2002 No. 3218

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of South Norfolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2002

Made - - - - - 18th December 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 July 2002 on its review of the district of South Norfolk together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect 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 District of South Norfolk (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 South Norfolk;

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

(**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 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 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.

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

(b) the offices of South Norfolk District Council.

Wards of the district of South Norfolk

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

(2) The district shall be divided into thirty-six 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 Costessey

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names New Costessey and Old Costessey; and 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 eight.

Wards of the parish of Diss

5. The parish of Diss 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 Roydon

6. The parish of Roydon 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.

Wards of the parish of Wymondham

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into five parish wards which shall bear the names Abbey, Cromwells, Northfields, Rustens and Town; and 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.

Numbers of parish councillors

8. The number of parish councillors to be elected for the parish of Cringleford shall be eleven, and for the parish of Hethersett shall be thirteen.

Maps

9. South Norfolk District Council shall make a print of the map marked "Map referred to in the District of South Norfolk (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 South Norfolk (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/237), as amended by the South Norfolk (Parishes) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/1597).

Electoral registers

10. 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

11. The District of South Norfolk (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977(**b**) is revoked, save for article 5.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

12th December 2002 — *Pamela Gordon*, Commissioner

12th December 2002 — *Glyn Mathias*, Commissioner

12th December 2002 — *Neil McIntosh*, Commissioner

18th December 2002 — *Karamjit Singh*, Commissioner

12th December 2002 — *Sam Younger*, Commissioner

12th December 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. 1977/237.

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*
Abbey		1
Beck Vale	The parishes of Pulham Market, Pulham St Mary and Starston	1
Bressingham and Burston		1
Brooke	The parishes of Bergh Apton, Brooke, Howe, Kirstead, Mundham and Seething	1
Bunwell	The parishes of Aslacton, Bunwell, Carleton Rode and Tibenham	1
Chedgrave and Thurton	The parishes of Ashby St Mary, Carleton St Peter, Chedgrave, Claxton, Langley with Hardley and Thurton	1
Cringleford	The parishes of Bawburgh, Colney, Cringleford, Keswick and Little Melton	2
Cromwells		1
Dickleburgh	The parishes of Dickleburgh and Rushall, Great Moulton, Tivetshall St Margaret and Tivetshall St Mary	1
Diss		3
Ditchingham and Broome	The parishes of Broome, Ditchingham, Hedenham and Thwaite	1
Earsham	The parishes of Alburgh, Denton, Earsham, Topcroft and Wortwell	1
Easton	The parishes of Barford, Easton, Great Melton, Marlingford and Wramplingham	1
Forncett	The parishes of Ashwellthorpe, Forncett and Tacolneston	1
Gillingham	The parishes of Ellingham, Geldeston, Gillingham, Hales, Heckingham, Kirby Cane, Raveningham and Stockton	1
Harleston	The parish of Redenhall with Harleston	2
Hempnall	The parishes of Bedingham, Hempnall, Morningthorpe, Shelton and Woodton	1
Hethersett	The parish of Hethersett	2
Hingham and Deopham	The parishes of Deopham and Hingham	1
Loddon	The parishes of Loddon and Sisland	1

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of councillors*
Mulbarton	The parishes of Bracon Ash, East Carleton, Ketteringham, Mulbarton and Swardeston	2
New Costessey		2
Newton Flotman	The parishes of Flordon, Newton Flotman, Swainsthorpe and Wreningham	1
Northfields		1
Old Costessey		2
Poringland with the Framinghams	The parishes of Framingham Earl, Framingham Pigot and Poringland	2
Rockland	The parishes of Alpington, Bramerton, Hellington, Holverston, Kirby Bedon, Rockland St Mary, Surlingham and Yelverton	1
Roydon		1
Rustens		1
Scole	The parishes of Brockdish, Needham and Scole	1
Stoke Holy Cross	The parishes of Bixley, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross and Trowse with Newton	1
Stratton	The parishes of Long Stratton, Tharston and Hapton, and Wacton	2
Tasburgh	The parishes of Saxlingham Nethergate, Shotesham and Tasburgh	1
Thurlton	The parishes of Aldeby, Burgh St Peter, Haddiscoe, Norton Subcourse, Thurlton, Toft Monks and Wheatacre	1
Town		1
Wicklewood	The parishes of Barnham Broom, Kimberley, Morley, Runhall and Wicklewood	1

SCHEDULE 2

Article 5

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF DISS
NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of councillors*
Diss Town	The district ward of Diss	12
Heywood	So much of the district ward of Bressingham and Burston as comprises the parish of Diss	1

SCHEDULE 3

Article 6

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF ROYDON
NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of councillors*
East	The district ward of Roydon	8
West	So much of the district ward of Bressingham and Burston as comprises the parish of Roydon	1

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 South Norfolk.

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 36 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 8 make electoral changes in the parishes of Costessey, Diss, Roydon, Wymondham, Cringleford and Hethersett.

Article 10 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 11 revokes the District of South Norfolk (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/237), with the exception of article 5.

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 South Norfolk 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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