

**1980 No. 1558**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES**  
**CHANGES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS**  
**The North Wiltshire and Thamesdown (Areas) Order 1980**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	15th October 1980
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		24th October 1980
<i>Coming into Operation —</i>		
<i>for the purposes described</i>		
<i>in article 2</i>	- - - -	1st January 1981
<i>for all other purposes</i>	-	1st April 1981

Whereas the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, under sections 47 and 51(1) of the Local Government Act 1972(a), made proposals to the Secretary of State for the Environment for the transfer of part of the District of North Wiltshire to the Borough of Thamesdown:

Now therefore the Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under sections 51(2) and 67(4) and (5) of the said Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

*Title and commencement*

1. This order may be cited as the North Wiltshire and Thamesdown (Areas) Order 1980.

2. 1st January 1981 is hereby specified as the day on which this order shall come into operation for any purposes set out in regulation 4(1) (Coming into operation of order) of the Regulations.

For all other purposes this order shall come into operation on the appointed day.

*Interpretation*

3. In this order—

“the appointed day” means 1st April 1981; and

“the Regulations” means the Local Government Area Changes Regulations 1976(b) as amended by the Local Government Area Changes (Amendment) Regulations 1978(c).

*The boundary map*

4. In this order, “the boundary map” means the map printed for Her Majesty’s Stationery Office by Ordnance Survey as “Map referred to in the North Wiltshire and Thamesdown (Areas) Order 1980”. The sheets of the map are respectively marked with the numbers 1 to 4.

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(a) 1972 c. 70.

(b) S.I. 1976/246.

(c) S.I. 1978/247.

*Changes in areas*

5. That part of the District of North Wiltshire and of the Parishes of Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregoze and Purton which is shown coloured red on the boundary map shall—

- (a) be transferred to the Borough of Thamesdown;
- (b) form part of the Swindon (West) electoral division of the County of Wiltshire and of the Swindon petty sessional division;
- (c) form a new ward of the Borough of Thamesdown to be known as the Toothill ward; and
- (d) cease to form part of any parish.

*Thamesdown Borough Council*

6.—(1) The number of councillors for the Toothill ward shall be three.

(2) (a) The provision made by this paragraph is supplemental to that made by regulation 8(1) (Councillors) of the Regulations.

(b) An election of borough councillors for the Toothill ward shall be held on such day prior to the appointed day as the returning officer shall appoint and the district council election rules for the time being in force shall apply to the said election with any necessary modifications.

(c) The persons elected as councillors as the result of the said election shall come into office on the appointed day. The councillor elected by the smallest number of votes shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1982, the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes on such day in 1983 and the remaining councillor on such day in 1984. If the election is not contested or any relevant votes are equal, the years of retirement shall be determined by lot drawn at the annual meeting of the borough council for 1981, and the drawing shall be conducted under the direction of the person then presiding at that meeting.

*Housing*

7. Any exchequer contribution payable to the District Council of North Wiltshire under section 46 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958(a) in respect of any house in an area transferred by article 5 shall be payable to the Borough Council of Thamesdown and the provisions of the said section 46 shall apply in respect of such house as they applied to the first mentioned council.

*Differential rating*

8. The amount in the pound of the general rate chargeable in respect of existing hereditaments in any area transferred by article 5 for any year shall be the lower of the following amounts (or if such amounts are equal the amount specified in (i))—

- (i) the amount in the pound of the general rate chargeable in the area of the former borough of Swindon for the year;
- (ii) the aggregate of—
  - (a) the amount in the pound of the general rate chargeable in respect of the said existing hereditaments for the preceding year;

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(a) 1958 c. 42.

(b) any increase in the amount in the pound of the general rate chargeable in the area of the former borough of Swindon for the year over the general rate chargeable in that area for the preceding year;

(c) 5·4p.

If the amount in the pound specified in (i) is that chargeable in respect of the said existing hereditaments in any area in relation to any year, this article shall have no effect in respect of such hereditaments in relation to any subsequent year.

*Local Acts, orders and byelaws*

9.—(1) The area of the former borough of Swindon shall be a relevant area within the meaning of regulation 41 (Local Acts, orders and byelaws) of the Regulations and is hereby specified in relation to paragraph (4) of that regulation, and the area comprising—

the first mentioned area; and  
the areas transferred by article 5

is hereby specified in relation to the first mentioned area.

(2) The provision of paragraph (1) is without prejudice to the operation of regulation 41(3) of the Regulations in respect of any area as altered.

15th October 1980.

*Michael R. D. Heseltine,*  
Secretary of State for the Environment.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE  
(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

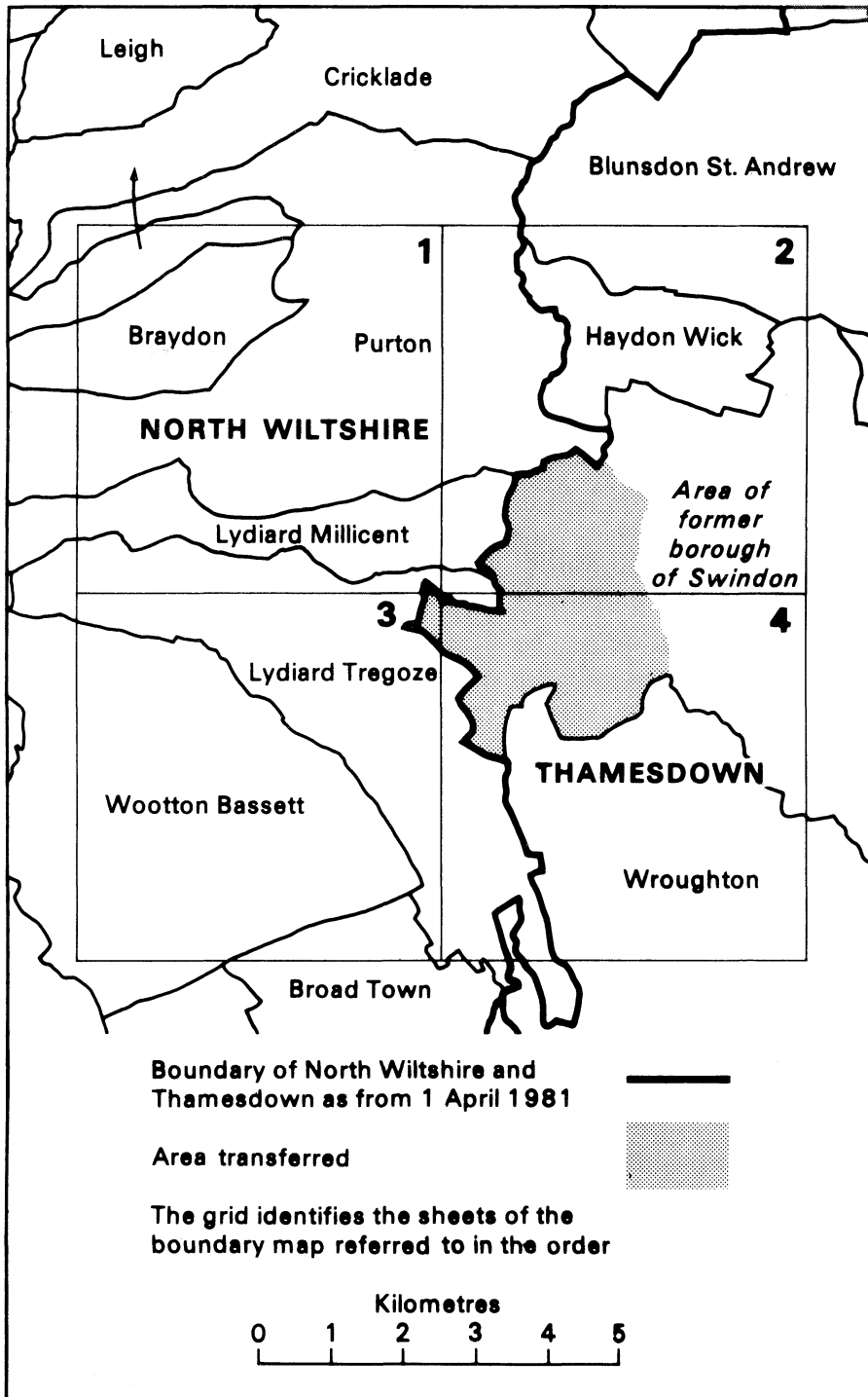
This order transfers parts of the Parishes of Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregoze and Purton from the District of North Wiltshire to the Borough of Thamesdown. The parts transferred have approximately an area of 850 hectares, a population of 7,500 and an estimated rateable value of £436,600.

The areas transferred are shown on the map forming part of this note.

The areas transferred are formed into a new ward in the Borough of Thamesdown.

Prints of the map referred to in article 4 of the order may be inspected at the offices of the district councils. Prints may be purchased from the Department of the Environment's Map Library.

Incidental, consequential, transitional and supplementary provision in consequence of orders of the nature of the present one is contained in the Regulations defined in article 3 of the order.



Based on the Ordnance Survey map

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