EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, subject to the modification detailed below, to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham.

The modification is the inclusion of the Harlescott and Lancaster Road Industrial Estate in the Harlescott ward.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the borough and provides for the creation of twenty-four 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 3 makes provision for a whole council election in 2002 and for reversion to elections by thirds in subsequent years. Schedule 2 regulates the order of retirement of councillors.

Article 4 provides for elections of parish councils in the borough.

Article 5 revokes the Borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975.

The areas of the new borough 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 Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.