

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

2014 No.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Three Rivers (Electoral Changes) Order 2014

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

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⁾ published a report dated October 2013 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of Three Rivers. 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 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 and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Three Rivers (Electoral Changes) Order 2014.
- (2) Articles 1 to 4 and 6 come into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 17th February 2014;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014.
- (3) Articles 5, 7 and 8 come into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2014;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2015.

⁽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 (c.20).

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Three Rivers (Electoral Changes) Order 2014”, prints of which are available for inspection at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England;

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(3).

Wards of the district of Three Rivers and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing wards of the district of Three Rivers are abolished.

(2) The district of Three Rivers is divided into 13 district wards, each listed by name in Schedule 1.

(3) Each district ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the district ward.

(4) Three councillors are to be elected for each district ward.

(5) 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.

Elections of the council of the district of Three Rivers

4.—(1) Elections of all councillors of each ward of the district of Three Rivers are to be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014.

(2) The councillors holding office for any ward of the district of Three Rivers immediately before the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014 are to retire on that date and the newly elected councillors are to come into office on that date.

(3) Of the councillors elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014 for any ward of the district of Three Rivers, one is to retire in 2015 and one in 2016.

(4) Subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), of the councillors elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014 for any ward of the district of Three Rivers—

(a) the first to retire is to be the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes; and

(b) the second to retire is to be the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes.

(5) In the case of an equality of votes between any persons elected which makes it uncertain which of them is to retire in any year, the person to retire that year is to be determined by lot.

(6) If an election of councillors for any ward is not contested, the person to retire in each year is to be determined by lot.

(7) Where under this article any question is to be determined by lot, the lot is to be drawn at the next practicable meeting of the council after the question has arisen and the drawing is to be conducted under the direction of the person presiding at the meeting.

Wards of the parish of Abbots Langley and number of councillors

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Abbots Langley are abolished.

(3) 1983 c.2; section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50), paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29) and section 60(1) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).

(2) The parish is divided into five parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of the first table in Schedule 2.

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

(4) 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 first table in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Chorleywood and number of councillors

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Chorleywood are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into four parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of the second table in Schedule 2.

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

(4) 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 second table in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Croxley Green and number of councillors

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Croxley Green are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into two parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of the third table in Schedule 2.

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

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in the second column of the third table in Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Watford Rural and number of councillors

8.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Watford Rural are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into five parish wards, each listed by name in the first column of the fourth table in Schedule 2.

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

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in the second column of the fourth table in Schedule 2.

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

Chairman
Local Government Boundary Commission for
England

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Names of district wards

Abbots Langley & Bedmond
 Carpenders Park
 Chorleywood North & Sarratt
 Chorleywood South & Maple Cross
 Dickinsons
 Durrants
 Gade Valley
 Leavesden
 Moor Park & Eastbury
 Oxhey Hall & Hayling
 Penn & Mill End
 Rickmansworth Town
 South Oxhey

SCHEDULE 2

Articles 5 to 8

Table 1**Abbots Langley**

<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>
<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Abbots Langley & Bedmond	5
Abbots Langley West	2
Hunton Bridge & Langleybury	1
Leavesden	5
Primrose Hill	2

Table 2**Chorleywood**

<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>
<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Chorleywood Cedars	2

<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>
<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Chorleywood North	7
Chorleywood Quickwood	1
Chorleywood South	7

Table 3

Croxley Green

<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>
<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Dickinsons	8
Durrants	8

Table 4

Watford Rural

<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>
<i>Name of parish ward</i>	<i>Number of councillors</i>
Ashridge	1
Carpenders Park	4
Hayling	2
Oxhey Hall	2
South Oxhey	5

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

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

The electoral changes apply to district council elections and elections to Chorleywood parish council to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014. In the case of the remaining parishes, the changes apply to elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2015.

Draft Legislation: This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a UK Statutory Instrument: *The Three Rivers (Electoral Changes) Order 2014 No. 243*

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the district of Three Rivers and replaces them with 13 new ones. That article, the map (as defined in article 2) and Schedule 1 also establish the names, areas and number of councillors of the new district wards.

Article 4 makes provision for a whole district council election in 2014. Thereafter, the council will revert to the existing system of election by thirds. That article also provides for the order of retirement of councillors at elections to be held in 2015 and 2016.

Articles 5 to 8 replace the existing wards of the parishes of Abbots Langley, Chorleywood, Croxley Green and Watford Rural respectively. Those articles, the map and Schedule 2 also establish the names, areas and number of councillors for each of the new parish wards.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new district wards and parish wards. It is available at <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/eastern/hertfordshire/three-rivers-fer>. The map is also available for inspection at all reasonable times at the offices of Three Rivers District Council, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire WD3 1RL and at the office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England at Layden House, 76 – 78 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.