2002 No. 2596

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of East Cambridgeshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2002

Made - - - - - 12th October 2002

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**) a report dated April 2002 on its review of the district of East Cambridgeshire together with its recommendations:

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

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to 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 District of East Cambridgeshire (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 the day after that on which it is made;

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

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"district" means the district of East Cambridgeshire;

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

(**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, to the extent that they relate to electoral arrangements within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1 April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(**d**) 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.

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

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

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

(b) the offices of East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Wards of the district of East Cambridgeshire

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

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

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that 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 that 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 Ely

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names Ely East, Ely North, Ely South and Ely West; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of the Ely East, Ely South and Ely West parish wards shall be three and for the Ely North parish ward shall be six.

Wards of the parish of Littleport

5.—(1) The parish of Littleport shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Littleport East and Littleport West; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the Littleport East parish ward shall be seven and for the Littleport West parish ward shall be eight.

Wards of the parish of Soham

6. The parish of Soham shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 2; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule; and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in respect of the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Wards of the parish of Woodditton

7. The parish of Woodditton shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 3; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule; and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in respect of the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Maps

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

(**a**) *See* the District of East Cambridgeshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/1340).

Electoral Registers

9. The Electoral Registration Officer 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 East Cambridgeshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980(**a**) is revoked, save for article 4.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

12th October 2002 — *Pamela Gordon*, Commissioner

12th October 2002 — *Glyn Mathias*, Commissioner

12th October 2002 — *Neil McIntosh*, Commissioner

12th October 2002 — *Karamjit Singh*, Commissioner

12th October 2002 — *Sam Younger*, Commissioner

12th October 2002 — *Graham Zellick*, Commissioner

(**a**) S.I. 1980/1340.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of Councillors*
Bottisham	The parishes of Bottisham, Brinkley, Burrough Green, Lode and Westley Waterless	2
Burwell	The parish of Burwell	3
Cheveley		2
Downham Villages	The parishes of Coveney, Downham, Mepal and Witcham	2
Dullingham Villages		1
Ely East		2
Ely North		3
Ely South		2
Ely West		2
Fordham Villages	The parishes of Chippenham, Fordham, Kennett and Snailwell	2
Haddenham	The parishes of Haddenham, Wentworth and Witchford	3
Isleham	The parish of Isleham	1
Littleport East		2
Littleport West		2
Soham North		2
Soham South		3
Stretham	The parishes of Stretham, Thetford and Wilburton	2
Sutton	The parish of Sutton	2
The Swaffhams	The parishes of Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior	1

SCHEDULE 2

Article 6

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF SOHAM
NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of Councillors*
Soham North	The district ward of Soham North	7
Soham South	So much of the district ward of Soham South as comprises part of the parish of Soham	8

SCHEDULE 3

Article 7

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF WOODDITTON
NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of Councillors*
Woodditton Rural	So much of the district ward of Dullingham Villages as comprises part of the parish of Woodditton	4
Woodditton Urban	So much of the district ward of Cheveley as comprises part of the parish of Woodditton	7

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the district of East Cambridgeshire. 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 19 new wards. That article and Schedule 1 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 Ely, Littleport, Soham and Woodditton.

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 East Cambridgeshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/1340) with the exception of article 4.

The areas of the new district 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 East Cambridgeshire District Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SWIP 2HW.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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