2002 No. 2987

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of Wychavon (Electoral Changes) Order 2002

Made - - - - - 2nd 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**) recommendations dated July 2002 on its review of the district of Wychavon:

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 Wychavon (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 Wychavon;

"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 Wychavon (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 arrangements 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. 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 Wychavon District Council.

Wards of the district of Wychavon

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

(2) The district shall be divided into thirty-two 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 and 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 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 Bredon

4. The parish of Bredon 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 Droitwich Spa

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Droitwich Spa shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into five parish wards which shall bear the names Droitwich Central, Droitwich East, Droitwich South East, Droitwich South West and Droitwich West; 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 of the Droitwich East, Droitwich South East, Droitwich South West and Droitwich West parish wards shall be four and for the Droitwich Central parish ward shall be two.

Wards of the parish of Evesham

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into five parish wards which shall bear the names Bengeworth, Evesham North, Evesham South, Great Hampton and Little Hampton; 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 the Evesham North parish ward shall be six, for each of the Bengeworth, Evesham South and Little Hampton parish wards shall be five and for the Great Hampton parish ward shall be three.

Maps

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

Electoral registers

8. The Electoral Registration Officer(**b**) 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.

(**a**) *See* the District of Wychavon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/49) as amended by the Hereford and Worcester and Warwickshire (County Boundaries) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/272).

(**b**) 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).

Revocation

9. The District of Wychavon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978(**a**) is revoked, save for article 5.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

2nd December 2002 — *Pamela Gordon*
Commissioner

2nd December 2002 — *Glyn Mathias*
Commissioner

2nd December 2002 — *Neil McIntosh*
Commissioner

2nd December 2002 — *Karamjit Singh*
Commissioner

2nd December 2002 — *Sam Younger*
Commissioner

2nd December 2002 — *Graham Zellick*
Commissioner

(**a**) S.I. 1978/49.

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*
Badsey	The parish of Aldington; the parish wards of Badsey and Bowers Hill of the parish of Badsey	1
Bengeworth		2
Bowbrook	The parishes of Crowle, Hadzor, Himbleton, Huddington, Oddingley and Tibberton	1
Bredon		1
Bretforton and Offenham	The parishes of Bretforton and Offenham; the parish ward of Blackminster of the parish of Badsey	1
Broadway and Wickhamford	The parishes of Broadway, Childswickham, and Wickhamford	2
Dodderhill	The parishes of Dodderhill and Upton Warren	1
Drakes Broughton	The parishes of Drakes Broughton and Wadborough, Pirton and Stoulton	1
Droitwich Central		1
Droitwich East		2
Droitwich South East		2
Droitwich South West		2
Droitwich West		2
Eckington	The parishes of Besford, Birlingham, Defford, Eckington and Strensham	1
Elmley Castle and Somerville	The parishes of Aston Somerville, Elmley Castle, Great Comberton, Hinton on the Green, Little Comberton, Netherton and Sedgeberrow	1
Evesham North		2
Evesham South		2
Fladbury	The parishes of Bricklehampton, Charlton, Cropthorne, Fladbury and Wick	1
Great Hampton		1
Hartlebury	The parish of Hartlebury	1
Harvington and Norton	The parishes of Harvington, and Norton and Lenchwick	1
Honeybourne and Pebworth	The parishes of Bickmarsh, Honeybourne and Pebworth	1
Inkberrow	The parishes of Abberton, Abbots Morton, Church Lench, Cookhill, Hanbury, Inkberrow, Rous Lench, and Stock and Bradley	2
Little Hampton		2

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of Councillors*
Lovett and North Claines	The parishes of Elmbridge, Elmley Lovett, Hampton Lovett, Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree, North Claines, Salwarpe and Westwood	2
Norton and Whittington	The parishes of Norton-Juxta-Kempsey and Whittington	1
Ombersley	The parishes of Doverdale and Ombersley	1
Pershore	The parish of Pershore	3
Pinvin	The parishes of Bishampton, Hill and Moor, Pinvin, Throckmorton and Wyre Piddle	1
South Bredon Hill		1
The Littletons	The parishes of Cleeve Prior, North and Middle Littleton and South Littleton	1
Upton Snodsbury	The parishes of Bredicot, Broughton Hackett, Churchill, Dormston, Flyford Flavell, Grafton Flyford, Kington, Naunton Beauchamp, North Piddle, Peopleton, Spetchley, Upton Snodsbury and White Ladies Aston	1

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF BREDON

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of Councillors*
Bredon	So much of the district ward of Bredon as comprises the parish of Bredon	9
Westmancote	So much of the district ward of South Bredon Hill as comprises the parish of Bredon	2

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 Wychavon.

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 32 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 6 make electoral changes in the parishes of Bredon, Droitwich Spa and Evesham.

Article 8 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 9 revokes the District of Wychavon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/49), 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 Wychavon 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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