




Option A - Rural wards

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 Two-member ward

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 Within 10% of the ideal electorate of 2056
 Variance against ideal electorate of more than 10%

Ward No.	Proposed name of ward	No. of members	Total electorate	% Away from Average (Variance)	Parishes	Changes made as a result of consultation	Details of feedback received and other comments	Other options that could be considered
1	Withersfield ward	1	1950	-5.16%	Barnadiston, Cowlinge, Great and Little Bradley, Great and Little Thurlow, Withersfield and Great and Little Wrating	None	See comment against Kedington ward below. In January 2018 the councils undertook a community links consultation to inform the warding review. Withersfield Parish Council responded to confirm their natural link to the Great and Little Thurlow parishes	See Options A1 and A2 for alternative options
2	Hundon & Wickhambrook ward	1	2247	9.29%	Hundon, Stradishall & Wickhambrook	None	See comment against Kedington ward below	See Options A1 and A2 for alternative options
3	Clare ward	1	1992	-3.11%	Clare and Poslingford	None	In March 2018 the councils undertook a consultation on the draft ward options and feedback was received from Poslingford Parish Council regarding being a small parish in this ward with Clare. Unfortunately Clare is too large to be combined with a neighbouring parish and is too small to be a standalone ward. Further evidence would be required to be able to demonstrate the case for a substantially larger than threshold ward.	
4	Cavendish ward	1	1989	-3.26%	Cavendish, Brockley, Denston, Hawkedon, Rede, Stansfield & Wkepstead	None	Support from Hawkedon Parish Council received during the March 2018 consultation	
5	Kedington ward	1	2116	2.92%	Kedington, Stoke by Clare and Wixoe	None	In March 2018 the councils undertook a consultation on the draft ward options and feedback was received from Stoke by Clare Parish Council and Wixoe Parish Meeting regarding their local connections with Hundon parish and not with the Kedington parish. An option to remedy this and maintain single member wards could not be found. However there are two suggested options (A1 and A2) that include two-member ward/s for consideration.	See Options A1 and A2 for alternative options
6	Rougham ward	1	1803	-12.31%	Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield, Bradfield St Clare, Bradfield St George & Rushbrooke with Rougham (South)	None	The electorate for Rushbrooke with Rougham (North) was not excluded from the original electorate figure used for Option A. The 68 electors have now been excluded which means that Rougham ward now falls outside the variance of 10%. The inclusion of the growth site at Rushbrooke with Rougham parish (north ward) in the Moreton Hall East Ward received a mixed response during the March 2018 consultation. Those responses will be provided in full to the LGBC. Several of those supporting the option suggested that the boundary between Moreton Hall and Rougham should be along Sow Lane. Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council referenced their existing links with Bradfield St Clare and Bradfield St George as part of their consultation response as they are rural Parishes, with similar issues and challenges to Rushbrooke with Rougham.	Moving the ward boundary to Sow Lane should be considered as part of this option. It should be noted that this would have a consequential impact on the option A for the Moreton Hall East Ward which would adjoin this ward.
7	Horringer ward	1	2080	1.17%	Gt & Lt Whelnetham, Hawstead, Horringer, Ickworth & Nowton	None	A response to the March 2018 ward options consultation was received from a Hawstead resident. The response commented on the common community link between the Hawstead parish and the other parishes in the Horringer ward.	
8	Chedburgh & Chevington ward	1	1994	-3.02%	Chedburgh, Chevington, Dalham, Depden, Hargrave, Lidgate & Ousden	None	Depden Parish Council responded to the ward options consultation raising concerns regarding non-alignment with the geographical area of the Church Benefice of Chedburgh, Chevington, Depden, Hargrave, Hawkedon and Rede. Unfortunately changes were not able to be made without significant impact on other wards and support had been received for the proposed new Cavendish ward. In January 2018 Lidgate Parish Council responded to the community links survey to provide information regarding the shared issues and joint work between Ousden, Lidgate and Dalham Parish Councils.	
9	Barrow ward	1	2260	9.92%	Barrow, Denham, The Saxhams, Westley	None		

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10	Kentford & Moulton ward	1	2243	9.10%	Gazeley, Higham, Moulton & Kentford,	None	Higham Parish Council responded to the ward options consultation as they would prefer the existing warding arrangements to remain due to associations with Tuddenham and Cavenham. Unfortunately it was not possible to return to the status quo due to the impact on electoral equality. Gazeley Parish Council responded to the ward options consultation to confirm their support for the proposed ward option. In January 2018 a Higham resident responded to the community links survey suggesting that Higham had historic church links with Gazeley, Dalham, Moulton and Kentford	
11	Pakenham & Troston ward	1	1994	-3.02%	Ampton, Gt & Lt Livermere, Honington (Station), Pakenham, Timworth, & Troston	Honington (Station) has been moved into Pakenham & Troston ward and Ingham has been moved into Risby ward.	This ward option was informed by a response to the January 2018 community links consultation as it provided details of the community link between Troston, Great Livermere and also between the joint parish meeting for Ampton, Timworth and Little Livermere. Changes to the original ward option were made as a result of the high number of responses to the March 2018 ward options consultation regarding the link between RAF Honington and Troston. A number of parishes and RAF Honington, voiced their concern that RAF Honington (which straddles the Honington (Station) and Troston parish boundaries) would be in different district wards which would split the community. In order to implement this the following changes have been made:- (a) Honington (Station) has moved into Pakenham & Troston ward (b) Ingham has moved into Risby ward (c) Barnham has moved into Bardwell ward.	
12	The Fornhams and Great Barton	2	4224	2.72%	Fornham All Saints, Fornham St Genevieve, Fornham St Martin & Great Barton	The ward name has been amended to 'The Fornhams and Great Barton'	In March 2018 the councils undertook a consultation on the draft ward options and feedback was received requesting that the name of the ward should include 'The Fornhams'. Feedback was also received regarding a loss of community identity by bringing the Fornhams and Great Barton into a 2-member ward however it was not possible to split the ward without a significant impact on the other rural wards, and would require the ward boundary to run through the Great Barton parish area. It should be noted that a response from Fornham All Saints to the January 2018 community links survey confirmed that the Fornham parishes have a historic link to each other and also to the Culford parish. However it was not possible to include Culford in this option given their links to the other parishes in the option for the Risby ward.	
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14	Iceni ward	2	3753	-8.73%	Herringswell & Red Lodge	None	A response to the March 2018 ward options consultation was received from Herringswell Parish Council as they were concerned regarding the size of their parish in comparison with Red Lodge. Unfortunately changes to this option could not be made without significantly affecting other wards. Additionally this was considered to be a good option as it is an existing district ward for Forest Heath District Council.	See consultation feedback from Herringswell Parish Council. Unfortunately the proposal is not a viable option without significant consequential impact on other proposed wards.
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16	Manor ward	1	1968	-4.28%	Barton Mills, Cavenham, Freckenham, Tuddenham & Worlington	Lackford moved to Risby ward.	Feedback to the March 2018 ward options consultation was received from Lackford Parish Council and Lackford residents stating that Lackford should be in the Risby ward as they have strong links with the other parishes in this ward. Freckenham Parish Council responded to the consultation to confirm their support for the ward proposal. Worlington Parish Council and Tuddenham Parish Council also supported this option as it would strengthen communication and the relationship between the villages.	There is the potential that Icklingham parish could be moved into this ward, which would possibly greater reflect community identity (given historic ties with these parishes) but would give an electoral equality variance of 10.26% . Other options for ward names: Barton Mills & Worlington

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17	Risby ward	1	2237	8.80%	Culford, Flempton, Lackford, Hengrave, Icklingham, Ingham, Risby, West Stow & Wordwell	Ingham has been moved into this ward from Pakenham & Troston ward and Lackford has been moved into this ward from Manor ward. Barnham has been moved from Risby ward into Bardwell ward.	Responses to the March 2018 ward options were received regarding the community link between Barnham parish, Euston parish and Fakenham Parish. As a result Barnham was moved from Risby ward to Bardwell ward. Feedback to the March 2018 ward options consultation was received from Lackford Parish Council and Lackford residents stating that Lackford should be in the Risby ward as they have strong links with the other parishes in this ward. In January 2018 the councils undertook a community links consultation to inform the warding review. Cllr Glossop responded with details of the following community links: - Flempton cum Hengrave share a parish council and share the village hall which has been sold but the funds are still available to fund a community facility. The church at Flempton is shared by the two villages , - Culford Ingham Wordwell share a village hall at Culford and West Stow has a small community room - Culford Wordwell West Stow share a parish council. In addition all of the parish councils are along the A1101 and therefore share similar issues.	
18	Bardwell ward	1	2034	-1.07%	Bardwell, Barnham, Coney Weston, Euston, Fakenham Magna, Honington (Village), Sapiston	Honington (Station) has been moved into Pakenham & Troston ward and Barnham has been moved from Risby ward.	Changes to the original ward option were made as a result of the high number of responses to the March 2018 ward options consultation regarding the link between RAF Honington and Troston. A number of parishes and RAF Honington, voiced their concern that RAF Honington (which straddles the Honington (Station) and Troston parish boundaries) would be in different district wards which would split the community. In order to implement this the following changes have been made:- (a) Honington (Station) has moved into Pakenham & Troston ward (b) Ingham has moved into Risby ward (c) Barnham has moved into Bardwell ward.	
19	Lakenheath ward	2	4409	7.22%	Lakenheath, Elveden, Eriswell and Sedge Fen	None		
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21	Exning ward	1	1924	-6.42%	Exning	None		
22	Ixworth Ward	1	1902	-7.49%	Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe	None		
23	Barningham Ward	1	2211	7.54%	Barningham, Hepworth, Hopton, Knettishall, Market Weston, Thelnetham	None		
24	Stanton ward	1	2234	8.66%	Stanton	None	A response to the March 2018 ward options consultation was received from Stanton Parish Council to confirm their support for this ward option.	
25	The Rows ward	2	3713	-9.70%	Beck Row, Holywell Row, Kenny Hill & West Row	None		
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