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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 WELWYN HATFIELD
DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF HERTFORDSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Welwyn Hatfield 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 10 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Welwyn Hatfield District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Hertfordshire County Council, parish councils and parish meetings in Welwyn Hatfield 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. The Welwyn Hatfield District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972, and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were also asked to take into account any views expressed to them following their

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

4. The Council had passed a resolution under section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting the Secretary of State to provide for a system of elections by thirds.

5. On 27 November 1974 the Welwyn Hatfield District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the district into 15 wards, 13 of which would return 3 members and the others 2 members.

6. We considered the draft scheme as submitted by the Council. We noted that the draft scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972, and our own guidelines and we considered that it provided a satisfactory basis of representation for the district. We decided to adopt it as our draft proposals subject to minor alterations to the names of two of the wards.

7. On 3 February 1975 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals, and the accompanying maps 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 4 April 1975.

8. The District Council accepted our draft proposals. No other comments were received.

9. We have reviewed our draft proposals and, in the absence of any adverse comment, we presume they meet with local approval. We therefore confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

10. Details of these final proposals 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. Schedule 2 shows our proposals for the order of retirement of councillors. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the attached maps.

PUBLICATION

11. 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 Welwyn Hatfield District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council offices at Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the maps is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

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Signed

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3 July 1975

DISTRICT OF WELWYN HATFIELD: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS
AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BROOKMANS PARK AND LITTLE HEATH	3
HALDENS	3
HANDSIDE	3
HATFIELD CENTRAL	3
HATFIELD EAST	3
HATFIELD NORTH	3
HATFIELD SOUTH	3
HOLLYBUSH	3
HOWLANDS	3
NORTHAW	3
PEARTREE	3
SHERRARDS	3
WELHAM GREEN AND REDHALL	3
WELWYN EAST	2
WELWYN WEST	2

WELWYN HATFIELD DISTRICT

ELECTIONS BY THIRDS
ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR
BROOKMANS PARK and LITTLE HEATH	3	1	1	1
HALDENS	3	1	1	1
HANDSIDE	3	1	1	1
HATFIELD CENTRAL	3	1	1	1
HATFIELD EAST	3	1	1	1
HATFIELD NORTH	3	1	1	1
HATFIELD SOUTH	3	1	1	1
HOLLYBUSH	3	1	1	1
HOWLANDS	3	1	1	1
NORTHAW	3	1	1	1
PEARTREE	3	1	1	1
SHERRARDS	3	1	1	1
WELHAM GREEN and REDHALL	3	1	1	1
WELWYN EAST	2	1	1	-
WELWYN WEST	2	-	1	1
		14	15	14

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.

HANDSIDE WARD

Commencing at a point where the London to Edinburgh railway line meets the northern boundary of Hatfield CP thence generally northwestwards along said CP boundary and northeastwards along the southern boundaries of Ayot St Peter CP and Welwyn CP to the former Welwyn Garden City to Luton railway line thence generally southeastwards along said railway line to the London to Edinburgh railway line thence southwestwards along said railway line to the point of commencement.

SHERRARDS WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Handside Ward meets the southern boundary of Welwyn CP thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said southern boundary to the London to Edinburgh railway line thence southwestwards along said railway line to the northern boundary of Handside Ward thence generally northwestwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

HALDENS WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Sherrards Ward meets the southern boundary of Welwyn CP thence southeastwards along said CP boundary to the eastern boundary of the district thence southeastwards and following said district boundary to the former Welwyn Garden City to Hertford railway line thence northwestwards along said railway line to the eastern boundary of Sherrards Ward thence northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

PEARTREE WARD

Commencing at a point where Broadwater Road meets the eastern boundary of Handside Ward thence northeastwards along said eastern boundary and the eastern boundary of Sherrards Ward to the southern boundary of Haldens Ward thence southeastwards along said southern boundary to the footpath that leads from the road known as Ridgeway to Knella Road thence southwestwards along said path crossing Knella Road to the rear boundaries of Nos 214 and 216 Knella Road thence southwestwards along said rear boundaries the rear boundaries of Nos 152 to 120 Salisbury Road the eastern boundaries of Nos 53 and 54 Heronswood Road the rear boundaries of Nos 114 to 66 Salisbury Road and in continuation to the rear boundary of No 7 Wheatley Road thence southeastwards along the said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 9 to 27 Wheatley Road and in prolongation thereof to the northeastern boundary of the garages thence southeastwards along said boundaries the rear boundaries of Nos 29 to 39 Wheatley Road the rear boundaries of Nos 124 to 100 Wellcroft Road the northern boundaries of Nos 3 and 4 Blackthorn Road the rear boundaries of Nos 94 to 70 Wellcroft Road and continuing southeastwards and southwestwards along the northern and eastern boundaries of the garages to the rear boundaries of Nos 68 to 26 Wellcroft Road thence southwestwards along said rear boundaries to the eastern boundary of No 167 Cole Green Lane thence southwards along said eastern boundary to Cole Green Lane thence generally westwards along said lane to the road known as Great Ley thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 6 Great Ley thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 104 Woodhall Lane thence northwestwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 102 to 90 Woodhall Lane and northeastwards along the northwestern boundary of No 90 Woodhall Lane to Woodhall Lane thence northwestwards along said lane to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of No 88 Woodhall Lane thence southwestwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundaries of Nos 88 to 50 Woodhall Lane thence northwestwards along said rear boundaries and in prolongation thereof to Moss Green thence northeastwards along said Green to Woodhall Lane thence northwestwards along said lane to the road known as Chequers thence northwards along said road to Broadwater Road thence westwards along said road to the point of commencement.

HOLLYBUSH WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Hatfield CP meets the eastern boundary of Handside Ward thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Peartree Ward thence eastwards and following said southern boundary and continuing along Cole Green Lane to Beehive Lane thence southwards and following said lane to the road known as Howland's thence southwestwards along said road to Ascots Lane thence southwards along said lane to the northern boundary of Hatfield CP thence westwards along said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

HOWLANDS WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Hatfield CP meets the eastern boundary of Hollybush Ward thence generally northeastwards along said ward boundary and generally northwestwards along the eastern boundary of Peartree Ward to the southern boundary of Haldens Ward thence southeastwards along said ward boundary and continuing southeastwards along the eastern boundary of the district to the northern boundary of Hatfield CP thence southwestwards and following said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

BROOKMANS PARK AND LITTLE HEATH WARD

The Brookmans Park and Little Heath Wards of North Myms CP.

HATFIELD CENTRAL WARD

The Hatfield Central Ward of Hatfield CP.

HATFIELD EAST WARD

The parish of Essendon, and the Hatfield East and Newgate Street and Woodhill wards of Hatfield CP.

HATFIELD NORTH WARD

The Hatfield North Ward of Hatfield CP.

HATFIELD SOUTH WARD

The Hatfield South Ward of Hatfield CP.

NORTHAW WARD

The Parish of Northaw.

WELHAM GREEN AND REDHALL WARD

The Welham Green and Redhall Wards of North Myms CP.

WELWYN EAST WARD

The Digswell, Mardley Heath and Woolmer Green Wards of Welwyn CP.

WELWYN WEST WARD

The Parishes of Ayot St Lawrence and Ayot St Peter, and the Queensway, Hawbush and Danesbury Wards of Welwyn CP.