
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 2556

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The District of Three Rivers (Parishes
and Electoral Changes) Order 1998**

Made - - - - 16th October 1998

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 February 1998 on its review of the district of Three Rivers together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Three Rivers District Council, acting pursuant to section 9 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997⁽²⁾ has submitted to the Secretary of State a report on its review of parishes in the district of Three Rivers together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect to the recommendations of the Local Government Commission for England subject only to the modification recommended by the said District Council, to which he has agreed:

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 by sections 14 and 23 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, 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 District of Three Rivers (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 1998.

(2) This Order shall come into force—

(a) for the purposes of article 2 on 1st April 1999;

(b) for the purposes of all other articles on 6th May 1999;

except that for the purpose of all proceedings preliminary or relating to an election to be held on or after 6th May 1999 this Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

(3) In this Order—

(1) 1992 c. 19.

(2) 1997 c. 29.

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

“the district” means the district of Three Rivers;

“existing”, in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made;

any reference to “the map” is a reference to the map prepared by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions marked “Map of the District of Three Rivers (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 1998”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(4); and

any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number.

Transfers between parishes in Three Rivers

2. The area marked A on sheet 3 shall cease to form part of the parish of Watford Rural and shall become an unparished part of the district.

Wards of Three Rivers

3.—(1) The existing wards of the district(5) shall be abolished.

(2) The district shall be divided into twenty 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 parish wards, or, where no area is 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, waterway or other similar geographical feature, it shall be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Elections of the council of Three Rivers

4.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this article, the election of councillors for wards of the district shall be by thirds.

(2) Elections of all councillors for wards of the district shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1999(6).

(3) The councillors holding office for any ward in the district immediately before 10th May 1999 shall retire on that date and the newly elected councillors for any such ward shall come into office on that date.

(4) The order of retirement of councillors shall be as set out in Schedule 2.

(5) Where the number of councillors elected in 1999 for any ward of the district is two, the first to retire shall, subject to paragraphs (7) and (8) below, be the councillor elected by the smaller number of votes.

(6) Where the number of councillors elected in 1999 for any ward of the district is three—

(a) the first to retire shall, subject to paragraphs (7) and (8) below, be the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes; and

(b) the second to retire shall, subject to those paragraphs, be the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes.

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

(5) *see* The District of Three Rivers (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/2199).

(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).

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

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

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

(10) Except as otherwise provided in the foregoing paragraph of this article, 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 Abbots Langley

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into five parish wards which shall bear the names Abbots Langley, Bedmond, Langleybury, Leavesden and Primrose Hill and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 6 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be one in each case for Bedmond and Primrose Hill, four in each case for Abbots Langley and Langleybury and five in the case of Leavesden.

Wards of the parish of Chorleywood

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into five wards which shall bear the names Chorleywood Cedars, Chorleywood Chenies, Chorleywood East, Chorleywood Quickwood and Chorleywood West and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 5 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be one in the case of Chorleywood Quickwood, two in the case of Chorleywood Cedars, three in the case of Chorleywood Chenies, five in the case of Chorleywood West and six in the case of Chorleywood East.

Wards of the parish of Croxley Green

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names Croxley Green, Croxley Green North and Croxley Green South and each parish ward shall comprise the area of the ward of the district bearing the same name.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be five in each case for Croxley Green North and Croxley Green South and six in the case of Croxley Green.

Wards of the parish of Watford Rural

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into five parish wards which shall bear the names Ashridge, Carpenders Park, Hayling, Northwick and Oxhey Hall and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 3 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be two in the case of Ashridge and three in each case for Carpenders Park, Hayling, Northwick and Oxhey Hall.

Parish council elections

9.—(1) The term of office of any parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1999 for the parish of Chorleywood shall be three years.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the foregoing paragraph of this article, the term of office of parish councillors shall be four years and all parish councillors shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in the year of retirement and the newly elected parish councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

Revocation

10. The District of Three Rivers (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Hilary Armstrong
Minister of State,
Department of the Environment, Transport and
the Regions

16th October 1998

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of New Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of ward</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of councillors</i>
Abbots Langley		3
Ashridge		2
Bedmond & Primrose Hill		2
Carpenders Park		3
Chorleywood East		2
Chorleywood West		3
Croxley Green		3
Croxley Green North		2
Croxley Green South		2
Hayling		2
Langleybury		3
Leavesden		3
Maple Cross & Mill End		3
Moor Park & Eastbury		3
Northwick		3
Oxhey Hall		2
Penn		2
Rickmansworth		2
Rickmansworth West		2
Sarratt	The parish wards of Grove and Sarratt of the parish of Sarratt	1

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

<i>Name of New Ward</i>	<i>Number of Councillors to retire in 2000</i>	<i>Number of Councillors to retire in 2002</i>	<i>Number of Councillors to retire in 2003</i>
Abbots Langley	1	1	1
Ashridge	1	0	1
Bedmond & Primrose Hill	0	1	1

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Carpenders Park	1	1	1
Chorleywood East	1	1	0
Chorleywood West	1	1	1
Croxley Green	1	1	1
Croxley Green North	0	1	1
Croxley Green South	0	1	1
Hayling	1	0	1
Langleybury	1	1	1
Leavesden	1	1	1
Maple Cross & Mill End	1	1	1
Moor Park & Eastbury	1	1	1
Northwick	1	1	1
Oxhey Hall	1	0	1
Penn	1	1	0
Rickmansworth	1	1	0
Rickmansworth West	1	1	0
Sarratt	0	0	1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England and by the Three Rivers District Council, for boundary and electoral changes in the district of Three Rivers.

Article 2 makes changes to the boundary of the parish of Watford Rural.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 20 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 4 makes provision for a whole council election in Three Rivers in 1999 and for reversion to elections by thirds in subsequent years. Schedule 2 provides for the order of retirement of councillors.

Articles 5 to 8 create new wards for the parishes of Abbots Langley, Chorleywood, Croxley Green and Watford Rural and for the number of councillors.

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The areas of the new district and parish 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 Three Rivers District Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions which are located at 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.