

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007
The Dartford Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance)
Order 2018

Made 30 November 2018

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The Dartford Borough Council ("the Council"), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the 2007 Act"), has undertaken a community governance review. Following the review, recommendations were taken to the General Assembly of the Council on 27 September 2018.

The Council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons, and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient.

The Council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section.

The Council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98(3) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

Citation and commencement

1. (1) This Order may be cited as The Dartford Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2018.
- (2) It shall come into force on 1 April 2019.
- (3) Article 4 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019.
- (4) For the purposes of:
 - (a) this article, and
 - (b) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parishes set out in Schedule 2 whose boundaries are to be changed on 1 April 2019,this Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

Interpretation

2. In this Order -
 - {/Borough" means the borough of Dartford;
 - {/Existing" means existing on the date this Order is made;
 - {/Map" means the map marked "Map referred to in The Dartford Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2018" and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act;
 - "Ordinary day of election of councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983; and

"Registration Officer" means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Effect of Order

3. This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

Wards of Parishes and number of councillors

4. Parish wards for Darenth; Stone; Swanscombe and Greenhithe; and Wilmington will be as follows:

Darenth

- (1) The Existing four wards created by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's Reorganisation Order 2018 shall be abolished;
- (2) The area of Fleetdown (as amended) shall cease to be part of the parish;
- (3) The remainder of the parish shall be divided into three wards which shall be named Darenth Valley, Green Street Green and Lane End;
- (4) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the Map by reference to the name of the ward;
- (5) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be two for Darenth Valley, one for Green Street Green and six for Lane End.

Stone

- (1) The Existing three wards created by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's Reorganisation Order 2018 shall be abolished;
- (2) The parish shall be divided into five wards which shall be named Milestone, St John's, Stone Village, Castle and Horns Cross;
- (3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the Map by reference to the name of the ward;
- (4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be two for Milestone, three for St John's, two for Stone Village, three for Castle and two for Horns Cross.

Swanscombe and Greenhithe

- (1) The Existing three wards created by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's Reorganisation Order 2018 shall be abolished;
- (2) The area of Ebbsfleet shall cease to be part of the parish;
- (3) The remainder of the parish shall be divided into three wards which shall be named Swanscombe, Greenhithe and Knockhall;
- (4) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the Map by reference to the name of the ward;

(5) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be six for Swanscombe, four for Greenhithe and three for Knockhall.

Wilmington

- (1) The Existing four wards created by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's Reorganisation Order 2018 shall be abolished;
- (2) The parish shall be divided into four wards which shall be named Orange Tree, Birchwood, Leyton Cross and Wilmington Central;
- (3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the Map by reference to the name of the ward;
- (4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be one for Orange Tree, three for Birchwood, one for Leyton Cross and four for Wilmington Central.

Elections

5. (1) The elections of all parish councillors for all of the parishes shall be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019.
(2) The term of office of every parish councillors elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019 shall be four years.

Numbers of Parish Councillors for Parish Councils

6. (1) The numbers of parish councillors to be elected for each of the parishes listed in column (A) of Schedule 1 will be the numbers shown in column (E) of that Schedule in place of the existing number shown in column (C).
(2) The effective date of election of the numbers of parish councillors shown in column (E) of Schedule 1 for the parishes listed in column (A) shall be the ordinary day of election for the year 2019.

Alteration of Parish Areas and the Areas of Parish Wards

7. (1) Schedule 2 contains details of alterations being made to areas of parishes and areas of parish wards.
(2) The reference and proposal number for each alteration is specified in Column (A) of Schedule 2, along with the names of the parishes concerned.
(3) Each of the areas referenced in column (A) of Schedule 2, shall cease to be part of the parish and parish ward, shown in columns (B) and (C) of the Schedule, and where relevant, shall become part of the parish and parish ward, specified in relation to that area in columns (D) and (E) of the Schedule.

Electoral Register

8. The Electoral Registration Officer for the Borough of Dartford shall make such re-arrangement of, or adaptation to, the register of local government electors for the borough as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Order Date

9. 1st April 2019 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

Sealed with the seal of The Dartford Borough Council on the 30 November 2018.



SCHEDULE 1 (Article 6)

NUMBERS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR PARISH COUNCILS

Parish	Current Number of Councillors (per LG BCE Order 2018)		New Number of Councillors		
	A	B	C	D	E
		LG BCE Wards	Number of Councillors	New Wards	Number of Councillors
Bean (no changes proposed to Parish)	No wards	7	No wards	7	
Darenth	Darenth Valley	2	Darenth Valley	2	
	Fleetdown	2	Green Street Green	1	
	Green Street Green	1	Lane End	6	
	Lane End	7			
Longfield and New Barn	Longfield Hill	1	Longfield Hill	1	
	Longfield Village	4	Longfield Village	4	
	New Barn East	4	New Barn East	4	
	New Barn West	3	New Barn West	3	
Southfleet	East	4	East	4	
	West	2	West	2	
Stone	Milestone	2	Milestone	2	
	St John's	3	St John's	3	
	Stone Castle	7	Stone Village	2	
			Castle	3	
		Horns Cross	2		
Sutton-at-Hone and Hawley	Hawley Village	3	Hawley	3	
	Sutton-at-Hone	6	Sutton-at-Hone	6	
Swanscombe and Greenhithe	Ebbsfleet	7	Swanscombe	6	
	Greenhithe & Knockhall	7	Greenhithe	4	
	Swanscombe	6	Knockhall	3	
Wilmington	Birchwood	3	Orange Tree	1	
	Maypole	1	Birchwood	3	
	Princes	1	Leyton Cross	1	

j Wilmington Central	4	Wilmington Central	4
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SCHEDULE TWO (Article 7)

ALTERATION OF AREAS OF PARISHES AND PARISH WARDS

A	B	C	D	E
Area	Parish from which omitted	Parish ward from which omitted	Parish to which added	Parish ward to which added
Fleetdown Estate {333 properties)	Darenth	Fleetdown	To become unparished	n/a
27 Studley Crescent DA3 7JL to transfer parishes	Southfleet	East	Longfield & New Barn	New Barn West
Boundary line between West & East wards - to be amended so that the boundary line follows the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.	Southfleet	East	Southfleet	West
Boundary line to the west of Milestone Parish - to be amended as currently crosses roads dividing communities.	Stone	Milestone	To become unparished	n/a
Ebbsfleet	Swanscombe & Greenhithe	Ebbsfleet	To become unparished	n/a
Dartford Heath - area is currently unparished but is not coterminous with borough arrangements. No electors are affected.	Unparished	n/a	Wilmington	Leyton Cross
74 & 72A Oakfield Lane and 51 Oakfield Park Road, Wilmington - remove from parish arrangements to bring them in line with neighbouring properties	Wilmington	Central Ward	To become unparished	n/a

109 Norfield Road Wilmington - to be removed from the parish to ensure it has the same electoral arrangements as its adjoining neighbour	Wilmington	Birchwood	To become unparished	n/a
Amendment of Orange Tree ward boundary, Wilmington to tidy the boundary line. No properties affected	Wilmington	Orange Tree	n/a	n/a

Explanatory Note

{This note is not part of the Order}

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by The Dartford Borough Council for the alteration of the areas of Darenth Parish Council, Longfield and New Barn Parish Council, Southfleet Parish Council, Stone Parish Council, Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council and Wilmington Parish Council.

These parishes will be altered with effect from 1 April 2019. The electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019.

Article 5 provides for parish elections for these parishes in 2019, and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

Article 4 and the associated Map establish the names and areas of the wards for each altered parish and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 8 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 7 shows the new wards of each parish. This map is available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of The Dartford Borough Council.