

2007 No. 139

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Borough of Dacorum (Electoral Changes) Order 2007

Made - - - - *25th January 2007*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The Boundary Committee for England(a), under section 15(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1992(c) (“the 1992 Act”), have conducted a review of the borough(d) of Dacorum and have submitted to the Electoral Commission(e) recommendations dated August 2006.

A period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations.

The Electoral Commission have decided to give effect, with modifications, to those recommendations.

Accordingly, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 17(f) and 26(g) of the 1992 Act, make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Borough of Dacorum (Electoral Changes) Order 2007.
- (2) This Order comes into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007, on the day after that on which it is made;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—
 - “borough” means the borough of Dacorum;
 - “existing”, in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made;

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- (a) The Boundary Committee for England is a committee of the Electoral Commission, established by the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 14 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (“the 2000 Act”) (c.41). The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962) transferred to the Electoral Commission the functions of the Local Government Commission for England.
 - (b) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.
 - (c) 1992 c.19.
 - (d) The non-metropolitan district of Dacorum has the status of a borough.
 - (e) The Electoral Commission was established by the 2000 Act (c.41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the 1992 Act (c.19), 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).
 - (f) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.
 - (g) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Borough of Dacorum (Electoral Changes) Order 2007”, of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Electoral Commission: and any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number;

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(a); and

“registration officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8(b) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Wards of the borough of Dacorum

3.—(1) The existing wards of the borough(c) shall be abolished.

(2) The borough shall be divided into twenty-five wards which shall be named as set out in column (1) of the Schedule.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to parishes and parish wards 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.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (3) of the Schedule.

(5) 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 Berkhamsted

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into three wards which shall be named Berkhamsted Castle, Berkhamsted East and Berkhamsted West.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on sheet 2 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be five.

Wards of the parish of Tring

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into three wards which shall be named Tring Bunstrux, Tring Dunsley and Tring Miswell.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on sheet 1 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for Tring Bunstrux ward shall be five, for Tring Miswell ward shall be four, and for Tring Dunsley ward shall be three.

Map

6. Dacorum Borough Council shall make a print of the map available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

(a) 1983 c.2, section 37 has been 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).

(b) Section 8 has been amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19) and the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39).

(c) See the Borough of Dacorum (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2552).

Electoral register

7. The registration officer for the borough 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.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 25th day of January 2007



25th January 2007

Sam Younger
Chairman of the Commission

25th January 2007

Peter Wardle
Chief Executive to the Commission

SCHEDULE

article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>	<i>Column (3)</i>
<i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>Number of Councillors</i>
Adeyfield East		2
Adeyfield West		2
Aldbury and Wigginton	Aldbury parish; Wigginton parish	1
Apsley and Corner Hall		3
Ashridge	Little Gaddesden parish; Nettleden with Potten End parish	1
Bennetts End		2
Berkhamsted Castle	Berkhamsted Castle parish ward of Berkhamsted parish	2
Berkhamsted East	Berkhamsted East parish ward of Berkhamsted parish	2
Berkhamsted West	Berkhamsted West parish ward of Berkhamsted parish	2
Bovingdon, Flaunden and Chipperfield		3
Boxmoor		3
Chaulden and Warners End		3
Gadebridge		2
Grovehill		3
Hemel Hempstead Town		2
Highfield		2
Kings Langley	Kings Langley parish	2
Leverstock Green		3
Nash Mills		1
Northchurch	Northchurch parish	1
Tring Central	Tring Bunstrux parish ward of Tring parish	2
Tring East	Tring Dunsley parish ward of Tring parish	1
Tring West and Rural	Tring Rural parish; Tring Miswell parish ward of Tring parish	2
Watling	Flamstead parish; Great Gaddesden parish; Markyate parish	2
Woodhall Farm		2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to the electoral arrangements for the borough of Dacorum following recommendations made by the Boundary Committee for England to the Electoral Commission.

The Electoral Commission accepted the Boundary Committee's recommendations with modifications. The modifications concern the names of Grovehill district ward and Hemel Hempstead Town district ward.

The electoral changes apply in respect of local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the borough and replaces them with 25 new ones. That article, the Schedule and the map also establish the names and areas of the new borough wards and the numbers of borough councillors for each ward.

Article 4 abolishes the existing parish wards of the parish of Berkhamsted and replaces them with 3 new ones. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new parish wards and the numbers of parish councillors for each ward.

Article 5 abolishes the existing parish wards of the parish of Tring and replaces them with 3 new ones. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the new parish wards and the numbers of parish councillors for each ward.

Article 7 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new borough and parish wards. It is available at www.boundarycommittee.org.uk/your-area/dacorum.cfm and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Dacorum Borough Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.

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