

**2023 No. 285**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The West Suffolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2023**

*Made* - - - - *8th March 2023*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2), (3) and (4)*

Under section 92(2) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007<sup>(a)</sup>, West Suffolk Council (“the Council”) made recommendations in a review to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England<sup>(b)</sup> for the related alteration of the boundaries of a number of district wards and county 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, commencement, extent and application**

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the West Suffolk (Electoral Changes) Order 2023.
- (2) This article and article 2 come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.
- (3) Article 3 comes into force—
  - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 1st April 2023;
  - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England<sup>(c)</sup> in 2023.
- (4) Article 4 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 in 2025.
- (5) This Order extends to England and Wales but applies in relation to England only.

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(a) 2007 c. 28 (“the 2007 Act”). 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”).

(b) 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 2007 Act were transferred under section 60 of the 2009 Act to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on 1st April 2010.

(c) 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), renumbered by paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29), and further amended by section 6(16) of the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4).

## **Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

- (a) “the Council’s Order of 11th October 2022” means the West Suffolk (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Dalham, Ousden, Denston, Wickhambrook, Worlington, Red Lodge) Order 2022(a);
- (b) “the Council’s Order of 27th October 2022” means the West Suffolk (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill, Rushbrooke with Rougham) Order 2022(b).

## **Alteration of district ward boundaries**

3.—(1) Notwithstanding the amended parish boundary between the parish of Rushbrooke with Rougham and the parish of Bury St Edmunds provided for under the Council’s Order of 27th October 2022, that part of the existing Moreton Hall district ward which remains in Rushbrooke with Rougham parish is to be transferred from Moreton Hall district ward to Rougham district ward.

(2) The part of the parish of Worlington that becomes part of the parish of Red Lodge by virtue of the Council’s Order of 11th October 2022 ceases to be part of the Manor district ward and becomes part of the Icen district ward.

## **Alteration of a county electoral division boundary**

4. The part of the parish of Worlington that becomes part of the parish of Red Lodge by virtue of the Council’s Order of 11th October 2022 ceases to be part of the Mildenhall county electoral division and becomes part of the Red Lodge county electoral division.

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



8th March 2023

Local Government Boundary Commission for England

*Jolyon Jackson*  
Chief Executive

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by West Suffolk Council to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for related alterations following a reorganisation of community review by the Council given effect to by the West Suffolk (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Dalham, Ousden, Denston, Wickhambrook, Worlington, Red Lodge)

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- (a) That Order was made by West Suffolk Council (“the Council”) on 11th October 2022 under powers including section 86 of the 2007 Act. Such Orders are not required to be made by statutory instrument. A hard copy of that Order is available for inspection at reasonable times at West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU (“the Council’s offices”).
  - (b) That Order was made by the Council on 27th October 2022 under powers including section 86 of the 2007 Act. Such Orders are not required to be made by statutory instrument. A hard copy of that Order is available for inspection at reasonable times at the Council’s offices.

Order 2022 and the West Suffolk (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill, Rushbrooke with Rougham) Order 2022 (together being “the Council’s Orders”).

The alterations are a consequence of changes to parish boundaries and warding arrangements under the Council’s Orders which were made by West Suffolk Council under powers including section 86 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28). A hard copy of those orders are available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU.

The changes described in article 3 (in relation to district wards) apply in respect of elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2023.

The changes described in article 4 (in relation to county electoral divisions) apply in respect of elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2025.

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

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