

**2003 No. 322**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The District of Rutland (Electoral Changes) Order 2003**

*Made - - - - - 10th February 2003*

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

Whereas the Boundary Committee for England(a), acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(b), has submitted to the Electoral Commission(c) a report dated October 2002 on its review of the district of Rutland together with its recommendations:

And whereas a period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations:

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(d) and 26(e) of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the District of Rutland (Electoral Changes) Order 2003.
- (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 the day after that on which it is made;
  - (b) for all other purposes, on 1st May 2003.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—
  - “district” means the district of Rutland;
  - “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 marked “Map referred to in the District of Rutland (Electoral Changes) Order 2003”, of which prints are available for inspection at—
  - (a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and
  - (b) the offices of Rutland District Council.

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(a) The Boundary Committee for England is a committee of the Electoral Commission, established by the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 14 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41). The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962) transferred to the Electoral Commission the functions of the Local Government Commission for England.

(b) 1992 c. 19. This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

(c) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992, to the extent that they relate to electoral arrangements within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1 April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(d) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962. There are amendments to this section made otherwise than by S.I. 2001/3962 that are not relevant to this Order.

(e) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

### **Wards of the district of Rutland**

3.—(1) The existing wards of the district of Rutland(a) shall be abolished.

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

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of the 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 the 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.

### **Wards of the parish of Oakham**

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names Oakham North East, Oakham North West, Oakham South East and Oakham South West; and the parish wards of Oakham North East, Oakham South East and Oakham South West shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name; and the parish ward of Oakham North West shall consist of the rest of the parish.

(3) The number of parish councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be three.

### **Maps**

5. Rutland District Council shall make a print of the map marked “Map referred to in the District of Rutland (Electoral Changes) Order 2003” available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

### **Electoral Registers**

6. The Electoral Registration Officer(b) for the district shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

### **Revocation**

7. The District of Rutland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/1865) is revoked.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

5th February 2003

*Pamela Gordon*  
Commissioner

6th February 2003

*Glyn Mathias*  
Commissioner

10th February 2003

*Neil McIntosh*  
Commissioner

6th February 2003

*Karamjit Singh*  
Commissioner

5th February 2003

*Sam Younger*  
Commissioner

6th February 2003

*Graham Zellick*  
Commissioner

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(a) See the District of Rutland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/1865), as amended by the Leicestershire (City of Leicester and District of Rutland) (Structural Change) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/507).

(b) As to electoral registration officers and the register of local government electors, see sections 8 to 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2).

SCHEDULE

Article 3

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>
Braunston and Belton	The parishes of Ayston, Belton-in-Rutland, Braunston-in-Rutland, Brooke, Leighfield, Preston, Ridlington and Wardley	1
Cottesmore	The parishes of Barrow, Cottesmore, Market Overton and Teigh	2
Exton	The parishes of Ashwell, Burley, Eggleton, Exton, Hambleton, Horn and Whitwell	1
Greetham	The parishes of Clipsham, Greetham, Pickworth, Stretton and Thistleton	1
Ketton	The parishes of Barrowden, Ketton, Tinwell and Tixover	2
Langham	The parish of Langham	1
Lyddington	The parishes of Bisbrooke, Caldecott, Glaston, Lyddington, Seaton, Stoke Dry and Thorpe By Water	1
Martinsthorpe	The parishes of Gunthorpe, Lyndon, Manton, Martinsthorpe, Morcott, Pilton and Wing	1
Normanton	The parishes of Edith Weston, Empingham, Normanton, North Luffenham and South Luffenham	2
Oakham North East		2
Oakham North West		2
Oakham South East		2
Oakham South West		2
Ryhall and Casterton	The parishes of Essendine, Great Casterton, Little Casterton, Ryhall and Tickencote	2
Uppingham	The parishes of Beaumont Chase and Uppingham	3
Whissendine	The parish of Whissendine	1

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the district of Rutland. The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 16 new wards. That article and the Schedule also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Article 4 makes electoral changes in the parish of Oakham.

Article 6 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 7 revokes the District of Rutland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/1865).

The areas of the new district wards are demarcated on the map described in article 2. Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Rutland District Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.

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