2002 No. 1785

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of South Bucks (Electoral Changes) Order 2002

Made - - - - 11th July 2002

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 November 2001 on its review of the district of South Bucks together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Electoral Commission(b) have decided to give effect to those recommendations:

And whereas a period of not less than six weeks beginning with the submission of the report has expired:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(c) and 26(d) of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the District of South Bucks (Electoral Changes) Order 2002
 - (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.

Interpretation

- 2. In this Order—
 - "district" means the district of South Bucks;
 - "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 marked "Map of the District of South Bucks (Electoral Changes) Order 2002", of which prints are available for inspection at—

⁽a) 1992 c. 19. This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962).

⁽b) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992, to the extent that they relate to electoral changes within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

⁽c) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962. There are amendments to this section made otherwise than by S.I. 2001/3962 that are not relevant to this Order.

⁽d) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

- (a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and
- (b) the offices of South Bucks District Council.

Wards of the district of South Bucks

- **3.**—(1) The existing wards of the district(a) shall be abolished.
- (2) The district shall be divided into nineteen 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.
- (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.

Wards of the parish of Beaconsfield

- **4.**—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Beaconsfield shall be abolished.
- (2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names Beaconsfield North, Beaconsfield South and Beaconsfield West; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name; and the number of councillors to be elected for the Beaconsfield North parish ward shall be six and for each of the Beaconsfield South and Beaconsfield West parish wards shall be five.

Wards of the parish of Burnham

- **5.**—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Burnham 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 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 Denham

- **6.**—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Denham 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 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 Farnham Royal

7. The parish of Farnham Royal 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 Gerrards Cross

8.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Gerrards Cross shall be abolished.

⁽a) See the District of Beaconsfield (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/428) and the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Surrey (County Boundaries) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/330). The name of the district was changed from Beaconsfield to South Bucks on 1st April 1980, following a resolution of Beaconsfield District Council.

(2) The parish shall be divided into three 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 Iver

- **9.**—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Iver 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 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.

Maps

10. South Bucks District Council shall make a print of the map marked "Map of the District of South Bucks (Electoral Changes) Order 2002" available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral Registers

11. The Electoral Registration Officer(a) for the district shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Revocation

12. The District of Beaconsfield (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980(**b**) is revoked, save for article 4.

Signed by the members of the Electoral Commission

11th July 2002	Pamela Gordon Commissioner
11th July 2002	Glyn Mathias Commissioner
11th July 2002	Neil McIntosh Commissioner
11th July 2002	Karamjit Singh Commissioner
11th July 2002	Sam Younger Commissioner
11th July 2002	Graham Zellick Commissioner

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⁽a) As to electoral registration officers and the register of local government electors, see sections 8 to 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2).

⁽b) S.I. 1980/428.

SCHEDULE 1

article 3

article 5

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) Name of Ward	(2) Area of Ward	(3) Number of Councillors
Beaconsfield North		3
Beaconsfield South		2
Beaconsfield West		2
Burnham Beeches		1
Burnham Church		3
Burnham Lent Rise		3
Denham North		2
Denham South		2
Dorney and Burnham South		1
Farnham Royal		3
Gerrards Cross East and Denham South West		1
Gerrards Cross North		2
Gerrards Cross South		2
Hedgerley and Fulmer	The parishes of Fulmer and Hedgerley	1
Iver Heath		3
Iver Village and Richings Park		3
Stoke Poges		3
Taplow	The parish of Taplow	1
Wexham and Iver West		2

SCHEDULE 2

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

(1) Name of Ward	(2) Area of Ward	(3) Number of Councillors
Burnham Beeches	The district ward of Burnham Beeches	3
Burnham Church	The district ward of Burnham Church	7
Burnham Lent Rise	The district ward of Burnham Lent Rise	8
Burnham South	So much of the district ward of Dorney and Burnham South as comprises part of the parish of Burnham	1

SCHEDULE 3

article 6

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

(1) Name of Ward	(2) Area of Ward	(3) Number of Councillors
Denham North	The district ward of Denham North	7
Denham South	The district ward of Denham South	7
Denham South West	So much of the district ward of Gerrards Cross East and Denham South West as comprises part of the parish of Denham	1

SCHEDULE 4

article 7

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF FARNHAM ROYAL NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) Name of Ward	(2) Area of Ward	(3) Number of Councillors
Farnham Royal North	The district ward of Farnham Royal	10
Farnham Royal South	So much of the district ward of Stoke Poges as comprises part of the parish of Farnham Royal	1

SCHEDULE 5

article 8

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF GERRARDS CROSS NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) Name of Ward	(2) Area of Ward	(3) Number of Councillors
Gerrards Cross East	So much of the district ward of Gerrards Cross East and Denham South West as comprises part of the parish of Gerrards Cross	2
Gerrards Cross North	The district ward of Gerrards Cross North	5
Gerrards Cross South	The district ward of Gerrards Cross South	5

SCHEDULE 6

article 9

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

(1) Name of Ward	(2) Area of Ward	(3) Number of Councillors
Iver Heath	The district ward of Iver Heath	6
Iver Village and Richings Park	The district ward of Iver Heath and Richings Park	7
Iver West	So much of the district ward of Wexham and Iver West as comprises part of the parish of Iver	1

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 South Bucks. The recommendations were submitted to the Secretary of State, but the functions of the Secretary of State under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 so far as they relate to electoral changes were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission under the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962), with effect from 1st April 2002. That Order provides that recommendations submitted to the Secretary of State before 1st April would have effect as if they had been submitted to the Electoral Commission.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 19 new wards. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Articles 4 to 9 make electoral changes in the parishes of Beaconsfield, Burnham, Denham, Farnham Royal, Gerrards Cross and Iver.

Article 11 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 12 revokes the District of Beaconsfield (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/428), with the exception of article 4.

The areas of the new district wards are demarcated on the map described in article 2. Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of South Bucks District Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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