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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 3084

CORONERS

The Hertfordshire (Coroners' Districts) Order 2002

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>16th December 2002</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>17th December 2002</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st January 2003</i>

Whereas

(1) the Council of the County of Hertfordshire have, in pursuance of section 4(2) of the Coroners Act 1988⁽¹⁾ and after due compliance with the provisions of the Coroners (Orders as to Districts) Rules 1927⁽²⁾, submitted to the Secretary of State a draft Order providing for the alteration of the existing division of that county into coroners' districts; and

(2) the Secretary of State has made such modifications of the draft Order as he thinks fit;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 4(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Hertfordshire (Coroners' Districts) Order 2002.

(2) This Order shall come into force on 1st January 2003.

(3) This Order shall not have effect in relation to any inquest begun before the day on which it comes into force or to any post-mortem examination which, before that day, a coroner has directed or requested a medical practitioner to make.

2. The existing coroners' districts of Hitchin (as constituted by the Hertfordshire (Coroners' Districts) Order 1974⁽³⁾) and West Hertfordshire (as constituted by the Hertfordshire (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1998⁽⁴⁾) shall be amalgamated to form a single coroner's district called the West and North Hertfordshire Coroner's District.

3. Accordingly, the County of Hertfordshire shall be divided into two coroners' districts and each such coroner's district shall consist of the area specified in column 2 of the Schedule to this Order opposite to the name of the coroner's district in question as given in column 1 of that Schedule.

(1) 1988 c. 13.
(2) S.R. & O. 1927/343.
(3) S.I. 1974/374.
(4) S.I. 1998/1799.

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4. The Hertfordshire (Coroners' Districts) Order 1974 and the Hertfordshire (Coroners' Districts (Amendment) Order 1998 are hereby revoked.

Home Office
16th December 2002

Hilary Benn
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

SCHEDULE

<i>1.</i> <i>Name of coroner's district</i>	<i>2.</i> <i>Areas comprised in coroner's district</i>
West and North Hertfordshire	The City of St Albans; the boroughs of Dacorum, Watford, Hertsmere, Stevenage; the district of Three Rivers; the district of Welwyn Hatfield except the parishes of Essendon and Hatfield; the district of North Hertfordshire except the parish of Rushden; in the district of East Hertfordshire, the parishes of Aston, Benington, Datchworth, Great Munden, Little Munden, Sacombe, Walkern and Watton-at-Stone.
Hertford	The borough of Broxbourne; the district of East Hertfordshire except the parishes in the West and North Hertfordshire coroner's district; in the district of North Hertfordshire, the parish of Rushden; in the district of Welwyn Hatfield, the parishes of Essendon and Hatfield.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The County of Hertfordshire was divided into five coroners' districts by the Hertfordshire (Coroners' Districts) Order 1974. Two of these, Watford and St Albans were amalgamated to form the Watford/St Albans Coroner's District by the Hertfordshire (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1974. This district was then amalgamated with Hemel Hempstead, to form the West Hertfordshire Coroner's District, by the Hertfordshire (Coroner's Districts) (Amendment) Order 1998.

This Order replaces the two coroners' districts of Hitchin and West Hertfordshire by the district of West and North Hertfordshire (as set out in the Schedule to this Order). The Schedule also sets out the remaining district (Hertford Coroner's District) of the two districts into which the County of Hertfordshire is now divided.