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SWTC is suggesting the following two options as agreed at its Full Council meeting in July 2023.

1. To extend the Saffron Walden border to encompass the field along Radwinter Road, (commonly referred to as the Rosconn site which has been granted planning permission of 233 dwellings).

The rationale for this is because SWTC and neighbouring Swards End Parish Council has previously jointly requested a district parish border review, to extend the Saffron Walden border to encompass this field.

Future residents at this estate could therefore be associated with Saffron Walden Town councillors and Thaxted County Councillors.

Should the ECC border extend the Saffron Walden boundary to include this field, residents would therefore be associated with Saffron Walden Town Councillors and Saffron Walden County Councillor(s).

This border is illustrated attached, red being the extension, green the existing.

2. To reduce the size of Saffron Walden's County division.

County Councillors on average should represent 14,891 electorate, Saffron Walden is significantly more with 17,175 electorate.

Neighbouring County divisions have an electorate of:

- Thaxted 14,871
- Stansted 16,961

Overall, Uttlesford has considerably more electors per county councillor than the average for Essex and it is proposed to increase the number of ECC councillors by 2. Increasing the number of Uttlesford ECC councillors from 4 to 5 would place each division about average, or just under.

It is proposed therefore that an additional Uttlesford county councillor is created, that the existing Uttlesford divisions are re-organised to make them as far as reasonably achievable the same size, and that in doing so as far as possible each comprises whole Uttlesford wards

Attached Documents:

- Picture1.jpg