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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 445

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Maidstone (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2025

Made - - - - 1st April 2025

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

In exercise of the power conferred by section 92(3) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007(**a**), the Local Government Boundary Commission for England ("the Commission")(**b**) makes this Order in order to correct errors in the Maidstone (Electoral Changes) Order 2025 ("the 2025 Order")(**c**).

The errors are being corrected owing to a failure to give proper effect to the recommendations made by Maidstone Borough Council under section 92(2) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, which had purportedly been effected by way of the 2025 Order.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Maidstone (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2025.

(2) This article and paragraphs (1) and (2) of article 2 (amendment of the Maidstone (Electoral Changes) Order 2025) come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) Paragraphs (3) and (4) of article 2 come into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings 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.

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

(**a**) 2007 c. 28 ("the 2007 Act"). Section 92 was amended by paragraph 32 of Schedule 4 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20) ("the 2009 Act").

(**b**) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the 2009 Act. The functions of the Electoral Commission under Chapter 3 of Part 4 of the 2007 Act were transferred under section 60 of the 2009 Act to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on 1st April 2010.

(**c**) S.I. 2025/148.

(**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).

Amendment of the Maidstone (Electoral Changes) Order 2025

2.—(1) The Maidstone (Electoral Changes) Order 2025 ("the 2025 Order") is amended as follows.

(2) In article 2 (interpretation), before the definition of "the Council's Order" insert—

> ""the Appended Map" means the map in the Schedule to this Order and any reference to an area marked on the Appended Map is a reference to an area identified on that map by way of the letter assigned to it;".

(3) In article 3 (alteration of county electoral division boundaries), for paragraph (1) substitute—

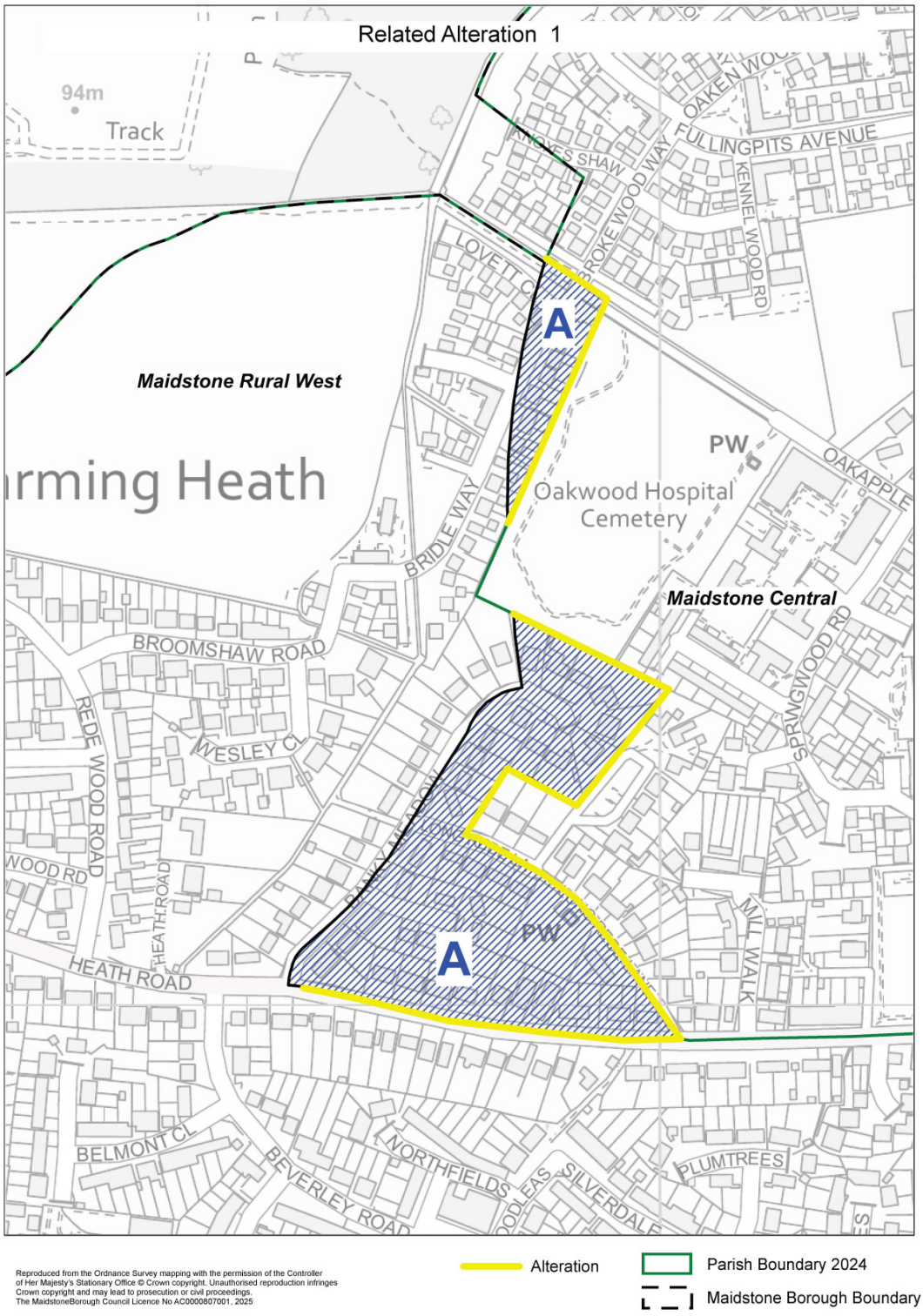
> "(1) Each area marked A on the Appended Map that ceases to be part of an unparished area and becomes part of the parish of Barming by virtue of the Council's Order(**a**), ceases to be part of the Maidstone Central county electoral division and becomes part of the Maidstone Rural West county electoral division.".

(4) At the end of the 2025 Order insert—

(**a**) In this Order "the Council's Order" bears the same meaning as in article 2 (interpretation) of S.I. 2025/148.

“SCHEDULE Article 3(1)

The Appended Map



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

L.S.

Ailsa Irvine
Chief Executive
1st April 2025 Local Government Boundary Commission for England

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Maidstone (Electoral Changes) Order 2025 ("the 2025 Order"), in order to correct errors in the drafting of the 2025 Order. This Order gives proper effect to recommendations made by Maidstone Borough Council ("the Council") to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for a related alteration to the boundary between the Maidstone Central county electoral division and Maidstone Rural West county electoral division.

The Commission has decided to invoke the free issue procedure in this instance given that that Order's sole purpose is to amend errors in the 2025 Order. Accordingly, all known recipients of the 2025 Order will be provided with a copy of this Order, as required by paragraph 4.7.6 of the Statutory Instrument Practice (5th Edition (November 2017)).

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

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