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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 2511**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Borough of Northampton (Electoral Changes) Order 1998**

*Made - - - - 8th October 1998*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

Whereas the Local Government Commission for England, acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(1), has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated March 1997 on its review of the borough of Northampton(2) together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect, with modifications, to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17(3) and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Borough of Northampton (Electoral Changes) Order 1998.

(2) This Order shall come into force for all purposes on 6th May 1999, except that for the purpose of all proceedings preliminary or relating to an election to be held on or after that date this Order shall come into force on 10th October 1998.

(3) In this Order—

“the borough” means the borough of Northampton;

“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 prepared by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, marked “Map of the Borough of Northampton (Electoral Changes) Order 1998”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(4); and

and any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number.

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(1) 1992 c. 19.

(2) The non-metropolitan district of Northampton has the status of a borough.

(3) Section 17 is amended by section 39(4) and (5) of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (c. 29).

(4) S.I.1994/867, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

### **Wards of Northampton**

2.—(1) The existing wards of the borough(5) shall be abolished.

(2) The borough shall be divided into twenty-three wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 1 and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (2) of that Schedule.

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by red lines.

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

### **Wards of the parish of Billing**

3.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Billing shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names Ecton, Brook, Great Billing, Little Billing and Middle.

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 3 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be five for Ecton Brook and three for each of the other parish wards.

### **Wards of the parish of Duston**

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Duston shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 2.

(3) The parish wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to wards of the borough, and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be six.

### **Wards of the parish of Wootton**

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 3.

(3) The parish wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to wards of the borough, and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in column (3) of that Schedule.

### **Revocation**

6. The Borough of Northampton (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 is hereby revoked.

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(5) See The Borough of Northampton (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 (S.I. [1978/1664](#)).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

8th October 1998

*Hilary Armstrong*  
Minister of State,  
Department of the Environment, Transport and  
the Regions

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## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

BOROUGH OF NORTHAMPTON: NAMES OF  
WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Abington	2
Billing	2
Boughton Green	3
Castle	2
Delapre	2
East Hunsbury	2
Eastfield	2
Ecton Brook	2
Headlands	2
Kingsley	2
Kingsthorpe	2
Lumbertubs	2
Nene Valley	2
New Duston	2
Old Duston	2
Parklands	2
St Crispin	2
St David	2
St James	2
Spencer	2
Thorplands	2
West Hunsbury	2
Weston	2

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

## WARDS OF THE PARISH OF DUSTON: NAMES AND AREAS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Description of area</i>
New Duston	The borough ward of New Duston

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<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Description of area</i>
Old Duston	Such part of the parish of Duston as is within the borough ward of Old Duston

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SCHEDULE 3

Article 5

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF WOOTTON: NAMES,  
AREAS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

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<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Description of area</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
East Hunsbury	Such part of the parish of Wootton as is within the borough ward of East Hunsbury	7
Grange	Such part of the parish of Wootton as is within the borough ward of West Hunsbury	1
Wootton	Such part of the parish of Wootton as is within the borough ward of Nene Valley	4

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the borough of Northampton.

Article 2 abolishes all of the existing wards of the borough and provides for the creation of 23 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 3 to 5 make electoral changes in the parishes of Billing, Duston and Wootton.

The areas of the new borough and parish wards are demarcated on the map described in article 1(3). Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Northampton Borough Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, which are located at 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.