STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 2813

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The County of Essex (Electoral Changes) Order 2004

Made - - - - 28th October 2004

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Whereas the Boundary Committee for England(**a**), acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(**b**), has submitted to the Electoral Commission(**c**) recommendations dated April 2004 on its review of the county of Essex:

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect, with modifications, to those recommendations:

And whereas a period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(**d**) and 26(**e**) of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the County of Essex (Electoral Changes) Order 2004.

(2) This Order shall come into force –

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005, on the day after that on which it is made;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005.

Interpretation

2. In this Order –

(**a**) The Boundary Committee for England is a committee of the Electoral Commission, established by the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 14 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962) transferred to the Electoral Commission the functions of the Local Government Commission for England.

(**b**) 1992 c.19. This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

(**c**) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 (c.19), to the extent that they relate to electoral changes within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(**d**) This section has been amended by section 89(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 (c.22), S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.

(**e**) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

"county" means the county of Essex;

"existing", in relation to an electoral division or ward, means the electoral division or ward as it exists on the date this Order is made;

references to wards, unless the context otherwise requires, are references to district and borough wards in the county(**a**); and

any reference to the map is a reference to the map marked "Map referred to in the County of Essex (Electoral Changes) Order 2004", of which prints are available for inspection at –

(a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and

(b) the offices of Essex County Council.

Electoral divisions of the county of Essex

3.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of the county(**b**) shall be abolished.

(2) The county shall be divided into seventy electoral divisions which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of the Schedule.

(3) The electoral divisions shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to wards, parishes, or parish wards or, where an area is not so described, the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the electoral division and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each electoral division shall be the number specified in respect of the electoral division in column (3) of the Schedule.

(4) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it shall be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Maps

4. Essex County Council shall make a print of the map marked "Map referred to in the County of Essex (Electoral Changes) Order 2004" available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral registers

5. The Electoral Registration Officer(**c**) for each district or borough in the county shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

(**a**) *See* the District of Basildon (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2443), the District of Braintree (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2442), the Borough of Brentwood (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2441), the Borough of Castle Point (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2440), the Borough of Chelmsford (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2439), the Borough of Colchester (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2438), the District of Epping Forest (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2444) as amended by the District of Epping Forest (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2982), the District of Harlow (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2437), the District of Maldon (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2436), the District of Rochford (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2624), the District of Tendring (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2435) and the District of Uttlesford (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2434).

(**b**) *See* the County of Essex (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/141). The area of the county of Essex was altered by the Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Lincolnshire (County Boundaries) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/133), the Essex and Suffolk (County Boundaries) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2352), the Essex and Hertfordshire (County Boundaries) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/2119), the Essex, Greater London and Hertfordshire (County and London Borough Boundaries) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/441), the Essex and Greater London (County and London Borough Boundaries) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1141), the Essex and Greater London (County and London Borough Boundaries) (No.2) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1218), the Essex and Greater London (County Boundaries) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/2091), and the Essex (Boroughs of Colchester, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock and District of Tendring) (Structural, Boundary and Electoral Changes) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1875).

(**c**) As to electoral registration officers and the register of local government electors, *see* sections 8 to 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2).

Revocation

6. The County of Essex (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981(**a**) is revoked, save for article 5.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 28th day of October 2004

L.S.

Sam Younger
Chairman of the Commission

28th October 2004

Jacqui Dixon
Secretary to the Commission

28th October 2004

SCHEDULE

article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF ELECTORAL DIVISIONS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

Column (1)	*Column (2)*	*Column (3)*
Name of Electoral Division	*Area of Electoral Division*	*Number of Councillors*
In the district of Basildon		
Basildon Laindon Park and Fryerns	Fryerns ward; Laindon Park ward; Lee Chapel North ward	2
Basildon Pitsea	Pitsea North West ward; Pitsea South East ward; St Martin's ward; Vange ward	2
Basildon Westley Heights	Langdon Hills ward; Nethermayne ward	1
Billericay and Burstead	Billericay East ward; Billericay West ward; Burstead ward	2
Wickford Crouch	Crouch ward; Wickford Castledon ward; Wickford North ward; Wickford Park ward	2
In the district of Braintree		
Bocking	Bocking Blackwater ward; Bocking North ward; Bocking South ward	1
Braintree Eastern		1
Braintree Town		1
Halstead	Gosfield and Greenstead Green ward; Halstead St Andrew's ward; Halstead Trinity ward; The Three Colnes ward	1
Hedingham	Bumpstead ward; Hedingham and Maplestead ward; Stour Valley North ward; Stour Valley South ward; Upper Colne ward; Yeldham ward	1

(**a**) S.I. 1981/141.

Three Fields with Great Notley	Great Notley and Braintree West ward; Panfield ward; Rayne ward; Three Fields ward	1
Witham Northern	Black Notley and Terling ward; Bradwell, Silver End and Rivenhall ward; Witham Chipping Hill and Central ward; Witham North ward	1
Witham Southern	Hatfield Peverel ward; Witham South ward; Witham West ward	1
In the borough of Brentwood		
Brentwood Hutton	Herongate, Ingrave and West Horndon ward; Hutton Central ward; Hutton East ward; Hutton North ward; Hutton South ward	1
Brentwood North	Brentwood North ward; Pilgrims Hatch ward; Shenfield ward	1
Brentwood Rural	Brizes and Doddinghurst ward; Ingatestone, Fryerning and Mountnessing ward; South Weald ward; Tipps Cross ward	1
Brentwood South	Brentwood South ward; Brentwood West ward; Warley ward	1
In the borough of Castle Point		
Canvey Island East	Canvey Island East ward; Canvey Island North ward; Canvey Island South ward	1
Canvey Island West	Canvey Island Central ward; Canvey Island West ward; Canvey Island Winter Gardens ward	1
Hadleigh		1
South Benfleet		1
Thundersley		1
In the borough of Chelmsford		
Broomfield and Writtle	Broomfield and The Walthams ward; Chelmsford Rural West ward; Writtle ward; Great and Little Leighs parish	1
Chelmer	Chelmer Village and Beaulieu Park ward; Boreham parish; Danbury parish; Little Baddow parish	1
Chelmsford Central	Moulsham and Central ward; Moulsham Lodge ward	1
Chelmsford North	Patching Hall ward; St Andrews ward	1
Chelmsford West	Goat Hall ward; Marconi ward; Waterhouse Farm ward	1
Great Baddow	Galleywood ward; Great Baddow East ward; Great Baddow West ward	1
South Woodham Ferrers	South Woodham – Chetwood and Collingwood ward; South Woodham – Elmwood and Woodville ward	1
Springfield	Springfield North ward; The Lawns ward; Trinity ward	1
Stock	Bicknacre and East and West Hanningfield ward; Rettendon and Runwell ward; South Hanningfield, Stock and Margaretting ward; Sandon parish	1
In the borough of Colchester		
Abbey		1

Constable	Dedham and Langham ward; Fordham and Stour ward; Great Tey ward; Marks Tey ward; West Bergholt and Eight Ash Green ward	1
Drury	Christ Church ward; Lexden ward; Prettygate ward	1
Maypole	Berechurch ward; Shrub End ward	1
Mersea and Tiptree	Tiptree ward; West Mersea ward; Great and Little Wigborough parish; Layer Breton parish; Layer Marney parish; Messing-cum-Inworth parish; Salcott parish; Virley parish; Grove parish ward of Tiptree parish	1
Mile End and Highwoods	Highwoods ward; Mile End ward	1
Parsons Heath and East Gates		1
Stanway and Pyefleet	Copford and West Stanway ward; East Donyland ward; Pyefleet ward; Stanway ward; Birch parish; Layer-de-la-Haye parish	1
Wivenhoe St Andrew	St Andrew's ward; Wivenhoe Cross ward; Wivenhoe Quay ward	1
In the district of Epping Forest		
Buckhurst Hill and Loughton South	Buckhurst Hill East ward; Buckhurst Hill West ward; Loughton Forest ward; Loughton Roding ward	1
Chigwell and Loughton Broadway	Chigwell Row ward; Chigwell Village ward; Grange Hill ward; Loughton Broadway ward	1
Epping and Theydon Bois	Epping Hemnall ward; Epping Lindsey and Thornwood Common ward; Theydon Bois ward	1
Loughton Central	Loughton Alderton ward; Loughton Fairmead ward; Loughton St John's ward; Loughton St Mary's ward	1
North Weald and Nazeing	Broadley Common, Epping Upland and Nazeing ward; Hastingwood, Matching and Sheering Village ward; Lower Nazeing ward; Lower Sheering ward; North Weald Bassett ward; Roydon ward	1
Ongar and Rural	Chipping Ongar, Greensted and Marden Ash ward; High Ongar, Willingale and The Rodings ward; Lambourne ward; Moreton and Fyfield ward; Passingford ward; Shelley ward	1
Waltham Abbey	Waltham Abbey High Beach ward; Waltham Abbey Honey Lane ward; Waltham Abbey North East ward; Waltham Abbey Paternoster ward; Waltham Abbey South West ward	1
In the district of Harlow		
Harlow North	Mark Hall ward; Netteswell ward; Old Harlow ward	1
Harlow South East		1
Harlow West		2

In the district of Maldon		
Heybridge and Tollesbury	Great Totham ward; Heybridge East ward; Heybridge West ward; Tollesbury ward; Tolleshunt D'Arcy ward; Langford parish; Little Braxted parish; Ulting parish; Wickham Bishops parish	1
Maldon	Maldon East ward; Maldon North ward; Maldon South ward; Maldon West ward; Purleigh ward; Hazeleigh parish; Woodham Mortimer parish; Woodham Walter parish	1
Southminster	Althorne ward; Burnham-on-Crouch North ward; Burnham-on-Crouch South ward; Mayland ward; Southminster ward; Tillingham ward	1
In the district of Rochford		
Rayleigh North	Downhall and Rawreth ward; Lodge ward; Rayleigh Central ward; Trinity ward	1
Rayleigh South	Grange ward; Sweyne Park ward; Wheatley ward; Whitehouse ward	1
Rochford North	Ashingdon and Canewdon ward; Hawkwell North ward; Hawkwell West ward; South parish ward of Hawkwell parish	1
Rochford South	Barling and Sutton ward; Foulness and Great Wakering ward; Rochford ward; North parish ward of Rochford parish	1
Rochford West	Hockley Central ward; Hockley North ward; Hockley West ward; Hullbridge ward	1
In the district of Tendring		
Brightlingsea	Alresford ward; Brightlingsea ward; Great Bentley ward; St Osyth and Point Clear ward; Thorrington parish	1
Clacton East	Haven ward; St Bartholomews ward; St Marys ward; St Pauls ward	1
Clacton North		1
Clacton West		1
Frinton and Walton	Frinton ward; Hamford ward; Holland and Kirby ward; Homelands ward; Walton ward	1
Harwich	Harwich East ward; Harwich East Central ward; Harwich West ward; Harwich West Central ward	1
Tendring Rural East	Beaumont and Thorpe ward; Burrsville ward; Great and Little Oakley ward; Little Clacton and Weeley ward; Ramsey and Parkeston ward; St Johns ward	1
Tendring Rural West	Ardleigh and Little Bromley ward; Bradfield, Wrabness and Wix ward; Lawford ward; Manningtree, Mistley, Little Bentley and Tendring ward; Elmstead parish; Frating parish; Great Bromley parish	1

In the district of Uttlesford		
Dunmow	Barnston and High Easter ward; Broad Oak and the Hallingburys ward; Great Dunmow North ward; Great Dunmow South ward; Hatfield Heath ward; Takeley and the Canfields ward; The Rodings ward	1
Saffron Walden	Littlebury ward; Saffron Walden Audley ward; Saffron Walden Castle ward; Saffron Walden Shire ward; The Chesterfords ward; Wenden Lofts ward	1
Stansted	Birchanger ward; Clavering ward; Elsenham and Henham ward; Newport ward; Stansted North ward; Stansted South ward; Stort Valley ward	1
Thaxted	Ashdon ward; Felsted ward; Stebbing ward; Thaxted ward; The Eastons ward; The Sampfords ward; Wimbish and Debden ward	1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, with modifications, to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the county of Essex.

The modifications concern the boundary between Brightlingsea and Tendring Rural West electoral divisions and the names of Buckhurst Hill and Loughton South, and Epping and Theydon Bois electoral divisions.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of the county and provides for the creation of 70 new electoral divisions. That article and the Schedule also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new electoral divisions.

Article 5 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer in each district or borough in the county of Essex to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register for that district or borough to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 6 revokes the County of Essex (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981, with the exception of article 5.

The areas of the new electoral divisions are demarcated on the map described in article 2. Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Essex County Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.

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