
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 3895

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

**The Borough of St Edmundsbury
(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 borough(2) of St Edmundsbury 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(3) 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 Borough of St Edmundsbury (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—

“borough” means the borough of St Edmundsbury;

“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 Borough of St Edmundsbury (Electoral Changes) Order 2001”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(4).

(1) 1992 c. 19.

(2) The non-metropolitan district of St Edmundsbury has the status of a borough.

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

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

Wards of the borough of St Edmundsbury

2.—(1) The existing wards of the borough⁽⁵⁾ shall be abolished.

(2) The borough shall be divided into thirty-one 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 St Edmundsbury

3.—(1) The ordinary elections of all councillors of the borough of St Edmundsbury shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of non-metropolitan district councillors in 2003⁽⁶⁾ 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 Fornham All Saints

4. The parish of Fornham. All Saints 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 borough 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 Haverhill

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

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

Wards of the parish of Honington-cum-Sapiston

6. The parish of Honington-cum-Sapiston shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 3; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the borough 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.

(5) See the Borough of St Edmundsbury (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1247).

(6) 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).

Revocation

7. The Borough of St Edmundsbury (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 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>
Abbeygate		2
Bardwell		1
Barningham	The parishes of Barningham, Hopton, Hepworth, Knettishall, Market Weston and Thelnetham	1
Barrow	The parishes of Barrow, Denham, The Saxhams and Westley	1
Cavendish	The parishes of Brockley, Cavendish, Denston, Hawkedon, Poslingford and Stansfield	1
Chedburgh	The parishes of Chedburgh, Chevington, Hawstead, Rede and Wkepstead	1
Clare	The parish of Clare	1
Eastgate		1
Fornham		1
Great Barton	The parish of Great Barton	1
Haverhill East		3
Haverhill North		3
Haverhill South		2
Haverhill West		2
Horringer and Whelnetham	The parishes of Nowton, Great Whelnetham, Horringer, Ickworth and Little Whelnetham	1
Hundon	The parishes of Hundon, Stoke-by-Clare, Stradishall and Wixoe	1
Ixworth	The parishes of Ixworth and Ixworth Thorpe	1
Kedington	The parishes of Barnardiston and Kedington	1
Minden		2
Moreton Hall		3

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Northgate		1
Pakenham		1
Risby	The parishes of Culford, Flempton, Hengrave, Ingham, Lackford, Risby, West Stow and Wordwell	1
Risbygate		2
Rougham	The parishes of Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield, Bradfield St Clare, Bradfield St George and Rusbroke with Rougham	1
St Olaves		2
Southgate		2
Stanton	The parish of Stanton	1
Westgate		2
Wickhambrook	The parishes of Depden, Hargrave, Lidgate, Ousden and Wickhambrook	1
Withersfield	The parishes of Cowlinge, Great Bradley, Little Bradley, Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, Great Wrating, Little Wrating and Withersfield	1

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF FORNHAM ALL SAINTS
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>
Town	So much of the borough ward of St Olaves as comprises part of the parish of Fornham All Saints	1
Village	So much of the borough ward of Fornham as comprises part of the parish of Fornham All Saints	6

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SCHEDULE 3

Article 6

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF HONINGTON-CUM-SAPISTON
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>
Station	So much of the borough ward of Pakenham as comprises part of the parish of Honington-cum-Sapiston	2
Village	So much of the borough ward of Bardwell as comprises part of the parish of Honington-cum-Sapiston	5

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 borough of St Edmundsbury. 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 borough and provides for the creation of 31 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 borough of St Edmundsbury to take place in 2003 and every 4 years after that year.

Articles 4 to 6 make electoral changes in the parishes of Fornham All Saints, Haverhill and Honington-cum-Sapiston.

Article 7 revokes the Borough of St Edmundsbury (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978.

The areas of the new borough 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 St Edmundsbury 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.