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**Review of Electoral Arrangements
Borough of Thamesdown**

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF
THAMESDOWN IN THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE

1. The present electoral arrangements for the Borough of Thamesdown date from 6 May 1976 when the Thamesdown (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975, giving effect to the proposals contained in our report No. 13, came into force.

Elections are by thirds.

2. As a result of the North Wiltshire/Thamesdown principal area boundary review in 1981 the Toothill area was transferred to the Borough of Thamesdown. Due to the expected rapid expansion and uncertain future distribution of the electorate in this area, we expressed our willingness in our report on that review to carry out a second electoral review when the pattern of development became clearer.

In July 1983 Thamesdown Borough Council wrote to us requesting that we now initiate a further review, under section 50(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, due to the deteriorating situation in the Toothill borough ward/Swindon Toothill county electoral division (the two are coterminous). We therefore agreed to conduct a further review and as a first step invited the Borough Council to submit a draft scheme of representation for the borough, taking into account any views expressed to them by interested parties.

3. Copies of the letter to the Borough Council announcing the start of the review were sent for information to the County Council, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned, the headquarters of the main political parties, local newspapers and the local government press. The start of the review was also announced in the local press and by public notice.

4. The Borough Council's draft scheme providing for 21 borough wards returning one, two or three members making a borough council of 54 members, was submitted in April 1984.
5. The draft scheme had been advertised locally prior to its submission to us. The few comments received were incorporated in the borough council's draft scheme.
6. We considered the draft scheme and on 6 August 1984 we issued draft proposals, details of which were sent to everyone who had received our consultation letter or had been involved in the preparation of the draft scheme. Copies were also sent to local radio stations serving the area. Notices were inserted in the local press announcing that the draft proposals had been issued and could be inspected at the Borough Council's offices.
7. Our draft proposals were based upon the Borough Council's draft scheme, with only some minor adjustments of a technical nature in order to obtain better defined boundaries.
8. Both the County Council and the Borough Council wrote to us supporting our draft proposals.
9. Thamesdown District Labour Party also wrote to us giving their support.
10. We received one other letter in response to the publication of our draft proposals. This was from Pinehurst Tenants Association who wrote requesting ward status for the Pinehurst Estate.
11. As required by section 60(2)(d) of the Act, we have considered the representation from Pinehurst Tenants Association but as they have not suggested

an alternative scheme we have decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

12. Details of our final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report. A map illustrating the proposed ward boundaries will be sent to your Department with this report. A detailed description of these boundaries is attached as Schedule 2.

PUBLICATION

13. In accordance with section 60(5)(b) of the 1972 Act, a copy of this report, together with a copy of the map, is being sent to Thamesdown Borough Council and will be available for inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report are also being sent to everyone else who received the consultation letter.

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Signed: G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

J G POWELL (Deputy Chairman)

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LIST OF THOSE WHO COMMENTED ON THE DRAFT PROPOSALS

Thamesdown Borough Council

Wiltshire County Council

Thamesdown District Labour Party

Pinehurst Tenants Association

BOROUGH OF THAMESDOWN: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
Gorse Hill	3
Whitworth	3
Western	3
Central	3
Eastcott	3
Walcot	3
Lawns	3
Park	3
Dorcan	3
Chiseldon	1
Covingham	1
Blunsdon	1
Highworth	3
Ridgeway	1
St Margaret	3
St Philip	3
Wroughton	3
Toothill	3
Freshbrook	3
Moredon	3
Haydon Wick	2

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED BOROUGH WARDS

NOTE: Where a boundary is described as following a road, railway, river, canal or similar feature, it shall be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature, unless otherwise stated.

FRESHBROOK WARD

Commencing at the point where the northwestern boundary of the existing Wroughton Ward meets the western boundary of the Borough of Thamesdown, thence generally northwestwards and eastwards along said Borough boundary to Hay Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to the access road leading to the Rectory, thence northeastwards along said access road to its junction with the track leading southeastwards from Wick Farm, thence northeastwards along the path leading from said junction to the northeastern boundary of Parcel No 1274, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SU 1184, date of publication 1969, thence generally eastwards along said parcel boundary and the northern boundary of parcel No 3868 to the path leading northeastwards to the unnamed road northwest of the roundabout known as Tewkesbury Cross, thence northeastwards along said path to said unnamed road, thence southeastwards along said road to its junction with Whitehill Way at Tewkesbury Cross, thence southwestwards along the road known as Whitehill Way to the subway forming part of the Cycle Path running southwards from Whitehill Way to Freshbrook Way, thence southwards along said Cycle Path, crossing Freshbrook Way, to the western curtilage of No 7 Rochester Close, thence southeastwards along said western curtilage and continuing southeastwards along the rear curtilages of Nos 13-3 Irston Way, the eastern curtilage of No 7 King Charles Road and the western curtilage of No 12 Rochester Close to its southernmost point, thence southeastwards along the field boundary leading from said point to the rear curtilage of No 15 Ripple Field, thence southeastwards along said rear curtilage and the rear curtilages

of Nos 17-19 Ripple Field, thence southeastwards along the field boundary leading from said rear curtilages, to the western curtilage of No 28 Alnwick, thence southwestwards along said western curtilage and the western curtilages of Nos 27, 24, 23 and 22 Alnwick to the southern corner of the last-mentioned property, thence southwards in a straight line to the western curtilage of No 21 Alnwick, thence southeastwards along said western curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 18-15 Alnwick and the eastern curtilages of Nos 20-21 Edghill to the southeastern corner of No 21 Edghill, thence southwards in a straight line from said corner to the rear curtilage of No 58 Langdale Drive, thence southeastwards along said curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 56 and 54 Langdale Drive to the easternmost point of the last-mentioned property, thence southeastwards in a straight line from said point to the rear curtilage of No 50 Langdale Drive, thence southeastwards along said rear curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 48 and 46 Langdale Drive and southwestwards along the rear curtilages of Nos 44 and 38 Langdale Drive to the southern corner of the last-mentioned property, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the eastern curtilage of No 26 Roundway Down, thence southwestwards along said eastern curtilage and its continuation to the eastern curtilage of No 25 Roundway Down, thence southwestwards along said western curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 19-15 Roundway Down to the southeastern corner of No 15 Roundway Down, thence due south from said corner to the northern boundary of the A420 road, thence westwards along said northern boundary to the subway under said road, thence southwards along said subway to the southern boundary of said road, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to the eastern boundary of the Water Research Council property, thence southeastwards along said eastern boundary to the northwestern boundary of the existing Wroughton Ward, thence southwestwards along said Ward boundary to the point of commencement.

TOOTHILL WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Borough of Thamesdown meets the Stroud - Swindon railway, at the stream flowing northwards to the River Ray, thence southeastwards along said railway to the eastern boundary of the existing Toothill Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said eastern boundary and southwestwards along the southeastern boundary of said Ward to the eastern boundary of the proposed Freshbrook Ward thence generally northwestwards and westwards along said Ward boundary to the western boundary of the Borough of Thamesdown at Hay Lane, thence northwards, northeastwards and southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

HAYDON WICK WARD

The parish of Haydon Wick.

MOREDON WARD

That part of the existing Moredon Ward not included in the proposed Haydon Wick Ward

and that part of the existing Whitworth Ward commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Pinehurst Schools meets the southwestern boundary of the existing Whitworth Ward, at the rear curtilage of No 54 Beech Avenue, thence southwestwards, northwestwards and northeastwards along said ward boundary to the southwestern boundary of the Pinehurst Schools, thence southeastwards along said southwestern boundary to the point of commencement.

WHITWORTH WARD

That part of the existing Whitworth Ward not included in the proposed Moredon Ward.

GORSE HILL WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the existing St Philip Ward meets the northern boundary of the existing Gorse Hill Ward, thence generally southeastwards, southwards, southwestwards and northwestwards along the northern, eastern, southern and western boundaries of the existing Gorse Hill Ward to NG Ref: 1473586516, as shown on OS 1:1250 Microfilm (C) SU 1486 NE, date of publication 1983, thence due west to the path leading from the eastern end of Churchward Avenue to Tovey Road, thence northwards along said path, Tovey Road and Tedder Close to and northwards along the accessway from Tedder Close to Wavell Road, and the last-mentioned road to the rear curtilage of No 18 Wavell Road, thence northeastwards along said rear curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 20-24 Wavell Road to the eastern curtilage of the last-mentioned property, thence northwards along said eastern curtilage to the rear curtilage of No 26 Wavell Road, thence northeastwards along said rear curtilage, the rear curtilages of Nos 28-30 Wavell Road and the eastern curtilages of Nos 32 and 34 Wavell Road to the northern curtilage of the last-mentioned property, thence westwards along said northern curtilage to the southeastern curtilage of No 36 Wavell Road, thence northeastwards along said southeastern curtilage and northwestwards along the rear curtilage of said property to the northern boundary of the existing Western Ward, thence northeastwards along said ward boundary and continuing generally northeastwards along the northern boundary of the existing Gorse Hill Ward to the point of commencement.

WESTERN WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Borough of Thamesdown meets the northern boundary of the existing Western Ward, thence generally eastwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of the proposed Gorse Hill Ward, thence southwards along said proposed ward boundary to the southern boundary of the existing Western Ward, thence southwestwards along said ward boundary to the eastern boundary of the proposed Toothill Ward, thence generally northwestwards along said proposed ward boundary to the western boundary of the Borough of Thamesdown, thence generally northwards along said Borough boundary to the point of commencement.

WALCOT WARD

The existing Walcot Ward

and that part of the existing Central Ward commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of the Swindon - Oxford railway meets the northern boundary of the existing Walcot Ward, thence generally southwards along said ward boundary to the footpath immediately south of the Club, east of the Factory, thence generally northwestwards along said footpath to a point due southwest of the eastern boundary of the Factory, thence due northeastwards to and northwards along said boundary to the southeastern boundary of the Swindon - Oxford railway, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary to the point of commencement.

CENTRAL WARD

That part of the existing Central Ward not included in the proposed Walcot Ward.

LAWNS WARD

The existing Lawns Ward

and that part of the existing Eastcott Ward commencing at the point where the northern boundary of the existing Lawns Ward meets the rear curtilage of No 18 Bankside, thence southeastwards along said rear curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 16 and 14 Bankside and continuing southeastwards and southwestwards along the rear curtilage of No 12 Bankside to the path leading westwards to the road known as Bankside, thence westwards along said path to the northern boundary of the existing Lawns Ward, thence northwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

EASTCOTT WARD

That part of the existing Eastcott Ward not included in the proposed Lawns Ward.

The remaining Wards of the Borough of Thamesdown, listed below, shall remain unchanged:

BLUNSDON WARD
CHISELDON WARD
COVINGHAM WARD
DORCAN WARD
HIGHWORTH WARD

PARK WARD
RIDGEWAY WARD
ST MARGARET WARD
ST PHILIP WARD
WROUGHTON WARD