2001 No. 3894

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of Babergh (Electoral Changes) Order 2001

Made - - - - - 4th December 2001

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Whereas the Local Government Commission for England, acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(**a**), has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated June 2001 on its review of the district of Babergh together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17(**b**) and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the District of Babergh (Electoral Changes) Order 2001.

(2) This Order shall come into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on 1st May 2003, on 15th October 2002;

(b) for all other purposes, on 1st May 2003.

(3) In this Order—

"district" means the district of Babergh;

"existing", in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made; and

any reference to the map is a reference to the map prepared by the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions marked "Map of the District of Babergh (Electoral Changes) Order 2001", and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(**c**).

Wards of the district of Babergh

2.—(1) The existing wards of the district(**d**) shall be abolished.

(2) The district shall be divided into twenty seven wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of the Schedule.

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

(**a**) 1992. c. 19

(**b**) Section 17 is amended by section 39(4) and (5) of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (c. 29).

(**c**) S.I. 1994/867, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(**d**) *See* the District of Babergh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976 (S.I. 1976/1965).

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(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.

Elections of the council of the district of Babergh

3.—(1) The ordinary elections of all councillors of the district of Babergh shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of non-metropolitan district councillors in 2003(**a**) and every fourth year after 2003.

(2) The term of office of councillors shall be four years; and all councillors shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in the year of retirement and the newly-elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

Wards of the parish of Great Cornard

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Great Cornard shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Great Cornard North and Great Cornard South; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name; and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be seven.

Wards of the parish of Hadleigh

5. The parish shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Hadleigh North and Hadleigh South; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name; and the number of councillors to be elected for the Hadleigh North parish ward shall be eight and for the Hadleigh South parish ward shall be seven.

Wards of the parish of Sudbury

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Sudbury shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names Sudbury East, Sudbury North and Sudbury South; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name; and the number of councillors to be elected for each of the Sudbury East and Sudbury South parish wards shall be five, and for the Sudbury North parish ward shall be six.

Revocation

7. The District of Babergh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976 is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State
for Transport, Local Government and the Regions

Alan Whitehead
Parliamentary-Under Secretary of State,
Department for Transport,
Local Government and the Regions

4th December 2001

(**a**) For the ordinary day of election of councillors of local government areas, *see* section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50) and section 17 of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 3 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29).

SCHEDULE

article 2

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) *Name of ward*	*(2)* *Area of ward*	*(3)* *Number of Councillors*
Alton	The parishes of Brantham, Sutton and Tattingstone	2
Berners	The parishes of Arwarton, Chelmondiston, Freston, Shotley and Woolverstone	2
Boxford	The parishes of Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Lindsey and Milden	1
Brent Vale	The parishes of Bildeston, Brettenham, Hitcham and Wattisham	1
Brook	The parishes of Belstead, Burstall, Chattisham, Copdock and Washbrook, Hintlesham, Sproughton and Wherstead	2
Bures St Mary	The parishes of Bures St Mary, Little Cornard and Newton	1
Chadacre	The parishes of Boxted, Hartest, Lawshall. Shimpling and Somerton	1
Dodnash	The parishes of Bentley and East Bergholt	2
Glemsford and Stanstead	The parishes of Glemsford and Stanstead	2
Great Cornard North		2
Great Cornard South		2
Hadleigh North		2
Hadleigh South		2
Holbrook	The parishes of Harkstead and Holbrook	1
Lavenham	The parishes of Lavenham	1
Leavenheath	The parishes of Assington and Leavenheath	1
Long Melford	The parishes of Alpheton and Long Melford	2
Lower Brent	The parishes of Higham, Layham, Polstead, Raydon and Shelley	1
Mid Samford	The parishes of Capel St Mary, Holton St Mary, Stratford St Mary, Wenham Magna and Wenham Parva	2
Nayland	The parishes of Nayland-with-Wissington and Stoke by Nayland	1
North Cosford	The parishes of Brent Eleigh, Chelsworth, Cockfield, Kettlebaston, Monks Eleigh, Preston St Mary and Thorpe Morieux	1
Pinewood	The parish of Pinewood	2
South Cosford	The parishes of Aldham, Elmsett, Kersey, Nedging-with-Naughton, Semer and Whatfield	1
Sudbury East		2
Sudbury North		2
Sudbury South		2
Waldingfield	The parishes of Acton, Chilton, Great Waldingfield and Little Waldingfield	2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the district of Babergh. The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 27 new wards. That article and the Schedule also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Article 3 provides for the election of all councillors of the district of Babergh to take place in 2003 and every 4 years after that year.

Articles 4 to 6 make electoral changes in the parishes of Great Cornard, Hadleigh and Sudbury.

Article 7 revokes the District of Babergh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976.

The areas of the new district wards are demarcated on the map described in article 1(3). Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Babergh Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SWIE 6DE.

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