

**2007 No. 323**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The District of West Wiltshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2007**

*Made* - - - - *8th February 2007*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

The Boundary Committee for England<sup>(a)</sup>, under section 15(4)<sup>(b)</sup> of the Local Government Act 1992<sup>(c)</sup> (“the 1992 Act”), have conducted a review of the district of West Wiltshire and have submitted to the Electoral Commission<sup>(d)</sup> recommendations dated September 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 one modification, to those recommendations.

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

**Citation and commencement**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the District of West Wiltshire (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—

“district” means the district of West Wiltshire;

“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 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).
  - (e) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.
  - (f) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the District of West Wiltshire (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 district of West Wiltshire**

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

(2) The district shall be divided into twenty-four 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 Bradford-on-Avon**

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Bradford-on-Avon shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into two wards which shall be named Bradford-on-Avon North and Bradford-on-Avon South.

(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 six.

### **Wards of the parish of Melksham**

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into three wards which shall be named Melksham East, Melksham North and Melksham Spa.

(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 Melksham East ward shall be seven, for Melksham Spa ward shall be six and for Melksham North ward shall be two.

### **Wards of the parish of Trowbridge**

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

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(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 District of West Wiltshire (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2926).

(2) The parish shall be divided into seven wards which shall be named Trowbridge Bradley Road, Trowbridge Central, Trowbridge East, Trowbridge North East, Trowbridge North West, Trowbridge South West and Trowbridge Whiterow Park.

(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 Trowbridge East ward shall be five, for each of Trowbridge Central and Trowbridge South West wards shall be four, for Trowbridge North East ward shall be three, for Trowbridge North West ward shall be two and for each of Trowbridge Bradley Road and Trowbridge Whiterow Park wards shall be one.

#### **Wards of the parish of Westbury**

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Westbury shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into two wards which shall be named Westbury Ham and Westbury Laverton.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on sheets 3 and 4 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for Westbury Ham ward shall be nine and for Westbury Laverton ward shall be seven.

#### **Map**

8. West Wiltshire District Council shall make a print of the map available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

#### **Electoral register**

9. The registration officer 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.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 8th day of February 2007



8th February 2007

*Sam Younger*  
Chairman of the Commission

8th February 2007

*Jacqui Dixon*  
Secretary 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>
Atworth, Whitley and South Wraxall	Atworth parish; South Wraxall parish; Shaw and Whitley parish ward of Melksham Without parish	1
Avonside	Broughton Gifford parish; Hilperton parish; Holt parish; Staverton parish	3
Bradford-on-Avon North	Bradford-on-Avon North parish ward of Bradford-on-Avon parish	2
Bradford-on-Avon South	Westwood parish; Wingfield parish; Bradford-on-Avon South parish ward of Bradford-on-Avon parish	2
Dilton	Chapmanslade parish; Dilton Marsh parish; Upton Scudamore parish	1
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Manor Vale	Limpley Stoke parish; Monkton Farleigh parish; Winsley parish	1
Melksham East	Melksham East parish ward of Melksham parish	2
Melksham Spa	Melksham Spa parish ward of Melksham parish	2
Melksham Without	Melksham North parish ward of Melksham parish; Beanacre and Bowerhill parish ward of Melksham Without parish; the lands common to the parishes of Broughton Gifford and Melksham Without	3
Mid Wylve Valley	Bishopstrow parish; Boyton parish; Chitterne parish; Codford parish; Heytesbury parish; Knook parish; Norton Bavant parish; Sherrington parish; Stockton parish; Upton Lovell parish	1
Shearwater	Brixton Deverill parish; Corsley parish; Horningsham parish; Kingston Deverill parish; Longbridge Deverill parish; Sutton Veny parish	1
Summerham	Bulkington parish; Great Hinton parish; Keevil parish; Semington parish; Steeple Ashton parish	1
Trowbridge and North Bradley	North Bradley parish; Trowbridge Bradley Road parish ward of Trowbridge parish	1
Trowbridge and Southwick	Southwick parish; Trowbridge Whiterow Park parish ward of Trowbridge parish	1

Trowbridge Central	Trowbridge Central parish ward of Trowbridge parish	2
Trowbridge East	Trowbridge East parish ward of Trowbridge parish	3
Trowbridge North East	Trowbridge North East parish ward of Trowbridge parish	2
Trowbridge North West	Trowbridge North West parish ward of Trowbridge parish	1
Trowbridge South West	Trowbridge South West parish ward of Trowbridge parish	2
Warminster East	Warminster East parish ward of Warminster parish	3
Warminster West	Warminster West parish ward of Warminster parish	3
Westbury Ham		3
Westbury Laverton	Westbury Laverton parish ward of Westbury parish	2

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

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

The Electoral Commission accepted the Boundary Committee's recommendations with one modification. The modification concerns the name of Avonside 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 district and replaces them with 24 new ones. That article, the Schedule and the map also establish the names and areas of the new district wards and the numbers of district councillors for each ward.

Article 4 abolishes the existing parish wards of the parish of Bradford-on-Avon and replaces them with 2 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 Melksham 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 6 abolishes the existing parish wards of the parish of Trowbridge and replaces them with 7 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 abolishes the existing parish wards of the parish of Westbury and replaces them with 2 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 9 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 district and parish wards. It is available at [www.boundarycommittee.org.uk/your-area/westwiltshire.cfm](http://www.boundarycommittee.org.uk/your-area/westwiltshire.cfm) and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of West Wiltshire District Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.

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