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PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF NEWBURY IN THE COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Newbury, 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 12 August 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to Newbury District Council, copies of which were circulated to Berkshire County Council, town councils, parish councils and parish meetings in the district, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of the local newspapers circulating in the area and of the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.
3. Newbury 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 set out in our Report No 6 about the proposed size of the Council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were also asked to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.
4. The District Council have passed a resolution under section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting the Secretary of State to provide for a system of whole Council elections.
5. On 4 April 1975, the District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 37 wards, each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 58 members.
6. We noted that the draft scheme took account of local ties but we felt that the standard of representation it provided was capable of improvement. We requested the District Council to submit a revised draft scheme.

7. On 14 February 1977 the District Council submitted a revised draft scheme. The Council proposed that the district should be divided into 29 wards, each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 45 members.

8. We considered the revised draft scheme together with copies of the correspondence received by the Council during the preparation of the scheme and after its publication, as well as the comments we had received direct. The comments from the parish councils were generally in favour of continuing the existing arrangements.

9. We received representations from Thatcham Town Council and Greenham Parish Council who objected to the proposal to join Thatcham South ward to Greenham Parish to form a ward named Crookham, returning 3 members. Their objections were supported by a local political association and a local councillor. We decided that the existing arrangements should be retained whereby the Parish of Greenham formed one ward returning 1 member and the Thatcham South ward of the parish of Thatcham returned 2 members.

10. We accepted the suggestion of Shaw-cum-Donnington Parish Council that their parish should remain a single member ward. The proposed Speen ward would then comprise the parishes of Speen and Welford and would return one member.

11. We considered submissions from the parish of Compton and the parish of East Ilsey and agreed that these two parishes should be grouped together. We therefore decided that East Ilsey parish should be transferred from the proposed Downlands ward to the proposed Compton ward.

12. We accepted the proposal put forward by Pangbourne Parish Council that the parishes of Sulham and Tidmarsh should be transferred from the proposed Bradfield ward to the proposed Pangbourne ward in order to preserve local ties.

13. Four parish councils objected to the size of the proposed Lambourn ward and we decided to transfer the parish of Fawley from that ward to the proposed Downlands ward as there was no direct communication between Lambourn and Fawley.

14. Berkshire County Council requested that the name of Newtown ward should be changed because several villages and parishes in adjoining districts shared that name and confusion could be caused. We therefore agreed that the proposed Newtown ward should be renamed 'St. John's.'

15. We accepted some minor amendments to the ward boundaries suggested by Ordnance Survey. We also amended the proposed boundary between Falkland and Newtown wards so as to improve the shape of the proposed Falkland ward.

16. Subject to the changes referred to in paragraphs 9 to 15 above, we decided that the District Council's revised 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 and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

17. On 9 September 1977 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the District Council's draft scheme. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals and the accompanying maps, which illustrated 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 for comments to reach us by 4 November 1977.

18. In response to our draft proposals Newbury District Council wrote to say that they had no comment to make. However, they favoured some amendments to the textual descriptions of the ward boundaries, which had been suggested by Berkshire County Council.

19. Beenham Parish Council objected to the proposed Beenham ward and repeated their request, which they had made to us before the formulation of our draft proposals, that the parish of Padworth should be transferred from the proposed Mortimer ward to the proposed Beenham ward in order to preserve existing local ties. The parish council considered that as there was no connection between the parish of Brimpton and the parish of Beenham the former should be transferred from the proposed Beenham ward to another unspecified ward.

20. Sulhamstead Parish Council indicated that they shared services with the parish of Ufton Nervet and therefore considered that Ufton Nervet parish should be transferred from the proposed Mortimer ward to be joined with Sulhamstead parish in the proposed Burghfield ward.

21. Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council objected to our draft proposals because the parishes of Tidmarsh and Sulham were grouped in the proposed Pangbourne ward. They considered that Pangbourne was essentially an urban area whereas the parishes were rural in character. However both Pangbourne Parish Council and Stanford Dingley Parish Council supported our draft proposals in this respect. Stanford Dingley Parish Council also repeated an earlier comment that the parish of Ashampstead should

be removed from the proposed Bradfield ward in order to reduce the area to be served by a single councillor.

22. Brightwalton Parish Council and Great Shefford Parish Council reiterated comments raised earlier by other parish councils that the proposed rural wards covered too large an area.

23. We noted that Beenham Parish Council and Stanford Dingley Parish Council both repeated requests made at an earlier stage of this review. No new evidence had been submitted in support of their cases, and we decided that there were no grounds for altering our draft proposals for these areas, to which the District Council had not objected.

24. Ordnance Survey, at our request, examined the amendments proposed by Berkshire County Council to the textual descriptions of certain proposed wards. They suggested that these amendments should be adopted.

25. We considered the comments made by Sulhamstead Parish Council, Brightwalton Parish Council and Great Shefford Parish Council, but noted that their wishes could not be met without detriment to the required standards of electoral representation throughout the district.

26. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments we had received and, subject to the modifications referred to in paragraph 24, we decided that our draft proposals should be confirmed as our final proposals.

27. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 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. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards, as defined on the maps, is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

PUBLICATION

28. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and a copy of the maps are being sent to Newbury District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without maps) 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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## DISTRICT OF NEWBURY: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS
Aldermaston	1
Basildon	1
Beenham	1
Bradfield	1
Bucklebury	1
Burghfield	2
Calcot	1
Chieveley	1
Cold Ash	1
Compton	1
Craven	2
Downlands	1
Falkland	2
Greenham	1
Hungerford	2
Kintbury	1
Lambourn Valley	2
Mortimer	2
Northcroft	1
Pangbourne	1
Purley	1
St John's	3
Shaw-cum-Donnington	1
Speen	1
Thatcham North	2
Thatcham South	2
Thatcham West	2
Theale	2
Tilehurst	3
Turnpike	1
Winchcombe	1

## DISTRICT OF NEWBURY

## 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.

## NORTHCROFT WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Speen CP meets the southern boundary of Shaw cum Donnington CP, thence southeastwards along said southern boundary to a point opposite the western boundary of No 56 Almond Avenue, thence southwards to and along said western boundary to Almond Avenue, thence westwards along said avenue and Castle Grove to a point opposite the western boundary of No 39 Almond Avenue, thence southwestwards to and along said western boundary and continuing southwestwards along the western boundary of Nos 75 to 71 Maple Crescent and Nos 75 to 49 Cherry Close to the southwestern most corner of the last mentioned property, thence due west from said point to the eastern boundary of the Newbury College of Further Education, thence southwestwards along said eastern boundary to Western Avenue, thence eastwards along said avenue to a point opposite the western boundary of No 18 Laburnum Grove, thence southeastwards to and along said western boundary to the road known as Laburnum Grove, thence eastwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of the Transport Depot to the north of Speenhamland Farm, thence southwards to and generally southwards, eastwards and southwards along said eastern boundary and continuing southwards along the eastern boundary of Speenhamland Farm to the northern boundary of St Mary's Vicarage, thence generally westwards and southwards along said northern boundary to the rear boundary of No 34 London Road, thence generally westwards along said rear boundary to the northwestern corner of said property, thence due west to the access road leading to the properties known as Tanner Court, thence southwestwards along said road, crossing Pelican Lane in a straight line to and westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 8 and 6 London Road to the northwestern corner of the last

mentioned property, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the northwestern corner of No 2 London Road, thence southwards along the western boundary of said property, crossing London Road in a straight line to and generally southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 14, 14a and 12 to 4 The Broadway and No 51 Northbrook Street to a point opposite the northern boundary of the Works adjacent to No 8 Park Street, thence northeastwards to and northeastwards and southeastwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 16, 18 and 20 to 24 Park Street and the southern boundary of the Electricity Sub Station to the road known as Park Way, thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the path at the northern most end of Victoria Park, thence eastwards to and along said path to the southwestern boundary of No 28 Park Lane, thence southeastwards along said southwestern boundary to the southern most corner of said property, thence due east from said corner to the A34 (T) road, thence southwestwards along said road to the Kennet and Avon Canal, thence westwards along said canal to the eastern boundary of Enborne CP, thence northwards along said CP boundary to the southern boundary of Speen CP, thence southeastwards and generally northeastwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of said CP to the point of commencement.

#### WINCHCOMBE WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Northcroft Ward meets the southern boundary of Shaw cum Donnington CP, thence generally southeastwards and northeastwards along said southern boundary to the

southern boundary of Cold Ash CP, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to the dismantled railway, thence southwards along said dismantled railway to the Kennet and Avon Canal, thence generally southwestwards along said canal to the eastern boundary of Northcroft Ward, thence generally northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

#### TURNPIKE WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Winchcombe Ward meets the southern boundary of Cold Ash CP, thence generally southeastwards along said southern boundary to the western boundary of Thatcham CP, thence generally southeastwards and southwestwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of Greenham CP, thence generally northwestwards along said northern boundary to the eastern boundary of Winchcombe Ward, thence northwards along said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

#### CRAVEN WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Winchcombe Ward meets the western boundary of Greenham CP; thence southwards along said western boundary to the Reading to Hungerford railway, thence westwards along said railway to Greenham Road, thence southwards along said road to Station Road, thence westwards along said road to a point opposite the western boundary of Greenham House (Clinic), thence southwards westwards and southwards to and along said western boundary to St John's Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Greenham Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 65 St John's Road, thence southwestwards to and along said southern boundary and continuing southwestwards along the southern boundaries of No 63 to 51 St John's Road to the eastern boundary of No 7 Tudor Road, thence southwards along said eastern boundary and the eastern boundary of No 9 Tudor Road to the southern boundary of the last mentioned property, thence westwards along said southern boundary to the eastern boundary of No 11 Tudor Road, thence southwards and westwards

along said eastern and southern boundary of said property to Tudor Road, thence southwards along said road to Howard Road thence westwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 31 Howard Road thence northwards to and along said boundary to the access road running at the rear of the properties numbered into St John's Road and Queens Court, thence southwestwards along said access road, crossing Chesterfield Road, to the northern boundary of No 3 Chesterfield Road, thence westwards along said northern boundary and southwards along the western boundary of said property to the northern boundary of the properties numbered 54-82 Newtown Road thence westwards along said northern boundary to the eastern boundary of No 52 Newtown Road thence northwards along said eastern boundary and the eastern boundary of No 50 Newtown Road to the northern boundary of last mentioned property thence westwards along said northern boundary to Newtown Road, thence northwards along said road to Andover Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the southwestern boundary of No 92 Andover Road, thence northwestwards to and along said southwestern boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northeastwards along the rear boundaries of the properties Nos 92 to 74 Andover Road to the northeastern boundary of No 74 Andover Road, thence southeastwards along said northeastern boundary to the rear of No 72A Andover Road, thence northeastwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundary of No 72 Andover Road to Bartley Road, thence westwards along said road to the southwestern boundary of No 62 Andover Road, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along the southwestern and northwestern boundary of said property to the southwestern boundary of St Bartholomew's Comprehensive school Playing Fields, thence generally northwestwards along said southwestern boundary to Fifth Road, thence northeastwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 8 Fifth Road thence northwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property thence westwards along said boundary and the northern boundary of No 2 Mayfair Drive crossing Mayfair Drive to the rear boundary of No 10 Fifth Road, thence westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 10 to 24 Fifth Road and the southern boundary

of the orchard at the rear of Nos 26 and 28 Fifth Road to the access road serving the properties to the east of Salcombe Road thence southwards along said access road to Fifth Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Salcombe Road, thence northwards along said road to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 40 Fifth Road, thence westwards and generally southwestwards to and along the rear boundaries of the properties Nos 40 to 54 Fifth Road to Kingsbridge Road, thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 56 Fifth Road, thence westwards to and along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 58 to 62 Fifth Road to the western boundary of the last mentioned property, thence southwards along said western boundary to Fifth Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Enborne CP, thence westwards and generally northeastwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Northcroft Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary and continuing eastwards along the southern boundary of Winchcombe Ward to the point of commencement.

#### ST JOHN'S WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of Craven Ward meets the western boundary of Greenham CP thence generally southwards and westwards along said western boundary to the western boundary of the Playing Field, thence northwards along said boundary to Monk's Lane, thence westwards along said lane to Andover Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the southeastern boundary of Craven Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said southeastern boundary to the point of commencement.

#### FALKLAND WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Enborne CP meets the southern boundary of Craven Ward, thence generally northeastwards and southeastwards along said southern boundary to the western boundary of St John's

Ward, thence southwestwards and northeastwards along the western and southern boundary of said ward to the western boundary of Greenham CP, thence westwards and southeastwards along said western boundary to the southern boundary of the District, thence generally eastwards along said district boundary to the eastern boundary of Enborne CP thence northwards and northeastwards along said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

HUNGERFORD WARD

The parishes of Combe

Hungerford

Inkpen

West Woodhay

KINTBURY WARD

The parishes of Enborne

Kintbury

Hamstead Marshall

LAMBOURN VALLEY WARD

The parishes of East Garston

Great Shefford

Lambourn

MORTIMER WARD

The parishes of Beech Hill

Grazeley

Padworth

Stratfield Mortimer

Sulhamstead Bannister

Ufton Nervet

Wokefield

PANGBOURNE WARD

The parishes of Pangbourne

Sulham

Tidmarsh

PURLEY WARD

The parish of Purley and Lands common to the Parishes of Purley and Sulham  
(Saltney Mead)

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON WARD

The parish of Shaw cum Donnington

SPEEN WARD

The parishes of Speen

Welford

THATCHAM NORTH WARD

The North Ward of the parish of Thatcham

THATCHAM SOUTH WARD

The South Ward of the parish of Thatcham

THATCHAM WEST WARD

The West Ward of the parish of Thatcham

THEALE WARD

The parish of Theale

TILEHURST WARD

The Birch Copse and Westwood Wards of the parish of Tilehurst

ALDERMASTON WARD

The parishes of Aldermaston

Wasing

BASILDON WARD

The parishes of Basildon

Streatley

BEEHAM WARD

The parishes of Beenham

Brimpton

Midgham

Woolhampton

BRADFIELD WARD

The parishes of Ashampstead

Bradfield

Englefield

Stanford Dingley

BUCKLEBURY WARD

The parish of Bucklebury

BURGHFIELD WARD

The parishes of Burghfield

Sulhamstead

CALCOT WARD

The Calcot Ward of the parish of Tilehurst

CHIEVELEY WARD

The parishes of Boxford

Chieveley

Winterbourne

COLD ASH WARD

The parishes of Cold Ash

Hermitage

COMPTON WARD

The parishes of Aldworth

Compton

East Ilsley

Frilsham

Hampstead Norreys

Yattendon

DOWNLANDS WARD

The parishes of Beedon

Brightwalton

Catmore

Chaddleworth

Farnborough

Fawley

Leckhampstead

Peasemore

West Ilsley

GREENHAM WARD

The parish of Greenham