
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No. 161

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Ashford (Electoral Changes) (No. 2) Order 2023

*Made - - - - 16th February 2023
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and
(3)*

Under section 92(2) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007⁽¹⁾, Ashford Borough Council (“the Council”) made recommendations in a review to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England⁽²⁾ for the related alteration of the boundaries of electoral divisions within the Council’s area.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has decided to give effect to the recommendations and makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 92(3) of that Act.

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Ashford (Electoral Changes) (No. 2) Order 2023.
- (2) This article comes into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.
- (3) Article 2 comes into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2024;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England⁽³⁾ in 2025.
- (4) This Order extends to England and Wales but applies in relation to England only.

(1) 2007 c. 28. Section 92 was amended by paragraph 32 of Schedule 4 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20) (“the 2009 Act”).

(2) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the 2009 Act. The functions of the Electoral Commission under Chapter 3 of Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28) (“the 2007 Act”) were transferred under section 60 of the 2009 Act to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on 1st April 2010.

(3) The ordinary day of election of councillors in England is prescribed by section 37(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), as amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50) and section 6(16) of the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4).

Alteration of electoral division boundaries

2.—(1) The area marked A on Plan 4 as referred to in the Ashford Borough (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order No 1 2016(4) (“the Order”), which ceased to be part of the parish of Shadoxhurst and became part of the parish of Great Chart with Singleton in consequence of the Order, ceases to be part of the electoral division of Ashford Rural South and becomes part of the electoral division of Ashford Rural West.

(2) The area marked D on Plan 4 as referred to in the Order, which ceased to be part of the parish of Great Chart with Singleton and became part of the parish of Kingsnorth in consequence of the Order, ceases to be part of the electoral division of Ashford Rural West and becomes part of the electoral division of Ashford Rural South.

(3) The area marked A on Plan 6 referred to in the Order, which became part of the parish of Kingsnorth in consequence of the Order, ceases to be part of the electoral division of Ashford East and becomes part of the electoral division of Ashford Rural South.

(4) The area marked B on Plan 6 referred to in the Order, which became part of the parish of Kingsnorth in consequence of the Order, ceases to be part of the electoral division of Ashford East and becomes part of the electoral division of Ashford Rural South.

(5) The area marked C on Plan 6 as referred to in the Order, which ceased to be part of the parish of Kingsnorth in consequence of the Order, ceases to be part of the electoral division of Ashford Rural South and becomes part of the electoral division of Ashford East.

Sealed with the seal of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England



16th February 2023

Jolyon Jackson
Chief Executive
Local Government Boundary Commission for
England

(4) That Order was made by Ashford Borough Council on 23rd September 2016, and is available for inspection at the offices of Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Ashford Borough Council to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for the alteration of electoral division boundaries.

The alterations are a consequence of changes to parish boundaries under the Ashford Borough (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order No 1 2016 made by Ashford Borough Council under powers including section 86 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28). A hard copy of that Order is available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL.

The changes to the electoral divisions described in article 2 apply in respect of elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2025.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.