LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

THE WEST SUFFOLK (REORGANISATION OF COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE) ORDER 2026 (HONINGTON CUM SAPISTON)

Made: 15 October *2026*

Coming into force in accordance with Article 1

West Suffolk Council ("the Council"), in accordance with Section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the Act"), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations in respect of the grouped parishes of Honington and Sapiston.

The Council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with Section 93 of the 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 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that Section.

The Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 86, 87 and 240(10) of the Act, hereby makes the following Order:

1. Citation and Commencement

1) This Order may be cited as the West Suffolk (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2026 (Honington cum Sapiston).

2) This Order shall come into force on the day after it is made for the purpose of giving effect to the electoral arrangements provided for in this Order.

3) The changes specified in Articles 4 and 5 shall take effect for the ordinary election of parish councillors to be held in May 2027.

2. Interpretation

In this Order:

"the Act" means the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007;

"the grouped parish council" means Honington cum Sapiston Parish Council;

"Honington parish" means the parish of Honington;

"Sapiston parish" means the parish of Sapiston.

"the Council" means West Suffolk Council.

3. Effect of Order

This Order has effect subject to any agreement under Section 99 of the Act relating to any matter arising from the provisions of this Order.

4. Abolition of Parish Wards

1) The existing parish warding arrangements within the parish of Honington, comprising:

(a) Honington Village Ward; and

(b) Honington Station Ward,

shall be abolished.

(2) From the ordinary parish elections to be held in May 2027, the parish of Honington shall cease to be divided into parish wards for the purposes of elections to the grouped parish council.

5. Number of Councillors

1) With effect from the ordinary election of parish councillors in May 2027, Honington cum Sapiston Parish Council shall comprise nine parish councillors.

2) The allocation of councillors between the constituent parishes shall be as follows:

Parish	Number of Councillors
Honington	7
Sapiston	2

3) For the purposes of elections to the grouped parish council:

(a) the parish of Honington shall return seven councillors; and

(b) the parish of Sapiston shall return two councillors.

6. Electoral Arrangements

1) The ordinary election of Honington cum Sapiston Parish Council in May 2027 shall be conducted on the basis of the arrangements specified in Article 5.

2) Any person elected at that election shall hold office in accordance with the ordinary cycle of parish council elections.

7. Electoral Register

The Electoral Registration Officer for West Suffolk shall make such rearrangements to the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

8. Order Date

For the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008, the order date shall be the date specified in Article 1(3).

Sealed with the seal of the Council on 15 day of October 2026. 437

THE COMMON SEAL of)
WEST SUFFOLK COUNCIL)
was hereunto affixed to this deed)
in the presence of:)



Authorised Signatory:

Name of Authorised Signatory: CHRISTINE FLITTNER

Position of Authorised Signatory: SENIOR MANAGER-LEGAL.