

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

## The Dorset Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order [No.9] (Gillingham and East Stour) 2023

*Made 6 April 2023*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

DORSET 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 14 July 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, 98(3), 98(4), 98(6) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

### **Citation and commencement**

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Dorset Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance Order [No.9] (Gillingham and East Stour) 2023.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) below this Order shall come into force on 1 April 2024.

(3) Article 5 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024.

(4) For the purposes of:

(a) this article; and

(b) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parish of Gillingham to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024,

this Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

### **Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

"district" means the district of Dorset;

"existing" means existing on the date this Order is made;

"map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Dorset Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance Order [No.9] (Gillingham and East Stour) 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.

### **Parish elections**

4. In accordance with section 40 of the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (Structural Changes) Order 2018:

(1) Elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Gillingham shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024.

(2) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024 shall be five years, and thereafter from the ordinary day of election in 2029 shall be four years.

### **Wards of the parish of Gillingham and numbers of parish councillors**

5. (1) The existing wards of the parish of Gillingham shall be abolished.

(2) The parish of Gillingham shall be divided into six wards which shall be named as set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (2) of Schedule 1.

### **Alteration of parish areas and the areas of parish wards**

6. Each area coloured and designated by a letter on the map and specified in column (1) of Schedule 1 shall cease to be part of the parish and parish ward area specified in relation to that area in columns (2) and (3) of the Schedule and shall become part of the parish and parish ward specified in relation to that area in columns (4) and (5) of the Schedule.

### **Electoral register**

7. 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.

### **Transfer of property, rights and liabilities**

8. The land, property, rights and liabilities described in Schedules 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall transfer from the Stours Parish Council to the Gillingham Town Council on the date specified in column (2) of those Schedules.

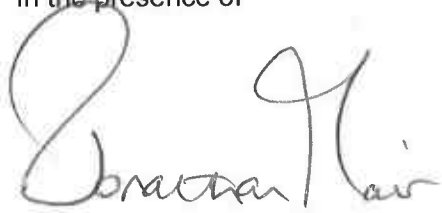
**Order date**

9. 1st April 2024 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

The Common SEAL of DORSET COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed

In the presence of

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Hair". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Authorised Signatory

Dated 6 April 2023



## SCHEDULE 1

### Article 5

#### WARDS OF THE PARISH OF Gillingham

#### NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>
<i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>Number of Councillors</i>
Ham	3
Milton on Stour	1
Gillingham Rural	1
Gillingham Town North	6
Gillingham Town South	3
Wyke	4

## SCHEDULE 2

### Article 6

#### 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>
"A" (Sheet 2)	East Stour	Not applicable	Gillingham	Ham

## SCHEDULE 3

### Article 8

#### LAND AND PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>
<i>Any land and property to be transferred</i>	<i>Date</i>
From the Stours Parish Council for the area specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 to the Parish area specified in column 4 of the said schedule.	1 April 2024

## SCHEDULE 4

### Article 8

#### HISTORICAL AND CEREMONIAL PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>
<i>Any historical and ceremonial property to be transferred</i>	<i>Date</i>
From the Stours Parish Council for the area specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 to the Parish area specified in column 4 of the said schedule.	1 April 2024

## SCHEDULE 5

## Article 8

### FUNDS AND BALANCES TO BE TRANSFERRED

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>
<i>Any funds and balances to be transferred</i>	<i>Date</i>
From the Stours Parish Council for the area specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 to the Parish area specified in column 4 of the said schedule.	1 April 2024

## SCHEDULE 6

## Article 8

### MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE TRANSFERRED

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>
<i>Any maintenance responsibilities to be transferred</i>	<i>Date</i>
From the Stours Parish Council for the area specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 to the Parish area specified in column 4 of the said schedule.	1 April 2024

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Dorset Council for the alteration of the area of the parishes of Gillingham and East Stour within the district of Dorset.

The electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2024.

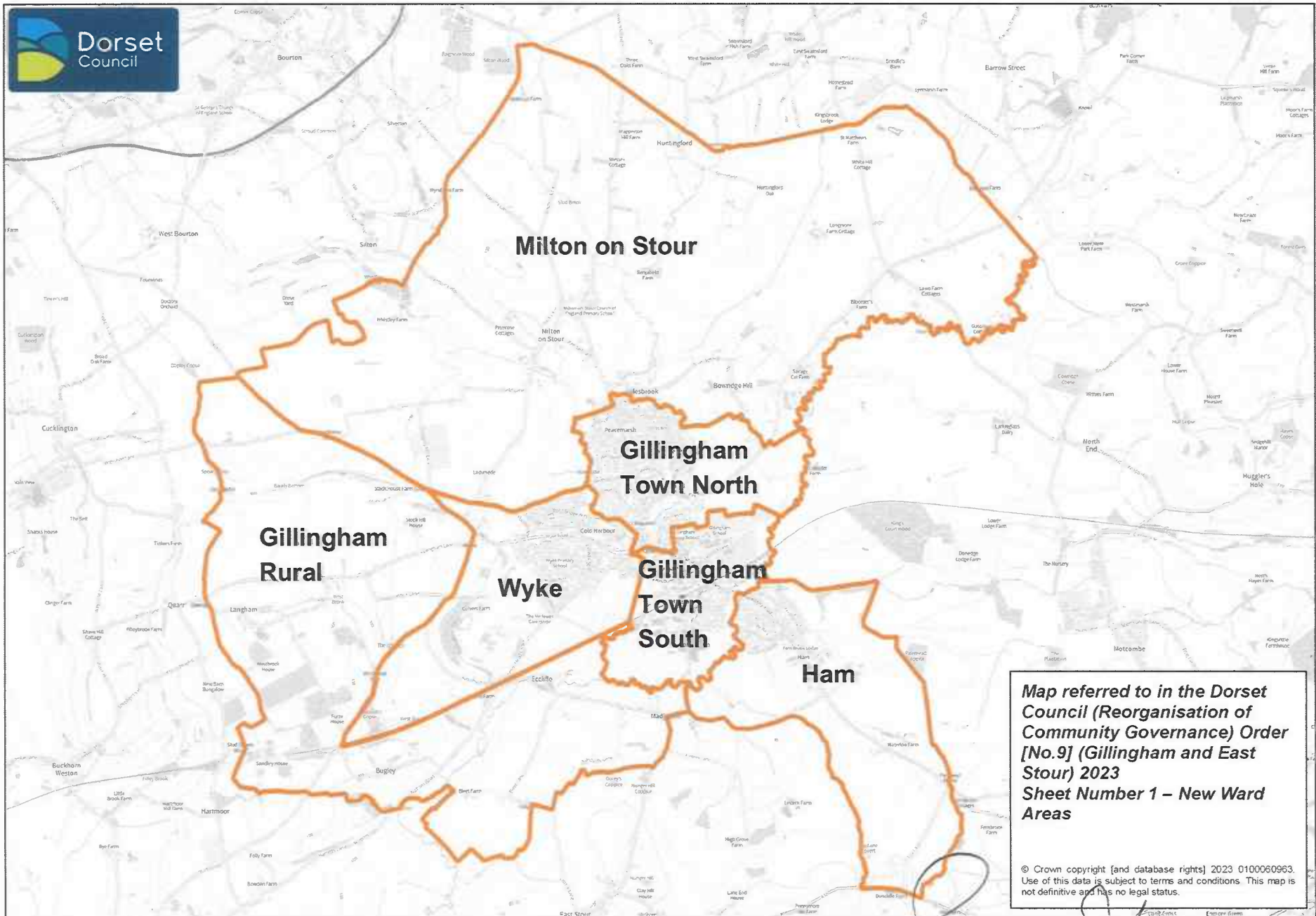
Article 4 provides for parish elections in the parish of Gillingham in 2024 for a term of five years and then from 2029 to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

Article 5 and the map establish the names and areas of the wards of Gillingham and the numbers of councillors for each ward.

Article 6 and the map establish the revised areas of the parishes of Gillingham and East Stour.

Article 7 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 2 shows the alteration to the areas of the parish of Gillingham and the parish of East Stour and the new wards of the parish of Gillingham. It is available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Dorset Council.

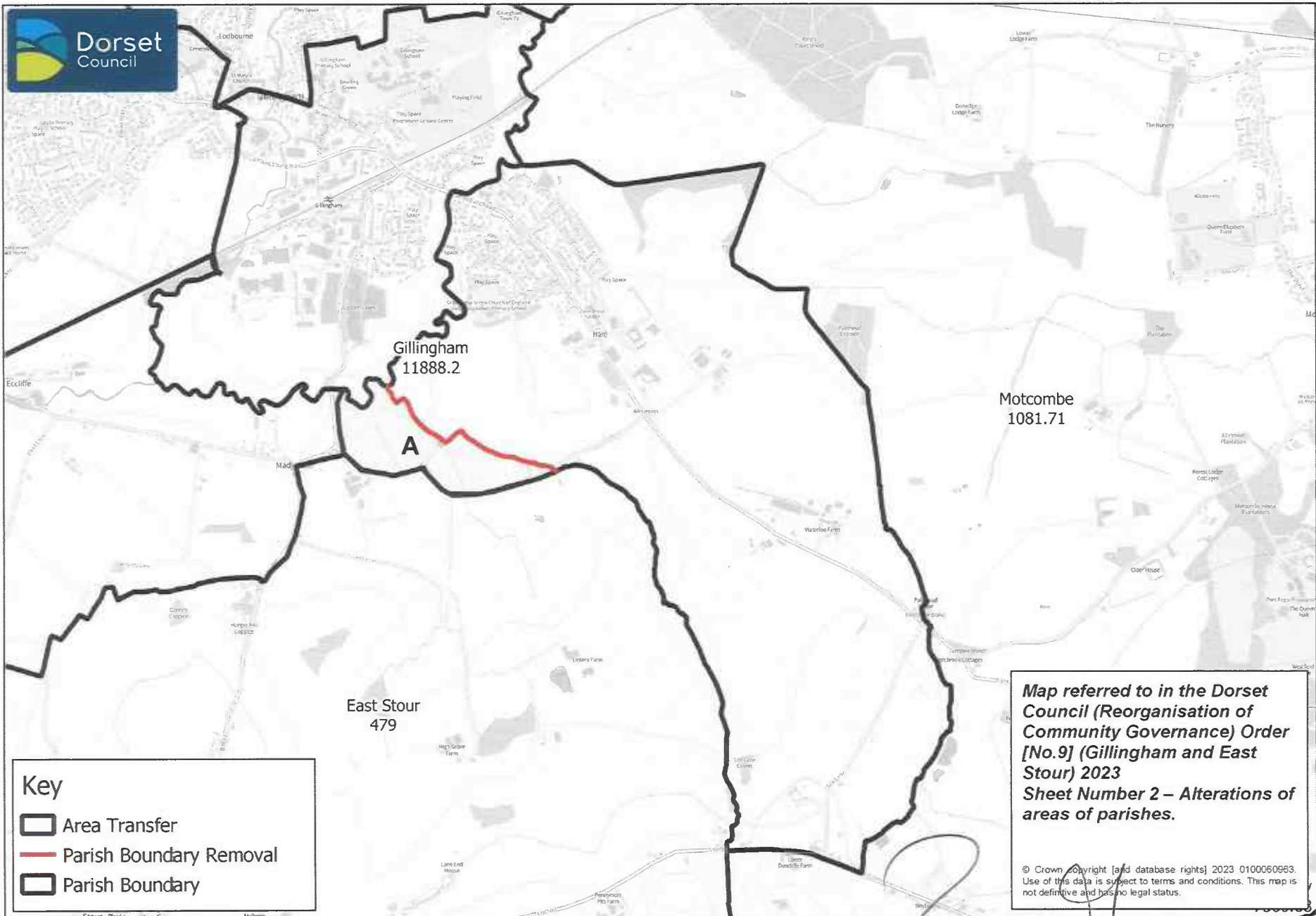


**Map referred to in the Dorset Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order [No.9] (Gillingham and East Stour) 2023**  
**Sheet Number 1 – New Ward Areas**

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Gillingham  
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Motcombe  
1081.71

East Stour  
479

**Key**

- Area Transfer
- Parish Boundary Removal
- Parish Boundary

**Map referred to in the Dorset Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order [No.9] (Gillingham and East Stour) 2023**  
**Sheet Number 2 – Alterations of areas of parishes.**

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