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To the Rt Hon Roy Jenkins MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EAST
HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF HERTFORDSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the East Hertfordshire district, in accordance with the requirements of section 63 of, and Schedule 9 to, the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that district.

2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 10 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the East Hertfordshire District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Hertfordshire County Council, parish councils and parish meetings in East Hertfordshire district, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of the local newspapers circulating in the area and of the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.

3. The East Hertfordshire District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972, and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were also

asked to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. The Council have passed a resolution under section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting the Secretary of State to provide for a system of whole council elections.

5. On 9 December 1974, East Hertfordshire District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the district into 31 wards, each returning from 1 to 3 members to give a council of 49.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council. We noted that, taking into account the forecast growth, there would be some imbalance between the proposed representation of Bishop's Stortford and the remainder of the district. We therefore allocated an extra councillor to one of the Bishop's Stortford wards. We noted that the draft scheme as modified complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972, and with our own guidelines and we considered that it provided a satisfactory basis of representation for the district. We decided to shorten the names of some of the wards. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 4 April 1975, we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had made comments. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals, and the accompanying map which defined the proposed ward boundaries, available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 30 May 1975.

8. East Hertfordshire District Council accepted the draft proposals in general, but suggested a boundary change between two wards of Bishop's Stortford.

Hertfordshire County Council thought the wards proposed for Bishop's Stortford might be incompatible with future county electoral arrangements. A political association and a ratepayers' association submitted alternative proposals for Bishop's Stortford. A political party suggested modifications to our draft proposals for Hertford. There was also a suggestion for re-grouping parishes and parish wards in the northern part of the district.

9. In view of these comments we considered that we needed further information to enable us to reach a conclusion. Therefore, in accordance with section 65(2) of the 1972 Act, and at our request, you appointed Mr H J Backhouse as an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and report to us.

10. The Assistant Commissioner held the meeting at Bishop's Stortford on 24 September 1975. A copy of his report is attached as Schedule 1 to this report.

11. The Assistant Commissioner recommended that our draft proposals should be approved subject to modifications in the areas of Hertford and Bishop's Stortford.

12. We considered again our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received and of the Assistant Commissioner's report of the local meeting. We noted that, because of the provisions of paragraph 3(2)(b) of Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act, our acceptance of the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations depended on action by the District Council to complete their review of parish electoral arrangements for Bishop's Stortford and Hertford. We thought that the alterations recommended by the Assistant Commissioner should be made and decided to bring them to the attention of the District Council with a request that they consider them in making their proposed order under section 50(4) of the Act to revise the wards of the towns. Otherwise, we were of the opinion that we should confirm our draft proposals and we asked the District Council to proceed, as they had originally proposed, in regard to the warding of the parish of Ware, and to make the necessary parish warding order.

13. The District Council completed their reviews of the parish electoral arrangements of the successor parishes of Hertford, Bishop's Stortford and Ware and made orders which will bring the new arrangements into effect on the same date as the new district council arrangements. The new parish wards in Hertford and Bishop's Stortford correspond with wards recommended by the Assistant Commissioner.

14. In the light of all the evidence before us we decided to confirm our provisional decision that we should modify our draft proposals as recommended by the Assistant Commissioner, and we formulated our final proposals accordingly.

15. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 2 and 3 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 2 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The new wards are defined in Schedule 3 and are illustrated on the attached map.

PUBLICATION

16. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and a copy of the map are being sent to East Hertfordshire District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council offices at Bishop's Stortford. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter or have subsequently made comments.

Signed

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JOHN M RANKIN (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN)

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DAVID R SMITH (Secretary)

4 March 1976

REPORT OF MEETING TO INQUIRE INTO THE
FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
DISTRICT OF EAST HERTFORDSHIRE.

I attended at the Council Offices, Bishops Stortford, on 24th September, 1975 to hear representations relating to the following wards proposed by the Commission:- Buntingford, St. Andrews and All Saints in Hertford and, Parsonage, Hockerill, Havers and Thorley in Bishops Stortford.

The persons set out in the attached list attended.

BUNTINGFORD

The Commission's proposals are that the Buntingford ward should be created from the parishes of Buntingford and the adjoining parishes of Wyddial, Anstay, Meesden and Brent Pelham. Mr. Albert Chapman, a resident of Buntingford, claimed that the parishes which were joined to Buntingford had no community of interest with Buntingford and, for electoral purposes, tended to be unrepresented. He therefore felt that Buntingford parish should stand alone for District Council electoral purposes, being primarily urban in character. If, however, Buntingford had to be joined to other parishes for electoral purposes, then it should be joined to the Parish of Aspenden with which there were some community ties. He instanced in support of this that children from Buntingford (including his own) play on Aspenden Village Green and that Buntingford had assisted Aspenden Parish Council in maintaining the swings on the Green. Finally, he objected to the principle of more than one councillor representing a ward and felt that Buntingford could be conveniently divided into two wards by the A.10 road, which would give a balanced representation between the new housing estates and the older part of the community.

Mr. Weaver, a Buntingford Town Councillor, said that his Council's original view was that, because of the increase in population in the Town, particularly of younger people, the Town should be represented by two councillors. However, when the joined Parish Councils were consulted, they indicated that they were happy with the proposed ward. The Town Council, therefore, considered that they had insufficient grounds for objecting to the amalgamation with the adjoining parishes. Miss Stockman for the District Council confirmed this information. Mr. Weaver pointed out that Buntingford was a shopping centre for the adjoining parishes and, indeed, was a market town until recently. Most of the children from the joined parishes attended school in Buntingford, particularly at the middle and upper school range. Mr. Weaver also felt that the creation of separate wards would be divisive. The present Parish Council had approximately half long standing members and half new members and the membership was reasonably geographically spread.

Mr. Thody for Aspenden Parish Council said his Council did not wish to be amalgamated with Buntingford for electoral purposes and was proud of its separateness.

The weight of opinion did not appear to support Mr. Chapman's contentions. Certainly, if Buntingford was to stand alone for electoral purposes, problems would arise as to how the joined parishes would be re-allocated. Equally there would be no point in dividing Buntingford into wards unless it produced a demonstrable advantage in electoral representation and the District Council representative did not accept that there would be any such advantage.

In the circumstances,

I Recommend that the Commission's proposals for Buntingford should stand.

HERTFORD

The Commission's proposals for the Town of Hertford are that the parish should be divided into the following four wards returning the number of councillors shown in brackets:- Bengeo (3), All Saints (3), Kingsmead (2) and St. Andrews (2).

The Hertford Town Labour Party objected to the existing ward names being used for the proposed St. Andrews and All Saints wards on the grounds that confusion would arise, since the proposed wards were so different from the existing wards. They proposed that St. Andrews Ward should be renamed Sele and All Saints Ward renamed Castle. The Labour Party also considered it wrong to include the present A.C.C. polling district in the proposed All Saints Ward on the grounds that it is cut off from the rest of the ward by rivers and fields, over which there is no foot or vehicular access. It, therefore, had no community of interest with the rest of the ward. They suggested that the boundary between the proposed wards should be the River Lea with St. Andrews Ward returning three councillors and All Saints, two councillors. Mr. Caudwell, for the Labour Party, pointed out further that this would produce a better balance of local authority and private housing in the St. Andrews Ward.

The representatives of the Conservative Association and of the District Council raised no objection to the suggested re-naming of the wards, although Mr. Durham did point out that Hertford Castle was just in the Southern tip of the proposed Bengeo Ward. The conservative representatives, however, objected to the other suggestion of the Labour Party. They pointed out that the area suggested for transference had no more community of interest with the St. Andrews Ward than with the rest of All Saints Ward, that the housing areas north and south-east of the rivers were in the present St. Andrews Ward and that most of the community contact took place in the centre of the town. They doubted whether the proposed transference would make any significant difference to the local authority/private housing balance, since St. Andrews Ward housing was largely local authority and the area proposed by the Labour Party for transference was partly local authority and partly private.

Mr. Nesbitt-Larking, the Deputy Mayor of Hertford, pointed out that the District Council's proposed warding had been considered most carefully by the Town Council and passed by a majority of twelve to four.

The proposals of the Labour Party, whilst maintaining equality of representation, did not appear to me to reflect the wishes of the majority of local inhabitants and it is questionable, even if the aim of producing a better balance of local authority and private housing were achieved, that this would produce a better community of interest.

Mr. Durham, for the local Conservative Association, whilst accepting the Commission's proposals as fair, objected to them on the grounds of the cost which would be involved in the necessary adjustments to polling districts. He agreed that four wards were necessary to achieve equality of representation and proposed that this should be achieved by dividing the existing St. Andrews Ward, where most development had taken place, by a line roughly North to South based on existing polling districts, thereby retaining in the main the existing ward pattern and voting arrangements.

As these representations were produced for the first time at the Local Meeting, neither the District Council nor the Town Council had had an opportunity of considering them. Miss Stockman, for the District Council, pointed out that it was proposed to computerise the registration arrangements for the District Council and that it would not be significantly expensive to take into account the new wards in writing the programme.

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Mr. Salthouse pointed out that the North/South division of the existing St. Andrews Ward would mean that part of Sele Estate would be in the same ward as Hertingfordbury and that there was no community of interest between these two areas. Mr. Caudwell complained that the North/South division would also create an imbalance in Local Authority and private housing.

Although there could be some administrative convenience in a ward arrangement which would retain existing polling districts, this is not a sufficient reason on its own to justify a scheme. Since the scheme suggested by the Conservative Association was produced at such a late stage, there has been no opportunity for it to be considered at the Town Council and District Council level. In the absence of such consideration, it would have to have demonstrable advantages over the Commission's proposals to make it acceptable. I found no such advantages. Indeed, the splitting of St. Andrews Ward across the lines of communication leading into the centre of the town seemed divisive compared with the Commission's proposals, based roughly on the quartering of the Town.

Mr. Durham also pointed out that the Southern tip of the proposed Bengoe Ward had no community of interest with the remainder of the former Bengoe Ward. Mr. Finney suggested that the River Lea should form the southern boundary of the Ward in this tip. Since the river already forms much of the Southern boundary of the proposed ward and the suggestion would have no significant effect on equality of representation, this seemed a reasonable suggestion. Moreover, it would put the Castle into the proposed All Saints Ward and justify the change of name to Castle Ward.

Mr. Salthouse, representing the local Liberal Association, said that the residents of Great Mole Wood and High Molewood, many of them elderly, would have to vote at a polling station in the Avenue, some way off and involving a crossing of the A.602 road. He, therefore, suggested that this area should be transferred to the St. Andrews Ward. Mr. Durham pointed out that these residents had no community of interest with St. Andrews Ward and that, since the Port Vale polling station was now included in the proposed Bengoe Ward and was convenient to the Great Mole Wood area, they could vote here. Miss Stockman accepted this.

For the above reasons,

I Recommend that the Commission's proposals for Hertford be retained, but that the River Lea between Gascoyne and The Wash should form the Southern boundary of Bengoe Ward, that St. Andrews Ward be re-named Sele Ward and All Saints Ward be re-named Castle Ward.

BISHOPS STORTFORD

The Commission's proposals for Bishops Stortford are that it should be divided into the following five wards returning the number of councillors shown in brackets:- Chantry (2), Havers (2), Hookerill (2), Parsonage (2) and Thorley (3).

The Commission allocated three councillors to the Thorley Ward because they understood that projected development here would result in another 2,000 electorate by 1979. In addition, the Commission considered that Bishops Stortford would be under-represented with only ten councillors.

The District Council accepted the Commission's proposals for the number of councillors. It became clear at the meeting, however, that the figures which the Commission had been given for the Thorley and Havers Wards were inaccurate and that most of Phase 1 of the Thorley Development was planned to take place in the Havers Ward. Phase 1 of the Thorley Development, which would produce a population of about 4,000 persons (and, therefore, an electorate of roughly half that number), was due to be undertaken in the period 1974 to 1978. On visiting the site, however, it was clear that the development had started about a year late and, if it continued as planned, would be substantially complete by 1979. About one hundred houses were already under construction in an area of about ten acres adjoining Thorley Lane in the Thorley Ward. However, the remainder of Phase 1, about eighty-five acres, is situated in the Havers Ward. If development continues at the rate forecast in the development plan (about 250 to 300 houses a year) a large part of this area will be completed by 1979.

The East Hertfordshire Conservative and Unionist Association proposed that the town should be divided into four wards each returning three councillors. They estimated the 1979 electorate for their four proposed wards as follows:- Chantry 4,576, Parsonage 4,570, Central 6,264 and Thorley 6,854. This, in my view, showed too large a discrepancy in representation between the wards. However, at the meeting, Mr. Tanfield for the Conservative Association produced more up-to-date figures based on the latest information on development, which gave for the Central Ward an electorate of 5,924 and for the Thorley Ward an electorate of 3,760. If Phase 1 of the Thorley development takes place as indicated above, these figures seem to me as accurate as one can estimate. However, it is plain that Thorley Ward would then be over-represented with three members, but would be acceptably close to the average if represented by two members. Equally, the town itself would be over-represented with twelve members, but very close to the average with eleven members.

Another advantage of the proposal of the Conservative Association is that it would meet the objection of the Hertfordshire County Council. That Council objected to the Commission's proposals on the grounds that they propose that Bishops Stortford should form two county electoral divisions and it would not be possible to group the Commission's proposed wards to form two divisions of roughly equal electorate.

There were objections to the proposals of the Conservative Association. Mr. Wallis objected to the transfer of part of the old Hookerill Ward to the proposed Parsonage Ward on the grounds that there was no community of interest between the areas, Parsonage being mostly post-war development and Hookerill inter-war and earlier development. Mrs. Ellison said that Hookerill was originally a village, is still known as Hookerill Village and that the river and railway formed a clear boundary on its Western Side. Mr. Covill also thought that the main line railway should form the boundary.

The Bishops Stortford Ratepayers Association objected to the Commission's proposals on the following grounds:-

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1. That the Town Council did not propose changes to the Town Wards.
2. That the variation in representation between the proposed wards is much greater than that between the existing wards.
3. That a third councillor would be excessive for the Thorley Ward now, and any increase in Thorley during the next few years could be coped with by the existing representation.
4. To include the Parish of Thorley in the Thorley Ward would mean crossing a Parish Boundary.
5. Problems would be created for County Elections because, for this purpose, the existing Central Ward is combined with Parsonage Ward and Hookerill Ward.

The Association proposed that the existing six wards for the Town Council be retained, that for District Council elections they be combined to return the number of members shown in brackets:- Parsonage/Hookerill (4), Chantry/Central (3), Thorley/Havers (3) and that for County Council elections they be combined into two wards:- Parsonage/Hookerill/Central and Chantry/Thorley/Havers.

In their objection, the Ratepayers Association made no calculations for the projected 1979 electorate, but at the Local Meeting Mrs. Ellison did put forward figures for 1981 based on calculations made by the County Council. On these figures she accepted that an extra member would be needed for the proposed Thorley/Havers Ward.

There is some advantage to be gained from retaining the existing ward structure, particularly as it recognises the clear boundary created by the railway and river mentioned on the previous page. In other respects, however, the proposals of the Ratepayers Association are not as attractive as those of the Conservative Association. In the first place, four members per ward is acceptable only in the most exceptional circumstances. It would be possible, of course, to split the two proposed four-member wards, but this would produce much greater inequality of representation, both in 1974 and 1979. Secondly, the proposal would be confusing for both electors and elected in the splitting of a District Council ward into two and adding each part to two other District Council Wards for County Council elections.

The parish warding suggested by the Ratepayers Association would, of course, have to be accepted by the District Council. That Council, however, having considered the matter further in the light of the correct information as to the proportions of Phase 1 of the Thorley Development situated in the Thorley and Haver Wards, have now decided to ask the Commission to adopt the proposal of the Conservative Association, to divide Bishops Stortford into four new wards each returning three members. In my view, this is the most acceptable solution, but with the modification, for the reasons I have given previously, that Thorley Ward should return only two members.

If this proposal is accepted, only one problem remains and that is the position of Thorley Parish, which in the Commission's draft proposals, forms part of Thorley Ward. Thorley is a small parish containing only 221 electors, is completely rural and unlikely to be developed. If added to Much Hadham Ward, then that Ward would produce an electorate/membership ratio of about 2,200:1 in 1979, whereas if added to Thorley Ward the ratio would be about 1,800:1. However, the Thorley Ward growth rate is not certain so, because of its small size and rural character, it is probably, on balance, safer to add Thorley Parish to the Much Hadham Ward.

I, therefore, Recommend that Bishops Stortford be divided into the following four wards as shown on the enclosed map, returning the number of members shown in brackets:-

Chantry (3), Parsonage (3), Central (3) and Thorley (2) and that Thorley Parish be added to Much Hadham Ward.

Wm. W. L. P.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>ORGANISATION REPRESENTED</u>
Jim Caudwell	79 Ferrier Road, Stevenage.	Herts Constituency Labour Party
G. M. Whyte	1 Queens Crescent, Bishops Stortford.	Bishops Stortford Tenants Assoon.
Suzanne Gray	7 Ridings Ave., London, N.21.	Herts County Council
D. A. Covill	172 Stortford Hall Park	Bishops Stortford Town Council
T. A. Hodges	2 Hockerill St., Bishops Stortford.	Clerk, Bishops Stortford Town Council.
J. A. Wallis	7 Hillside Ave., Bishops Stortford.	Bishops Stortford Town Council Member.
J. Thorne	60 Warwick Rd., Bishops Stortford.	Bishops Stortford Conserv. East
S. Tanfield	14 Dane Acre, Bishops Stortford.	Bishops Stortford Conserv. Assoon.
Cynthia Wood	The Braids, Dene Lane, Aston, Stevenage.	Aston Village Society
J. R. Salthouse	Diche House, Riversmeet, Hertford.	Hertford & Stevenage Liberal Assoon.
O. J. Woodfield	27a Baldock Street, Ware.	East Herts Conserv. Assoon.
C. Schutz	Cottered, Herts.	Buntingford Town Council.
D. G. Weaver	4 White Hart Close, Buntingford.	Buntingford Town Council.
J. E. Thody	Baldock Road, Buntingford.	Aspenden Parish Council.
Albert Chapman	Fairfield, Buntingford.	
Anne S. Honor	1 The Wash, Hertford.	Hertford, Stevenage Constituency Conservative Agent.
N. Ellison	Griff, Foxley Drive, Bishops Stortford.	Bishops Stortford Ratepayers Assoon.
C. Nesbitt-Larking	24 Church Road, Bengoe, Hertford.	Deputy Mayor of Hertford.
B. R. Durham	14 Easington Road, Dane End, Herts.	Hertford, Stevenage & Ware Conservative, Association.
E. D. Finney	Tall Pines, Sandy Close, Hertford.	Chairman, St. Andrew's Branch, Hertford, Stevenage and Ware Conservative Association.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>ORGANISATION REPRESENTED</u>
J. H. Sartin	209 Daniells, Welwyn Garden City.	District Councillor, Hertford Town Councillor (not representing any organisation).
M. Stockman	Director of Administration	East Herts District Council.
A. Ditchfield	27 Ward Crescent, Bishops Stortford.	Bishops Stortford Tenants Assocn.
J. Cooper	6 The Moat, Puckeridge, Ware, Herts.	Royston Crow (newspaper), District Reporter.
C. S. Browne	18 Silver Street, Stansted, Essex.	Chief Reporter - Herts/Essex Observer.
T. A. Franklin	3 Pleasant Road, Bishops Stortford.	Bishops Stortford Town Council.
T. Sharrock	1 Grosvenor House, Stortford Hall Park.	Bishops Stortford Town Councillor.

SCHEDULE 2

DISTRICT OF EAST HERTFORDSHIRE

NAMES OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BISHOP'S STORTFORD CENTRAL	3
BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHANTRY	3
BISHOP'S STORTFORD PARSONAGE	3
BISHOP'S STORTFORD THORLEY	2
BRAUGHING	1
BUNTINGFORD	2
COTTERED	1
DATCHWORTH	1
GREAT AMWELL	1
HERTFORD BENGEC	3
HERTFORD CASTLE	3
HERTFORD KINGSMEAD	2
HERTFORD SELE	2
HUNSDON	1
LITTLE AMWELL	1
LITTLE HADHAM	1
MUCH HADHAM	1
MUNDEN	1
SAWBRIDGEWORTH	3
STANDON ST MARY	1
STANSTEAD	1
STAPLEFORD	1
TEWIN	1
THUNDRIDGE	1
WALKERN	1
WARE CHRISTCHURCH	2
WARE PRIORY	2
WARE ST MARY'S	2
WARE TRINITY	2
WATTON-AT-STONE	1

DISTRICT OF EAST HERTFORDSHIRE: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARDS

BISHOP'S STORTFORD CENTRAL WARD

The Central ward of the parish of Bishop's Stortford

BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHANTRY WARD

The Chantry ward of the parish of Bishop's Stortford

BISHOP'S STORTFORD PARSONAGE WARD

The Parsonage ward of the parish of Bishop's Stortford

BISHOP'S STORTFORD THORLEY WARD

The Thorley ward of the parish of Bishop's Stortford

BRAUGHING WARD

The parishes of Braughing

Horstead

BUNTINGFORD WARD

The parishes of Anstey

Brent Pelham

Buntingford

Meesden

Wyddial

COTTERED WARD

The parishes of Ardeley

Aspenden

Buckland

Cottered

Westmill

DATCHWORTH WARD

The parish of Datchworth

GREAT AMWELL WARD

The parish of Great Amwell

HERTFORD BENGEO WARD .

The Bengeo ward of the parish of Hertford

HERTFORD CASTLE WARD

The Castle ward of the parish of Hertford

HERTFORD KINGSMEAD WARD

The Kingsmead ward of the parish of Hertford

HERTFORD SELE WARD

The Sele ward of the parish of Hertford

HUNSDON WARD

The parishes of Eastwick

Gidston

Hunsdon

Widford

and the Wareside or Eastern ward of the parish of Ware Rural

LITTLE AMWELL WARD

The parishes of Bayford

Brickendon Liberty

Little Amwell

Little Berkhamsted

LITTLE HADHAM WARD

The parishes of Albury

Furneaux Pelham

Little Hadham

Stocking Pelham

MUCH HADHAM WARD

The parishes of High Wych

Much Hadham

Thorley

MUNDEN WARD

The parishes of Great Munden

Little Munden

SAWBRIDGEWORTH WARD

The parish of Sawbridgeworth

STANDON ST MARY WARD

The Standon St Mary ward of the parish of Standon

STANSTEAD WARD

The parishes of Stanstead Abbots

Stanstead St Margarets

STAPLEFORD WARD

The parishes of Bengoe Rural

Bramfield

Sacombe

Stapleford

TEWIN WARD

The parishes of Hertingfordbury

Tewin

THUNDRIDGE WARD

The parish of Thundridge and the High Cross ward of the parish of Standon

WALKERN WARD

The parishes of Aston

Benington

Walkern

WARE CHRISTCHURCH WARD

The Christchurch ward of the parish of Ware

WARE PRIORY WARD

The Priory ward of the parish of Ware

WARE ST MARY'S WARD

The St Mary's ward of the parish of Ware and the Ware Western ward
of the parish of Ware Rural

WARE TRINITY WARD

The Trinity ward of the parish of Ware

WATTON-AT-STONE WARD

The parish of Watton-at-Stone