Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 59(9) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009; draft to lie for forty days, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, during which period either House of Parliament may resolve that the Order be not made.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Northamptonshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2013

Made - - - - ***

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) to (4)

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**1**) ("the Act") the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**2**) published a report dated October 2012 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the county of Northamptonshire. The Commission has decided to give effect to the recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before Parliament and a period of forty days has expired and neither House has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59(1) of the Act:

Citation and Commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Northamptonshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2013.

(2) This Order, with the exception of articles 4 to 7, comes into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or related to the election of councillors, on the day after it is made;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2013.

(3) Article 4 comes into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2013;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2014.

(4) Articles 5 to 7 come into force—

(**1**) 2009 c.20.

(**2**) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c.20).

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or related to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2014;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2015.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Northamptonshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2013", prints of which are available for inspection at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England;

"ordinary day of election of councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**3**).

Electoral divisions of the county of Northamptonshire and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of the county of Northamptonshire are abolished.

(2) The county is divided into 57 electoral divisions each bearing a name listed in the Schedule.

(3) Each electoral division comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the electoral division.

(4) One councillor is to be elected for each electoral division.

(5) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it is to be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Wards of the parish of Daventry and number of councillors

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Daventry are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into seven wards named respectively—

(a) Abbey Central;

(b) Abbey North;

(c) Abbey South;

(d) Ashby Fields;

(e) Daneholme;

(f) Drayton;

(g) Hill.

(3) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.

(4) Two councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Abbey Central;

(b) Abbey South;

(c) Ashby Fields.

(5) One councillor is to be elected for each of Abbey North ward and Daneholme ward.

(6) Five councillors are to be elected for Drayton ward.

(**3**) 1983 c.2; section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50), paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29) and section 60(1) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).

(7) Four councillors are to be elected for Hill ward.

Wards of the parish of Duston and number of councillors

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Duston are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into three wards named respectively—

(a) New Duston East;

(b) New Duston West;

(c) Old Duston.

(3) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.

(4) Two councillors are to be elected for New Duston East ward.

(5) Four councillors are to be elected for New Duston West ward.

(6) Six councillors are to be elected for Old Duston ward.

Wards of the parish of Rushden and number of councillors

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Rushden are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into eight wards named respectively—

(a) Rushden Bates;

(b) Rushden Hayden;

(c) Rushden Hayden Central;

(d) Rushden Pemberton;

(e) Rushden Sartoris East;

(f) Rushden Sartoris West;

(g) Rushden Spencer North;

(h) Rushden Spencer South.

(3) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.

(4) Three councillors are to be elected for each of Rushden Bates ward and Rushden Spencer South ward.

(5) Four councillors are to be elected for Rushden Hayden ward.

(6) One councillor is to be elected for each of Rushden Hayden Central ward and Rushden Sartoris West ward.

(7) Five councillors are to be elected for Rushden Pemberton ward.

(8) Two councillors are to be elected for each of Rushden Sartoris East ward and Rushden Spencer North ward.

Wards of the parish of Upton and number of councillors

7.—(1) The parish of Upton is divided into two wards named respectively—

(a) Upton North;

(b) Upton South.

(2) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward.

(3) Eight councillors are to be elected for Upton North ward.

(4) Three councillors are to be elected for Upton South ward.