STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 2890

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of Horsham (Electoral Changes) Order 2002

Made - - - 19th November 2002

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Whereas the Boundary Committee for England(1), acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(2), has submitted to the Electoral Commission(3) a report dated July 2002 on its review of the district of Horsham 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, with modifications, to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(4) and 26(5) 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 Horsham (Electoral Changes) Order 2002.
- (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.

⁽¹⁾ 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.

^{(2) 1992} c. 19. This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

⁽³⁾ 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 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

⁽⁴⁾ 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.

⁽⁵⁾ This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"district" means the district of Horsham;

"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 marked "Map referred to in the District of Horsham (Electoral Changes) Order 2002" of which prints are available for inspection at—

- (a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and
- (a) the principal offices of Horsham District Council.

Wards of the district of Horsham

- **3.**—(1) The existing wards of the district(6) shall be abolished.
- (2) The district shall be divided into twenty two 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 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.

Wards of the parish of Henfield

- **4.**—(1) The parish shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Henfield and Small Dole; the parish ward of Henfield shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name, and the parish ward of Small Dole shall comprise the rest of the parish.
- (2) The number of parish councillors to be elected for the parish ward of Henfield shall be thirteen, and for the parish ward of Small Dole shall be two.

Wards of the parish of North Horsham

- **5.**—(1) The existing wards of the parish of North Horsham shall be abolished.
- (2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names Holbrook East, Holbrook West, Roffey North and Roffey South. The parish wards of Holbrook East, Holbrook West and Roffey North shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name, and the parish ward of Roffey South shall comprise the rest of the parish.
- (3) The number of parish councillors to be elected for the parish ward of Holbrook East shall be five, for the parish ward of Roffey South shall be four, for the parish ward of Roffey North shall be six, and for the parish ward of Holbrook West shall be four.

Maps

6. Horsham District Council shall make a print of the map marked "Map referred to in the District of Horsham (Electoral Changes) Order 2002" available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral Registers

7. The Electoral Registration Officer(7) 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

8. The District of Horsham (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978(**8**) is revoked, save for article 8.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

28th October 2002	Pamela Gordon Commissioner
14th November 2002	Glyn Mathias Commissioner
14th November 2002	Neil McIntosh Commissioner
19th November 2002	Karamjit Singh Commissioner
19th November 2002	Sam Younger Commissioner
28th October 2002	Graham Zellick Commissioner

⁽⁷⁾ As to electoral registration officers and the register of local government electors, *see* section 8 to 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2).

⁽⁸⁾ S.I. 1978/1861.

SCHEDULE article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1)	(2)	(3)
Name of Ward	Area of Ward	Number of Councillors
Billingshurst and Shipley	The parishes of Billingshurst and Shipley	3
Bramber, Upper Beeding and Woodmancote		2
Broadbridge Heath	The parish of Broadbridge Heath	1
Chanctonbury	The parishes of Ashington, Thakeham, West Chiltington and Wiston	3
Chantry	The parishes of Amberley, Parham, Storrington, Sullington, and Washington	3
Cowfold, Shermanbury and West Grinstead	The parishes of Cowfold, Shermanbury and West Grinstead	2
Denne		2
Forest		1
Henfield		2
Holbrook East		2
Holbrook West		2
Horsham Park		3
Itchingfield, Slinfold and Warnham	The parishes of Itchingfield, Slinfold and Warnham	2
Nuthurst	The parishes of Lower Beeding and Nuthurst	1
Pulborough and Coldwatham	The parishes of Coldwatham and Pulborough	2
Roffey North		2
Roffey South		2
Rudgwick	The parish of Rudgwick	1
Rusper and Colgate	The parishes of Colgate and Rusper	1
Southwater	The parish of Southwater	3
Steyning	The parishes of Ashurst and Steyning	2
Trafalgar		2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

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

The modifications relate to the boundary between Chactonbury and Chantry wards, the naming of Horsham Park ward, and the distribution of parish councillors for North Horsham parish.

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

Articles 4 and 5 make electoral changes in the parishes of Henfield and North Horsham.

Article 7 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 8 revokes the District of Horsham (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 (S.I.1978/1861) with the exception of article 8.

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 Horsham District Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.