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The decision to merge Milton with Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering is so wrong, Milton is a village so different to the other three villages and need to remain separate. To merge villages to equal the numbers is the wrong formula, they should be merged where needs are similar. Milton is a village where the population consists of many commuters and rented accommodation where Waterbeach has less of a commuter based population and is very much a rural village with very different needs. Waterbeach is an expanding village with planning permission granted for approx. 300 homes which will be built in the next 2 to 3 years and in my opinion to represent these residents you need a person with very good local knowledge and by reducing the number of councillors by 25% there is a possibility that you could end up with councillors who do not have that local knowledge. The growing population will also create increased demands on Councillors who will be less in numbers, this will also reduce the number of younger people becoming councillors as they will not have the time to devote to council work and they will try to balance council business with work and family needs. The former barracks site in Waterbeach is also due to be developed sooner rather than later which will also increase the electorate and increase the work load of councillors. So I say leave well alone because in the very near future the number of councillors will have to be increased to the original number because of the growth in these villages.

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