Ives – East	St Ives East	D Z	That part of St Ives Parish (East Ward) which includes the following roads:- Albermarle Road, Alwyn Close, Anson Drive, Arran Way, Bedford Crescent, Blenheim Drive, Bure Close, Burleigh Road, Cam Close, Cambridge Drive, Canberra Drive, Chelmer Close, Comet Way, Constable Road, Da Vinci Close, Dart Close, Deben Avenue, Degas Drive, Derwent Close, Devon Close, Dovey Close, Edinburgh Drive, Erica Road, Forsythia Road, Fraser Drive, Gainsborough Drive, Grafton Close, Granta Close, Heddon Way, Hogarth Close, Holbein Road, Ilex Road, Kent Close, Lancaster Drive, Lavender Way, Lincoln Avenue, Lowry Close, Lysander Close, Manchester Way, Monet Close, Morland Way, Marlborough Close, Nene Way, Norfolk Road, Orwell Close, Ouse Road, Ramsey Road (part), Redmoor Close, Rembrandt Way, Renoir Close, Reynolds Close, Ribble Close, Romney Close, Rubens Way, Rutland Close, Salisbury Close, Sandwich Close, Somersham Road, Spencer Drive, Stirling Road, Stour Close, Stubbs Close, Suffolk Close, Tamar Close, Tay Close, The Whistlers, Trent Close, Turner Road, Valiant Road, Van Dyke Place, Van Gogh Place, Victor Close, Waveney Road, Welland Close, Wellington Avenue, Wensum Close, Windsor Close, Witham Close, York Way	St Ives	

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St Ives – East	St Ives East	E A	That part of the St Ives Parish (East Ward) which includes the following roads:- Bittern Close, Curlew Close, Grebe Close, Heron Way, Hill Rise (part), Kestrel Close, Kingfisher Green, Ramsey Road (part), Swan Close, Teal Close, The Mallards	St Ives
St Ives – South	St Ives South	E B	That part of the St Ives Parish (South Ward) which includes the following roads:- Bridge Street (The Mews), Broad Leas (Oriol Court), Broad Leas Court, Brook Way, Broom Way, Bull Lane, Burgess Walk, Burleigh Terrace, Burstallars (part), Carlisle Terrace, Chapel Court, Chapel Lane, Church Street (The Thicket), Clare Court, Copperbeach Close, Cow and Hare Passage, Cromwell Place, Cromwell Terrace, Crown Close, Crown Street, Crown Walk, Darwood Court, Darwood Place, Deighton Close, East Street (Bowlings Court), Elsworth Close, Fairfields, Fairfields Crescent, Farthing Lane, Gorse Way, Great Farthing Close, Green Garth, Green Lane, Green Leys, Grove Court, Harvest Court, Hawthorn Way, Hazel Way, High Leys, Houghton Road, Hurstingstone, Kings Road, Laburnum Way, Lammass Way, Landcliffe Close, Langley Close, Langley Court, Leas Close, Lilac Way, Links Way, Little Farthing Close, London Road (Riverside) (The Old Mill), Market Hill, Meadow Close, Merryland, Myrtle Green, Needingworth Road, New Road (Cootes Meadow) (Kein Leas) (Priory Gardens), Nicholas Lane, Norris Road, North Road, Nursery Gardens, Oliver Road (Monarch Court), Orchard Terrace, Oxford Road, Paragon Road, Park Avenue, Park Road, Park Way, Parkside, Pig Lane, Priory Mews, Priory Road (The Cloisters), Quay Court, Queens Close, Ramsey Road (part) (Church Terrace), River Place, Robbs Walk, Rookery Close, Rugeley Court, Rushington Close, Russet Close, Sheepfold, Skelton Place, St Audrey Lane, St Georges Road, St Audrey Close, St Johns Road, Stanpoint Way, Station Road, Tenterleas, The Broadway (Coach Mews), The Crescent, The Furrows, The Pavement, The Pound, The Quadrant, The Quay, The Ridings, The Waits, The Wilderness, Warners Grove, Warren Road (Warren Court), Wellington Street, West Leys, West Street, Westbury Road, Westwood Close, Westwood Road (The Drive), White Hart Court, Whitecross, Willow Way, Woodside Way, Woolpack Lane	St Ives
St Ives – West	St Ives West	E D	That part of the St Ives Parish (West Ward) which includes the following roads:- Alabama Way, Blackhills Road, California Road, Great How, Green How (Lorna Court), Hill Rise (part), Little How, Meadow How, Michigan Road, Old Ramsey Road, Pettis Road, Pettis Walk, Ramsey Road (part), Scrolans, Thorndown Close, Virginia Way	St Ives

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St Ives – West	St Ives West	E E	That part of St Ives Parish (West Ward) which includes the following roads:- Acacia Avenue, Anley Way, Audley Close, Beech Drive, Burns Way, Bury Close (Fairfield Bury House), Bury Way, Cedar Way, Chaucer Way, Chestnut Close, Chestnut Road, Cordell Close, Dryden Close, Elm Drive, Hill Rise, Houghton Road, Hurstingstone, Kiln Close, Milton Close, Oak Tree Close, Ramsey Road (part), Redwell Close, Shakespeare Road, Sharp Close, Silver Birch Avenue, Tennyson Avenue	St Ives
St Neots – Eaton Ford	St Neots – Eaton Ford	E N	That part of the St Neots Parish (Eaton Ford Ward) which includes the following roads:- Alamein Court, Alder Close, Apple Grove, Arnhem Close, Beezling Close, Bilberry Close, Blenheim Close, Bradshaws Court, Brook Road, Browning Drive, Burns Court, Burwell Road, Byron Place, Chaucer Place, Coleridge Court, Constable Avenue, Corunna Close, Cowper Court, Crecy Court, Crosshall Road (Cavendish Court), Culloden Close, Duloe Road, Eaton Ford Green, Farcet Close, Fielding Court, Ford Close, Foxglove Close, Gainsborough Avenue, Gorham Place, Great North Road, Green Gables, Hanover Close, Hardy Place, Hempsals, Hogarth Place, Inkerman Rise, Ivel Close, Jutland Rise, Keats Court, Kipling Place, Kym Road, Langwood Close, Lawrence Road, Laxton Close, Linclare Place, Longfellow Place, Lottings Way, Lowry Road, Marlowe Court, Masefield Avenue, Meadowsweet, Mill Hill Road, Milton Avenue, Minden Court, Mullein Close, Nene Road, Orchard Close, Orchard Road, Orchid Close, Osier Court, Ouse Road, Park View Court, Reynolds Court, River Road, Romney Court, Rose Court, Royce Court, Savile's Close, Setchel, Shelley Place, Silverweed, Spencer Close, St Neots Road, Stevenson Court, Sundew Close, Tansy Close, Teasel Close, Tennyson Place, Teversham Way, The Hallards, The Paddock, The White House, Trafalgar Road, Turner Road, Valerian Close, Wellend Court, Weston Court, Whistler Road, Wistow Court, Wordsworth Avenue	Eaton Ford
	St Neots – Eaton Ford	E P	That part of the St Neots Parish (Eaton Ford Ward) which includes the following roads:- Axis Way, Beaver Close, Begwary Close, Chawston Close, Cornwall Court, Duloe Brook, Duloe Road, Edinburgh Drive, Elizabeth Court, Fallow Drive, Gazelle Close, Gery Court, Great North Road (The Courtyards), Honeydon Avenue, Monarch Road, Mountbatten Court, Muntjac Close, Otter Way, Queens Gardens, Roe Green, Royal Court, Sambar Close, Squires Court, Staughton Place, The Maltings, Wyboston Court	Eaton Ford

WARD	POLLING DISTRICT	LETTERS	DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE
St Neots – Eaton Socon	St Neots – Eaton Socon	E R	That part of the St Neots Parish (Eaton Socon Ward) which includes the following streets:- Ackerman Gardens, Ackerman Street, Admirals Way, Anson Place, Avon Court, Barley Road, Beatty Road, Beauchamp Close, Blackwood Road, Blakes Way, Bushmead Gardens, Byng Close, Capulet Close, Castle Hill Close, Clover Road, Codrington Court, Collingwood Road, Colmworth Gardens, Cornwallis Drive, Cunningham Way, Darrington Close, Digby Court, Drake Road, Falstaff Road, Field Cottage Road, Freemantle Court, Great North Road (Audrey's Court) (Regis House) (St Marys Court) (The Old Chapel), Grenville Way (McNish Court) (The Hillings), Hargood Court, Hathaway Close, Jellicoe Place, Jenkins Close, Kenilworth Close, Manor House Close, Marlborough Road, Nelson Close, Old School Gardens, Peppercorn Lane, Popham Close, Raleigh Close, Roberts Close, School Lane (Addington Walk) (Mill View Court), Shakespeare Road, Simpkin Close, Stratford Place, The Crescent, Warwick Court, Wheatsheaf Road, Wilkinson Close	Eaton Socon
St Neots – Eaton Socon	St Neots – Eaton Socon	E S	That part of the St Neots Parish (Eaton Socon Ward) which includes the following roads:- Baron Court, Bushmead Road, Countess Close, Crown Walk, Duchess Close, Dukes Road, Duloe Brook, Earl Close, Kings Road, Knights Close, Lady Way, Marchioness Way, Marquis Close, Monarch Road, Ockenden Close, Peer Road, Princes Close, Queens Court, Queens Gardens, Regent Close, Vicarage Gardens, Viceroy Close, Viscount Court	Eaton Socon
St Neots – Eynesbury	St Neots – Eynesbury	E F	That part of the St Neots Parish (Eynesbury Ward) which includes the following roads:- Berkley Court, Berkley Street (Berkley Terrace) (Eynesbury Green) (Jubilee Close), Buckley Road, Burnt Close, Caldecote Road, Chestnut Grove, Coneygeare Court, Cromwell Court, Fairfax Court, Ferrars Avenue, Glenariff Close, Hall Road, Hardwick Road, Harvey Street, Howitts Lane, Humberley Close, Ireton Close, Lansbury Close, Laurels Close, Lee Court, Linley Road, Luke Street, Montagu Street, Montague Court, Montague House, Montague Square, Mountfort Close, Navigation Wharf, Old School Yard, Pope Road, Saxon Place, Shirdley Road, Silver Street, Springbrook, St Marys Court, St Marys Street (Brookside Court) (Toller Mews), The Broad Walk, Washbank Road, Waterloo Drive, Wildber Close, Willow Close	Eynesbury
St Neots – Eynesbury	St Neots – Eynesbury	E G	That part of the St Neots Parish (Eynesbury Ward) which includes the following roads:- Brampton Gardens, Browns Square, Cambridge Street (Manor Gardens), Cemetery Lane, Charles Street, Cromwell Gardens, Dryden Court, Duck Lane, Eayre Court, Henbrook (Brickhills), Mallard Lane, Manor Farm Road, Manor Grove, Manor Park, Marshall Road, Medland Grove, Musgrave Way, Naseby Gardens, Nursery Road, Pepys Road, Sandfields Road, Whitehall Walk, Wintringham Road	Eynesbury

WARD	POLLING DISTRICT	LETTERS	DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE
St Neots – Eynesbury	St Neots – Eynesbury	E H	That part of the St Neots Parish (Eynesbury Ward) which includes the following roads:- Alnwick Court, Andrew Road, Balmoral Way, Barford Road (Staff House, Ernulf School), Beacon Close, Bishops Road, Bodiam Way, Caernarvon Road, Carisbrooke Way, Cawdor Place, Chesterfield Way, Compton Close, Conway Place, Corfe Place, Cumberland Way, Dunster Way, Edward Road, Elm Villa Gardens, Flawn Way, Flint Way, George Place, Glamis Court, Hampden Way, Harlech Court, Howitts Gardens, Howitts Lane, James Court, Mobile Home Park, Parker Close, Pearson Close, Philip Gardens, Potton Road, Ridgeway, Rye Close, Shepherd Drive, Tintagel Court, William Drive, Windsor Close, Wren Walk (part)	Eynesbury
	Eynesbury Hardwicke (Town Ward)	B G	The Eynesbury Hardwicke (Town Ward) which includes the following roads:- Andrew Road, Arundel Crescent, Bakers Link, Banks Court, Barford Road, Barnard Close, Baxter Drive, Bellamy Close, Bevington Way, Blair Way, Brittain Close, Burr Close, Caernarvon Road, Carisbrooke Way, Chapman Way (Poppyfields), Chesterfield way, Criccieth Way, Flawn Way (Jordan Court), Jennings Avenue, Knaresborough Court, Lindisfame Close, Malden Way, Maule Close, Parker Close, Pashley Court, Pearson Close, Pembroke Avenue, Penrwyn Court, Powis Place, Ream Close, Richmond Close, Shepherd Drive (Hinsby Court) (Huckle Court), Stocker Way, Tenby Way, Wren Walk (part)	Eynesbury
St Neots – Priory Park	St Neots – Priory Park	E J	That part of the St Neots Parish (Priory Park Ward) which includes the following roads:- Barnes Close, Barringer Way, Bedford Street (Pheonix Square), Beech Grove, Chamberlain Way, Emery Place, Grosvenor Gardens, Harland Road, Hatley Close, Hawkesford Way, Hawthorn Road, High Street, Huntingdon Road, Huntingdon Street, Ingles Court, Lammass Way (The Grove), Leys Road, Lime Grove, Market Square, Mill Lane, Murrell Close, Murrell Court, New Street (Appleby Court), Old Market Court, Park Road, Parkway, Priory Court, Priory Mews, Priory Road (Friars Court), Queensway, Riversmead, Russell Court, Russell Street (Chesterston Court) (Tavistock Court), Rycroft Avenue, Skipper Way, St Anselm Place, Tan Yard (Willow Views), Tansur Court, Tebbutts Road (Pulleyn Court), The Crescent, The Priory, Topham Court, Ware Road, West Street	St Neots – Priory Park
	St Neots – Priory Park	E K	That part of the St Neots Parish (Priory Park Ward) which includes the following roads:- Brook Street, Fishers Yard (Bowers Mill), High Street (Church Walk), Market Square (Old Bull Yard), River Terrace, Market Square, South Street (Chandlers Wharf), Waterside Court, Church Street, Windmill Row	St Neots – Priory Park

WARD	POLLING DISTRICT	LETTERS	DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE
St Neots – Priory Park	St Neots – Priory Park	E L	That part of the St Neots Parish (Priory Park Ward) which includes the following roads:- Acacia Grove, Almond Road, Avenue Road, Bean Close, Cambridge Gardens, Cambridge Street (Cambridge Court) (Cressener Terrace) (Cross House) (Medallion Court) (Prospect Row), Childs Pond Road, Curlew Place, Dewpond Close, Dove House Close, Eagle Court, East Street (East Court), Falcon Close, Fox Close, Fydell Court, Grebe Way, Green End Road, Greenfields, Heron Court, Hill Rise, Huntingdon Street (The Sycamores), Kestrel Place, Kings Lane, Kings Road, Longsands Parade, Longsands Road, Merlin Close, Nightingale Way, Oak Close, Princes Drive, Raven Close, Redwing Place, Rowley Road, Sandwich Road, Shaftesbury Avenue, Springfield Close, Station Road, Sunny Bank, Swallow Court, Swift Close, Tern Way, Woodlands	St Neots – Priory Park
	St Neots – Priory Park	E M	That part of the St Neots Parish (Priory Park Ward) which includes the following roads:- Cambridge Street (Fox Brook Court) (Spa House) (The Close), Church Meadows (Meadow Close), Church Street (Church View)	St Neots – Priory Park
Stilton	Holme	C C	Holme Parish	Holme
	Denton and Caldecote	A Z	Denton & Coldecote Parish	Stilton
	Stilton	F F	Stilton Parish	Stilton
The Hemingfords	Hemingford Abbots	B Z	Hemingford Abbots Parish	Hemingford Abbots
	Hemingford Grey	C A	Hemingford Grey Parish	Hemingford Grey
	Hilton	C B	Hilton Parish	Hilton
	Houghton & Wyton	C E	The Houghton & Wyton Parish (Houghton & Wyton Ward)	Houghton and Wyton
Upwood and The Raveleys	Abbots Ripton	A B	Abbots Ripton Parish	Abbots Ripton
	Houghton & Wyton	C F	The Houghton & Wyton Parish (Airfield Ward)	Wyton
	Kings Ripton	D D	Kings Ripton Parish	Kings Ripton
	Upwood and The Raveleys	F P	Upwood and The Raveleys Parish	Upwood
	Woodwalton	G A	Woodwalton Parish	Woodwalton
Warboys and Bury	Bury	A P	Bury Parish	Bury
	Warboys	F R	Warboys Parish	Warboys
	Warboys Fen	F S	Warboys Fen part of Warboys Parish	Warboys
	Wistow	F X	Wistow Parish	Wistow
Yaxley and Farcet	Farcet	B H	Farcet Parish	Farcet

WARD	POLLING DISTRICT	LETTERS	DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE
Yaxley and Farcet	Yaxley	G B	That part of the Yaxley Parish which includes the following roads:- Abbott Way, Askews Lane, Beatons Close, Beauvoir Place, Blenheim Way (Snowhills), Broadway (Oaktree Court), Carysfort Close, Chapel Street, Church Street, Church Walk, Cock Close Road, Cookson Close, Cookson Walk, Dovecote Lane (Manor Farm Cottages), Field Rise, Green Lane, Holme Road, Yaxley Fen, Kingfisher Close, Laurel Close, Lawn Close, Lee Road, London Road (Folly Close), Main Street, Manor Close, Marlborough Close, Middletons Road, Mountbatten Avenue, Nightingale Drive, Norman Cross, Owl End Walk, Partridge Close, Pheasant Way, Pooley Way, Proby Close, Seaton Close, Stonehouse Road, The Green, The Rookery, Tudor Place, Vicarage Way, West End, Westfield Close, Westfield Road, Wisteria Road, Wykes Road	Yaxley
	Yaxley	G C	That part of the Yaxley Parish which includes the following roads:- Apple Tree Close, Ashridge Walk, Azalea Court, Badger Close, Birch Close, Broadway (Dundee Crest) (Lodge Cottage) (Station Approach), Cherry Tree Walk, Crane Avenue, Crocus Way, Elm Close, Freesia Way, Hawthorn Road, Highfields Walk, Hillcrest Avenue, Hillside Walk, Jasmine Way, Laburnum Avenue, Lancaster Court, Lancaster Walk, Lancaster Way, Lansdowne Road, Larch Close, Lavender Close, Lilac Walk, Lime Tree Close, Litchfield Close, Main Street, Maltings Square, Maple Court, Meadow Walk, Mere View, Mulberry Close, Orchard Walk, Orchid Close, Park Close, Peartree Walk, Primrose Drive, Queen Street, Rosewood Close, Silverwood Walk, Southdown Road, Speechley Road, Springfield Road, St Peters Walk, Violet Way, Vixen Close, Windsor Road, Yaxley Fen	Yaxley
	Yaxley	G D	That part of the Yaxley Parish which includes the following roads:- Allard Close, Alvis Drive, Aston Close, Austin Court, Baird Close, Bentley Avenue, Brunel Drive, Daimler Avenue, Edison Drive, Faraday Close, Ferndale, Fleming Close, Ford Close, Humber Drive, Marconi Drive, Morgan Close, Morris Court, Riley Close, Rolls Close, Royce Close, Stephenson Close, Telford Drive, Wolseley Close	Yaxley

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POLLING STATIONS CURRENTLY USED

- Alconbury and The Stukeleys Ward

A C	Alconbury Memorial Hall, Alconbury
A D	Appletree House, 4 Vinegar Hill, Alconbury Weston
F H	Village Hall, Great Stukeley
F J	Village Hall, Little Stukeley

- Brampton Ward

A H	Community Centre, Brampton (2 stations)
B M	Village Hall, Grafham
D M	Parry Church, Perry

- Buckden Ward

A M	Methodist Church, Buckden
B A	Village Hall, Diddington
F D	Village Hall, Southoe

- Earith Ward

A G	New Village Hall, Bluntisham
B B	Earith Parish Hall, Earith
C D	Village Hall, Needingworth

- Ellington Ward

A F	Community Room at the Primary School, Spaldwick
B C	Community Room at the Primary School, Spaldwick
F E	Community Room at the Primary School, Spaldwick
A J	St Leonard's Hall, High Street, Brington
A K	Village Hall, Molesworth
A N	The Church Room, Buckworth
A R	Village Hall, Bythorn
A S	Village Hall, Keyston
A T	Village Hall, Catworth
B D	Village Hall, Ellington
D E	The Old School House, Leighton Bromswold
D L	Village Hall, Old Weston
F G	The Vicarage Room, Stow Longa

- **Elton and Folkesworth Ward**

A E	Colonel Dane Memorial Hall, Alwalton
A V	Colonel Dane Memorial Hall, Alwalton
B E	Highgate Hall, Elton
B K	Folkesworth, Washingley and Morborne Village Hall
B V	The Old Rectory, Haddon
D G	The Old Rectory, Haddon
F B	The Christie Hall, Elton Road, Wansford
F V	The Christie Hall, Elton Road, Wansford

- **Fenstanton Ward**

B J	Church Centre, School Lane, Fenstanton
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- **Godmanchester Ward**

D A	Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester
D B	Judiths Field Hall, London Road, Godmanchester

- **Gransden and The Offords Ward**

A A	Village Hall, Abbotsley
B F	Village Hall, Abbotsley
E T	Village Hall, Abbotsley
B R	The Reading Room, Great Gransden
B S	Community Room at the Primary School, Great Paxton
D H	Offord Village Hall, Offord Cluny
D J	Offord Village Hall, Offord Cluny
F M	Methodist Church, High Street, Toseland
F K	Village Hall, Waresley
F T	Village Hall, Waresley
G E	Village Hall, Yelling

- **Huntingdon East Ward**

C G	Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Huntingdon
C H	Trinity Free Church, Buttsgrove Way, Hartford
C J	Hartford Village Hall, Hartford
C K	Hartford Village Hall, Hartford
C L	Huntingdonshire Regional College, California Road, Huntingdon

- **Huntingdon North Ward**

C M	BRJ Sports & Social Club, Sallowbush Road, Huntingdon
C N	Medway Community Centre, Medway Road, Huntingdon

- **Huntingdon West Ward**

C P	Commemoration Hall, High Street, Huntingdon
C R	Stukeley Meadows School, Huntingdon
C S	Hinchingbrooke House, Brampton Road, Huntingdon
C T	Hinchingbrooke House, Brampton Road, Huntingdon

- **Kimbolton and Staughton Ward**

A Y	The Village Hall, Covington
B T	Village Hall, Great Staughton
B W	Village Hall, Hail Weston
D C	The Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton
F L	Village Hall, Tilbrooke

- **Little Paxton Ward**

D F	Village Hall, Little Paxton
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- **Ramsey Ward**

D R	Ramsey Royal British Legion Hall, Cricket Field Lane, Ramsey
D S	306 Uggmere Court Road, Ramsey Heights
D T	Ashbeach School, Ramsey St Mary's
D V	Village Hall, Ramsey Mereside
D W	Village Hall, Ramsey Forty Foot
D X	Abbey Rooms, High Street, Ramsey

- **Sawtry Ward**

A X	Yew Treet Farm, Conington Lane, Conington
B L	Village Hall, Glatton
B N	Village Hall, Great Gidding
B P	Village Hall, Great Gidding
B X	Parish Room, Hamerton
B Y	Parish Room, Hamerton
F A	The Old School Hall, 37 Green End Road, Sawtry
F N	Village Hall, Upton
F W	Village Hall, Winwick

- **Somersham Ward**

A L	Village Hall, Broughton
A W	Colne Community Hall, East Street, Colne
D K	Village Hall, Old Hurst
D N	Village Hall, Pidley
F C	Victory Hall, Parkhall Road, Somersham
F Y	Village Hall, Woodhurst

- **St Ives East Ward**

D Z	Burleigh Hill Community Centre, St Ives
D Y	Burleigh Hill Community Centre, St Ives
E A	Burleigh Hill Community Centre, St Ives

- **St Ives South Ward**

E B	Sacred Hearth Church Hall, Needingworth Road, St Ives
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- **St Ives West Ward**

E D	Thorndown Junior School, Hill Rise, St Ives
E E	Thorndown Junior School, Hill Rise, St Ives

- **St Neots Eaton Ford Ward**

E N	The Scout Hall, Mill Hill Road, Eaton Ford
E P	The Scout Hall, Mill Hill Road, Eaton Ford

- **St Neots Eaton Socon Ward**

E R	The Jubilee Hall, School Lane, Eaton Socon
E S	Bushmead School, Bushmead Road, Eaton Socon

- **St Neots Eynesbury Ward**

B G	St Neots Community School, Barford Road, Eynesbury
E H	St Neots Community School, Barford Road, Eynesbury
E F	New Methodist Church Hall, Berkley Street, Eynesbury
E G	St Mary's School Nursery, Wintringham Road, St Neots

- **St Neots Priory Park Ward**

E K	St Neots Voluntary Centre, Church Walk, St Neots
E M	St Neots Voluntary Centre, Church Walk, St Neots
E J	Huntingdon Regional College, Almond Road, St Neots
E L	Huntingdon Regional College, Almond Road, St Neots

- **Stilton Ward**

A Z	Village Hall, Stilton
F F	Village Hall, Stilton
C C	Village Hall, Holme

- **The Hemingfords Ward**

B Z	Village Hall, Hemingford Abbots
C A	The Primary School, Hemingford Grey
C B	Village Hall, Hilton
C E	Houghton & Wyton Memorial Hall, Houghton

- **Upwood and The Raveleys Ward**

A B	Village Hall, Abbots Ripton
C F	10 Cornwall Road, RAF Wyton
D D	Village Hall, Kings Ripton
F P	Village Hall, Upwood
G A	Village Hall, Woodwalton

- **Warboys and Bury Ward**

A P	Village Hall, Bury
F R	Parish Centre, Warboys
F S	Parish Centre, Warboys
F X	Village Hall, Wistow

- **Yaxley and Farcet Ward**

B H	Village Hall, Farcet
G B	Royal British Legion Hall, 210 Broadway, Yaxley
G D	Royal British Legion Hall, 210 Broadway, Yaxley
G C	Owen Pooley Hall, Main Street, Yaxley

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RESPONSES SCHEDULE

CONSULTEE	COMMENTS IN RELATION TO WARD/PARISH	COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION	ACTION / PROPOSAL
Conservative Group	All	Recommends no change	No change
Hunts Parkinson Disease Society	All	Recommends no change	No change
Huntingdon Coalition for Disabled People	All	Recommends no change	No change
Labour Party	All	Recommends no change	No change
Alconbury Parish Council	Alconbury	Recommends no change	No change
Broughton Parish Council	Broughton	Recommends no change	No change
Buckworth Parish Council	Buckworth	Recommends no change	No change
Farcet Parish Council	Farcet	Recommends no change	No change
Fenstanton Parish Council	Fenstanton	Recommends no change	No change
Councillor I C Bates	Fenstanton	Consideration should be given to providing a polling station in area comprising Greenfields, Maytree and Elizabeth Court (off London Road, St Ives) – St Ives Motel suggested but in Hemingford Grey.	No venue available. Suggested location outside of the Parish/Ward – no other venue available.

CONSULTEE	COMMENTS IN RELATION TO WARD/PARISH	COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION	ACTION / PROPOSAL
Godmanchester Town Council	Godmanchester	Recommends no change	No change
Councillor Mrs C A Godley	Godmanchester	Recommends no change	No change
Councillor R J West	Gransden & The Offords	Recommends no change	No change
Hemingford Grey Parish Council	Hemingford Grey	Recommends no change	No change
Hilton Parish Council	Hilton	Recommends no change	No change
Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Parish Council	Holywell-cum-Needlingworth	Recommends no change	No change
Huntingdon Town Council	Huntingdon	Recommends no change	No change
Councillor L M Simpson	Huntingdon East	Consideration should be given to the Primrose Lane area and move part of Register CH to CG to vote at alternative polling station.	Further distance to travel and location not so convenient.
Mr J Tasker (resident)	Huntingdon	Comment regarding location of his current polling station of Hartford Village Hall and preferred venue of Trinity Free Church.	No other representations made in respect of difficulty with current venue. No change.
Mr G Ridewood	Huntingdon	Comment regarding distance to travel to current polling station of Trinity Free Church. Suggested additional venue of the Boat Club, Riverside car park.	No other representations made in respect of difficulty with current venue. No change.

CONSULTEE	COMMENTS IN RELATION TO WARD/PARISH	COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION	ACTION / PROPOSAL
Huntingdon Liberal Democrats	Huntingdon North	Suggested confusion for voters as the Medway Centre and BRJ Club relatively close together. Electors living opposite the BRJ Club vote at the Medway Centre. Consideration should be given to Register CM voting at the Medway Centre.	Affects 1,508 electors. Over-capacity for one polling station for Registers CM and CN. Present arrangements are considered appropriate and any change is likely to cause more confusion for existing voters.
Huntingdon Liberal Democrats	Huntingdon East	Suggested change of venue for Register CH from Trinity Free Church to Hartford Junior & Infant School.	Present arrangements are considered appropriate and any change is likely to cause more confusion for existing voters.
Huntingdon Liberal Democrats	Huntingdon East	Suggested change of venue for Register CK from Hartford Village Hall to the Medway Centre.	Suggested location outside of the Ward.
Huntingdon Liberal Democrats	Huntingdon East	Suggested transfer of voters in Sapley Road, Wallace Court, Goshawk Close and part of the Pennington and Shakespeare estates from Register CJ to CK affecting 729 electors.	Affected by proposal above. Following transfer of voters, suggested location outside of Ward.
Huntingdon Liberal Democrats	Huntingdon East	Suggested change of venue for Register CL from Technical College to school in Ambury Road.	Present arrangements are considered appropriate and any change is likely to cause more confusion for existing voters.
Papworth Trust	Huntingdon	Suggested use of Saxongate as a polling station.	Existing polling station suitable.

CONSULTEE	COMMENTS IN RELATION TO WARD/PARISH	COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION	ACTION / PROPOSAL
Kimbolton Parish Council	Kimbolton	Recommends no change	No change
Leighton Bromswold Parish Council	Leighton Bromswold	Recommends no change	No change
Lt Paxton Parish Council	Lt Paxton	Recommends no change	No change
Councillor K J Churchill	Lt Paxton	Recommends no change	No change
St Neots Liberal Democrats	Lt Paxton	Recommends no change	No change
Perry Parish Council	Perry	Recommends no change	No change
Ramsey Town Council	Ramsey	Concern expressed regarding suitability of disabled access at Abbey Rooms.	Deputy Returning Officer to survey facility.
Councillor I R Muir	Ramsey	Suggested change of venue from Abbey Rooms to the Community Shop, Gt Whyte	Deputy Returning Officer to survey facility.
Sawtry Parish Council	Sawtry	Recommends no change	No change
Somersham Parish Council	Somersham	Recommends no change	No change
Councillor S J Criswell	Somersham	Recommends no change	No change
Councillor M F Newman	Somersham	Recommends no change	No change
Southoe and Midloe Parish Council	Southoe and Midloe	Recommends no change	No change
St Ives Town Council	St Ives	Recommends no change	No change

CONSULTEE	COMMENTS IN RELATION TO WARD/PARISH	COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION	ACTION / PROPOSAL
Councillor D A Giles	St Neots Eaton Socon	Suggested transfer of electors from Register ER to ES.	Register ES would increase from 1,698 to 3,028 electors. Register ER would decrease from 2,515 to 1,185 electors. Over-capacity for polling station at Bushmead School and lack of an identifiable boundary to change from existing arrangements.
St Neots Liberal Democrats	St Neots Eynesbury	Recommends no change	No change
St Neots Liberal Democrats	St Neots Priory Park	Suggested merging of Registers EK and EM with EJ and EL, with all voting at the Regional College.	Over-capacity for one polling station and considerable further distance to travel to suggested venue. Additional difficulty of crossing High Street to travel to new location.
St Neots Liberal Democrats	St Neots Eaton Ford	Suggested transfer of electors from Register EN to EP. Continue voting at the Scout Hall until the new Eatons Community Centre is built.	Register EP would increase by 821 electors. Amend register in advance of completion of suggested new venue. Deputy Returning Officer to survey facility on completion.
St Neots Liberal Democrats	St Neots Eaton Socon	Suggested transfer of electors from Register ER to ES.	See comments for Councillor D A Giles above.
Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council	Upwood and The Raveleys	Recommends no change	No change
Warboys Parish Council	Warboys	Recommends no change	No change
Yelling Parish Council	Yelling	Recommends no change	No change

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ELECTIONS – PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (Report by Head of Administration)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced new powers that permit the Electoral Commission to set and monitor performance standards for electoral services and collect information on costs. The Commission's intention is to measure performance to support improvements in standards with the first return of data scheduled for January 2008 and a full set of indicators in place for the 2008 elections. Indicators have been published for electoral registration purposes and a consultation paper issued on indicators for the conduct of elections with a closing date of 21st December 2007.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members may be aware from the local government press that the Department for Communities and Local Government has published a new slimmed down framework of 198 indicators for local government, with the Secretary of State promising in a conference speech that 'there's no scope for Whitehall sneaking in targets through the back door'. The Commission's consultation paper inviting comments on indicators for elections was issued only 4 days after the DCLG publication and while it is difficult to fault the principle of using data to drive up standards, the breadth and scale of the criteria proposed by the Commission will involve additional work and cost in measuring and collecting the required data at extremely critical times in the election process.

3. THE INDICATORS

- 3.1 The rationale for the Commission is to develop a clear vision for quality electoral services across the country as set out in Table 1 attached. It announced, in September, the data for electoral registration which must be collected and submitted by 18th January 2008, details of which can be found on the attached link http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/files/dms/Electoralregistrationperformanceindicatorsdatareturnspreadsheet_27512-20253_ENSW.xls
- 3.2 The data is split into the following 8 indicators with 53 individual measures –
- success of the annual canvass of electors,
 - carry forward of electors on the register,
 - changes to the electoral register,
 - completeness of the register,
 - customer service focus within the electoral registration function,
 - activities to improve the accuracy of the electoral register and absent voter lists,
 - encouraging participation and registration, and
 - enhancing electoral integrity.

3.3 The consultation paper on draft election and referendum performance indicators (which can be found on the attached link http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/files/dms/Performance-Standards-Final-V2_23791-17634_E_N_S_W_.pdf) proposes the following 13 indicators with 47 individual measures –

- project management,
- procurement of services,
- design and content of communications with electors,
- issue of postal ballot packs,
- postal vote opening processes,
- recruitment, training and support for polling and counting staff,
- accessibility and organisation of polling stations,
- count administration,
- number of recounts,
- length of count process,
- enhancing electoral integrity,
- encouraging participation, and
- participant satisfaction with the electoral process.

4. COMMENT

4.1 Data on most of the new and proposed measures is not collected at the moment and will require the introduction of systems to capture the required information. Members will know that both elections and, to a lesser extent, registration are extremely time sensitive and highly pressurised processes. The measures require information on such minutiae as counting the number of postal ballot papers issued each day, the layout of polling stations, the accuracy of the paperwork returned by Presiding Officers at the close of poll, the number and reasons for recounts and the time taken to conduct counts. They also require customer feedback and satisfaction surveys of candidates, agents and the electorate to be undertaken.

4.2 Staff working in highly pressurised elections and counting scenarios already have a range of issues to address in ensuring the integrity, accuracy and time lines of the processes involved. There is no doubt that the collation of additional information required by the Commission will involve additional time and cost both in collecting the data and monitoring and improving performance if the Council is to score well against the new indicators.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Commission's proposals do not fit comfortably with the Secretary of State's recent announcement of fewer indicators for local government. While its aim of improving standards may be commendable, this will have time and cost implications for the Councils at a time when efficiencies and reductions in expenditure will be required to comply with the also recently announced Comprehensive Spending Review.

5.2 It is suggested that the Commission be informed, in response to the current consultation paper, that the measures proposed are both too numerous and detailed, that there is a danger that they will be counter-productive by diverting staff from the efficiency and accuracy of the election and count processes and that additional time and

expense will be incurred in their collection and compliance. It is further suggested that specific comment on the individual measures proposed be delegated to the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Chairman of the Panel.

6. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 It is

RECOMMENDED

that the Panel endorse the general comments on the Commission's consultation paper as set out in paragraph 4 above and authorise the Chief Executive to respond on the detailed measures after consultation with the Chairman.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Electoral Registration Indicators Data Submission 2007/08 published by the Electoral Commission

Developing Performance Indicators for Elections and Referendums published by the Electoral Commission.

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Table 1: Vision for the basis of quality electoral service

	This means electors can expect...	This means candidates and parties can expect...
<p>Integrity – a secure process for registration and voting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to know information about them is accurate and to be clear how it is used • their vote is confidential and they can make it free from pressure • to know their vote is counted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • processes which are transparent and checked • accurate results
<p>User focus – an easy and accessible process for candidates and electors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a voting process that is easy to understand • to have a choice of ways to vote • to be able to vote in a way that suits their lifestyle and needs • information and advice which is accurate, prompt and easy to understand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to know how to stand for election • consistency of approach and realistic timescales • clarity and impartiality in the process • a clear process of redress
<p>Professionalism – a clear and consistent approach to delivery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to know if they are eligible to register and vote • to know how and when to register and what to do if they move • to know where to get information and advice • to know who and what they are voting for • young people to be educated about registering and voting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those involved in administration of the process to be fully conversant with electoral law • consistent application of electoral law and processes • clear and timely information, advice and guidance • an appropriate balance between speed and quality in the process
<p>Value for money – efficient and effective service delivery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effective use of public money 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • electoral administrators to have the right skills • timely quality checks to be carried out

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