

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The North Hertfordshire District (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2025

Made 08 September 2025

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

North Hertfordshire District Council (“the council”), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007^(a) (“the 2007 Act”), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 10 July 2025:

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 98(6) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

Citation and commencement

1. —(1) This Order may be cited as the North Hertfordshire District (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2025.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) below, this Order comes into force on 1st April 2026.

(3) Articles 5, 7 and 8 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027. Article 6 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2026.

(4) For the purposes of:

(a) this article; and

(b) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027,

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 North Hertfordshire.

“the 1972 Act” means the Local Government Act 1972;

^(a) 2007 c.28.

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983^(b); 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^(c).

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

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the North Hertfordshire District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2025” 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.

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.

Amendment of term of office for of parish and town councillors etc

4. —(1) Notwithstanding section 16(3) of the 1972 Act (election of parish councillors)^(d) —
 - (a) the term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2026 shall be two years.
 - (b) the term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027 shall be five years.
 - (c) the term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2028 shall be four years.
 - (d) the term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2032 for any parish in North Hertfordshire shall be four years.
- (2) In this article “any parish in North Hertfordshire” means a council which was in existence on 31st March 2025.

Number of parish councillors for the parish of Ashwell

5. The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Ashwell shall be nine.

Numbers of parish councillors for the parish of Royston

6. —(1) The existing wards of the parish of Royston shall be abolished ^(e).
- (2) The parish of Royston shall be divided into three wards which shall be named Royston Heath, Royston Meridian, and Royston Palace.
- (3) Each ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name.

^(b) 1983 c.2, section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50), section 17 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29) and section 60 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).

^(c) Section 8 has been amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19) and the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39).

^(d) As agreed by Full Council of North Herts Council on 10 July 2025.

^(e) North Hertfordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2023

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for Royston Heath shall be four, and for Royston Meridian shall be five, and for Royston Palace shall be four.

Alteration of Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall

7. —(1) The area coloured and designated by the letters “BBE” on map A shall cease to be part of the parish of Bygrave and Bygrave West ward of that parish and shall become part of the unparished area of Baldock.
- (2) Bygrave shall have no parish wards, and the parish of Bygrave shall be served by 5 parish councillors.
- (3) The area coloured and designated by the letters “CBE” on map A shall cease to be part of the parish of Clothall and shall become part of the unparished area of Baldock.
- (4) The area coloured and designated by the letters “CBW” on map A shall cease to be part of the parish of Clothall and shall become part of the unparished area of Baldock.

Creation of a parish ward for Lavender Grange in Ickleford

8. —(1) The parish of Ickleford shall be divided into two wards which shall be named Lavender Grange and Ickleford.
- (2) The area coloured and designated by the letters “ILG” on map B shall form Lavender Grange ward of Ickleford parish.
- (3) The number of councillors to be elected for Lavender Grange ward shall be 2, and for Ickleford ward shall be 6.

Electoral register

9. The registration officer for North Hertfordshire District Council 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.

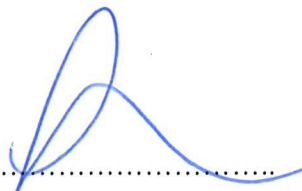
Order date

10. 1st April 2025 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008^(f).

Sealed with the seal of the council on the 02 day of October 2025

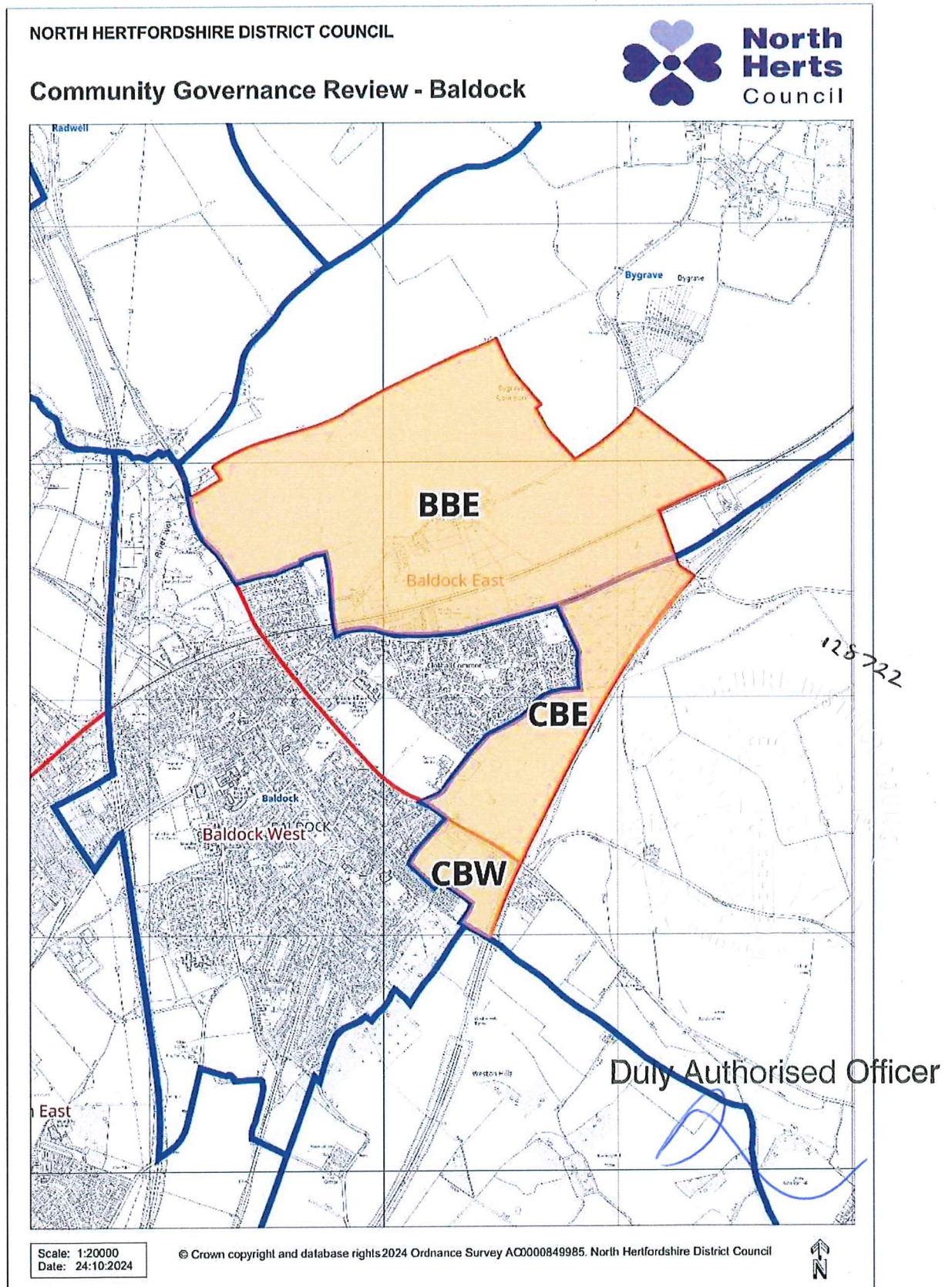
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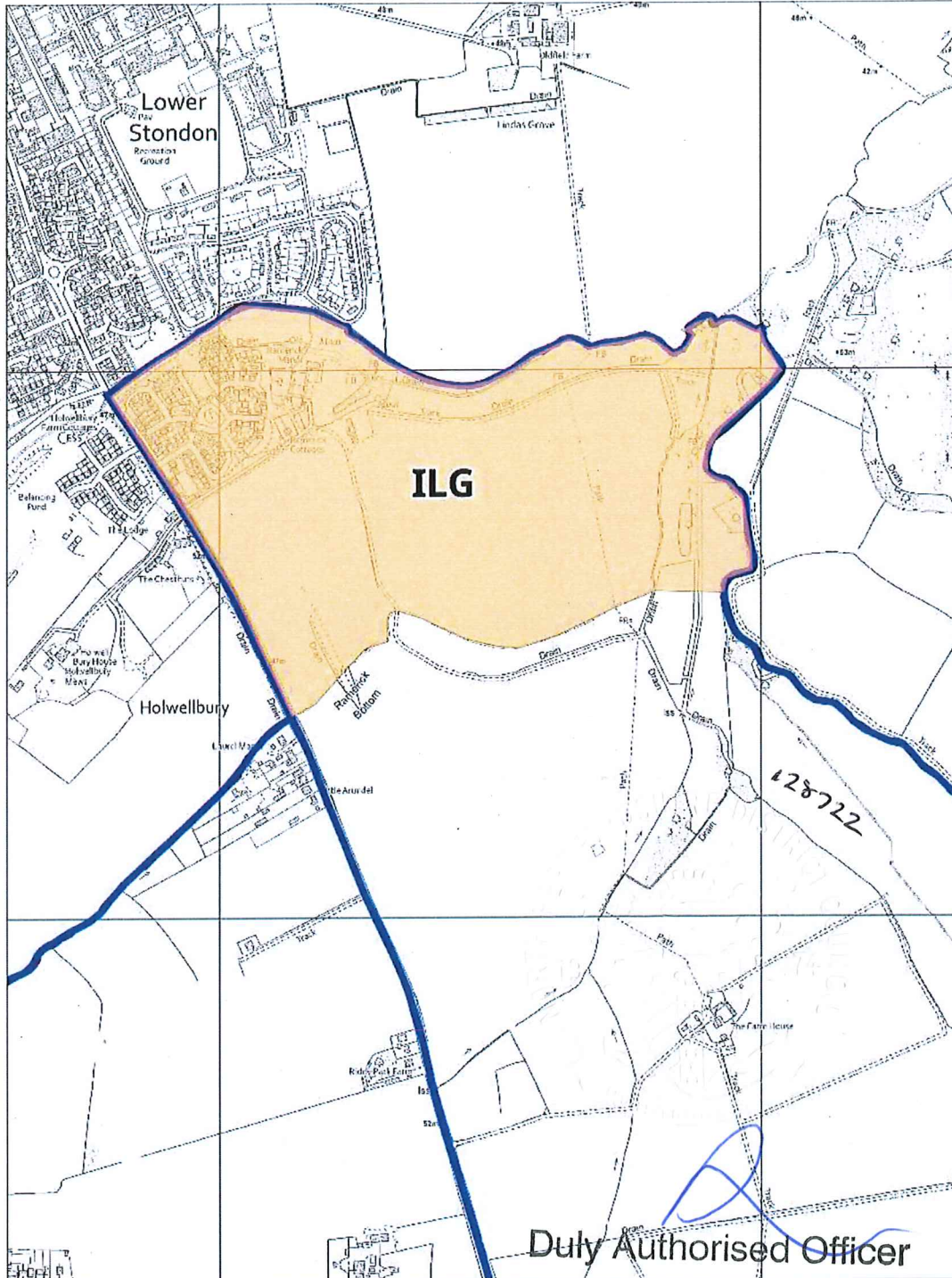
^(f) S.I. 2008/625.

MAP A



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Community Governance Review - area ILG



Duly Authorised Officer

Scale: 1:10000
Date: 24.10.2024

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by North Hertfordshire District Council to amend the scheduled dates of ordinary elections of parish, town and community councillors to ensure they all align; to amend the boundaries of Baldock, Bygrave and Clothall; to amend the town council wards of Royston; to create a parish ward in Ickleford; and to alter the number of parish councillors.