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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 3892**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The District of Suffolk Coastal (Electoral Changes) Order 2001**

*Made - - - - 4th December 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<sup>(1)</sup>, has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated June 2001 on its review of the district of Suffolk Coastal together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect, subject to one modification, to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17<sup>(2)</sup> 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 District of Suffolk Coastal (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—

“district” means the district of Suffolk Coastal;

“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 District of Suffolk Coastal (Electoral Changes) Order 2001”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994<sup>(3)</sup>.

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(1) 1992 c. 19.

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

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

### **Wards of the district of Suffolk Coastal**

2.—(1) The existing wards of the district(4) shall be abolished.

(2) The district shall be divided into thirty-four 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 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 Suffolk Coastal**

3.—(1) The ordinary elections of all councillors of the district of Suffolk Coastal shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of non-metropolitan district councillors in 2003(5) 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 Felixstowe**

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into five parish wards which shall bear the names Felixstowe East, Felixstowe North, Felixstowe South, Felixstowe South East and Felixstowe West; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name; and the number of councillors to be elected for each of the parish wards of Felixstowe East, Felixstowe North, Felixstowe South and Felixstowe South East shall be three and for the parish ward of Felixstowe West shall be four.

### **Wards of the parish of Kesgrave**

5.—(1) The parish of Kesgrave shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Kesgrave East and Kesgrave West; the parish ward of Kesgrave West shall comprise the area of the district ward of the same name, and the Kesgrave East parish ward shall consist of the rest of the parish.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish ward of Kesgrave East shall be nine and for the parish ward of Kesgrave West shall be six.

### **Wards of the parish of Martlesham**

6. The parish of Martlesham shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 2; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district 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 the number specified in respect of the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

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(4) See the District of Suffolk Coastal (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/739).

(5) 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).

### **Wards of the parish of Woodbridge**

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Woodbridge shall be abolished.

(2) The parish of Woodbridge shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 3; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district 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 four.

### **Revocation**

8. The District of Suffolk Coastal (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 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

4th December 2001

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## 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>
Aldeburgh	The parishes of Aldeburgh and Aldringham cum Thorpe	2
Earl Soham	The parishes of Brandeston, Charsfield, Cretingham, Earl Soham, Easton, Hoo, Kettleburgh, Letheringham and Monewden	1
Farlingaye		1
Felixstowe East		2
Felixstowe North		2
Felixstowe South		2
Felixstowe South East		2
Felixstowe West		3
Framlingham	The parishes of Badingham, Dennington, Framlingham and Saxtead	2
Grundisburgh	The parishes of Great Bealings, Culpho, Little Bealings and Grundisburgh	1
Hacheston	The parishes of Bruisyard, Cransford, Great Glemham, Hacheston, Little Glemham, Marlesford, Parham, Rendham and Swefling	1
Hollesley with Eyke	The parishes of Boyton, Butley, Capel St Andrew, Chillesford, Eyke, Hollesley and Wantisden	1
Kesgrave East		3
Kesgrave West		2
Kyson		1
Leiston	The parishes of Leiston and Knodishall	3
Martlesham		2
Melton and Ufford	The parishes of Melton, Pettistree and Ufford	2

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Nacton	The parishes of Brightwell, Bucklesham, Foxhall, Hemley, Levington, Nacton, Newbourne, Purdis Farm, Stratton Hall and Waldringfield	2
Orford and Tunstall	The parishes of Blaxhall, Gedgrave, Iken, Orford, Sudbourne and Tunstall	1
Otley	The parishes of Boulge, Burgh, Bredfield, Clopton, Dallinghoo, Debach, Hasketon and Otley	1
Peasenhall	The parishes of Chediston, Cookley, Cratfield, Heveningham, Huntingfield, Linstead Magna, Linstead Parva, Peasenhall, Sibton, Ubbeston and Walpole	1
Rendlesham	The parishes of Campsey Ash and Rendlesham	1
Riverside		1
Rushmere St Andrew	The parish of Rushmere St Andrew	3
Saxmundham	The parishes of Kelsale cum Carlton, Saxmundham and Theberton	2
Seckford		1
Snape	The parish of Benhall, Farnham, Friston, Snape, Sternfield and Stratford St Andrew	1
Sutton	The parishes of Alderton, Bawdsey, Bromeswell, Ramsholt, Shottisham and Sutton	1
Trimleys with Kirton	The parishes of Falkenham, Kirton, Trimley St Martin and Trimley St Mary	3
Walberswick and Wenhaston	The parishes of Bramfield, Blythburgh, Thorington, Walberswick, and Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet	1
Wickham Market	The parish of Wickham Market	1

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Witnesham	The parishes of Playford, Tuddenham St Martin, Swilland, Westerfield and Witnesham	1
Yoxford	The parishes of Darsham, Dunwich, Middleton, Westleton and Yoxford	1

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 6

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF MARTLESHAM  
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>
Martlesham	The district ward of Martlesham	12
Martlesham North	So much of the district ward of Riverside as comprises part of the parish of Martlesham	2
Martlesham West	So much of the district ward of Kesgrave East as comprises part of the parish of Martlesham	1

## SCHEDULE 3

Article 7

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF WOODBRIDGE  
NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of ward</i>
Woodbridge Farlingaye	The district ward of Farlingaye
Woodbridge Kyson	The district ward of Kyson
Woodbridge Riverside	So much of the district ward of Riverside as comprises part of the parish of Woodbridge
Woodbridge Seckford	The district ward of Seckford

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order gives effect, subject to one modification, to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the district of Suffolk Coastal. The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

The modification relates to parish councillors for the parish of Felixstowe. The Secretary of State has decided the parish of Felixstowe should have 16 parish councillors instead of 17.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 34 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 district of Suffolk Coastal to take place in 2003 and every 4 years after that year.

Articles 4 to 7 make electoral changes in the parishes of Felixstowe, Kesgrave, Martlesham and Woodbridge.

Article 8 revokes the District of Suffolk Coastal (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980.

The areas of the new district 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 Suffolk Coastal 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 SW1 E 6DE.