

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

South Oxfordshire District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2023

Made 19 January 2023

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

South Oxfordshire District 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 and made recommendations dated 10 October 2022 and 29 November 2022.

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 and 98(3) of the 2007 Act and all other enabling powers.

Citation and commencement

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the South Oxfordshire District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2023.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) below, this Order comes into force on 1 April 2023.

(3) Articles 4 to 7 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2023.

(4) For the purposes of:

(a) this article, and

(b) proceedings preliminary or relating to the calculation and issue of precepts relating to the parish councils affected by changes made by this Order, this Order and

(c) proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of parish councillors for the parish councils affected by changes made by this Order, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2023,

this Order shall come into force on 19 January 2023.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“district” means the district of South Oxfordshire;

“existing” means existing on the date this Order is made;

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the South Oxfordshire District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2023” and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act: 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; 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.

Alteration of parish areas and areas of parish wards and the number of parish councillors

Wards of the parish of Cuddesdon and Denton

4. (1) The existing wards of the parish of Cuddesdon and Denton shall be abolished.

(2) The parish of Cuddesdon and Denton shall not be divided into wards.

(3) Subsequent to the changes set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) above, the number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Cuddesdon and Denton (being 7) shall not change.

Alteration of parish areas and areas of parish wards of Bix and Assendon and Henley-on-Thames

5. (1) The area hatched on the map (sheet 1) and specified in column (1) of the table in Schedule 1 shall cease to be part of the parish and where applicable parish ward specified in relation to that area in columns (2) and (3) of the table of Schedule 1 and shall become part of the parish and where applicable parish ward specified in relation to that area in columns (4) and (5) of the table of Schedule 1.

Wards of the parish of Thame and the number of parish councillors

6. (1) The existing wards of the parish of Thame shall be abolished.
- (2) The parish of Thame is divided into two wards named respectively
 - (a) Thame South
 - (b) Thame North
- (3) Each ward comprises the area designated on the map (sheet 2) by reference to the name of the ward.
- (4) Subsequent to the changes set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) above, the number of councillors representing Thame shall not change and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward of the parish remain unchanged as specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 1 of Schedule 2.

Wards of the parish of Didcot, naming of wards and numbers of parish councillors

7. (1) The wards of Northbourne and Orchard shall be combined.
- (2) The number of councillors to be elected for the wards of the parish of Didcot is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of table 2 of Schedule 2.

Electoral Register

8. 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.

Order date

9. 1 April 2023 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

The Common Seal of
South Oxfordshire District Council
was affixed in the presence of



Authorised signatory

Dated 19 January 2023



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SCHEDULE 1

ALTERATION OF AREAS OF PARISHES AND PARISH WARDS

| <i>Column (1)</i> | <i>Column (2)</i> | <i>Column (3)</i> | <i>Column (4)</i> | <i>Column (5)</i> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Area</i> | <i>Parish from which omitted</i> | <i>Parish ward from which omitted</i> | <i>Parish to which added</i> | <i>Parish ward to which added</i> |
| Map 1 sheet 1 | Bix and Assendon | Not applicable | Henley-on-Thames | Henley North |

SCHEDULE 2
Wards and number of councillors

Table 1
Thame

| (1) Name of parish ward | (2) Number of councillors |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Thame South | 8 |
| Thame North | 8 |
| | Total number of councillors 16 |

Table 2
Didcot

| (1) Name of parish ward | (2) Number of councillors |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| All Saints | 5 |
| Ladygrove | 6 |
| Millbrook | 1 |
| Northbourne and Orchard | 4 |
| Park | 5 |
| | Total number of councillors 21 |

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by South Oxfordshire District Council's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee at its meetings on 10 October 2022 in respect of Articles 4, 5 and 6 and 29 November 2022 in respect of Article 7.

Article 4 abolishes the wards of the parish of Cuddesdon and Denton and confirms the number of parish councillors.

Article 5, the map and Schedule 1 alter the area of the parishes of Bix and Assendon and Henley-on-Thames.

Article 6, the map and Schedule 2 alter the area of the wards of the parish of Thame and confirms the number of parish councillors for each ward.

Article 7 and Schedule 2 combines two wards and specifies the number of parish councillors for all wards of the parish of Didcot.

Article 8 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

BIX AND ASSENDON PARISH

MAP 1

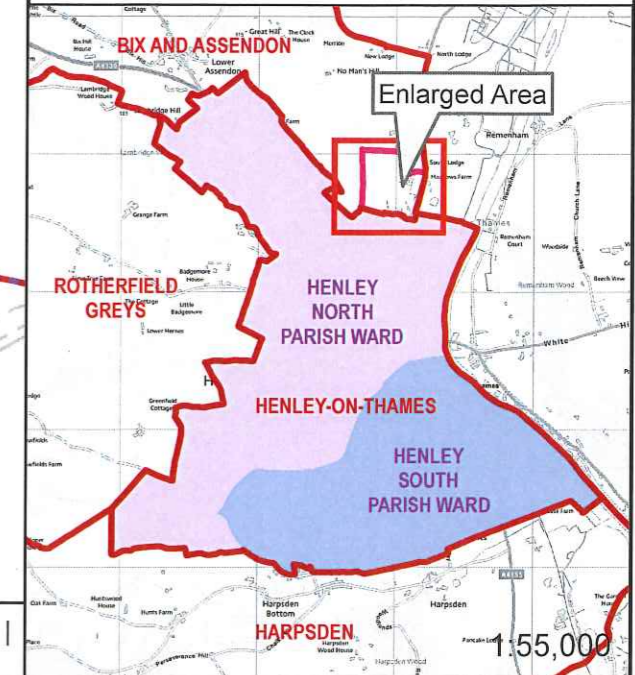
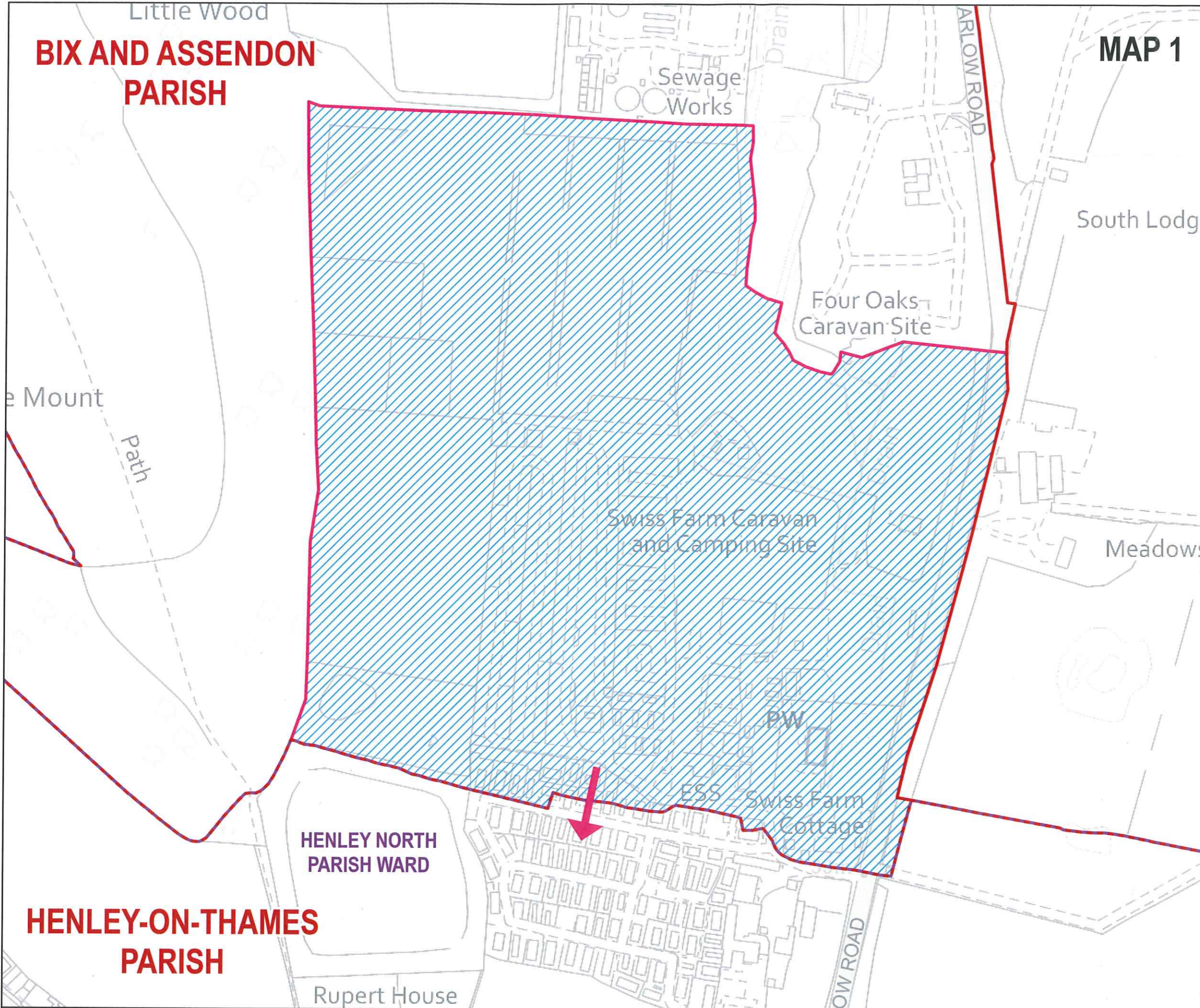
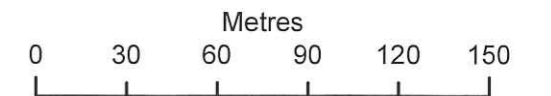


Listening Learning Leading



Map referred to in the South Oxfordshire District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2023 - Sheet 1

Amendment to Parish and Parish Ward Boundaries in the area of Henley-on-Thames & Bix and Assendon

- Current Parish and Parish Ward Boundary
- Parish and Parish Ward Boundary Change
- Area Affected



Map referred to in the South Oxfordshire District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2023 - Sheet 2

-  Thame Parish Boundary
 -  Parish Ward Boundaries
- 1. Thame North**
2. Thame South

