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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

1. In April of this year, we received a letter from Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council asking us, inter alia, to make proposals for changes to the boundary of their borough with the City of Stoke-on-Trent.
2. We considered this request in accordance with the requirements of section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972. Having done so, however, we were not satisfied on the information before us that the suggested realignment of the boundary was desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government. We therefore reached an interim decision to make no proposals.
3. Our interim decision was announced on 20 June 1983 in a letter to Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council. Copies of the letter were sent to the Staffordshire County Council and the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned. The decision was also advertised by public notice. Copies of the letter announcing the interim decision were deposited for inspection at the main offices of the addressees of our letter. Comments were invited by 15 August 1983.
4. We received three replies to that letter: Staffordshire County Council advised us that they did not wish to make representations; Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council expressed their disappointment that we had not seen fit to propose the changes which they sought; and Stoke-on-Trent City Council supported our interim decision.
5. As required by section 60(2) of the Act, we have re-assessed our interim decision in the light of this correspondence. As a result we see no reason to come to any different conclusion and have therefore decided to confirm the interim decision as our final decision.

6. Separate letters, enclosing copies of this report, are being sent to Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council asking them to deposit copies of this report at their main offices for inspection over a six month period and to put notices to this effect on public notice boards. Copies of this report are also being sent to the other recipients of our letter of 20 June 1983.

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Signed: G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

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27 October 1983