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Report No. 486**

**Review of Electoral Arrangements  
County of Wiltshire**

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TO THE RT. HON. LEON BRITTON QC., MP.  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

1. The last Order under section 51 of the Local Government Act 1972 in relation to the electoral arrangements for districts in the County of Wiltshire was made on 30 August 1979. As required by section 63 and Schedule 9 of the Act we reviewed the electoral arrangements for that County using the procedures we had set out in our Report No.6. The Order relating to the electoral arrangements for the whole of the County was made on 9 February 1981.

2. As a result of the North Wiltshire/Thamesdown principal area boundary review in 1981 the Toothill area was transferred to the Borough of Thamesdown. Due to the rapid expansion and uncertain future distribution of the electorate in this area, we expressed our willingness in our Report No. 380 to carry out a second electoral review when the pattern of development became clearer. In July 1983 Thamesdown Borough Council wrote to us requesting that we now initiate a second review due to the deteriorating situation in the Toothill borough ward/Swindon Toothill county electoral division (the two are coterminous).

3. In order to try to ensure that the Toothill area of the District of Thamesdown should benefit from improved arrangements in time for the May 1985 elections, we decided to carry the review forward in two stages, the Toothill area first, then the rest of the County. We are therefore reporting on the Toothill area alone, under the provisions in Section 51(1).

4. We informed Wiltshire County Council in a consultation letter dated 29 June 1984 that we proposed to conduct the review, and sent copies of the letter to all local authorities and parish meetings in the County, to the Members of Parliament representing the constituencies concerned, to the headquarters of the main political parties and to the editors both of local newspapers circulating in the County and of the local government press. Notices in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.

5. On 10 April 1984 Thamesdown Borough Council had submitted to us a draft scheme for the review of borough electoral arrangements being conducted concurrently with the County review.

6. We considered that the arrangements for this area contained in the Borough Council's draft scheme were equally suitable for the County review and we formulated our draft proposals on that basis. These were issued on 31 July 1984, and sent to all those who had received our consultation letter. Notices were inserted in the local press announcing that the draft proposals had been issued and could be inspected at the county council's offices.

7. We received comments in response to our draft proposals from Wiltshire County Council and Thamesdown Borough Council. Both Councils supported our draft proposals.

8. We accordingly confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals for the Toothill area of the Borough of Thamesdown in the County of Wiltshire.

9. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed electoral divisions is contained in the Schedule to this report and illustrated on the attached map.

#### PUBLICATION

10. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and the map are being sent to Wiltshire County Council and will be available for inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report

(without the map) are being sent to those who received the consultation letter.

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Signed: G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

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COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE - ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS 2ND REVIEW (TOOTHILL AREA)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

NOTE: Where a boundary is described as following a road, railway, river, canal or similar feature, it shall be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature, unless otherwise stated.

FRESHBROOK ED

Commencing at the point where the northwestern boundary of the existing Wroughton ED meets the western boundary of the Borough of Thamesdown, thence generally northwestwards and eastwards along said Borough boundary to Hay Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to the access road leading to the Rectory, thence northeastwards along said access road to its junction with the track leading southeastwards from Wick Farm, thence northeastwards along the path leading from said junction to the northeastern boundary of Parcel No 1274, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SU 1184, date of publication 1969, thence generally eastwards along said parcel boundary and the northern boundary of parcel no 3868 to the path leading northeastwards to the unnamed road northwest of the roundabout known as Tewkesbury Cross, thence northeastwards along said path to said unnamed road, thence southeastwards along said road to its junction with Whitehill Way at Tewkesbury Cross, thence southwestwards along the road known as Whitehill Way to the subway forming part of the Cycle Path running southwards from Whitehill Way to Freshbrook Way, thence southwards along said Cycle Path, crossing Freshbrook Way, to the western curtilage of No 7 Rochester Close, thence southeastwards along said western curtilage and continuing southeastwards along the rear curtilages of Nos 13-3 Irston Way, the eastern curtilage of No 7 King Charles Road and the western curtilage of No 12 Rochester Close to its southernmost point, thence southeastwards along the field boundary leading from said point

to the rear curtilage of No 15 Ripple Field, thence southeastwards along said rear curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 17-19 Ripple Field, thence southeastwards along the field boundary leading from said rear curtilages, to the western curtilage of No 28 Alnwick, thence southwestwards along said western curtilage and the western curtilages of Nos 27, 24, 23 and 22 Alnwick to the southern corner of the last-mentioned property, thence southwards in a straight line to the western curtilage of No 21 Alnwick, thence southeastwards along said western curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 18-15 Alnwick and the eastern curtilages of Nos 20-21 Edghill to the southeastern corner of No 21 Edghill, thence southwards in a straight line from said corner to the rear curtilage of No 58 Langdale Drive, thence southeastwards along said curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 56 and 54 Langdale Drive to the easternmost point of the last-mentioned property, thence southeastwards in a straight line from said point to the rear curtilage of No 50 Langdale Drive, thence southeastwards along said rear curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 48 and 46 Langdale Drive and southwestwards along the rear curtilages of Nos 44 and 38 Langdale Drive to the southern corner of the last-mentioned property, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the eastern curtilage of No 26 Roundway Down, thence southwestwards along said eastern curtilage and its continuation to the eastern curtilage of No 25 Roundway Down, thence southwestwards along said western curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 19-15 Roundway Down to the southeastern corner of No 15 Roundway Down, thence due south from said corner to the northern boundary of the A420 road, thence westwards along said northern boundary to the subway under said road, thence southwards along said subway to the southern boundary of said road, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to the eastern boundary of the Water Research Council property, thence southeastwards



along said eastern boundary to the northwestern boundary of the existing Wroughton ED, thence southwestwards along said ED boundary to the point of commencement.

#### TOOTHILL ED

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Borough of Thamesdown meets the Stroud - Swindon railway, at the stream flowing northwards to the River Ray, thence southeastwards along said railway to the eastern boundary of the existing Swindon Toothill ED, thence generally southeastwards along said eastern boundary and southwestwards along the southeastern boundary of said ED to the eastern boundary of the proposed Freshbrook ED, thence generally northwestwards and westwards along said ED boundary to the western boundary of the Borough of Thamesdown at Hay Lane, thence northwards, northeastwards and southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### SWINDON WESTERN ED

The existing Swindon Western ED and that part of the existing Swindon Toothill ED not included in the proposed Toothill ED or the proposed Freshbrook ED.

All the remaining ED's in the County of Wiltshire are unchanged.

NB: The proposed Freshbrook, Toothill and Swindon Western ED's are co-extensive with the Freshbrook, Toothill and Western Wards as proposed by LGBC(E) in their Draft Proposals for the Borough of Thamesdown Electoral Arrangements.

