

Huntingdonshire District

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Rather than change the boundaries which is unnecessarily complex at this stage of expected population increases inequitably dispersed across the district to try and equalize the number of voters per ward, I propose a change in the number of councillors in some wards. This, I believe, would be a fairer distribution of councillors per electorate across the district and better represent the number of electorate in each ward. My proposals, based on the detail provided in the Electoral Figures Excel spreadsheet is as follows: Alconbury & The Stukleys PLUS 1 Councillor up to 2 for the ward. St Neots Priory Park PLUS 2 Councillors up to 4 for the ward. This would bring the ratio of Councillor:Electorate in line with the district average. This would, however, mean increasing the number of councillors from 52 to 55. If the increase in numbers of councillors was unpalatable, the only way I see of keeping the same overall number of councillors is to reduce the number of councillors in some wards as follows: Huntingdon East LESS 1 Councillor down to 2 for the ward. Gransden & The Offords LESS 1 Councillor down to 1 for the ward. Ramsey LESS 1 Councillor down to 2 for the ward. This, however, would mean there is a higher average of electorate:councillors in these wards (Huntingdon East, for instance, would have 1 councillor per 4010 electorate). Therefore. I believe the only equitable way forward is to increase the total number of councillors by three.

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