# 2002 No. 2595

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

## The District of Fenland (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 Fenland 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 Fenland (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 Fenland;

"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 marked "Map referred to in the District of Fenland (Electoral Changes) Order 2002", of which prints are available for inspection at—

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(**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.

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

(b) the offices of Fenland District Council.

**Wards of the district of Fenland**

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

(2) The district shall be divided into twenty-seven 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 Chatteris**

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names Birch, Slade Lode, The Mills and Wenneye; 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 three.

**Wards of the parish of March**

**5.**—(1) The existing wards of the parish of March shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names March East, March North and March West; 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 four.

**Wards of the parish of Whittlesey**

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into seven 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 two.

**Wards of the parish of Wisbech**

**7.**—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Wisbech shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into seven parish wards which shall bear the names Clarkson, Hill, Kirkgate, Medworth, Peckover, Staithe and Waterlees; 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 Clarkson, Kirkgate, Medworth, Peckover and Staithe parish wards shall be two and for each of the Hill and Waterlees parish wards shall be four.

**Maps**

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

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(**a**) See the District of Fenland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/2088).

**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 Fenland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975(**a**) is revoked, save for article 8.

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. 1975/2088.

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

| *(1)*<br>*Name of Ward* | *(2)*<br>*Area of Ward* | *(3)*<br>*Number of Councillors* |
|---|---|---|
| Bassenhally | | 1 |
| Benwick, Coates and Eastrea | | 2 |
| Birch | | 1 |
| Clarkson | | 1 |
| Delph | | 1 |
| Doddington | The parish of Doddington | 1 |
| Elm and Christchurch | The parishes of Christchurch and Elm | 2 |
| Hill | | 2 |
| Kingsmoor | | 1 |
| Kirkgate | | 1 |
| Lattersey | | 1 |
| Manea | The parish of Manea | 1 |
| March East | | 3 |
| March North | | 3 |
| March West | | 3 |
| Medworth | | 1 |
| Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary | The parishes of Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary | 2 |
| Peckover | | 1 |
| Roman Bank | The parishes of Gorefield, Leverington, Newton and Tydd St Giles | 3 |
| Slade Lode | | 1 |
| Staithe | | 1 |
| St Andrews | | 1 |
| St Marys | | 1 |
| The Mills | | 1 |
| Waterlees | | 2 |
| Wenneye | | 1 |
| Wimblington | The parish of Wimblington | 1 |

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 6

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF WHITTLESEY
NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS

| *(1)*<br>*Name of Ward* | *(2)*<br>*Area of Ward* |
|---|---|
| Bassenhally | The district ward of Bassenhally |
| Delph | The district ward of Delph |
| Kingsmoor | The district ward of Kingsmoor |
| Lattersey | The district ward of Lattersey |
| St Andrews | The district ward of St Andrews |
| St Marys | The district ward of St Marys |
| Whittlesey South | So much of the district ward of Benwick, Coates and Eastrea as comprises part of the parish of Whittlesey |

## 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 Fenland. 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 27 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 Chatteris, March, Whittlesey and Wisbech.

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 Fenland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/2088), with the exception of article 8.

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 Fenland 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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