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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for the district of West Dorset following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The area of the district remains unchanged. The electoral changes apply in respect of local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2015.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the district of West Dorset and replaces them with 24 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.

Articles 4 to 6 abolish the existing wards of the parishes of (i) Bridport, (ii) Dorchester and (iii) Sherborne and replace them with new ones. Article 7 creates wards in the parish of Symondsbury, which was formerly unwarded. Those articles, the map and Schedule 2 also establish the names, areas and number of councillors of the new parish wards.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new district and parish wards. It is available at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-west/dorset/west-dorset-fer>. The map is also available for inspection at all reasonable times at the offices of West Dorset Council, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ and at the offices of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England at Layden House, 76 – 86 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.