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I'm in favour of reducing the number of council wards and the numbers of council members. The numbers still seem locked into the horse and cart age when having a representative from each village was important and the present council area was comprised of, I think, seven old council areas. What might have been appropriate in ages past (pre 1987) is no longer appropriate in this day and age. I expect it was needed to have a councillor for the same areas post 1987 as pre 1987 in order to placate local sensitivities but 30 years on we need to move into a more modern age. This council should have very much fewer councillors than at present and than present proposed for a more efficient administration. However, given that sort of reduction isn't currently proposed, I would suggest the following for where I live on the border between South Wootton and North Wootton. These two parishes are known locally as "The Woottons" and share some facilities but are presently in two separate wards. North Wootton is generally thought of as lying between the main populations of South Wootton and Castle Rising yet South Wootton and Castle Rising are put together to form the same ward. The two Woottons are more similar in character with each other than is Castle Rising with either of The Woottons. North Wootton and South Wootton should form one ward to be known as The Woottons with Castle Rising being added to a more rural ward.

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