Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 59(9) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009; draft to lie for forty days pursuant to section 6(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, during which period either House of Parliament may resolve that the Order be not made.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Wealden (Electoral Changes) Order 2016

Made - - - -

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and (3)

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**a**) ("the Act"), the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**b**) ("the Commission") published a report dated September 2016 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of Wealden. The Commission has decided to give effect to the recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before each House of Parliament, a period of forty days has expired since the day on which it was laid and neither House has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59(1) and (2) of the Act.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Wealden (Electoral Changes) Order 2016.

(2) This article and article 2 come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) Articles 3 to 16 and Schedules 1 and 2 come into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary, or relating, to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2018;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England and Wales(**c**) in 2019.

(**a**) 2009 c.20.

(**b**) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c.20).

(**c**) The ordinary day of election of councillors is prescribed by section 37(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2).

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order "the map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Wealden (Electoral Changes) Order 2016", held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**a**).

(2) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it is to be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Wards of the district of Wealden and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing wards of the district of Wealden are abolished.

(2) The district of Wealden is divided into 41 wards as listed in the first column of the table in Schedule 1.

(3) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of the table in Schedule 1.

Wards of the parish of Buxted and number of councillors

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Buxted are abolished.

(2) The parish of Buxted is divided into three parish wards as listed in the first column of table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 1 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Crowborough and number of councillors

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Crowborough are abolished.

(2) The parish of Crowborough is divided into six parish wards as listed in the first column of table 2 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 2 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Forest Row and number of councillors

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Forest Row are abolished.

(2) The parish of Forest Row is divided into three parish wards as listed in the first column of table 3 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 3 in Schedule 2.

(**a**) Prints of the map are available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th floor, Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4QP. It is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/27923/Wealden_SO.pdf.

Wards of the parish of Frant and number of councillors

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Frant are abolished.

(2) The parish of Frant is divided into three parish wards as listed in the first column of table 4 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 4 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Hailsham and number of councillors

8.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Hailsham are abolished.

(2) The parish of Hailsham is divided into seven parish wards as listed in the first column of table 5 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 5 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Heathfield & Waldron and number of councillors

9.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Heathfield & Waldron are abolished.

(2) The parish of Heathfield & Waldron is divided into five parish wards as listed in the first column of table 6 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 6 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Herstmonceux and number of councillors

10.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Herstmonceux are abolished.

(2) The parish of Herstmonceux is divided into three parish wards as listed in the first column of table 7 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 7 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Pevensey and number of councillors

11.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Pevensey are abolished.

(2) The parish of Pevensey is divided into two parish wards as listed in the first column of table 8 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 8 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Polegate and number of councillors

12.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Polegate are abolished.

(2) The parish of Polegate is divided into three parish wards as listed in the first column of table 9 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 9 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Uckfield and number of councillors

13.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Uckfield are abolished.

(2) The parish of Uckfield is divided into five parish wards as listed in the first column of table 10 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 10 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Westham and number of councillors

14.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Westham are abolished.

(2) The parish of Westham is divided into three parish wards as listed in the first column of table 11 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 11 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Willingdon & Jevington and number of councillors

15.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Willingdon & Jevington are abolished.

(2) The parish of Willingdon & Jevington is divided into three parish wards as listed in the first column of table 12 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 12 in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Withyham and number of councillors

16.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Withyham are abolished.

(2) The parish of Withyham is divided into two parish wards as listed in the first column of table 13 in Schedule 2.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 13 in Schedule 2.

Sealed with the seal of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Name
Chief Executive
Date Local Government Boundary Commission for England

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Names of district electoral wards and number of councillors

(1) *District ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Arlington	1
Buxted	1
Chiddingly, East Hoathly &Waldron	1
Crowborough Central	1
Crowborough Jarvis Brook	1
Crowborough North	1
Crowborough South East	1
Crowborough South West	1
Crowborough St Johns	1
Danehill & Fletching	1
Forest Row	1
Framfield & Cross-in-Hand	1
Frant & Wadhurst	2
Hadlow Down & Rotherfield	1
Hailsham Central	1
Hailsham East	1
Hailsham North	1
Hailsham North West	1
Hailsham South	1
Hailsham West	1
Hartfield	1
Heathfield North	1
Heathfield South	1
Hellingly	1
Herstmonceux & Pevensey Levels	2
Horam & Punnetts Town	2
Lower Willingdon	1
Maresfield	1
Mayfield & Five Ashes	1
Pevensey Bay	1
Polegate Central	1
Polegate North	1
Polegate South & Willingdon Watermill	1
South Downs	1
Stone Cross	1
Uckfield East	1
Uckfield New Town	2
Uckfield North	1
Uckfield Ridgewood & Little Horsted	1
Upper Willingdon	1
Withyham	1

SCHEDULE 2

Articles 4 to 16

Names of parish wards and number of councillors

Table 1

Wards of the parish of Buxted

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Buxted	9
Coopers Green	1
High Hurstwood	5

Table 2

Wards of the parish of Crowborough

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Crowborough Central	3
Crowborough Jarvis Brook	2
Crowborough North	3
Crowborough South East	3
Crowborough South West	3
Crowborough St Johns	2

Table 3

Wards of the parish of Forest Row

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Charlwood	1
Hammerwood	2
Forest Row	12

Table 4

Wards of the parish of Frant

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Bells Yew Green	3
Frant	7
Eridge Green	1

Table 5

Wards of the parish of Hailsham

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Hailsham Central	4
Hailsham East	4
Hailsham North	4
Hailsham North West	4
Hailsham South	3
Hailsham West	4
Magham Down	1

Table 6

Wards of the parish of Heathfield & Waldron

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Cross-in-Hand	3
Heathfield North	6
Heathfield South	6
Punnetts Town	5
Waldron	1

Table 7

Wards of the parish of Herstmonceux

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Castle	8
Cowbeech	1
Trolliloes	2

Table 8

Wards of the parish of Pevensey

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Pevensey Bay	12
Pevensey Rural	1

Table 9

Wards of the parish of Polegate

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Polegate Central	3
Polegate North	7
Polegate South	5

Table 10

Wards of the parish of Uckfield

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Uckfield East	3
Uckfield New Town	4
Uckfield North	3
Uckfield Ridgewood	3
Uckfield West	2

Table 11

Wards of the parish of Westham

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Dittons	2
Stone Cross	6
Westham	5

Table 12

Wards of the parish of Willingdon & Jevington

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Upper Willingdon	9
Lower Willingdon	8
Watermill	2

Table 13

Wards of the parish of Withyham

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Groombridge	10
Marden's Hill	3

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for the district of Wealden following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The area of the district remains unchanged. The electoral changes in articles 3 to 16 apply in respect of local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral wards of the district of Wealden and replaces them with 41 new ones. That article together with the map (as defined in article 2) also establish the names of the new electoral wards and the areas and number of councillors for each.

Articles 4 to 16 abolish the existing wards of the parishes of Buxted, Crowborough, Forest Row, Frant, Hailsham, Heathfield & Waldron, Herstmonceux, Pevensey, Polegate, Uckfield, Westham, Willingdon & Jevington and Withyham respectively and replace them with new ones. Those articles together with the map also establish the names of the new electoral wards and the areas and number of councillors for each.

The map shows the area of the new district electoral wards and parish wards and is available at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-east/east-sussex/wealden It is also available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th floor, Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4QP.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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