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To the Rt Hon Roy Jenkins MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UTTLESFORD DISTRICT

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Uttlesford District, in accordance with the requirements of section 63 and Schedule 9 to the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that District.

2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 3 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Uttlesford District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Essex County Council, parish councils and parish meetings in Uttlesford district, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of the local newspapers circulating in the area and to the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.

3. The Uttlesford District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972, and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were also asked to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. The Council had passed a resolution under section 4(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting the Secretary of State to provide for a system of whole council elections.

5. On 31 October 1974 the Uttlesford District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the district into 31 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 42.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council, together with comments which had been made upon it. We noted that the draft scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1974 and our own guidelines and we considered that it provided a satisfactory basis of representation for the district. We carefully considered all the comments and decided to adopt three of the suggestions which had been put forward. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 9 January we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the Council's draft scheme. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals, and the accompanying map which defined the proposed ward boundaries, available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 7 March 1975.

8. The District Council and the County Council raised no objection to our draft proposals.

9. We received representations objecting in principle to the drawing of ward boundaries in Saffron Walden along the centres of roads and to a particular ward boundary between the Saffron Walden (Audley) and Saffron Walden (Plantation) wards. We noted that the district wards are coterminous in Saffron Walden with

newly established parish wards and we are required by Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act to include whole parish wards within district wards.

10. We received a request that the name of the Manuden ward should be changed to Stort Valley. We noted that this request was supported by all three Parish Councils within the proposed ward and by the District Council. We therefore accept this change of name.

11. We also received a request that the name of the Wimbish ward should be changed to Dibden and Wimbish. We noted that this ward included only these two parishes and given that Wimbish has the larger electorate, we concluded that the name should be changed to Wimbish and Dibden.

12. Subject to the re-naming of the Manuden and Wimbish wards, we confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the attached map.

PUBLICATION

13. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and a copy of the map are being sent to Uttlesford District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council offices at Saffron Walden, Essex. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the map is set out in Schedule 2 to this report,

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Signed

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10 April 1975

UTTLESFORD DISTRICT: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS
AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
ASHDON	1
BIRCHANGER	1
CLAVERING	1
ELSENHAM	1
FELSTED	2
GREAT DUNMOW (North)	2
GREAT DUNMOW (South)	2
GREAT HALLINGBURY	1
HATFIELD BROAD OAK	1
HATFIELD HEATH	1
HENHAM	1
LITTLEBURY	1
LITTLE HALLINGBURY	1
STORT VALLEY	1
NEWPORT	1
RICKLING	1
SAFFRON WALDEN (AUDLEY)	2
SAFFRON WALDEN (CASTLE)	2
SAFFRON WALDEN (PLANTATION)	2
SAFFRON WALDEN (SHIRE)	2
STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET	3
STEBBING	1
TAKELEY	2
THAXTED	2
THE CANFIELDS	1
THE CHESTERFORDS	1
THE EASTONS	1
THE RODINGS	1
THE SAMPFORDS	1
WENDEN LOFTS	1
WIMBISH AND DIBDEN	1

UTTLESFORD DISTRICT: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

NOTE: Where the boundary is described as following a road, railway, river, canal or similiar feature, it should be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature unless otherwise stated.

ASHDON WARD

The parishes of Ashdon and Hadstock

BIRCHANGER WARD

The parish of Birchanger

CLAVERING WARD

The parishes of Arkesden, Clavering and Wicken Bonhunt

ELSENHAM WARD

The parish of Elsenham

FELSTED WARD

The parishes of Felsted and Little Dunmow

GREAT DUNMOW (North) WARD

The north ward of the parish of Great Dunmow

GREAT DUNMOW (South) WARD

The south ward of the parish of Great Dunmow and the parish of Barnston

GREAT HALLINGBURY WARD

The parish of Great Hallingbury

HATFIELD BROAD OAK WARD

The Bush End ward and the Hatfield Broad Oak ward of the parish of Hatfield Broad Oak

HATFIELD HEATH WARD

The Hatfield Heath ward of the parish of Hatfield Broad Oak

HENHAM WARD

The parishes of Henham and Ugley

LITTLEBURY WARD

The parishes of Littlebury, Strethall and Wendens Ambo

LITTLE HALLINGBURY WARD

The parish of Little Hallingbury

STORT VALLEY

The parishes of Berden, Farnham and Manuden

NEWPORT WARD

The parish of Newport

RICKLING WARD

The parishes of Quendon and Rickling and Widdington

SAFFRON WALDEN (Audley) WARD

The Audley ward of the parish of Saffron Walden

SAFFRON WALDEN (Castle) WARD

The Castle ward of the parish of Saffron Walden

SAFFRON WALDEN (Plantation) WARD

The Plantation ward of the parish of Saffron Walden

SAFFRON WALDEN (Shire) WARD

The Shire ward of the parish of Saffron Walden

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET WARD

The parish of Stansted Mountfitchet

STEBBING WARD

The parishes of Lindsell and Stebbing

TAKELEY WARD

The parishes of Broxted, Chickney and Takeley

THAXTED WARD

The parishes of Little Bardfield and Thaxted

THE CANFIELDS WARD

The parishes of Great Canfield, High Easter, High Roothing and Little Canfield

THE CHESTERFORDS WARD

The parishes of Great Chesterford and Little Chesterford

THE EASTONS WARD

The parishes of Great Easton, Little Easton and Tilty

THE RODINGS WARD

The parishes of Aythorpe Roding, Leaden Roding, Margaret Roding and White Roothing

THE SAMPFORDS WARD

The parishes of Great Sampford, Hempstead, Little Sampford and Radwinter

WENDEN LOFTS WARD

The parishes of Chrishall, Elmdon, Langley and Wenden Lofts

WIMBISH AND DEBDEN WARD

The parishes of Debden and Wimbush

