

Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 59(9) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009; draft to lie for forty days pursuant to section 6(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, during which period either House of Parliament may resolve that the Order be not made.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 0000

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Norfolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2021

*Made - - - - - ***
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2), (3)
and (4)*

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009⁽¹⁾ (“the Act”) the Local Government Boundary Commission for England⁽²⁾ (“the Commission”) published a report dated May 2021 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the county of Norfolk. The Commission has decided to give effect to the recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before Parliament and a period of forty days has expired since the day on which it was laid and neither House has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59(1) of the Act.

Citation, commencement, extent and application

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Norfolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2021.
- (2) This article and article 2 come into force on 15th October 2024.
- (3) Article 3 comes into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2024;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England⁽³⁾ in 2025.

⁽¹⁾ 2009 c. 20.

⁽²⁾ The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

⁽³⁾ The ordinary day of election of councillors in England is prescribed by section 37(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), as amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), renumbered by paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29), and further amended by section 6(16) of the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4).

- (4) Article 4 comes into force—
- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2026;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2027.
- (5) This Order extends to England and Wales but applies in relation to England only.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, “the map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Norfolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2021”, held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England⁽⁴⁾.

(2) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it is to be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Divisions of the county of Norfolk and number of councillors

- 3.—(1) The existing divisions of the county of Norfolk are abolished.
- (2) The county of Norfolk is divided into the 84 divisions listed in Schedule 1.
- (3) Each division comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the division.
- (4) The number of councillors to be elected for each division is one.

Wards of the parishes of Attleborough, Bradwell, Costessey, Thorpe St Andrew, and Wymondham

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parishes of Attleborough, Bradwell, Costessey, Thorpe St Andrew, and Wymondham are abolished.

(2) The parish of Attleborough is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) The parish of Bradwell is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of table 2 in Schedule 2.

(4) The parish of Costessey is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of table 3 in Schedule 2.

(5) The parish of Thorpe St Andrew is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of table 4 in Schedule 2.

(6) The parish of Wymondham is divided into the five parish wards listed in the first column of table 5 in Schedule 2.

(7) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(8) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of the relevant table in Schedule 2.

(4) Prints of the map are available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL. It is also accessible online at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/eastern/norfolk/norfolk-county-council>.

Sealed with the seal of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Date

Name
Chief Executive
Local Government Boundary Commission for
England

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Divisions of the county of Norfolk

1. Acle
2. Attleborough
3. Aylsham
4. Blofield & Brundall
5. Bowthorpe
6. Breydon
7. Catton Grove
8. Clenchwarton & King's Lynn South
9. Coltishall & Spixworth
10. Costessey
11. Crome
12. Cromer
13. Dereham North & Scarning
14. Dereham South
15. Dersingham
16. Diss & Roydon
17. Docking
18. Downham Market
19. Drayton & Horsford
20. East Depwade
21. Eaton
22. Elmham & Mattishall
23. Erpingham
24. Fakenham & The Raynhams
25. Feltwell
26. Forehoe
27. Freebridge Lynn
28. Gaywood North & Central
29. Gaywood South
30. Gorleston
31. Giltcross
32. Hellesdon
33. Henstead

34. Hethersett
35. Hingham
36. Holt
37. Hoveton
38. King's Lynn North & Central
39. Lakenham
40. Launditch
41. Loddon
42. Long Stratton
43. Lothingland
44. Magdalen
45. Mancroft
46. Marshland North
47. Marshland South
48. Mile Cross
49. Nar & Wissey Valleys
50. Nelson
51. North Caister & Ormesby
52. North Coast
53. North Walsham East
54. North Walsham West & Mundesley
55. Old Catton
56. Reepham
57. Sewell
58. Sheringham
59. South Caister & Bure
60. Sprowston
61. Stalham
62. Swaffham
63. Taverham
64. The Brecks
65. The Fleggs
66. Thetford East
67. Thetford West
68. Thorpe Hamlet

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- 69. Thorpe St Andrew
- 70. Town Close
- 71. University
- 72. Watlington & The Fens
- 73. Watton
- 74. Waveney Valley
- 75. Wells
- 76. Wensum
- 77. West Depwade
- 78. Woodside
- 79. Wroxham
- 80. Wymondham
- 81. Yare & Necton
- 82. Yare Valley
- 83. Yarmouth Nelson & Southtown
- 84. Yarmouth North & Central

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Names of parish wards and number of councillors

Table 1

Wards of the parish of Attleborough

<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>
<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Burgh North	6
Burgh South	2
Queens North	6
Queens South	1

Table 2

Wards of the parish of Bradwell

<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>
<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Bradwell Central	3

<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>
<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Bradwell North	8
Bradwell South	4

Table 3

Wards of the parish of Costessey

<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>
<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
New Costessey	8
Old Costessey	6
Queen's Hills	5

Table 4

Wards of the parish of Thorpe St Andrew

<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>
<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Thorpe St Andrew North East	4
Thorpe St Andrew North West	4
Thorpe St Andrew South East	8

Table 5

Wards of the parish of Wymondham

<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>
<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Central Wymondham	4
East Wymondham	2
North East Wymondham	2
North Wymondham	2
South Wymondham	4

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for the county of Norfolk following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The area of the county remains unchanged.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of the county of Norfolk and replaces them with the 84 new ones listed in Schedule 1 for the purpose of elections held on or after the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2025. It establishes the names and areas of the new electoral divisions; the number of councillors for each is one.

Article 4 makes changes to parish wards which are consequential on the changes made by article 3. The changes to parish wards introduced by article 4 come into force for the purpose of parish elections in 2027.

The area covered by each ward and division created by this Order is identified on a map which is available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL.

The map may also be accessed at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/eastern/norfolk/norfolk-county-council>.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.