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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2002 No. 3227**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

The Borough of King's Lynn and West  
Norfolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2002

Made - - - - 18th December 2002

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Whereas the Boundary Committee for England(1), acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(2), has submitted to the Electoral Commission(3) a report dated July 2002 on its review of the borough(4) of King's Lynn and West Norfolk together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect, with modifications, 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(5) and 26(6) 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 Borough of King's Lynn and West 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;

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(1) 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.

(2) 1992 c. 19. This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

(3) 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).

(4) The non-metropolitan district of King's Lynn has the status of a borough.

(5) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.

(6) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

- (b) for all other purposes, on 1st May 2003.

### **Interpretation**

**2.** In this Order—

“borough” means the borough of King’s Lynn and West 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 Borough of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2002”, of which prints are available for inspection at—

- (a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and  
(b) the offices of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council.

### **Wards of the borough of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk**

**3.—**(1) The existing wards of the borough<sup>(7)</sup> shall be abolished.

(2) The borough shall be divided into forty-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 Downham Market**

**4.** The parish of Downham Market shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names Downham Old Town, East Downham, North Downham and South Downham; and each parish ward shall comprise the area of the borough ward bearing the same name; and the number of parish councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be five.

### **Wards of the parish of Walsoken**

**5.** The parish of Walsoken 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 borough ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2), 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.

### **Maps**

**6.** King’s Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council shall make a print of the map marked “Map referred to in the Borough of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2002” available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

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(7) See the District of West Norfolk (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/1295). The name of the borough was changed from West Norfolk to King’s Lynn and West Norfolk following a resolution of the council dated 12th March 1981.

### **Electoral registers**

7. The Electoral Registration Officer<sup>(8)</sup> for the borough 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**

8. The Borough of West Norfolk (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979<sup>(9)</sup> is revoked, save for article 8.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

12th December 2002	<i>Pamela Gordon</i> Commissioner
12th December 2002	<i>Glyn Mathias</i> Commissioner
12th December 2002	<i>Neil McIntosh</i> Commissioner
18th December 2002	<i>Karamjit Singh</i> Commissioner
12th December 2002	<i>Sam Younger</i> Commissioner
12th December 2002	<i>Graham Zellick</i> Commissioner

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(8) As to electoral registration officers and the register of local government electors, see sections 8 to 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1982 (c. 2).

(9) S.I. 1979/1295.

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## SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

## NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Airfield	The parishes of Marham, Shouldham, Shouldham Thorpe, Tottenhill, Runcton Holme and Wormegay	2
Brancaster	The parishes of Brancaster, Choseley, Thornham and Titchwell	1
Burnham	The parishes of Burnham Market, Burnham Norton, Burnham Overy, Burnham Thorpe and North Creake	1
Clenchwarnton	The parish of Clenchwarnton	1
Denton	The parishes of Feltwell, Hockwold cum Wilton, Methwold, Northwold and Southery	3
Dersingham	The parish of Dersingham	2
Docking	The parishes of Bircham, Bagthorpe with Barmer, Barwick, Docking and Stanhoe	1
Downham Old Town		1
East Downham		1
Emneth with Outwell	The parishes of Emneth and Outwell	2
Fairstead		2
Gayton	The parishes of Bawsey, Gayton and Leziate	1
Gaywood Chase		2
Gaywood North Bank		3
Grimston	The parishes of Grimston and Roydon	1
Heacham	The parish of Heacham	2
Hilgay with Denver	The parishes of Denver, Fordham, Hilgay and Ryston	1
Hunstanton	The parishes of Holme next the Sea, Hunstanton, Old Hunstanton and Ringstead	3

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<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Mershe Lande		1
North Downham		1
North Lynn		2
North Wootton	The parish of North Wootton	1
Old Gaywood		1
Rudham	The parishes of East Rudham, Harpley, Houghton, South Creake, Syderstone and West Rudham	1
Priory	The parishes of Castle Acre, East Winch, East Walton West Acre and Pentney	1
St Lawrence	The parishes of Terrington St John and Tilney St Lawrence	1
St Margarets with St Nicholas		2
Snettisham	The parishes of Fring, Ingoldisthorpe, Sedgford, Shernborne and Snettisham	2
South and West Lynn		2
South Downham		1
South Wootton		2
Spellowfields	The parishes of Terrington St Clement and Tilney All Saints	2
Springwood		1
Upwell and Delph	The parishes of Downham West, Nordelph, Upwell and Welney and the Barroway Drove and West Stow parish wards of Stow Bardolph parish	2
Valley Hill	The parishes of Anmer, Congham, Fritcham with Appleton, Great Massingham, Hillington, Little Massingham and Sandringham	1
Walpole	The parishes of Walpole and Walpole Cross Keys	1
Walton		1
Watlington	The parish of Watlington	1

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<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
West Winch	The parishes of Middleton, North Runcton and West Winch	2
Wiggenhall	The parishes of Wiggenhall St Germans and Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen	1
Wimbotsham with Fincham	The parishes of Barton Bendish, Crimplesham, Fincham, Stradsett, West Dereham, Wimbotsham and the East Stow parish ward of Stow Bardolph parish	1
Wissey	The parishes of Boughton, Stoke Ferry, Wereham and Wretton	1

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 5

### WARDS OF THE PARISH OF WALSOKEN NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>(3)</i>
North Walsoken	So much of the borough ward of Walton as comprises the parish of Walsoken	1
Walsoken Main	So much of the borough ward of Mershe Lande as comprises the parish of Walsoken	9

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order gives effect, with modifications, to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

The modifications relate to the boundary between East Downham and North Downham ward, the naming of Hilgay with Denver ward, the naming of Brancaster ward, the naming of Priory ward and the naming of Upwell and Delph ward.

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 borough and provides for the creation of 42 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 and 5 make electoral changes in the parishes of Downham Market and Walsoken.

Article 7 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 8 revokes the Borough of West Norfolk (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 (S.I.1979/1295), with the exception of article 8.

The areas of the new borough 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 King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.