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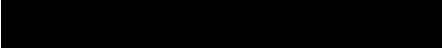
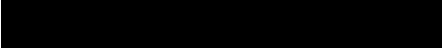
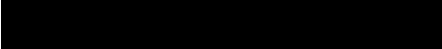

Review Editor,

A new custom form submission has been received. The details of the form submission are as follows:

Submission Information

Custom Form: Online submissions form (#183)
Form URL: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-consultations/online-submissions-form>
Submission ID: 1351
Time of Submission: Aug 18th 2012 at 7:27am
IP Address: 

Form Answers

Name: Nick Edwards
Address 1: 
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Email Address: 
Area your submission refers to: Uttlesford
Organisation you belong to: other (please specify in your submission)
Your feedback: Of the two proposals, the Lib Dem group's is my favoured one. 35 Councillors is the smallest number with which the council can function (by UDC's own estimation) and therefore the most efficient, especially with a cabinet system in place. A significant reduction in Councillors will save UDC money in these austere times and bring UDC closer to the national average of 1800 voters per Councillor.

UDC's proposal seems based on nothing more than appeasing Councillors whose wards will change considerably as a result of a reduction in seats. Councillors would do well to remember that they work for us, the voters, and have a duty to deliver the most efficient council possible, rather than attempt to preserve their own seats for no evidenced reason.

There are hundreds of councillors at various levels in Uttlesford. Most communities are served by excellent

parish councillors and county councillors, who are quite capable of liaising with UDC on behalf of their communities. Such a large number of district councillors simply is not required, and a reduction to 35 will save the council significantly both in monetary terms and in efficiency savings. I strongly urge the boundary commission to reduce the number of councillors to fewer than 38-40 for these reasons.