2002 No. 1784

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of Chiltern (Electoral Changes) Order 2002

Made - - - - - *11th July 2002*

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 November 2001 on its review of the district of Chiltern together with its recommendations:

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

And whereas a period of not less than six weeks beginning with the submission of the report has expired:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(**c**) and 26(**d**) 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 District of Chiltern (Electoral Changes) Order 2002.

(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.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"district" means the district of Chiltern;

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

any reference to the map is a reference to the map marked "Map of the District of Chiltern (Electoral Changes) Order 2002", of which prints are available for inspection at—

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

(**a**) 1992 c. 19. This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(**b**) 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, 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).

(**c**) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962. There are amendments to this section made otherwise than by S.I. 2001/3962 that are not relevant to this Order.

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

(b) the offices of Chiltern District Council; and

any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number.

Wards of the district of Chiltern

3.—(1) The existing wards of the district(**a**) shall be abolished.

(2) The district shall be divided into twenty-five 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 parish wards 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.

(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.

Wards of the parish of Amersham

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into five parish wards which shall bear the names Amersham Common, Amersham-on-the-Hill, Amersham Town, Little Chalfont and Weedon Hill; the parish wards of Amersham Common, Amersham-on-the-Hill, Amersham Town and Little Chalfont shall comprise the area of the district wards of the same name, and the parish ward of Weedon Hill shall consist of the rest of the parish.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of the Amersham-on-the-Hill, Amersham Town and Little Chalfont parish wards shall be five, for the Amersham Common parish ward shall be three and for the Weedon Hill parish ward shall be two.

Wards of the parish of Chalfont St Peter

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Chalfont St Peter shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names Austenwood, Central, Chalfont Common and Gold Hill; the parish wards of Central, Chalfont Common and Gold Hill shall comprise the area of the district wards of the same name, and the Austenwood parish ward shall consist of the rest of the parish.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of the Central and Chalfont Common parish wards shall be five, for the Gold Hill parish ward shall be three and for the Austenwood parish ward shall be two.

Wards of the parish of Chesham

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into nine parish wards which shall bear the names Asheridge Vale, Hilltop, Lowndes, Newtown, Ridgeway, St Mary's, Townsend, Vale and Waterside; and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 4 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of the Townsend and Waterside parish wards shall be three, for the Asheridge Vale, Hilltop, Lowndes, Newtown, Ridgeway and Vale parish wards shall be two and for the St Mary's parish ward shall be one.

Wards of the parish of Great Missenden

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Great Missenden shall be abolished.

(**a**) *See* the District of Chiltern (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/1990).

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names Ballinger and South Heath, Great Missenden, and Prestwood and Heath End; the parish wards of Great Missenden, and Prestwood and Heath End shall comprise the area of the district wards of the same name, and the Ballinger and South Heath parish ward shall consist of the rest of the parish.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the Prestwood and Heath End parish ward shall be nine, for the Great Missenden parish ward shall be four and for the Ballinger and South Heath parish ward shall be two.

Maps

8. Chiltern District Council shall make a print of the map marked "Map of the District of Chiltern (Electoral Changes) Order 2002" available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral Registers

9. The Electoral Registration Officer(**a**) for the district 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.

Revocation

10. The District of Chiltern (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975(**b**) is revoked, save for article 5.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

11th July 2002 — *Pamela Gordon*, Commissioner

11th July 2002 — *Glyn Mathias*, Commissioner

11th July 2002 — *Neil McIntosh*, Commissioner

11th July 2002 — *Karamjit Singh*, Commissioner

11th July 2002 — *Sam Younger*, Commissioner

11th July 2002 — *Graham Zellick*, Commissioner

(**a**) 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).
(**b**) S.I. 1975/1990.

SCHEDULE

article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of Councillors*
Amersham Common		1
Amersham-on-the-Hill		2
Amersham Town		2
Asheridge Vale and Lowndes		2
Ashley Green, Latimer and Chenies	The parishes of Ashley Green, Chenies and Latimer	1
Austenwood		1
Ballinger, South Heath and Chartridge		1
Central		2
Chalfont Common		2
Chalfont St Giles	The parish of Chalfont St Giles	3
Chesham Bois and Weedon Hill		2
Cholesbury, The Lee and Bellingdon	The parishes of Cholesbury-Cum-St-Leonards and The Lee and the parish ward of Bellingdon and Asheridge of the parish of Chartridge	1
Gold Hill		1
Great Missenden		1
Hilltop and Townsend		2
Holmer Green	The parish ward of Holmer Green of the parish of Little Missenden	2
Little Chalfont		2
Little Missenden	The parish wards of Hyde Heath, Little Kingshill and Little Missenden of the parish of Little Missenden	1
Newtown		1
Penn and Coleshill	The parishes of Coleshill and Penn	2
Prestwood and Heath End		3
Ridgeway		1
St Mary's and Waterside		2
Seer Green	The parish of Seer Green	1
Vale		1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, with modifications, to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the district of Chiltern. The recommendations were submitted to the Secretary of State, but the functions of the Secretary of State under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 so far as they relate to electoral changes were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission under the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962), with effect from 1st April 2002. That Order provides that recommendations submitted to the Secretary of State before 1st April would have effect as if they had been submitted to the Electoral Commission.

The modifications relate to the names of the district wards in the parish of Chalfont St Peter, and to the boundaries of the Amersham Common and Amersham Town district wards.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 25 new wards. That article and the Schedule also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Articles 4 to 7 make electoral changes in the parishes of Amersham, Chalfont St Peter, Chesham and Great Missenden.

Article 9 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 10 revokes the District of Chiltern (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/1990), with the exception of article 5.

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

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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