

**2001 No. 4053**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The District of Wealden (Electoral Changes) Order 2001**

*Made - - - - 20th 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 August 2001 on its review of the district of Wealden together with its recommendations; And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect, subject to one modification, 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 Wealden (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 Wealden;

“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 Wealden (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 Wealden**

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

(2) The district shall be divided into thirty-five 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 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.

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(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 Wealden (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/1071).

(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 the district of Wealden**

3.—(1) The ordinary elections of all councillors of the district of Wealden 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 Crowborough**

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Crowborough shall be abolished.

(2) The parish of Crowborough shall be divided into five 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 Hailsham**

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

(2) The parish of Hailsham shall be divided into four 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 Hartfield**

6.—(1) The parish of Hartfield shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 4; 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 Heathfield and Waldron**

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Heathfield and Waldron shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 5; 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 Maresfield**

8. The parish of Maresfield shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 6; 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 Mayfield and Five Ashes**

9. The parish of Mayfield and Five Ashes shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 7; each parish ward shall comprise the area of

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(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).

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 Polegate**

10.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Polegate 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 8; 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 Rotherfield**

11.—(1) The parish of Rotherfield shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Eridge and Mark Cross, and Rotherfield; the parish ward of Rotherfield shall be coterminous with the district ward of the same name, and the Eridge and Mark Cross parish ward shall consist of the rest of the parish.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the Eridge and Mark Cross parish ward shall be three and for the Rotherfield parish ward shall be ten.

#### **Wards of the parish of Uckfield**

12.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Uckfield shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 9; 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 Warbleton**

13. The parish of Warbleton shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 10; 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.

#### **Revocation**

14. The District of Wealden (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 is hereby revoked.

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

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

20th December 2001

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

**NAME 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
Alfriston	The parishes of Alciston, Alfriston, Berwick, Chalvington with Ripe and Selmeston	1
Buxted and Maresfield		2
Chiddingly and East Hoathly	The parishes of Chiddingly, East Hoathly with Halland and Laughton	1
Cross in Hand/Five Ashes		1
Crowborough East		2
Crowborough Jarvis Brook		1
Crowborough North		2
Crowborough St. Johns		1
Crowborough West		2
Danehill/Fletching/Nutley		2
East Dean	The parishes of Cuckmere Valley, East Dean and Friston, and Long Man	1
Forest Row		2
Framfield		1
Frant/Withyham		2
Hailsham Central and North		2
Hailsham East		1
Hailsham South and West		3
Hartfield		1
Heathfield East		1
Heathfield North and Central		3
Hellingly		2
Herstmonceux		1
Horam	The parish of Horam	1
Mayfield		1

<i>(1)</i> Name of ward	<i>(2)</i> Area of ward	<i>(3)</i> Number of councillors
Ninfield and Hooe with Wartling	The parishes of Hooe, Ninfield and Wartling	1
Pevensey and Westham	The parishes of Pevensey and Westham	3
Polegate North		2
Polegate South		1
Rotherfield		1
Uckfield Central		1
Uckfield New Town		1
Uckfield North		2
Uckfield Ridgewood		1
Wadhurst		2
Willingdon		3

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF CROWBOROUGH****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
East	The district ward of Crowborough East	4
Jarvis Brook	The district ward of Crowborough Jarvis Brook	2
North	The district ward of Crowborough North	4
St. Johns	The district ward of Crowborough St. Johns	2
West	The district ward of Crowborough West	4

## SCHEDULE 3

Article 5

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF HAILSHAM****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>
Central and North	The district ward of Hailsham Central and North	7
East	The district ward of Hailsham East	3
South and West	The district ward of Hailsham South and West	10
Upper Horsebridge	So much of district ward of Hellingly as comprises part of the parish of Hailsham	4

## SCHEDULE 4

Article 6

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF HARTFIELD****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>
Hartfield	So much of the district ward of Hartfield as comprises part of the parish of Hartfield	12
Holtye	So much of the district ward of Forest Row as comprises part of the parish of Hartfield	1

## SCHEDULE 5

Article 7

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON****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>
Cross in Hand	So much of the Cross in Hand/Five Ashes district ward as comprises part of the parish of Heathfield and Waldron	3
East	So much of the Heathfield East district ward as comprises part of the parish of Heathfield and Waldron	2
Heathfield	The district ward of Heathfield North and Central	14
Waldron	So much of the Framfield district ward as comprises part of the parish of Heathfield and Waldron	2

## SCHEDULE 6

Article 8

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF MARESFIELD****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>
Fairwarp	So much of the Hartfield district ward as comprises part of the Maresfield parish	3
Maresfield	So much of the Buxted and Maresfield district ward as comprises part of the Maresfield parish	5
Nutley	So much of the Danehill/Fletching/Nutley district ward as comprises part of the Maresfield parish	6

## SCHEDULE 7

Article 9

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES****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>
Five Ashes	So much of the Cross in Hand/Five Ashes district ward as comprises part of the parish of Mayfield and Five Ashes	3
Mayfield	The district ward of Mayfield	11
Rusher's Cross	So much of the Wadhurst district ward as comprises part of the parish of Mayfield and Five Ashes	1

## SCHEDULE 8

Article 10

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF POLEGATE****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>
North	The district ward of Polegate North	10
South	The district ward of Polegate South	5
Watermill	So much of the Willingdon district ward as comprises part of the parish of Polegate	2



## SCHEDULE 9

Article 12

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF UCKFIELD****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>
Central	The district ward of Uckfield Central	3
New Town	The district ward of Uckfield New Town	3
North	The district ward of Uckfield North	6
Ridgewood	The district ward of Uckfield Ridgewood	3

## SCHEDULE 10

Article 13

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF WARBLETON****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>
Bodle Street Green	So much of the Herstmonceux district ward as comprises part of the parish of Warbleton	2
Warbleton	So much of the Heathfield East district ward as comprises part of the parish of Warbleton	9

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

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

The modification is that the Secretary of State has decided that the number of parish councillors for the parish ward of Warbleton in the parish of Warbleton should be 9.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 35 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 elections to the council of the district in 2003 and every fourth year after 2003.

Articles 4 to 13 make electoral changes in the parishes of Crowborough, Hailsham, Hartfield, Heathfield and Waldron, Maresfield, Mayfield and Five Ashes, Polegate, Rotherfield, Uckfield and Warbleton.

Article 14 revokes the district of Wealden (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979.

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 Wealden 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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