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

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
ROCHFORD DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Rochford District, in accordance with the requirements of section 63 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 3 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Rochford District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Essex County Council, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of the local newspapers circulating in the area and to the Local Government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.
3. The Rochford District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972, and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were also asked to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.
4. On 17 October 1974 the Rochford District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the district into 23 wards

each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 40.

5. In accordance with section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, they had exercised an option for elections by thirds but proposed that only three of the wards should return 3 councillors. In the remaining wards it was necessary to provide for the councillors to retire in rotation.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council together with the comments which had been made upon it. We noted that the draft scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and our own guidelines except that the proposed Trinity and Lodge wards, which had similar electorates in 1974, and were forecast to have similar electorates in 1979, were to be represented by 3 and 2 councillors respectively. We proposed an alteration to the boundary between the 2 wards to transfer part of the proposed Trinity ward to Lodge ward, allocating 2 councillors to the reduced Trinity ward and 3 councillors to the enlarged Lodge ward. On the advice of Ordnance Survey we proposed a minor realignment of another ward boundary to relate it to existing detail. We formulated our draft proposals accordingly, adopting the names of wards proposed by the Council except one which we abbreviated.

7. On 29 November 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 members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 23 January 1975.

8. The District Council gave their support for our draft proposals but requested a revision of the order of retirement in order that all the parish elections of The Roach Group of parishes, which have a common parish council, might be held

in the same year. We accept this proposal which is incorporated in the revised table of retirements given in Schedule 2 to this report.

9. We received objections to our proposals to transfer electors from Trinity ward to Lodge ward suggesting that the balance of representation between the 2 wards could be overcome by arranging for these wards to be represented by 3 councillors each. We considered that, taking into account future development, the combined representation of the 2 wards should not be more than 5 councillors and that our proposals give them each fair representation.

10. Representations were received from Sutton Parish Council who were opposed to the parish of Sutton being linked with the parish of Barling Magna. We consider that this is a satisfactory grouping for district council electoral purposes.

11. We therefore confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals subject to the revision of the table of retirement. Details are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report and on the attached maps. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The revised order of retirement is set out in Schedule 2. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the attached maps.

PUBLICATION

12. 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 the Rochford District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's offices at Rochford, Essex. Copies of this report, without maps, are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A detailed

description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the maps is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

Signed

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13 March 1975

SCHEDULE 1

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

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
ASHINGDON	2
BARLING AND SUTTON	1
CANEWTON	1
DOWNHALL	2
FOULNESS AND GREAT WAKERING EAST	1
GRANGE AND RAWRETH	3
GREAT WAKERING CENTRAL	1
GREAT WAKERING WEST	1
HAWKWELL EAST	3
HAWKWELL WEST	2
HOCKLEY CENTRAL	1
HOCKLEY EAST	2
HOCKLEY WEST	1
HULLBRIDGE RIVERSIDE	2
HULLBRIDGE SOUTH	2
LODGE	3
RAYLEIGH CENTRAL	2
ROCHFORD EASTWOOD	1
ROCHFORD ROCHE	1
ROCHFORD ST ANDREWS	2
TRINITY	2
WHEATLEY	2
WHITEHOUSE	2

ROCHFORD DISTRICTORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

	NO OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR
Ashington	2		1 PE	1
Barling and Sutton	1		1 PE	
Canevdon	1		1 PE	
Downhall	2	1		1
Foulness and Great Wakering East	1		1 PE	
Grange and Rawreth	3	1	1	1
Great Wakering Central	1		1 PE	
Great Wakering West	1		1 PE	
Hawkwell East	3	1	1 PE	1
Hawkwell West	2		1 PE	1
Hockley Central	1			1 PE
Hockley East	2	1		1 PE
Hockley West	1			1 PE
Hullbridge Riverside	2	1 PE		1
Hullbridge South	2	1 PE		1
Lodge	3	1	1	1
Rayleigh Central	2	1		1
Rochford Eastwood	1	1 PE		
Rochford Roche	1	1 PE		
Rochford St Andrews	2	1 PE		1
Trinity	2	1	1	
Wheatley	2	1	1	
Whitehouse	2	1	1	
	40			
		14	13	13

PE = Parish Elections for any parishes within the ward which have parish councils.
 For the purpose of this table year 2 is deemed to be the normal parish election
 year, ie 1976, 1979 and every fourth year thereafter.

DISTRICT OF ROCHFORD: 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.

GRANGE AND RAWRETH WARD

Commencing at a point where the Wickford to Rochford railway meets Beke Hall Chase South, thence westwards along said railway to the western boundary of the District, thence northwards and following said District boundary to the western boundary of Hulbridge Parish, thence southwards along said boundary to Watery Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane to the stream to the east of parcel no 2800 as shown on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 80/8194 edition of 1968 thence southwards and following said stream to the southwestern boundary of parcel no 4695 as shown on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 8093 edition of 1954, thence eastwards along the northern boundary of parcel no 4184 to the western boundaries of parcel nos 5685, 5781 5376 and 5265 thence southwards along said boundaries to Montefiore Avenue, thence continuing southwards along the eastern boundary of parcel no 4150 crossing Goldsmith Drive to the eastern boundary of parcel no 4027, thence southwards along said boundary to the southeastern corner of said parcel, thence southwards in a straight line to the track east of Lubard's Lodge leading to Rawreth Lane, thence southwards along said track to Rawreth Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane to a point opposite the northwestern boundaries of parcel nos 0066, 0051 and 0033 as shown on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 78/7992 edition of 1965, thence southwestwards to and along said boundaries to the path from the Rawreth Industrial Estate to Victoria Avenue, thence southeastwards along said path to Victoria Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to a point opposite the northern boundary of parcel no 8205, thence eastwards and southwards along the northern and eastern boundaries of said parcel and continuing southwards in a straight line to the northeastern corner of No 58 Victoria Avenue thence southwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 58 and 56 Victoria Road and the rear boundaries of Nos 20 and 22 Cheapside West, thence southwest-eastwards along said rear boundaries and the rear boundaries of Nos 24 to 12 Wimare Crescent and continuing southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 14 to 8 Cheapside West and the northern boundary of Rayleigh The Sweyne School to the eastern boundary of said school thence southwestwards and following said boundary to the rear boundaries of Nos 44 to 38 London Road,

thence southeastwards along said boundaries to Cordelia Crescent, thence north-eastwards and southeastwards along said crescent to Marina Avenue, thence south-westwards and following said avenue to Downhall Road, thence southwestwards along said road to London Road, thence southwards along said road to the rail-way, thence southwestwards and following said railway to the point of commence-ment.

DOWNHALL WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Grange and Rawreth Ward meets the railway, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of Hullbridge CP, thence southwards and following said boundary to the railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

TRINITY WARD

Commencing at a point opposite the southwestern boundary of No 51 Station Crescent on the southeastern boundary of Downhall Ward, thence northeastwards along the said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Hockley CP, thence southeastwards and following said boundary and the western boundaries of Hawkwell CP and Rochford CP to the stream immediately south of parcel no 8444 as shown on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 82/8390 edition of 1961, thence westwards along said stream and the northern boundaries of Nos 1 to 11 Branfield Road West to The Chase, thence southwestwards along said Chase to Cecil Way; thence northwards along said way to Avondale Road; thence northwards along said road to Bull Lane thence westwards along said lane to Louise Road thence northwestwards along said road to Helena Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the path from Helena Road to Hockley Road, thence northwestwards along said path to Hockley Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Upway, thence northwestwards along said Upway to Station Crescent, thence northeastwards along said crescent to a point opposite the southwestern boundary of No 51 Station Crescent, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the point of commencement.

LODGE WARD

Commencing at a point being Nat Grid reference TQ 8177289291 on the southern boundary of the District, thence northeastwards in a straight line to Nat Grid reference TQ 8180389352 on the southeastern boundary of No 317 Daws Heath Road, thence northeastwards along said boundary and continuing north-eastwards in a straight line to the northwestern boundary of Acacia Nurseries, thence northeastwards along said boundaries, the eastern boundary of the vacant plot of land between Nos 15 and 17 South View Close, the rear boundaries of Nos 15 to 1 South View Close and the eastern boundary of No 268a Eastwood Road to Eastwood Road, thence northwestwards along said road to The Chase, thence northeastwards along said Chase to Grove Road; thence northwards along said road and Jubilee Road to Bull Lane; thence northeastwards along said lane to the southern boundary of Trinity Ward; thence eastwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of Rochford CP, thence eastwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of the District, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

RAYLEIGH CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at a point where Castle Road meets High Street, thence northeastwards along said Street and Hockley Road to the southern boundary of Trinity Ward, thence eastwards and following said boundary and the northwestern boundary of Lodge Ward to Eastwood Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Daws Heath Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Castle Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

WHITEHOUSE WARD

Commencing at a point where High Road meets the southern boundary of the District, thence generally northwards along said road to the southern boundary of Rayleigh Central Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of Lodge Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of the District, thence westwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

WHEATLEY WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Grange and Rawroth Ward meets the western boundary of the District, thence eastwards and following said ward boundary and the southern boundary of Downhall Ward to the southwestern boundary of Trinity Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary and generally southwestwards along the western boundaries of Rayleigh Central Ward and Whitehouse Ward to the southern boundary of the District, thence westwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

HULLBRIDGE RIVERSIDE WARD

The existing Riverside Ward of Hullbridge CP.

HULLBRIDGE SOUTH WARD

The existing South Ward of Hullbridge CP.

HOCKLEY EAST WARD

The existing South East and North East Wards of Hockley CP.

HOCKLEY CENTRAL WARD

The existing Central Ward of Hockley CP.

HOCKLEY WEST WARD

The existing West Ward of Hockley CP.

HAWKWELL WEST WARD

The existing West Ward of Hawkwell CP.

HAWKWELL EAST WARD

The existing East Ward of Hawkwell CP.

ASHINGDON WARD

Consists of Ashingdon CP.

CANEWTON, PAGLESHAM AND STAMBRIDGE WARD

Consists of the parishes of Canewton, Paglesham and Stambridge.

FOULNESS AND GREAT WAKERING EAST WARD

Consists of the parish of Foulness and the existing East Ward of Great Wakering CP.

GREAT WAKERING CENTRAL WARD

The existing Central Ward of Great Wakering CP.

GREAT WAKERING WEST WARD

The existing West Ward of Great Wakering CP.

BARLING AND SUTTON WARD

Consists of the parishes of Barling Magna and Sutton.

ROCHFORD EASTWOOD WARD

The existing Eastwood Ward of Rochford CP.

ROCHFORD ROCHE WARD

The existing Roche Ward of Rochford CP.

ROCHFORD ST ANDREWS WARD

The existing St Andrews Ward of Rochford CP.

