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Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out a review of the electoral arrangements for the London Borough of Greenwich in accordance with section 50(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that London borough.

2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 10 June 1975 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to Greenwich Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Greater London Council, the London Boroughs Association, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the headquarters of the main political parties and the Greater London Regional Council of the Labour Party. Copies were also sent to the editors of local newspapers 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 any interested bodies.

3. The Greenwich Borough 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 letter of 10 June 1975 about the proposed size of 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 six weeks
before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. On 24 February 1976 the Greenwich Borough Council submitted their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the borough into 36 wards, each returning 1 or 2 members to form a council of 62.

5. The Borough Council's submission included copies of the correspondence received by them during their local consultations. We noted that in a number of instances the Council had not felt able to adopt the suggestions put to them. We reviewed all these suggestions during our examination of the Council's draft scheme together with additional comments which had been sent direct to us.

6. We studied the draft scheme and noted that, in terms of equality of representation, only the proposed 2-member Thamesmead ward appeared to give any cause for concern. We considered, however, that there was a good case for allowing this ward to return 2 councillors in view of the large scale development projects being carried out within it. We studied the comments we received but concluded they did not produce a case for modifying the draft scheme. Subject to minor alterations recommended by Ordnance Survey in the interests of better boundaries, we decided that the Borough Council's draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements for the borough in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines. We formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 7 July 1976 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter and to those who had commented on the draft scheme. The Borough Council were asked to make our draft proposals, and the accompanying map which defined the 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 for comments to reach us by 22 September 1976.

8. Greenwich Borough Council supported our draft proposals but suggested that the Thamesmead ward should be renamed "Thamesmead-Moorings" to avoid confusion with a similarly named ward in an adjacent Borough.

9. The minority political party on the Borough Council, supported by the Member of Parliament for the Greenwich, Woolwich West constituency, objected to our draft proposals and submitted an alternative scheme. A local political association suggested, in general terms, a pattern of single member wards throughout the borough. A resident of the borough submitted an alternative scheme.

10. In view of these comments on our draft proposals, we decided 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, Mr T Foord was appointed as Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and to report to us.

11. The Assistant Commissioner held a meeting in Greenwich on 25 April 1977. A copy of his report to us of the meeting is attached at Schedule 1 to this report. In the light of the discussion at the meeting and his inspection of the area, the Assistant Commissioner recommended that our draft proposals should be confirmed as our final proposals subject to the proposed Thamesmead ward being named "Thamesmead Moorings".

12. We considered our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received and of the report of the Assistant Commissioner. We concluded that the recommendations put forward by the Assistant Commissioner should be accepted. We formulated our final proposals accordingly.
13. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 2 and 3 to this report. Schedule 2 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. Schedule 3 is a description of the areas of the new wards. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the attached map.

PUBLICATION

14. 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 Greenwich Borough Council and will be available for inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without map) are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

Signed: L.S.

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7 July 1977
Your ref: LGBC/D/47/10

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Secretary,
Local Government Boundary
Commission for England,
20 Albert Embankment,
London, SE1 7TJ.

Dear Sir,

REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

1. I have to report on the local meeting held at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich, on Monday 25th April 1977, in connection with the review of the electoral arrangements for the London Borough of Greenwich. The meeting was held following the representations which had been made on the draft proposals for the Borough published by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. A list is attached showing the names of the persons who attended the meeting with their addresses and the interests they represented.

2. Under the present electoral arrangements the Borough is divided into 27 wards each returning two or three councillors, giving a total of 60 elected members, who together with 10 Aldermen make up a total Council of 70 members.

3. The Borough Council's draft scheme for the re-warding of the Borough made provision for 36 wards each returning 1 or 2 councillors, to give a total council of 62 elected members. Two of the proposed wards, namely Slade Ward and West Ward, were co-terminous with existing wards.

4. The Local Government Boundary Commission's draft proposals follow the Borough Council's draft scheme, subject only to some minor boundary modifications suggested by the Ordnance Survey to produce technically better boundaries, and provide for the warding of the Borough as follows:
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5. Following the publication of the draft proposals comments were received by the Boundary Commission from the Borough Council, the Conservative Minority Group on the Council, Mr. Peter Bottomley M.P., Mr. C.P. Mead, and the East Woolwich Liberal Association.

6. The Borough Council supported the draft proposals, but suggested that the proposed Thamesmead ward should be re-named Thamesmead-Moorings. This arose because the Council had learnt that the draft proposals for the neighbouring London Borough of Bexley also contained a Thamesmead ward, and they felt that the duplication of names would cause confusion. The Council recommended that the names of these adjacent Thamesmead wards should contain some suffix to assist in their identification.
7. The Conservative Minority Group, with the support of Mr. Peter Bottomley, objected to 15 of the 36 wards in the draft proposals, and submitted an alternative pattern of 13 wards to replace them. It was proposed that the 13 alternative wards would together return a total of 25 councillors, the same number as the 15 wards would return in the draft proposals, so no change in the total number of councillors (62) was proposed. The alternative proposals which involved changes in ward boundaries, changes in certain cases in ward names and the number of councillors to be elected in a particular ward can be considered in three groups.

8. Firstly, in the Greenwich area of the Borough the draft proposals include the following seven wards each returning 2 councillors:

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The alternative proposals of the Conservative Minority Group for this area also provide for 7 wards each returning two councillors, but with variations in ward boundaries and names, as follows:

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9. Secondly, the draft proposals provide for a Burrage ward with an estimated 1980 electorate of 2,615 returning 1 councillor and to the south of this ward Herbert ward with a 1980 electorate of 5,520 returning 2 councillors.

The variation proposed by the Conservative Minority Group moved the boundary between these two wards to the south,
producing a larger Burrage ward (6,072 electorate) returning 2 councillors, and an Eaglesfield ward (smaller than and replacing Herbert ward) with an estimated 1980 electorate of 2,083 and returning 1 councillor.

10. Finally, in the Eltham area the draft proposals of the Boundary Commission provide for 6 wards returning a total of 8 councillors, as follows:

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The variation proposed by the Conservative Minority Group is for four 2 member wards, as follows:

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11. Mr. C.P. Mead objected to the draft proposals and submitted an alternative scheme which provided for a total council of 65 members, 3 more than contained in the draft proposals, and with a different pattern of wards.

12. The East Woolwich Liberal Association also objected to the draft proposals. They preferred a system of single-member wards, and, in general terms, proposed a scheme comprising some 50 to 60 such wards for the Borough. They were critical of the names proposed for some of the wards, and of the Herbert/Shrewsbury and St. Nicholas/Slade ward boundaries.

13. At the commencement of the meeting I ascertained that there were no other matters to be discussed other than those contained in the above proposals. I also ascertained that there was no disagreement with the suggestion that the name of the proposed Thamesmead ward should be changed to Thamesmead Moorings.
14. An apparent large discrepancy in the figures for the estimated 1980 electorate of the Conservative Minority Party's College and Trafalgar wards was also cleared up. The Minority Party had indicated in their submission to the Boundary Commission that the 1980 electorate for their College ward would be 5,851, and for Trafalgar ward 5,753, whereas the Borough Council's officers had estimated the figures at 5,047 and 6,550 respectively. This difference had arisen because the officers (in the absence of a map) had made their calculations on the basis of the written description of the boundary. The Council officers agreed that with the boundary shown on the map approximately 800 electors should be added to the Council's figure for College ward. Alderman Rolfe, for the Conservative Minority party said that they did not challenge the Council's figures for the several wards.

15. In presenting the Minority Party Group proposals Alderman Rolfe said that they agreed with the broad principle of 2 member wards as far as possible. They felt that one member wards could pose problems and that three member wards were too large to be practicable, particularly in terms of electors. They also agreed with a figure of approximately 5,500 electors for a two member ward. The Group were of the opinion that the Borough Council's proposals in certain cases had resulted in breaking up community interest to achieve close numerical balance between the wards, whereas the Minority Party had given greater consideration to social groupings evinced by membership of trade, professional and amenity societies, shopping patterns and behaviour, identifiable communities and allied matters.

16. Dealing with the Greenwich chain of wards and in particular with regard to their College and Park wards they felt that Greenwich High Road clearly divided two communities of social interest and that the problems of representation of these two wards would be better served by using an east west rather than the north south boundary proposed.

Turning to Vanbrugh and Blackheath wards Alderman Rolfe said that Shooter's Hill Road was probably the greatest division of areas of social interest. They felt that it was wrong to split off from the Vanbrugh community the area to the east of Stratheden Road which in their proposals would go into Blackheath ward.

The Minority Party proposed that a small area in the northwest corner of Blackheath and Ferrier wards be returned to Blackheath ward where they felt that it rightly belonged.

17. Councillor Capelin and Councillor White supported the Boundary Commission's draft proposals. The Minority Party claimed that Greenwich High Road clearly divides two communities but their proposed boundary between these two wards deviated from this Road at either end and must, therefore, split one of the communities to which they refer.
In fact the area contained at least seven communities and any wards would therefore contain not one but several communities. If drawing a ward boundary along Greenwich High Road produced equal sized wards, they might be as acceptable as the wards in the Draft Proposals, but, in fact, this boundary produced an imbalance. The boundary between the West and St. Alfege wards in the Draft Proposals produced two wards with very similar electorate, broke no local ties and made no change to the existing West Ward, which had been in existence since 1964 and was substantially similar to a ward existing even earlier.

The Council could see no justification for the addition of the Ruthin Road area to Trafalgar ward.

With regard to Vanbrugh and Blackheath wards, the Council felt that Greenwich Park to the west, the railway to the north, and the Blackwall Tunnel Southern Approach Road to the east were the obvious boundaries.

The southern boundary of the Westcombe Park or Vanbrugh community was undoubtedly at Vanbrugh Park and this was, therefore, used as the southern boundary of the Vanbrugh ward in the Draft Proposals. It also produced a ward with an electorate of the right size.

There was a community of similar social interest between Vanbrugh Park and Shooter's Hill Road. The Council noted that it was agreed that the area west of Stratheden Road was not necessarily part of the Blackheath or Vanbrugh communities, but the Council also felt that this applied equally to the area on both sides of Stratheden Road. These areas must, however, be linked with one or other of these communities to form a ward, and in the Draft Proposals they are linked with the Blackheath community on the south side of Shooter's Hill Road. Whilst this road is the most heavily trafficked east-west route in the area, the Council did not accept that this road was probably the greatest division of areas of social interest.

Criticising the Minority Party proposals for Blackheath, Ferrier and Page wards it was pointed out that the small area in the northwest corner of the Blackheath and Ferrier wards to which the Minority Party referred, had in fact an electorate of 949 in 1975. The Council felt that the main line of communication for local residents in this area was the Kidbrooke Park Road, and this area was therefore linked in the Draft Proposals with other areas to the south sharing this line of communication.

The area which in the Minority Party's proposals was added to the Ferrier ward as numerical compensation had little or no contact with the rest of this ward. It would be even further isolated following the construction of the Rochester Way Relief Road. This area was clearly linked with Sherard ward in which it appeared in the Draft Proposals.
Councillor White referred to the Langton Way Association and said that the Minority Party proposals divided in half the area from which the Association drew their members. There was some discussion as to the relative merits as a boundary of Vanbrugh Park Road with its three bus routes, and Shooters Hill Road. Councillor Jeffrey also spoke in support of the Commission's draft proposals and boundaries for this area.

18. The Minority Party proposals for Burrage and Eaglesfield wards in lieu of Burrage and Herbert wards in the Draft Proposals were criticised by Councillor Dean. He pointed out that Herbert ward was virtually identical with the ward that had existed for many years, and that the boundary between the two wards in the Boundary Commission's Draft Proposals was easily identifiable, did not break any local ties and produced an optimum balance of electorate.

Alderman Rolfe felt, however, that this boundary followed a tortuous route and was not as satisfactory as the boundary proposed by the Minority Party.

19. Alderman Rolfe outlined the boundaries of the Eltham chain of 4 two-member wards proposed by the Minority Party as an alternative to the four one-member wards and two two-member wards for the area which were included in the Boundary Commission's Draft Proposals. He stressed the importance they attached to keeping communities together.

Their proposed Eltham Park ward was a very closely knit community. There was a natural dividing line at the High Street, a major traffic thoroughfare, and it was bounded on the north side by the A2 (Rochester Way) another major traffic thoroughfare. With its own school and shopping centre this community was self-sufficient.

Most of the housing in their Avery Hill ward was built in 1947 and had its own shopping area and Falconwood Station provided an important link with central London. It had a natural Green Belt Division across Eltham Park from the north of the borough which divided it from Eltham Park. The ward was an original community.

New Eltham ward was built between 1920-1940 with its own shopping centre along Footscray Road and a railway link with central London from New Eltham Station. It was cut off from the north of the constituency by Avery Hill Grounds, the Royal Blackheath Golf Course and Playing Fields.

Eltham Palace ward was a "scattered " ward, centred along Court Road and the side streets to the High Street. Court Road provided easy access to two communities, Nottingham community in the south and the area round the Eltham High Street in the north. To the east it was surrounded by Green Belt.
Mr. J. Wise supported the Minority Party proposals. He felt that community ties were more important than equality of electorate, at least up to about 15% to 20%, although clearly there would be grey areas. He drew attention to the unique community south of Greenwich High Road, with its Georgian development and its history, and to the work of the Greenwich Society.

Councillor Jeffrey, for the Borough Council, did not agree with the alternative warding arrangements for the Eltham area suggested by the Minority Party. The Council supported the Boundary Commission's Draft Proposals, and felt that they had got the mixture of one member and two member wards right.

Dealing with the Eltham Park ward proposed by the Minority Party it was pointed out that the area contained at least three communities. One was in the north of the area around Deansfield School and was wholly contained in the Deansfield ward in the Draft Proposals. There was another community to the south of this and north of the Railway line, and one or more to the south of the Railway line. The Council would not criticise the linking of these similar communities if it produced a ward with the right number of electors, but it did not do so.

In Avery Hill ward the Council felt that the Minority Party were enlarging a natural one member ward into an unnatural two member ward by the addition to it of the area north of Bexley Road, which had no similar social interest and electorate to achieve electoral equality.

With regard to New Eltham ward, the Council was critical of the omission of the area to the east of the Golf Course from the proposed ward.

Finally, it was submitted that the Minority Party's Eltham Palace ward contained two quite separate communities situated to the north and south respectively of the Royal Blackheath Golf Course, together with part of the New Eltham community to the east of this Golf Course. It was the Council's view that there was no justification for linking these two communities or for the addition of the area to the east of the Golf Course.

Mr. Mead then outlined his proposals for the warding of the Borough, and amplified his written submission to the Boundary Commission. He proposed a division of the Borough into 34 wards, returning a total of 65 members to the Council. Of these 4 were one-member wards (Winn's Common, East Wickham, Eastcombe and Dockyard) Vanbrugh ward was a three-member ward, and the remaining 29 wards would each return two members to the Council. Five of the wards, Middle Park, Sherard, Shooters Hill, Slade and West Hall, were unchanged from the present boundaries.

Mr. Mead said that in the West Greenwich area he tended to agree with the Minority Party proposals for an east-west rather than a north-south boundary. He himself had kept to the boundaries of the former metropolitan boroughs of Greenwich and Woolwich which were crossed at only two points. In the
Kidbrooke ward he had adhered virtually to the old boundaries. These traditional boundaries marked the community areas and were better and more clearly defined than many of the Borough Council's proposals. Mr. Mead felt that his proposals were politically fair, and that his proposed wards were much more compact than those contained in the Draft Proposals. All of his wards with the exception of Shooters Hill ward could be covered comfortably by the ward councillors without a car.

21. Councillor Capelin, Leader of the Council, criticised Mr. Mead's scheme. He felt that it was a retrograde step to try to bring back the old boundaries again. Indeed since the re-organisation of London Government they had been trying consistently to amalgamate the two former areas. He pointed out that despite what Mr. Mead had said about ease of members covering a ward, some of his wards were larger and more difficult than in the Draft Proposals. Councillor Capelin emphasised that there had been no political bias in preparing the Council's warding scheme. He also pointed out that the Council had brought all the army voters into one ward.

Alderman Rolfe, for the Minority Party, noted that Mr. Mead agreed with his Party's east-west boundary. He felt that the south boundary of Blackheath ward was a tortuous boundary.

Mr. Knight, for the East Woolwich Liberal Association, said that Greenwich fell into three natural areas, and that Mr. Mead's divisions were more realistic than those of either the Majority Party or the Minority Party. He pointed out that the army wives and children were also part of the community.

Councillor White said that it was wrong to follow the road boundaries slavishly. Mr. Mead's proposals had cleared up some anomalies but had created even more. He (Councillor White) represented West ward and had no problem getting around it. Mr. Mead's Greenwich ward was larger than the West ward. The Greenwich Society was bound to cover more than one ward, whatever boundaries were chosen. Councillor Jeffrey and Councillor Capelin challenged Mr. Mead's calculations of the electorate in his proposed wards.

22. After the lunch adjournment Mr. Mead dealt with the Eltham area. He said that in this area the Council in their scheme had not kept a single boundary the same. He said that the area was suburban and hadn't suffered the same re-development as other areas of the Borough. It was therefore reasonable to keep to the existing boundaries, and he gave a number of examples. He admitted that to get the electoral numbers right in this area he hadn't been able to get all the boundaries right, so far as community interest were concerned, as he would have wished. He criticised Palace ward as having too large an area for a one-member ward.

23. Councillor Capelin and Councillor Dean did not agree with Mr. Mead's suggestions for the area, and supported
the Draft Proposals. They pointed out anomalies in Mr. Mead's proposals, for example that if (as Mr. Mead claimed) it was wrong for Sidcup Road to divide a ward in one case, why not in another. Councillor Dean said that there was no community of interest between the two sides of Sidcup Road. Mr. Mead accepted some of this criticism as fair. Mrs. Little, for the Minority Party, also disagreed with Mr. Mead's proposals, particularly his linking of the area with Chislehurst.

24. Councillor Jeffrey said that the whole of Mr. Mead's scheme fell flat on the basis of the Eltham area. To chop certain bits out of the Eltham area was anti-community interest. Mrs. Little, for the Minority Party, agreed with Councillor Jeffrey's criticisms, particularly against Mr. Mead's proposed Shooters Hill ward, which she felt was wholly unsatisfactory. There was no tie between the people on the north side and the south side of Shooters Hill. Mr. Mead countered by saying that the electorate numbers had allowed him to stick to the old boundaries. He was trying to avoid unnecessary change.

Councillor Capelin said that the Coldharbour Tenants Association had a very close community interest. Mr. Mead had to accept this but had been constrained because of the electoral figures. Councillor Jeffrey said that there was no difference between the Majority and the Minority parties on the Eltham area. Neither party agreed with Mr. Mead's proposals.

25. Mr. Mead then described his proposals for the warding of the East Woolwich area. Here again he felt that the boundaries he proposed caused the minimum disturbance and kept communities within the same ward. His Shooters Hill ward was identical with the existing ward. The Slade area caused no problems, as this was the one area where everybody was agreed. He criticised the proposed boundary between the Council's Woolwich Common and Herbert ward, contrasting it with his proposed Shrewsbury ward. He felt that an east-west boundary was preferable to a north-south boundary. In his scheme he kept the Plumstead Common area together.

Mr. Mead pointed out that the Council's St. Mary's ward/Arsenal ward boundary cut straight through Beresford Square, which was the focal point of the area. He felt that Glyndon ward should be more compact. He submitted that Plumstead High Street was an obvious boundary.

Mr. Mead said that he did not accept the Council's calculations of the future electorate. He was particularly critical of Eynsham ward and Thamesmead ward. So far as Eynsham ward was concerned the Council's figures would mean that there would be a large number of empty houses. Possibly the Council's calculation of the electorate for Thamesmead ward would be right ultimately, but there were only 1,500
electors now and an estimated 2,400 next year. It was quite unfair for the rest of the Borough for a ward which was not even entitled to one member to be given two members immediately. He suggested that the ward should be given an additional member only when the electoral population justified it, say in 1982.

26. Councillor Dean did not agree with Mr. Mead's proposals. He felt that Mr. Mead should make up his mind whether he wanted to stick to existing ward boundaries or not. Councillor Dean said that wherever one put the boundaries in the Burrage ward/Glyndon ward/Plumstead Common ward area there would be a community of interest, and therefore one should choose the boundaries which produced the best numerical results in terms of equality of electorate.

With regard to Mr. Mead's criticism of the calculations for Eynsham ward, Councillor Dean said that they did not imply empty houses, but rather under-occupation of houses. The ward had gone over the population hump. Mr. Mead's solution for the area was ridiculous.

With regard to Thamesmead ward, Councillor Dean said that there were already almost as many people living there now who were not on the electoral register as there were on it. He could accept Mr. Mead's arguments for one councillor only but for one very important factor. This was that where such an area was being planned and growing so rapidly there were an inordinate number of problems, and it could well be argued that two councillors were needed to deal with these in advance.

Councillor Capelin supported this. Referring to Mr. Mead's earlier submissions he pointed out that Plumstead High Street was a very difficult street to cross and he referred to the work going on in Nathan Way, a spur road which is being improved to take traffic out of the High Street. Councillor Capelin said that Mr. Mead's figures for his Thamesmead West ward ignored the out-migration factor. A higher out-migration figure was expected for the Plumstead area. Councillor Capelin thought that Thamesmead ward would be within the electoral population figure to justify two councillors by 1978. He could not understand why Mr. Mead was critical of a ward boundary going through Beresford Square—it could not affect the electorate.

Mrs. Little said the Minority Party agreed with the views expressed by Councillor Capelin and were against Mr. Mead's proposals.

Mr. Fieldgate, for the Minority Party, felt that Mr. Mead's Winn's Common and East Wickham wards should be amalgamated into one two-member ward.

Mr. Knight for the East Woolwich Liberal Association, challenged Councillor Dean on the question of the community
interests in the Burrage and Plumstead Common wards. He tended to support Mr. Mead.

27. Mr. Mead replied to a criticism that in certain areas his proposed wards straddled constituency boundaries. He accepted that this was so in about 6 places and that electors would vote in different areas at a Parliamentary election. He pointed out, however, that in so far as it was relevant some of the wards proposed by the Council also crossed constituency boundaries.

Mr. Mead challenged the Council's forecast of electorate in several wards, and in particular the application throughout the Borough of the estimated out-migration figure of 8%. Mr. Mead said that the out-migration was clearly not equal over the whole borough, and in particular he cited Shooters Hill, Coldharbour, Sherard and Park wards.

28. The meeting then considered the comments on the draft proposals which had been made by the East Woolwich Liberal Association. Dr. David Woodhead, for the Association, said that they had not proposed a scheme of their own for the Borough because their knowledge was largely confined to the East Woolwich Constituency area. They believed, however, that their fundamental points of principle were relevant to the whole borough.

Dr. Woodhead said that the principle of representation was that councillors should represent communities. In fact however, they represented political parties. Where one had multi-member wards, representation of communities was distorted. He could not see any logical principle in the proposals of the other parties or in Mr. Mead's scheme. Were they opting for single-member wards or multi-member wards? The schemes were a mixture and deviated from either principle. He referred to the report of the Royal Commission on Local Government, which contained a recommendation that the areas of main authorities should be divided into single-member constituencies. The Association would support a scheme which provided for single-member wards, but could see no logic in the Draft Proposals, which provided for 10 single-member wards and 26 two-member wards, or indeed in the alternatives put forward by the Minority Party and Mr. Mead.

Commenting on the Draft Proposals Dr. Woodhead said that there was little consistency in the drawing of ward boundaries. In some cases major roads were used as boundaries, e.g. Eltham Hill, Eltham High Street, Bexley Road; in other cases major roads are not consistently used, e.g. Shooters Hill Road.

Several natural communities were split by proposed ward boundaries. Examples included the area on each side of Shrewsbury Lane and the area on each side of Wickham Lane.

The names of some of the proposed wards might cause
confusion. For example, the Plumstead Common ward contained only a small part of Plumstead Common, and Lakedale ward contained most of the old St. Nicholas ward as well as St. Nicholas Hospital, while St. Nicholas ward contained part of the old Abbey Wood ward.

The Liberal Association felt that a borough of 50 to 60 wards, each electing a single councillor, would best secure the democratic and effective representation of the citizens of Greenwich. Some of the multi-member wards in the Draft Proposals could be split up.

29. Commenting on Dr. Woodhead's remarks Councillor Capelin said that the scheme prepared by the Council and embodied in the Draft Proposals was totally consistent with the guidelines laid down. The Council bias on the whole was in favour of single-member wards, but they had to plan within the constraints of existing communities, which required two-member wards. Where, for example, there existed a homogeneous estate such as Abbey Wood it should not be divided. Equally the Council had to work within the constraints of natural boundaries, and electoral equality.

Mr. Mead said that his present scheme was his second attempt. Originally he had tried unsuccessfully to work out a satisfactory one-member ward scheme. He thought that a norm of about 2,500 electors was a very good number to have. He accepted that the climate of opinion in Greenwich was against the one-member ward, and clearly there were some communities which came over the 2,500 figure.

Mr. Knight, for the East Woolwich Liberal Association, re-iterated that it was more important that the principle of fair representation should apply. Mrs. Hulbert spoke feelingly of the increasing health strain put on councillors these days.

30. I had made a general inspection of the Borough prior to the meeting, but during and at the end of the meeting I was asked by several of those who spoke to visit and look at certain wards, boundaries community areas and other matters, some of which were in dispute and to which my attention was drawn. I arranged to do this on the following Friday, 29th April, and with the agreement of the meeting I was accompanied by Mr. Barton of the Chief Executive and Town Clerk's Department. During the course of this inspection I included the following:

(i) Stage VIII of the Thamesmead development.

(ii) Beresford Square, where Mr. Mead had criticised the Council's boundary.

(iii) Plumstead Road.
(iv) Thamesmead Stage III, where I viewed the build up of occupancy and the distance from Stage VIII.

(v) Eynsham ward, and in particular Mr. Mead's proposed boundary along Mottisfont Road.

(vi) The Burrage/Herbert/Eaglesfield ward area. In particular I looked at Burrage Road, Plumstead Common Road and Herbert Road, which I noted was a good subsidiary shopping area for those who do not wish to go to Woolwich. I inspected the Minority Party's suggested boundary for dividing the wards, and Red Lion Lane (Mr. Mead's suggestion).

(vii) The Corelli Road area and the G.L.C. Corelli Estate, where Mr. Mead had pointed out that the Council were splitting the estate into three.

(viii) The Cradley Road area and Avery Hill Road, where Mrs. Hulbert, for the Minority Party, had pointed out the difference in the quality of property.

(ix) Footscray Road, the area of Blanmerle Road and the distance from Eltham ward, and the ribbon development, along Court Road mentioned by the Minority Party.

(x) Sherard ward area, the old borough boundary and Brook Estate. Here the Minority Party's proposal for Page ward is the same as the existing Sherard ward. The Council's projected electorate for this ward gave a figure of 5,100, which was low. The council therefore added in the Brook Estate, bringing the number up to 5,705 (1980). Mr. Mead preferred to retain the existing boundary and agreed with the Minority Party on this point.

(xi) Ferrier Estate and Kidbrooke Park Road. Here the question was whether the Ferrier Estate should be linked with the Brook Estate, as suggested by the Minority Party, and Mr. Mead, or with the area to the north along Kidbrooke Park Road, as in the Draft Proposals.

(xii) Vanbrugh ward area. Shooters Hill Road and Vanbrugh Park. Beaconsfield Road and Hardy Road.

(xiii) Trafalgar ward, Halstow Road and the railway cutting.

(xiv) Greenwich High Road, Greenwich South Street, and the Royal Hill shops, which Mr. Wise asked me to view.

(xv) The Orchard Estate. This is a post war G.L.C. Estate which is partly in the Borough and partly in the Borough of Lewisham. The Minority Party suggested that the Estate should not be linked with the Council's proposed West ward but with the area to the east of Greenwich South Street.
CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

31. I would like first of all to express my thanks to all those who, in the interests of the London Borough of Greenwich, have given so much of their time and effort to present their views on the future electoral arrangements for the Borough. I am particularly grateful to the council members and others who attended the local meeting and assisted me in my deliberations, and to Mr. Doble, the Chief Executive and Town Clerk, and Mr. Barton of his staff for their courtesy and assistance throughout the proceedings.

32. Dealing with Burrage and Herbert/Eaglesfield wards, it is clear that the forecast electorate of 8,155 in 1980 for the combined area gives an entitlement of three councillors. Both the Council and the Minority Party divide the area into a two-member ward and a single-member ward, but whereas the Council uses Plumstead Common Road as a boundary between their wards, the Minority Party prefer a more southerly boundary. Both parties argued for their proposals on the ground of community interest.

Having considered the representations and inspected the proposed boundaries I am satisfied that the boundary along Plumstead Common Road embodied in the Draft Proposals is to be preferred. Not only is it more easily identifiable than the Minority Party's alternative, but it produces a much better standard of representation between the proposed wards.

33. In view of Mr. Mead's criticisms of the Borough Council's forecast of electorate generally and in particular in certain wards, I have examined the figures put forward by the Council. The Council estimate that the electorate of the Borough will rise by some 9,320 electors to a total of 170,570 by 1980. During the years 1971 to 1976 the electorate declined from 162,058 to 161,250, a decrease of 808. The Council, in calculating their figures, both for the overall electorate and its distribution between the wards, have taken account of the considerable development under way in the Borough, particularly, of course, in the Thamesmead area. I think it is unfortunate that in dealing with the total estimated out-migrating factor of some 8%, the Council applied this evenly over the whole borough. This necessarily left the Council's figures open to criticism in particular wards where clearly such a factor was inappropriate. None the less I am satisfied that the Council have given due consideration to all the relevant factors affecting the future electorate, and I accept their figures as the best available estimates.

34. It is clear that apart from Burrage and Herbert wards, and the wards common to both schemes, the Minority Party's proposals must be considered as alternative to the Council's scheme, in the sense that it is not possible to take elements out of one scheme and transpose them to the other, without producing some unacceptable distortions. The Minority Party
have obviously given considerable thought to their proposals, and have identified some good boundaries and sectors of community interest in both the Greenwich and Eltham areas of the Borough. However, possibly because of their concentration on the community factor their proposals are numerically inferior to the wards contained in the Draft Proposals, and some of the boundaries produced are not particularly satisfactory, and in certain cases themselves cut across local ties.

35. Mr. Mead's scheme also must be taken as an alternative to the Draft Proposals in their entirety. I have tried several exercises of moving boundaries within his scheme, and also submitting one or more of Mr. Mead's wards into the Draft Proposals. Unfortunately, due to the "shunt" effect which occurs when a boundary is changed, I have invariably ended up with an unsatisfactory ward arrangement, an unnatural boundary, or an unacceptable lack of equality of electorate. Whereas the Minority Party started on the basis of community interest, Mr. Mead's basic premise is a desire to keep to existing wards and to produce a minimum of change. Laudable though these aims may be, when one has to carry out the re-warding of a borough such as Greenwich, where there has been considerable re-development and where new building on a large scale is taking place, it is inevitable that boundary changes must be made.

Mr. Mead's proposals were criticised on several counts by both the Council and the Minority Party, but it received some support from the East Woolwich Liberal Association. From the point of view of electoral equality Mr. Mead's scheme is inferior to the Draft Proposals.

While I cannot recommend acceptance of Mr. Mead's scheme in preference to the Boundary Commission's Draft Proposals, I feel that I cannot let the opportunity pass of commending him on producing an imaginative set of proposals. For Mr. Mead and his one-man team (as he himself put it at the meeting) to have produced such a scheme, with ward boundary details, electoral calculations, and a reasoned criticism of the alternative proposals, was by any standards a notable exercise in civic concern.

36. It is not for me to comment on the purely political aspect of the submissions of the East Woolwich Liberal Association. While they suggested in general terms that the Borough should be divided into some 50-60 single member wards they did not make any specific proposals, and I cannot, therefore, make any useful comments.

In so far as they were critical of several of the ward names which they felt might cause confusion, this was not taken up significantly by others at the meeting. In
their submission they criticised the Herbert ward/Shrewsbury ward boundary, and also the St. Nicholas/Slade ward boundary, but they did not suggest any constructive alternatives, and I see no valid reason to alter these boundaries in the Draft Proposals.

37. I feel that the problems associated with the present large scale development in Thamesmead ward, and the rapid build up of electorate which is occurring, justify the allocation of two councillors to this ward in the present review. Allowing for this the Draft Proposals produce a very good standard of equality of electoral representation and I am satisfied that in drawing up their scheme the Council have had regard so far as practicable to local ties and community interests. The ward boundaries, with the minor modifications suggested by the Ordnance Survey, are readily identifiable.

38. I recommend, therefore, that the Local Government Boundary Commission's Draft Proposals for the London Borough of Greenwich be confirmed, subject only to the name of the proposed Thamesmead ward being changed to Thamesmead Moorings.

Yours faithfully,

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LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH - DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

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

WEST WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of the Borough meets a point being due north of Deptford Creek, thence southwards to and southeastwards along said creek to Creek Road, thence eastwards along said road to Norman Road, thence southwards along said road to Haddo Street, thence eastwards and southeastwards along said street and Randall Place to the northern boundary of the Beverley Primary School, thence southwestwards, southeastwards and northeastwards along the northern, southwestern and southeastern boundaries of said school to Glaisher Street, thence southeastwards along said street to the road known as Straightsmouth, thence southeastwards in a straight line to NG reference TQ 3810077363 being a point in prolongation of Prince of Orange Lane, thence southeastwards along said prolongation and said lane crossing Greenwich High Road to Greenwich South Street, thence southwestwards along said street to Lewisham Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the southwestern boundary of the Borough, thence southeastwards, generally southwestwards and northwesternwards along said Borough boundary to the northern boundary of the Borough, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ST ALFEGE WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of West Ward meets the northern boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards along said Borough boundary to a point due west of Pelton Road, thence due eastwards to and along said road to Banning Street, thence southwestwards along said street to Lassell Street, thence southeastwards along said street to Trafalgar Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the road known as Maze Hill, thence southeastwards along said road to the road known as Park Vista thence southwestwards along said road to Creed Place Gate and access road to Greenwich
Park, thence southwards along said access road to NG Ref TQ 5907377807 being a point opposite the northwestern boundary of said park, thence southwestwards to and generally southwestwards along said boundary to The Avenue, thence southeastwards along said avenue to Blackheath Avenue, thence southeastwards along said avenue and Duke Humphrey Road to the southwestern boundary of the Borough, thence westwards and generally southwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of West Ward, thence generally northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

VANBRUGH WARD

Commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of the Borough meets the eastern boundary of St Alfege Ward, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along said ward boundary to the Deptford to Erith railway, thence northeastwards along said railway to the A102(M) road, thence southeastwards along said road to Old Dover Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Stratheden Road, thence southwards along said road to the road known as Vanbrugh Park, thence westwards and southwestwards along said road and Charlton Way to Vanbrugh Park Road, thence southwards along said road and Vanbrugh Terrace and in prolongation thereof to the southwestern boundary of the Borough, thence westwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

TRAFALGAR WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of St Alfege Ward meets the northern boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwards and south-eastwards along said Borough boundary to a point due north of the northwestern corner of the Depot to the West of the Angerstein’s Wharf, thence due southwards to said corner, thence southwestwards and south-eastwards along the western and southern boundaries of said Depot to Horn Lane, thence south-westwards along said lane and in prolongation thereof to the A102 (M) road,
thence southeastwards along said road to the northern boundary of Vanbrugh Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of St Alfege Ward, thence generally northwards along said boundary and westwards along the northern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

CHARLTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Trafalgar Ward meets the northern boundary of the Borough, thence generally eastwards along said Borough boundary to a point due north of the road known as Hardens Manorway, thence due southwards to and southeastwards along said road to Woolwich Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Charlton Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to a point being the prolongation northwesterns of the northeastern boundary of No 1 Charlton Lane, thence southeastwards to and along said boundary and southwestwards along the rear boundary of said property and the rear boundary of No 3 Charlton Lane to the rear boundaries of Nos 1 to 7 Pound Park Road thence southeastwards along said boundaries and continuing southeastwards to and along the rear boundaries of numbers 9 to 47 in said road to Thorntree Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Charlton Lane, thence northwesterns along said lane to Lansdowne Mews, thence southwesters along said mews to the northeastern boundary of the Laundry, thence northwesterns along said boundary to the southern boundary of The Valley (Charlton Athletic Football Club), thence generally westwards along said southern boundary and the northern boundary of the Allotment Gardens to the rear boundary of No 79 Charlton Church Lane, thence southeastwards and southwestards along the rear and southern boundaries of said property to said Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to Nadine Street, thence southwestards along said street to Elliscombe Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Wellington Gardens, thence southwestwards along said gardens to Victoria Way, thence northwesterns and westwards along said way to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of the Birches, thence southwestwards to
and along said boundary and southeastwards along the southwestern boundary
to the western boundary of No 5 Tallis Grove, thence southwards along said
boundary to the rear boundary of No 3 Tallis Grove, thence westwards along
said rear boundary and the rear boundary of No 1 Tallis Grove, thence south-
wards along the western boundary of said property and the rear boundary of
No 88 Wyndcliff Road to Tallis Grove, thence westwards along said grove and
Eversley Road to Eastcombe Avenue, thence southwards along said avenue to
Bramshot Avenue thence westwards along said avenue to NG Ref TQ9057738
being a point opposite the entrance to the Subway that leads to Siebert Road,
thence southwards to and westwards along said subway to the eastern boundary
of Vanbrugh Ward, thence northwards along said ward boundary and generally
northwards along the eastern boundary of Trafalgar Ward to the point of
commencement.

ST MARY'S WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Charlton Ward meets
the northern boundary of the Borough, thence eastwards along said Borough
boundary to a point due north of Ship and Half Moon Passage, thence due
south to and southwestwards along said passage to Warren Lane, thence south-
eastwards along said lane, crossing Beresford Square to Woolwich New Road,
thence southwestwards along said road and Grand Depot Road to John Wilson
Street, thence northwards along said street to Wellington Street, thence
southwestwards along said street to Artillery Place, thence westwards along
said place to Frances Street, thence northwards along said street to
Samuel Street, thence northwards along said street to Godfrey Road,
thence southwards along said road to Godfrey Hill, thence southwestwards
along said hill to the road known as Woodhill, thence northwestwards along
said road to Woolwich Church Street, thence westwards along said street to
Woolwich Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the eastern boundary
of Charlton Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of
commencement.
ARSENAL WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of St Mary's Ward meets the northern boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards along said Borough Boundary to a point due northwestwards from the eastern boundary of the Royal Arsenal at NG Ref TQ 4419979502, thence due southeastwards to and generally southwards along said boundary to Plumstead Road, thence eastwards along said road to Invermore Place, thence southwards along said place to the Deptford to Erith railway, thence eastwards along said railway to Villas Road, thence southwards along said road to Vicarage Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Raglan Road, thence westwards along said road to Bloomfield Road, thence southwards along said road to Conduit Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Crescent Road, thence southwards along said road to Sandy Hill Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Woolwich New Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the eastern boundary of St Mary's Ward, thence northeastwards and generally northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

GLYNDON WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Arsenal Ward meets the northern boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards along said Borough boundary to a point due northwestwards from the Lock situated between East Wharf and North East Wharf, thence due southeastwards to and southeastwards along said lock, thence southeastwards in a straight line to the northern boundary of Stage V111 E of the proposed Thamesmead development, thence generally eastwards and southwards along the northern and eastern boundaries of said development to South Road, thence eastwards along said road to Griffin Manor Way, thence southwestwards along said way to Plumstead Road, thence southeastwards along said road and Plumstead High Street to Ancona Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Heavitree Road, thence eastwards along said road to a point opposite the western boundary of Plumstead Manor School, thence southwards to and generally southwards along said boundary to Invergarry Place.
thence southwards along said place to the road known as Warwick Terrace, thence generally southeastwards along said road to Plumstead Common Road, thence northwesterly along said road to Waverley Crescent, thence northeastwards along said crescent to St John's Terrace, thence northwestwards along said terrace to a point opposite the steps that lead to Plumstead Common, thence northwestwards along said steps to the path south of number 2 Blendon Terrace that leads to the road known as Blendon Terrace, thence northwestwards along said path to Blendon Terrace, thence northwestwards along said road to Vicarage Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Arsenal Ward, thence generally northwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

THAMESMEAD MOORINGS WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Glyndon Ward meets the northern boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards along said Borough boundary and southwards along the eastern boundary of the Borough to the Southern Outfall Sewers, thence southwestwards along said sewers to the footbridge that leads to White Hart Road, thence southeastwards along said footbridge to said road, thence southwestwards along said road to the Erith to Deptford railway, thence westwards along said railway to the eastern boundary of Glyndon Ward, thence generally northeastwards and northwestwards along the eastern and northeastern boundaries of said ward to the point of commencement.

EYNSHAM WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of Thamesmead Moorings Ward meets the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwards along said Borough boundary to the Erith to Deptford railway, thence westwards along said railway to the southeastern boundary of Thamesmead Moorings Ward, thence northwards and northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.
ABBEY WOOD WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Eynsham Ward meets the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwards, northwestern and southwestwards along said Borough boundary to the northeastern boundary of Plumstead Cemetery, thence northwestern and southwestwards along the northeastern and northwestern boundaries of said cemetery to the eastern boundary of the property known as Woodside, thence northwards along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the southernmost footpath in Bostall Woods, thence southwestwards along said path to the westernmost footpath in said woods, (that leads to Old Park Road) thence generally northwestwards along said path to Old Park Road, thence northwards along said road to Bostall Hill, thence northwestern, along said hill to Woodhurst Road, thence northeasterwards along said road to Birkdale Road, thence westwards along said road to Church Manor Way, thence northwards along said way to the southern boundary of Eynsham Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ST NICHOLAS WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of Abbey Wood Ward meets the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwestwards and northwestern and southwestwards along said Borough boundary to a point being east of No 406 Wickham Lane, thence northwestern and southwestwards along said lane to King's Highway, thence southwestern and northwestern along said highway to Winn Common Road, thence northeasterwards along said road to Riverdale Road, thence northwards along said road to the road known as Heath Villas, thence northwestern along said road to Viewland Road, thence northwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 46 Viewland Road, thence westwards to and along said boundary to the eastern boundary of St Nicholas' Hospital, thence generally northwards along said boundary and westwards along the northern boundary of said hospital to the eastern boundary of the Cottage, thence southwards, westwards and northwards along the eastern, southern
and western boundaries of said property to Hull Place, thence northwards along said place to Plumstead High Street, thence westwards along said street to Bonnockburn Road, thence north-easterly along said road to a point opposite the western boundary of No 73 Marmadon Road, thence northwards to and along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the southern boundary of Eynsham Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Abbey Wood Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

LAKEDALE WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Glyndon Ward meets the southern boundary of Thamesmead Moorings Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary and the southern boundary of Eynsham Ward to the western boundary of St Nicholas Ward, thence generally southwards and southwestwards along said ward boundary to King's Highway thence westwards along said highway to the road known as The Slade, thence southwestwards along said road to Plumstead Common Road, thence westwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Glyndon Ward, thence generally northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

SLADE WARD

Commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of St Nicholas Ward meets the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence westwards and southwestwards along said Borough boundary to the track that leads to Woodlands Farm, thence northwestwards along said track to NG Ref TQ 4497576662 thence northwestwards in a straight line to and northwestwards along the track southwest of Woodlands Abattoir, to the track east of Shooters Hill Golf Course thence northwards along said track and northwards along the access road to said abattoir, to Garland Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the southern boundary of Lakedale Ward, thence
generally northeastwards along said boundary to the southwestern boundary of St Nicholas Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

PLUMSTEAD COMMON WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Lakedale Ward meets the western boundary of Slade Ward, thence southwestwards along said western boundary to Dothill Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Wrekin Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Upton Road, thence westwards along said road to Admaston Road, thence northwards along said road to Palmerston Crescent, thence northwestwards along said crescent to Plum Lane, thence southwards along said lane to Genesta Road, thence westwards along said road to Wrottesley Road, thence northwards along said road to Plumstead Common Road, thence eastwards along said road to St Margaret's Grove, thence northeastwards along said grove to the southern boundary of Glyndon Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said southern boundary and the southern boundary of Lakedale Ward to the point of commencement.

BURRAGE WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Arsenal Ward meets the western boundary of Glyndon Ward, thence southwards along said western boundary to the northwestern boundary of Plumstead Common Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary to Plumstead Common Road, thence westwards along said road to Brookhill Road, thence northwards along said road to the southern boundary of Arsenal Ward, thence generally eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

NIGHTINGALE WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Arsenal Ward meets
the western boundary of Burrage Ward, thence southwards along said western boundary to Nightingale Place, thence westwards along said place to the road known as Nightingale Vale, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the southwestern boundary of number 59 Nightingale Vale, thence southeastwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundary of number 123 Eglinton Road, thence southwestwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of No 119 and 117 Eglinton Road, thence southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of the last mentioned property to the rear boundary of No 115 Eglinton Road, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 113 to 93 in said road, thence southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of the last mentioned property to Eglinton Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Whitworth Road, thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 8 Whitworth Road, thence westwards to and along said boundary and the northern boundary of No 56 Llanover Road to Llanover Road, thence southwards along said road to Ordnance Road, thence westwards, northwards and westwards along said road to the road known as Woolwich Common, thence northeastwards along said road and Woolwich New Road to Grand Depot Road, thence generally northeastwards along said road to the southeastern boundary of St Mary's Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Arsenal Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

WOOLWICH COMMON WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Charlton Ward meets the southern boundary of St Mary's Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said southern boundary to the western boundary of Nightingale Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary and continuing southwards along the road known as Woolwich Common to Red Lion Lane, thence southwards and southwestwards along said lane to Shooters Hill, thence northwestwards along said hill and Shooters Hill Road to a point being the prolongation
of the boundary wall between the Shooters Hill Housing Estate and the Married
Quarters in Master Gunners' Place, thence northwards along said prolongation
and generally northwards along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to
the southeastern boundary of the park known as Hornfair, thence northeast-
wards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of the Sports Ground,
thence northeastwards along said boundary, crossing Charlton Park Lane, to
Cemetery Lane, thence northwards along said lane to Charlton Park Road,
thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the entrance to
Maryon Wilson Park, thence northeastwards to and along the path which crosses
said park to the eastern boundary of Charlton Ward opposite Pound Park Road,
thence generally northwestwards and northeastwards along said boundary to the
point of commencement.

HORNFAIR WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Charlton Ward meets
the western boundary of Woolwich Common Ward, thence generally southwards
along said western boundary and south eastwards along the southern boundary
of Woolwich Common Ward to Corelli Road, thence southwestwards along said
road to Wrinklemarsh Road, thence westwards along said road to Weyman Road,
thence northeastwards along said road to Shooters Hill Road, thence westwards
along said road to Marlborough Lane, thence northwards along said lane to
Charlton Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Charlton Church Lane,
thence northwestwards along said lane to the southern boundary of Charlton
Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the point of
commencement.

RECTORY FIELD WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Charlton Ward meets
the western boundary of Hornfair Ward, thence generally southwards along said
western boundary to Shooters Hill Road, thence generally westwards along
said road to A102 (M) road, thence northwestwards along said road and the
eastern boundary of Vanbrugh Ward to the southern boundary of Charlton Ward,
thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commence-
ment.

BLACKHEATH WARD

Commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of the Borough meets
the southeastern boundary of Vanbrugh Ward, thence generally northwards and
eastwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of Rectory Field
Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to Shooters Hill Road, thence
southwestwards along said road to Kidbrooke Grove, thence southeastwards and
southwestwards along said road to the northeastern boundary of No 115
Blackheath Park, thence southeastwards along said boundary and the south-
western boundary of the Sports Ground to KidBrook, thence southwestwards
along said brook and in prolongation thereof to the northern boundary of
No 78 The Lane, thence eastwards along said boundary, thence southwestwards
along the rear boundary of said property and the rear boundaries of Nos 76-60
The Lane and in prolongation thereof to the rear boundary of No 95 Casterbridge
Road, thence continuing southwestwards along said rear boundary and the rear
boundaries of Nos 97-107 Casterbridge Road, thence eastwards in a straight
line to Moorehead Way, thence generally southeastwards along said way to a
point opposite the rear boundary of No 97 Weigall Road, thence southwestwards
to and along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 95-95 Weigall
Road and continuing southwestwards along the southern boundary of the Sports
Ground to the rear boundary of No 18 Quaggy Walk, thence southwestwards along
said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 19-28 Quaggy Walk and the
southern boundary of No 29 Quaggy Walk to the rear boundary of No 64 Meadowcourt
Road, thence northwards along said boundary and northwards, westwards and south-
wards along the rear boundaries of Nos 66-74 Meadowcourt Road to Meadowcourt
Road, thence westwards along said road to the southwestern boundary of the
Borough, thence generally northwards along said boundary to the point of commence-
ment.
FERRIER WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Blackheath Ward meets Rochester Way, thence southeastwards along said road to Kidbrooke Way, thence southwestwards and southeastwards along said way to the proposed Rochester Way relief road, thence generally southwards and southeastwards along said road to Birdbrook Road, thence southwestwards along said road and Eltham Green Road to a point being the prolongation eastwards of the rear boundary of No 9 Meadowside, thence southwestwards along said prolongation and the rear boundaries of Nos 9 to 1 Meadowside, thence southwards along the western boundary of the last mentioned property to the road known as Meadowside, thence southwards along said road to a point being the prolongation northeastwards of Tudway Road, thence southwestwards to and along said prolongation and road to Kidbrooke Park Road, thence northwards along said road to Weigall Road, thence southwestward along said road to Moorehead Way, thence northwards along said way to the eastern boundary of Blackheath Ward, thence generally northwards and eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

KIDBROOKE WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Ferrier Ward meets the southern boundary of Rectory Field Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to the southern boundary of Hornfair Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said boundary to Corelli Road, thence generally southwards along said road to the road known as Broad Walk, thence southwestwards along said
road to a point opposite the western boundary of No 202 Broad Walk, thence
southeastwards to and along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos
155 to 125 Mayday Gardens and continuing southeastwards to and along the
rear boundaries of Nos 123 and 121 Mayday Gardens, thence northeasterwards
along the rear boundary of No 121 Mayday Gardens and continuing northeaster-
wards to and along the rear boundaries of Nos 119 and 117 Mayday Gardens,
to the southwestern boundary of Greenwich Cemetery, thence southeastwards
along said boundary to a point being the prolongation northeasterwards of
the northwestern boundary of No 49 Arbroath Road, thence southwestwards
along said prolongation and said boundary, to the rear boundaries of Nos
68 to 84 Ross Way thence southwestwards along said boundaries and the
northern boundary of No 64 Appleton Road and in prolongation thereof
(crossing Appleton Road) to the northern boundary of No 59 Appleton Road,
thence southwestwards along said boundary, the rear boundaries of Nos 16
to 106 Wendover Road and the northwestern boundary of No 327 Rochester Way
to Rochester Way, thence northwesterwards along said way to the eastern
boundary of Ferrier Ward, thence generally northwesterwards along said boundary to
the point of commencement.

WELL HALL WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Hornfair Ward meets
the southern boundary of Woolwich Common Ward, thence southeastwards along
said southern boundary to Well Hall Road thence southwestwards along said
road to a point opposite the southern boundary of Eltham Common, thence
eastwards to and along said boundary to the eastern boundary of No 59
Castlewood Drive, thence southeastwards along said boundary and the rear
boundaries of Nos 61-95 Castlewood Drive and continuing southeastwards
along the western boundary of the area of land known as Castlewood to the
rear boundaries of Nos 5 to 8 Littlecroft, thence westwards along the said
boundaries and the access road to the rear of Nos 153-167 Castlewood Drive,
thence westwards along said access road to Westmount Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Rochester Way, thence southwestwards along said way to Grangehill Road, thence southwards along said road to Craighton Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Well Hall Parade, thence southwestwards along said parade to Well Hall Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Rochester Way, thence northsouthwards along said way to the southeastern boundary of Kidbrooke Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary and generally northwards along the eastern boundary of said ward to the eastern boundary of Hornfair Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

HERBERT WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Well Hall Ward meets the southern boundary of Woolwich Common Ward, thence southeastwards along said southern boundary and generally northwards along the eastern boundary of said ward to the southern boundary of Nightingale Ward, thence generally eastwards along said southern boundary and northeastwards along the eastern boundary of said ward to the southern boundary of Burrage Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Plumstead Common Ward, thence southwards along said boundary to Genesta Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Eglinton Hill, thence generally southwards along said Hill to Shrewsbury Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to Shooters Hill, thence eastwards along said hill to Stoney Alley, thence southwestwards along said alley to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 33 Crookston Road, thence westwards to and along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 31-23 Crookston Road to the eastern boundary of Well Hall Ward, thence generally northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.
SHREWSBURY WARD

Commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of Slade Ward meets the southeastern boundary of the Borough, thence generally southwards along said Borough boundary to Welling Way, thence westwards along said way to Rochester Way, thence westwards along said way to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 699 Rochester Way, thence northwards to and along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 233-189 Crookston Road, thence southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 189-35 Crookston Road and in prolongation thereof to the eastern boundary of Herbert Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Plumstead Common Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Slade Ward, thence southwards along said boundary and southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

DEANSFIELD WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Shrewsbury Ward meets the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwards along said Borough boundary to the Welling to Blackheath railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to Gleneak Road, thence northwards along said road to Earlshall Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Grangehill Road, thence northwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Well Hall Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Herbert Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Shrewsbury Ward, thence generally eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ELTHAM PARK WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Deansfield Ward meets
the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southeasterwards along said Borough boundary to Bexley Road, thence generally westwards along said road to Eltham High Street, thence westwards along said street to Well Hall Road, thence northwards along said road to the southeastern boundary of Well Hall Ward, thence northeasterwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Deansfield Ward, thence generally eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

SHERARD WARD.

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Ferrier Ward meets the southwestern boundary of Kidbrooke Ward, thence southeasterwards along said southwestern boundary to the southwestern boundary of Well Hall Ward, thence southeasterwards and southwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Eltham Park Ward, thence southwards along said boundary to Eltham High Street, thence generally westwards along said street, Eltham Hill and Eltham Road to Eltham Green Road, thence northwards along said road to the road known as Meadowside, thence northwesterwards and northwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Ferrier Ward, thence generally northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

SUTCLIFFE WARD

Commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of the Borough meets the southern boundary of Blackheath Ward, thence generally northeasterwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Ferrier Ward, thence generally southeasterwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Sherard Ward, thence southwards along said boundary and eastwards along the southern boundary of said ward to Westhorne Avenue, thence southwesterwards along said avenue to the southwestern boundary of the Borough, thence northwesterwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.
MIDDLE PARK WARD

Commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of the Borough meets the southeastern boundary of Sutcliffe Ward, thence northeasterwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Sherard Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to a point opposite the northwestern corner of No 144 Eltham Hill, thence southwards to said corner and southeasterwards in a straight line to the northeastern corner of the garage area to the rear of Beech Court and Cedar Court, thence southwards along the eastern boundary of said garage area and the rear boundaries of No 21 - 57a Kingsground, thence westwards along the southern boundary of No 57a Kingsground to the footpath that leads to King John's Walk, thence southwards along said path to said walk, thence southwestwards along said walk (crossing Middle Park Avenue and Sidcup Road) to the Borough boundary, thence generally northwesterwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

PALACE WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Middle Park Ward meets the southern boundary of Sherard Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary and the southern boundary of Eltham Park Ward to Avery Hill Road, thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 209 Avery Hill Road, thence westwards to and along said boundary and the northern boundary of No 199 Avery Hill Road to the eastern boundary of the Sports Ground, thence southwards along said boundary and westwards along the southern boundary of said ground to the track running eastwards from the access road from Avery Hill Road to the sports grounds thence westwards along said track to said access road, thence southwards along said access road to the River Shuttle, thence westwards along said river and in prolongation thereof to the access road from
Sparrows Lane to Sparrow's Farm, thence westwards in a straight line to National Grid Reference TQ 4386373571 being the southeastern corner of the Sports Ground, thence southwestwards along the southern boundary of said Sports Ground to Footscray Road, thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of No. 188a Footscray Road, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary and the northern boundaries of the Sports Ground and Tennis Courts west of Green Lane to the western boundary of said sports ground, thence northwestwards in a straight line to a point on the access road to the Royal Blackheath Golf Course being opposite the rear boundary of No 79 Court Road, thence southwestwards along said access road to Court Road, thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of the Institute of Army Education, thence westwards along said boundary and northwards along the western boundary of said institute to the southern boundary of Eltham Palace, thence northwards and westwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Middle Park Ward, thence generally northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

AVERY HILL WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Eltham Park Ward meets the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence generally southwestwards along said Borough boundary to the Sidcup to Hither Green railway, thence westwards along said railway to Avery Hill Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the access road to the Avery Hill College Sports Ground, thence northwestwards along said road to the southern boundary of Palace Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary and northwards along the eastern boundary of said ward to the southern boundary of Eltham Park Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.
NEW ELTHAM WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Avery Hill Ward meets the southeastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwestwards along said Borough boundary to Green Lane, thence northwards along said lane to the southern boundary of Palace Ward, thence generally eastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Avery Hill Ward, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said boundary and eastwards along the southern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

TARN WARD

Commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of the Borough meets the southeastern boundary of Middle Park Ward, thence northeastwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Palace Ward, thence generally eastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of New Eltham Ward, thence southwards along said boundary to Sidcup Road, thence northwesterly along said road to Leysdown Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the southwestern boundary of the Borough, thence northwesterly along said boundary to the point of commencement.

COLDHARBOUR WARD

Commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of the Borough meets the southern boundary of Tarn Ward, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of New Eltham Ward, thence southwards along said boundary to the southeastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwestwards along said boundary and generally northwesterly along the southwestern boundary of the Borough to the point of commencement.