
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 3893

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of Forest Heath (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⁽¹⁾, has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated June 2001 on its review of the district of Forest Heath 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⁽²⁾ 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 Forest Heath (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 Forest Heath;

“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 for Transport, Local Government and the Regions marked “Map of the District of Forest Heath (Electoral Changes) Order 2001”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994⁽³⁾; and

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

(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 Forest Heath

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

(2) The district shall be divided into fourteen 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 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 Forest Heath

3.—(1) The ordinary elections of all councillors of the district of Forest Heath 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 Brandon

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

(2) The parish of Brandon 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 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.

Wards of the parish of Mildenhall

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names Great Heath, Market and West Row; the parish wards of Great Heath and Market shall comprise the area of the district wards of the same name, and the parish ward of West Row shall consist of the rest of the parish.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of the Great Heath and Market parish wards shall be six, and for the West Row parish ward shall be three.

Wards of the parish of Newmarket

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Newmarket shall be abolished.

(4) See the District of Forest Heath (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1860).

(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).

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names All Saints, Severals, St Mary's and Studlands Park; and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 6 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the All Saints parish ward shall be four, for the Severals parish ward shall be five, for the St Mary's parish ward shall be seven and for the Studlands Park parish ward shall be two.

Numbers of parish councillors

7. The number of parish councillors to be elected for the parish of Red Lodge shall be nine.

Revocation

8. The District of Forest Heath (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 is hereby revoked.

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

4th December 2001

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

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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>
All Saints	The parish ward of Granby of the parish of Newmarket	2
Brandon East		3
Brandon West		2
Eriswell and The Rows		2
Exning	The parish of Exning	1
Great Heath		2
Iceni	The parishes of Cavenham, Gazeley, Higham, Icklingham and Tuddenham	1
Lakenheath	The parish of Lakenheath	2
Manor	The parishes of Barton Mills, Freckenham and Worlington	1
Market		2
Red Lodge	The parishes of Herringswell and Red Lodge	2
St Mary's		3
Severals		3
South	The parishes of Dalham, Kentford and Moulton	1

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF BRANDON
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>
Brandon East	So much of the Brandon East district ward as comprises part of the parish of Brandon	8
Brandon West	So much of the district ward of Brandon West as comprises part of the parish of Brandon	6

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 district of Forest Heath. 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 district and provides for the creation of 14 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 Forest Heath to take place in 2003 and every 4 years after that year.

Articles 4 to 7 make electoral changes in the parishes of Brandon, New Market, Mildenhall and Red Lodge.

Article 8 revokes the District of Forest Heath (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978.

The areas of the new district 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 Forest Heath 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.