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.

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2024 No. 0000

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Worcestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024

Made - - - -

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2), (3), (4) and (5)

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 July 2024(**c**) stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for Worcestershire. The Commission has decided to give effect to the recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before Parliament and 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) of the Act.

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Worcestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024.

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

(3) Article 3 comes into force—

(a) for purposes preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on the day after the day on which this Order is made;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England(**d**) in 2025.

(**a**) 2009 c. 20 ("the Act").

(**b**) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the Act.

(**c**) The report is available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London, EC1Y 8YZ. It is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/worcestershire.

(**d**) The ordinary day of election of councillors in England is prescribed by section 37(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), as amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), renumbered by paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29), and further amended by section 6(16) of the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4).

(4) Article 4 comes into force—

(a) for purposes preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2026;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2027.

(5) Article 5 comes into force—

(a) for purposes preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2027;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2028.

(6) This Order extends to England and Wales but applies in relation to England only.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, "the map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Worcestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024," 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.

Electoral divisions of Worcestershire and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of Worcestershire are abolished.

(2) Worcestershire is divided into the 53 electoral divisions listed in the first column of the table in Schedule 1.

(3) Each electoral division comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the division.

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

Parish wards of the parishes of Belbroughton & Fairfield, Droitwich Spa, Evesham, Kidderminster Foreign, Malvern, Stourport-on-Severn, and Wolverley & Cookley and number of councillors

4.—(1) The existing parish wards of the parishes of Belbroughton & Fairfield, Droitwich Spa, Evesham, Kidderminster Foreign, Malvern, Stourport-on-Severn, and Wolverley & Cookley are abolished.

(2) The parish of Belbroughton & Fairfield is divided into the two parish wards specified in the first column of Table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) The parish of Droitwich Spa is divided into the ten parish wards specified in the first column of Table 2 in Schedule 2.

(4) The parish of Evesham is divided into the nine parish wards specified in the first column of Table 3 in Schedule 2.

(5) The parish of Kidderminster Foreign is divided into the two parish wards specified in the first column of Table 4 in Schedule 2.

(6) The parish of Malvern is divided into the eight parish wards specified in the first column of Table 5 of Schedule 2.

(7) The parish of Stourport-on-Severn is divided into the seven parish wards specified in the first column of Table 6 of 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, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London, EC1Y 8YZ. The map is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/worcestershire.

(8) The parish of Wolverley & Cookley is divided into the three parish wards specified in the first column of Table 7 of Schedule 2.

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

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

Parish wards of the parish of Kidderminster and number of councillors

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

(2) The parish of Kidderminster is divided into the ten parish wards specified in the first column of the table in Schedule 3.

(3) Each parish ward comprises the area identified 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 parish ward in the second column of the table in Schedule 3.

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

Electoral Divisions of Worcestershire and number of councillors

Name of division	*Number of councillors*
Alvechurch	1
Beacon	1
Bedwardine	1
Bewdley	1
Bowbrook	1
Bredon	1
Broadway	1
Bromsgrove Central	1
Bromsgrove East	1
Bromsgrove South	1
Bromsgrove West	1
Chaddesley	1
Claines	1
Clent Hills	1
Cookley, Wolverley & Wribbenhall	1
Croome	1

Droitwich East	1
Droitwich West	1
Evesham North West	1
Evesham South	1
Hallow	1
Harvington	1
Littletons	1
Malvern Chase	1
Malvern Langland	1
Malvern Link	1
Malvern Trinity	1
Nunnery	1
Ombersley	1
Pershore	1
Powick & Longdon	1
Rainbow Hill & Fort Royal	1
Redditch Central	2
Redditch East	2
Redditch South	2
Redditch West	2
Riverside	1
St Barnabas	1
St Chads	1
St Georges	1
St John	1
St Johns	1
St Peter	1
St Peters	1
St Stephen	1
Stourport Areley Kings & Riverside	1
Stourport Mitton	1
Tenbury	1
Upton Snodsbury	1
Warndon & Elbury Park	1
Warndon Villages	1
Woodvale	1
Wythall	1

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Parish wards of the parishes of Belbroughton & Fairfield, Droitwich Spa, Evesham, Kidderminster Foreign, Malvern, Stourport-on-Severn, and Wolverley & Cookley and number of councillors

Table 1

Parish wards of the parish of Belbroughton & Fairfield and number of councillors

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Belbroughton	9
Fairfield	5

Table 2

Parish wards of the parish of Droitwich Spa and number of councillors

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Droitwich Central	1
Droitwich Chawson	2
Droitwich Copcut North	1
Droitwich Copcut South	2
Droitwich Copcut West	1
Droitwich East	4
Droitwich Tagwell	2
Droitwich West	3
Droitwich Witton East	1
Droitwich Witton West	1

Table 3

Parish wards of the parish of Evesham and number of councillors

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Abbey North	1
Abbey South	1
Bengeworth	5
Evesham Avon	2
Evesham South	4
Evesham Twyford	2
Fairfield	1
Great Hampton	3
Little Hampton	5

Table 4

Parish wards of the parish of Kidderminster Foreign and number of councillors

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Kidderminster Foreign North	4
Kidderminster Foreign South	3

Table 5

Parish wards of the parish of Malvern and number of councillors

(1)	*(2)*
Name of parish ward	*Number of councillors*
Chase	4
Great Malvern	3
Link	3
Malvern Vale	3
Pickersleigh	2
Pound Bank	1
St Joseph's	2
Upper Howsell	2

Table 6

Parish wards of the parish of Stourport-on-Severn and number of councillors

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Areley Kings East	2
Areley Kings West	3
Central	2
Lickhill East	1
Lickhill West	1
North	5
Stour and Wilden	4

Table 7

Parish wards of the parish of Wolverley & Cookley and number of councillors

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Cookley	5
Lea Castle	4
Wolverley	5

SCHEDULE 3

Article 5

Parish wards of the parish of Kidderminster and number of councillors

(1) *Name of parish ward*	*(2)* *Number of councillors*
Aggborough North	1
Aggborough South & Hill Grove	1
Blakebrook & Habberley South	3
Broadwaters	3
Foley Park & Hoobrock	2
Franche & Habberley North	3
Greenhill	1
Offmore & Comberton	2
Spennells	1
Sutton Farm	1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for Worcestershire following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

This Order does not change the boundary of Worcestershire itself.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of Worcestershire and replaces them with 53 new ones for the purpose of elections to be held on or after the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2025. The table in Schedule 1 contains the names of the new electoral divisions and the number of councillors to be elected for each.

Articles 4 makes changes to parish wards that are consequential on the changes made by Article 3. These changes come into force for the purpose of parish elections in 2027 and subsequent parish elections. Schedule 2 specifies the new parish wards and number of councillors to be elected for each of those parish wards.

Article 5 and Schedule 3 make similar provision for the parish of Kidderminster specifically, with those changes coming into force for the purpose of parish elections in 2028 and for subsequent parish elections.

The area covered by each electoral division and parish ward created by this order is identified on a map which is available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London, EC1Y 8YZ.

The map may also be accessed at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/worcestershire.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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