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PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
DISTRICT OF WYCHAVON IN THE COUNTY OF HEREFORD AND WORCESTER

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Wychavon 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 31 December 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Wychavon District Council, copies of which were circulated to Hereford and Worcester County Council, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the district and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of 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 any interested bodies.
3. Wychavon District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. In 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 asked also 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. In accordance with section 7(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the District Council have exercised an option for a system of whole council elections.

5. On 30 July 1975 Wychavon District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area into 37 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a Council of 49, four more than at present.

6. We considered the draft scheme together with the comments which we had received and those which had been forwarded to us by the District Council. The comments included an alternative scheme for warding arrangements within the parish of Droitwich. A local political party proposed 7 single-member wards for the parish of Evesham.

7. The remaining comments dealt with particular aspects of the Council's proposals. The parishes of Bishampton and Throckmorton requested that they be placed in the proposed Pinvin ward. Stock and Bradley Parish Council thought that the parish of Hadzor should be in the proposed Hanbury ward. Upton Snodsbury Parish Council requested that the parish of Broughton Hackett should be in the proposed Upton Snodsbury ward. After due consideration, we felt unable to accept any of the modifications which had been suggested.

8. We then considered modifications to improve equality of representation. The Council's warding arrangements for the parishes of Droitwich and Evesham were very uneven, and we requested the Council to review their proposals for these parishes.

9. On 11 June 1976 Wychavon District Council re-affirmed their proposals but revised their forecast figures for the parish of Droitwich showing that the proposals were more equitable than had appeared from the previous forecast figures. We accepted this explanation but considered that the proposed Inkberrow and Hanbury wards should be combined to form a two-member ward named Inkberrow and Hanbury.

10. Subject to the modification mentioned above, we decided that the District Council's draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements for the district in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines; we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

11. On 24 August 1976 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the Council's draft scheme. 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 other members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 29 October 1976.

12. Wychavon District Council informed us that they objected strongly to our proposed 2-member Inkberrow and Hanbury ward. We received similar objections from Inkberrow, Hanbury, and Stock and Bradley Parish Councils. The objectors thought that Inkberrow should be a single member ward and that this should be the case also with Hanbury. Bishampton and Throckmorton Parish Council reiterated their earlier proposal that the two parishes should be placed in the proposed Pinvin ward. The Hereford and Worcester County Council informed us that the draft proposals seemed likely to be compatible with their view of the future county electoral arrangements.

13. We reviewed our draft proposals and, in the light of the comments which we had received about strong local affinities and ties, we concluded that there should be a single-member Inkberrow ward, comprising the parish of that name, and a single-member Hanbury ward comprising the parishes of Hanbury, and Stock and Bradley. We also decided that the parishes of Bishampton and Throckmorton should be in the proposed Pinvin ward. Subject to these alterations we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals. However, we noted that before we could do so it would be necessary, in view of the provisions in

paragraph 3(2)(b) of Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972, to ask the District Council to make their orders under section 50(4) of the Act to establish parish wards in Droitwich, Evesham, North Claines and Pershore which would be compatible with the district wards which we intended to recommend. In due course the District Council sent us copies of the orders which they had made and we then formulated our final proposals.

14. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the proposed wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The area of each of the proposed wards, as defined on the map, is at Schedule 2.

PUBLICATION

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

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Signed

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Schedule 1

DISTRICT OF WYCHAVON : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
BADSEY	1
BOWBROOK	1
BREDON	1
BRET FORTON AND OFFENHAM	1
BROADWAY	2
CLAINES CENTRAL AND WEST	1
CLAINES EAST	1
DODDERHILL	1
DRAKES BROUGHTON	1
DROITWICH CENTRAL	3
DROITWICH SOUTH	3
DROITWICH WEST	3
ECKINGTON	1
ELMLEY CASTLE	1
EVESHAM EAST	1
EVESHAM HAMPTON	3
EVESHAM NORTH	1
EVESHAM SOUTH	2
EVESHAM WEST	1
FLADBURY	1
HANBURY	1
HARTLEBURY	1
HARVINGTON AND NORTON	1
HONEYBOURNE AND FEBWORTH	1
INKBERROW	1
LENCHES	1
LOVETT	1
OMBERSLEY	1
PERSHORE HOLY CROSS	2
PERSHORE ST ANDREWS	2
PINVIN	1
SOMERVILLE	1
SOUTH BREDON HILL	1
SPETCHLEY	1
THE LITTLETONS	1
UPTON SNODSBURY	1
WICKHAMFORD	1

DISTRICT OF WYCHAVON 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.

EVESHAM EAST WARD	The Evesham East Ward of the Parish of EVESHAM
EVESHAM HAMPTON WARD	The Evesham Hampton Ward of the Parish of EVESHAM
EVESHAM NORTH WARD	The Evesham North Ward of the Parish of EVESHAM
EVESHAM SOUTH WARD	The Evesham South Ward of the Parish of EVESHAM
EVESHAM WEST WARD	The Evesham West Ward of the Parish of EVESHAM
PERSHORE ST ANDREWS WARD	The Pershore St Andrews Ward of the Parish of PERSHORE
PERSHORE HOLY CROSS WARD	The Pershore Holy Cross Ward of the Parish of PERSHORE
DROITWICH WEST WARD	The Droitwich West Ward of the Parish of DROITWICH
DROITWICH CENTRAL WARD	The Droitwich Central Ward of the Parish of DROITWICH
DROITWICH SOUTH WARD	The Droitwich South Ward of the Parish of DROITWICH
CLAINES EAST WARD	The Claines East Ward of the Parish of NORTH CLAINES
CLAINES CENTRAL AND WEST WARD	The Claines Central and West Ward of the Parish of NORTH CLAINES
BADSEY WARD	The Parishes of ALDRINGTON BADSEY
BOWBROOK WARD	The Parishes of CROWLE HADZOR HIMBLETON HUDDINGTON ODDINGLEY TIBBERTON
BREDON WARD	The Parishes of BREDON BREDON'S NORTON
BRETFORTON AND OFFENHAM WARD	The Parishes of BRETFORTON OFFENHAM

HANBURY WARD

The Parishes of
HANBURY
STOCK AND BRADLEY

OMBERSLEY WARD

The Parishes of
DOVERDALE
OMBERSLEY

PINVIN WARD

The Parishes of
BISHAMPTON
HILL AND MOOR
PINVIN
THROCKMORTON
WYRE PIDDLE

SOMERVILLE WARD

The Parishes of
ASHTON UNDER HILL
ASTON SOMERVILLE
HINTON ON THE GREEN
SEDEBERROW

SOUTH BREDON HILL WARD

The Parishes of
BECKFORD
CONDERTON
KEMERTON
OVERBURY

SPETCHLEY WARD

The Parishes of
BREDICOT
BROUGHTON HACKETT
CHURCHILL
NORTON JUXTA KEMPSEY
SPETCHLEY
WHITE LADIES ASTON
WHITTINGTON

THE LITTLETONS WARD

The Parishes of
CLEEVE PRIOR
NORTH AND MIDDLE LITTLETON
SOUTH LITTLETON

UPTON SNODSBURY WARD

The Parishes of
DORMSTON
FLYFORD FLAVELL
GRAFTON FLYFORD
KINGTON
NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP
NORTH PIDDLE
PEOPLETON
UPTON SNODSBURY

WICKHAMFORD WARD

The Parishes of
CHILDSWICKHAM
WICKHAMFORD

DODDERHILL WARD

The Parishes of
DODDERHILL
UPTON WARREN

BROADWAY WARD

The Parish of
BROADWAY

DRAKES BROUGHTON WARD

The Parishes of
DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH
PIRTON
STOULTON

ECKINGTON WARD

The Parishes of
BESFORD
BIRLINGHAM
DEFFORD
ECKINGTON
STRENSHAM

ELMLEY CASTLE WARD

The Parishes of
BRICKLEHAMPTON
ELMLEY CASTLE
GREAT COMBERTON
LITTLE COMBERTON
NETHERTON
WICK

FLADBURY WARD

The Parishes of
CHARLTON
CROPTHORNE
FLADBURY

HARTLEBURY WARD

The Parish of
HARTLEBURY

HARVINGTON AND NORTON WARD

The Parishes of
HARVINGTON
NORTON AND LENCHWICK

HONEYBOURNE AND PEBWORTH WARD

The Parishes of
BICKMARSH
HONEYBOURNE
PEBWORTH

INKBERROW WARD

The Parish of
INKBERROW

LENCHES WARD

The Parishes of
ABBERTON
ABBOTS MORTON
CHURCH LENCH
ROUS LENCH

LOVETT WARD

The Parishes of
ELMBRIDGE
ELMLEY LOVETT
HAMPTON LOVETT
HINDLIP
MARTIN HUSSINGTREE
SALWARPE
WESTWOOD

