

2001 No. 3563

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Borough of Ashford (Electoral Changes) Order 2001

Made - - - - - 1st November 2001

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(a), has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated May 2001 on its review of the borough(b) of Ashford together with its recommendations:

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

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17(c) 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 Ashford (Electoral Changes) Order 2001.

(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 15th October 2002;

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

(3) In this Order—

“borough” means the borough of Ashford;

“existing”, in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made; and

any reference to the map is a reference to the map prepared by the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions marked “Map of the Borough of Ashford (Electoral Changes) Order 2001”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(d).

Wards of the borough of Ashford

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

(2) The borough shall be divided into thirty-five wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.

(a) 1992 c. 19.

(b) The non-metropolitan district of Ashford has the status of a borough.

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

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

(e) See the Borough of Ashford (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/1912).

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to parishes, parish wards, 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.

Elections of the council of Ashford

3.—(1) The ordinary elections of all councillors of the borough of Ashford shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of non-metropolitan district councillors in 2003(a) and every fourth year after 2003.

(2) The term of office of councillors shall be four years; and all councillors shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in the year of retirement and the newly elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

Wards of the parish of Great Chart with Singleton

4.—(1) The parish of Great Chart with Singleton shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Great Chart with Singleton North and Singleton South; and each parish ward shall comprise the area of the borough ward bearing the same name.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the Great Chart with Singleton North parish ward shall be five, and for the Singleton South parish ward shall be six.

Wards of the parish of Kingsnorth

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

(2) The parish of Kingsnorth shall be divided into five 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) of that Schedule, and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be two.

Wards of the parish of Sevington

6. The parish of Sevington shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 3; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the borough ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule, and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be one.

Wards of the parish of Stanhope

7.—(1) The parish of Stanhope shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Stanhope Central and Stanhope Speldhurst; the Stanhope Central parish ward shall comprise the area of the borough ward of Stanhope; and the Stanhope Speldhurst parish ward shall consist of the rest of the parish.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the Stanhope Central parish ward shall be ten, and for the Stanhope Speldhurst parish ward shall be one.

Wards of the parish of Tenterden

8.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Tenterden shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names St Michaels, Tenterden North, Tenterden South and Tenterden West; the parish wards of St Michaels, Tenterden North and Tenterden South shall comprise the areas of the borough wards of the same name; and the Tenterden West parish ward shall consist of the rest of the parish.

(a) For the ordinary day of election of councillors of local government areas, see section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50) and section 17 of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 3 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29).

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of the St Michaels and Tenterden South parish wards shall be five, for the Tenterden North parish ward shall be four, and for the Tenterden West parish ward shall be two.

Revocation

9. The Borough of Ashford (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State
for Transport, Local Government and the Regions

Alan Whitehead
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department for Transport,
Local Government and the Regions

1st November 2001

SCHEDULE 1

article 2

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>
Aylesford Green		1
Beaver		2
Biddenden	The parish of Biddenden	1
Bockhanger		1
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell		1
Bybrook		1
Charing	The parish ward of Charing of Charing parish	1
Downs North		1
Downs West		1
Godinton		2
Great Chart with Singleton North		1
Highfield		1
Isle of Oxney	The parishes of Appledore, Kenardington, Stone-cum-Ebony and Wittersham	1
Kennington		1
Little Burton Farm		1
Norman		1
North Willesborough		2
Park Farm North		1
Park Farm South		1
Rolvenden and Tenterden West		1
Saxon Shore	The parishes of Aldington, Bilsington, Bonnington, Brabourne, Brook, Hastingleigh, Ruckinge and Smeeth	2
Singleton South		1
South Willesborough		1
St Michaels		1
Stanhope		1
Stour		2
Tenterden North		1
Tenterden South		1
Victoria		2
Washford		1
Weald Central	The parishes of Bethersden, High Halden, Little Chart and Pluckley, and the parish ward of Charing Heath of Charing parish	2
Weald East		1
Weald North	The parishes of Egerton and Smarden	1
Weald South		2
Wye	The parish of Wye with Hinxhill	1

SCHEDULE 2

article 5

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF KINGSNORTH
NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS**

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i>
Kingsnorth Village	So much of the borough ward of Weald East as comprises part of the parish of Kingsnorth
Park Farm North	The borough ward of Park Farm North
Park Farm South	The borough ward of Park Farm South
Stubbs Cross	So much of the borough ward of Weald South as comprises part of the parish of Kingsnorth
Washford	So much of the borough ward of Washford as comprises part of the parish of Kingsnorth

SCHEDULE 3

article 6

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF SEVINGTON
NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS**

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i>
Sevington North	So much of the borough ward of Highfield as comprises part of the parish of Sevington
Sevington South	So much of the borough ward of Weald East as comprises part of the parish of Sevington

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 Ashford. The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the borough and provides for the creation of 35 new wards. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Article 3 provides for the election of all councillors of the borough of Ashford to take place in 2003 and four years after that year.

Articles 4 to 8 make electoral changes in the parishes of Great Chart with Singleton, Kingsnorth, Sevington, Stanhope and Tenterden.

Article 9 revokes the Borough of Ashford (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975.

The areas of the new borough 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 Ashford Borough Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.

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