

2001 No. 3891

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of Mid Suffolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2001

Made - - - - - 4th December 2001

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(a), has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated June 2001 on its review of the district of Mid Suffolk together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17(b) and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992, 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 Mid Suffolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2001.

(2) This Order shall come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on 1st May 2003, on 15th October 2002;
- (b) for all other purposes, on 1st May 2003.

(3) In this Order—

“district” means the district of Mid Suffolk;

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

any reference to the map is a reference to the map prepared by the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions marked “Map of the District of Mid Suffolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2001”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(c).

Wards of the district of Mid Suffolk

2.—(1) The existing wards of the district(d) shall be abolished.

(2) The district shall be divided into thirty wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.

(a) 1992 c. 19.

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

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

(d) See the District of Mid Suffolk (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/46).

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to parishes or, where an area is not 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, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it shall be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Elections of the council of Mid Suffolk

3.—(1) The ordinary elections of all councillors of the district of Mid Suffolk shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of non-metropolitan district councillors in 2003(a) and every fourth year after 2003.

(2) 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 Combs

4. The parish of Combs shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 2; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule; and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in respect of the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Wards of the parish of Haughley

5. The parish of Haughley shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 3; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule; and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in respect of the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Wards of the parish of Stowmarket

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 2; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule; and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be five.

Revocation

7. The District of Mid Suffolk (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for
Transport, Local Government and the Regions

4th December 2001

Alan Whitehead
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department for Transport,
Local Government and the Regions

(a) 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) and section 17 of , and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 3 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29).

SCHEDULE 1

article 2

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> Name of Ward	<i>(2)</i> Area of Ward	<i>(3)</i> Number of Councillors
Bacton and Old Newton	The parishes of Bacton, Gipping and Old Newton with Dagworth	1
Badwell Ash	The parishes of Badwell Ash, Finningham, Great Ashfield, Hunston, Langham, Stowlangtoft, Westhorpe and Wyverstone	1
Barking and Somersham	The parishes of Barking, Baylham, Nettlestead, Offton, Somersham and Willisham	1
Bramford and Blakenham	The parishes of Bramford, Flowton, Great Blakenham and Little Blakenham	2
Claydon and Barham	The parishes of Akenham, Barham, Claydon, Hemingstone, Henley and Whitton	2
Debenham	The parishes of Aspall, Debenham and Winston	1
Elmswell and Norton	The parishes of Elmswell, Norton and Tostock	2
Eye	The parish of Eye	1
Fressingfield	The parishes of Fressingfield, Mendham, Metfield and Weybread	1
Gislingham	The parishes of Burgate, Gislingham, Mellis, Thornham Magna, Thornham Parva and Wortham	1
Haughley and Wetherden		1
Helmingham and Coddtenham	The parishes of Ashbocking, Coddtenham, Crowfield, Gosbeck, Framsdon, Helmingham and Pettaugh	1
Hoxne	The parishes of Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham and Wingfield	1
Mendlesham	The parishes of Cotton, Mendlesham and Wickham Skeith	1
Needham Market	The parishes of Needham Market and Badley	2
Onehouse	The parishes of Buxhall, Great Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland	1
Palgrave	The parishes of Brome and Oakley, Palgrave, Stuston, Thrandeston and Yaxley	1
Rattlesden	The parishes of Drinkstone, Felsham, Gedding and Rattlesden	1
Rickinghall and Walsham	The parishes of Botesdale, Hinderclay, Redgrave, Rickinghall Inferior, Rickinghall Superior, Walsham-le-Willows and Wattisfield	2
Ringshall		1
Stowmarket Central		2
Stowmarket North		3
Stowmarket South		2
Stowupland	The parishes of Creeting St Peter or West Creeting and Stowupland	1

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of Councillors</i>
Stradbroke and Laxfield	The parishes of Laxfield, Stradbroke and Wilby	1
The Stonhams	The parishes of Creeting St Mary, Stonham Aspal, Stonham Earl and Stonham Parva	1
Thurston and Hissett	The parishes of Beyton, Hissett and Thurston	2
Wetheringsett	The parishes of Braiseworth, Mickfield, Occold, Stoke Ash, Thorndon, Thwaite and Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford	1
Woolpit	The parish of Woolpit	1
Worlingworth	The parishes of Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Bedfield, Bedingfield, Brundish, Kenton, Monk Soham, Rishangles, Southold, Tannington and Worlingworth	1

SCHEDULE 2

article 4

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF COMBS NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of Councillors</i>
Combs North	So much of the district ward of Stowmarket South as comprises part of the parish of Combs	2
Combs South	So much of the district ward of Ringshall as comprises part of the parish of Combs	7

SCHEDULE 3

article 5

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF HAUGHLEY NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Number of Councillors</i>
Haughley North	So much of the district ward of Haughley and Wetherden as comprises part of the parish of Haughley	14
Haughley South	So much of the district ward of Stowmarket North as comprises part of the parish of Haughley	1

SCHEDULE 4

article 6

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF STOWMARKET
NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i>
Central	The district ward of Stowmarket Central
North	So much of the district ward of Stowmarket North as comprises part of the parish of Stowmarket
South	So much of the district ward of Stowmarket South as comprises part of the parish of Stowmarket

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the district of Mid Suffolk. The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 30 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 provides for the election of all councillors of the district of Mid Suffolk to take place in 2003 and every 4 years after that year.

Articles 4 to 6 make electoral changes in the parishes of Combs, Haughley and Stowmarket.

Article 7 revokes the District of Mid Suffolk (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978.

The areas of the new district 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 Mid Suffolk Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.

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