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PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH
OF MEDINA IN THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Borough of Medina 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 borough.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 21 April 1975 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Medina Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Isle of Wight County Council, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of 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 any interested bodies.
3. Medina Borough Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. In 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 asked also 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. In accordance with section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council have exercised an option for whole council elections.
5. On 21 October 1975 Medina Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the Borough into 17 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 councillors to form a council of 36 members.
6. We noted that the proposals had not given rise to much local comment. The Borough Council's submission included a copy of a letter which they had received from a local political party and we considered this together with comments which had been sent to us by the Isle of Wight County Council.
7. The County Council informed us that they had no comments to make on the Borough Council's proposals. They told us that when we commence our review of the county electoral arrangements they had it in mind to propose a county council of 42 members and that in their view it would not be possible, given the particular circumstances of the Isle of Wight, to propose county electoral divisions without dividing the wards now proposed by the two Borough Councils on the Island. We are of the view that it is desirable whenever possible to try to harmonise the district and county electoral arrangements so that county electoral divisions can be formed from whole wards of districts. However, having considered the comments submitted by the County Council we concluded that it would not be possible to arrive at such harmony in the electoral arrangements for the Island and at the same time achieve electoral arrangements for the individual boroughs and/or the county which would be satisfactory. We noted, however, that the County Council proposed to have discussions with the Borough Councils with a view to a common system of polling districts.

8. In their comments to the Borough Council the local political party suggested that where possible there should be single member wards and their submission included specific proposals for the division of the Council's proposed Cowes Medina and Cowes Northwood wards into four single member wards. Although we have no objection in principle to systems of single member wards we noted that the Borough Council had considered and rejected the idea for Medina and, having regard to the character of the Borough, we concluded that a system of wards of different sizes was in this case appropriate. We considered the specific proposals which the party had submitted but on the evidence before us we thought that the Borough Council's proposed 2-member wards offered a more appropriate arrangement in terms of the preservation of local community of interest.

9. We considered a number of possible modifications to boundaries which would secure a better standard of equality of representation. Having considered the pattern of local ties in the borough we concluded that there were no changes in this category which could sensibly be made but we did adopt a number of minor modifications which had been recommended by the Ordnance Survey in order to secure boundary lines which were more readily identifiable on the ground. We considered also the north-western boundary of the proposed Newport Mount Joy ward where we found a body of 290 electors who were joined to the rest of the ward by only a very narrow neck of roadway. We decided to propose the transfer of these electors to the proposed Newport Central ward and, to preserve the required degree of equality of representation, to adjust the boundary elsewhere so as to transfer some 225 electors in the reverse direction.

10. Subject to the changes referred to in paragraph 9 above we decided that the Borough Council's draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements for the borough, in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines, and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

11. On 30 January 1976 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 other members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 31 March 1976.

12. The Medina Borough Council informed us that they had no observations to offer on our draft proposals except in relation to the proposed Newport Central and Newport Mount Joy wards where they pressed us to reconsider the modifications which we had incorporated involving the transfer of 290 electors from the proposed Newport Mount Joy ward to the proposed Newport Central ward and 225 electors in the reverse direction. The Council told us that the latter transfer would divide a community which had always been regarded as a part of Newport town centre. The Council's representations were supported in a letter which we had received from a local councillor. No other comments were received.

13. In the light of the comments which had been received, we concluded that it would be appropriate to accept the boundaries which the Council had originally proposed and we decided to modify our draft proposals accordingly. Subject to these changes we resolved that our draft proposals should be confirmed and we formulated our final proposals accordingly.

14. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The boundaries of the proposed wards are defined on the map.

PUBLICATION

15. 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 Medina Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's offices. Copies of this report are also 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 map, is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

Signed

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24 June 1976

SCHEDULE 1

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

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
COWES CASTLE	2
COWES CENTRAL	1
COWES MEDINA	2
COWES NORTHWOOD	2
EAST COWES	2
NEWPORT CARISBROOKE	2
NEWPORT CENTRAL	1
NEWPORT MOUNT JOY	2
NEWPORT PAN	2
NEWPORT PARKHURST	2
NEWPORT WOOTTON AND FAIRLEE	3
OSBORNE	2
RYDE ASHEY AND BINSTED	3
RYDE EAST	3
RYDE ST HELENS	2
RYDE ST JOHNS	2
RYDE WEST	3

BOROUGH OF MEDINA 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.

COWES NORTHWOOD WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the District meets the northern boundary of the District (being Low Water), thence generally northeastwards along said northern boundary to a point being the prolongation northwards of the road known as Egypt Hill, thence southwards crossing Egypt Esplanade and southeastwards to and along said Hill to Baring Road, thence southwestwards and southeastwards along said road and Place Road to Three Gates Road, thence northeastwards along said road and Newport Road to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 194 Newport Road, thence eastwards to and along said southern boundary and the northern boundary of the Allotment Gardens and in prolongation thereof to the Cowes to Newport railway, thence southwards along said railway to a point opposite the southern boundary of the Boatbuilding Yard, thence eastwards to and along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the River Medina, thence southeastwards along said river to a point being the prolongation eastwards of the southern boundary of Parcel No 2695 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SZ 50-5192 Edition of 1974, thence westwards to and along said boundary and generally westwards and southwestwards along the northern boundaries of Long Copse, Great Werrar Wood and Bridgemoor Copse to the southern boundary of Parcel No 2579 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SZ 48-4992 Edition of 1973, thence southwestwards along said southern boundary to Newport Road, thence southwards along said road and Cowes Road to the unnamed road that leads to Crockers Farm, thence southwestwards along said unnamed road to the western boundary of Parcel No 6135 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SZ 48-4992 Edition of 1973, thence northwards along said boundary and the western boundary of Parcel No 5851 to the southern boundary of Ridge Copse, thence westwards, southwards

westwards along said southern boundary to the unnamed stream that flows from Parkhurst Forest to Ridge Copse, thence southwestwards along said stream to the unnamed road that leads from the road known as Noke Common to Mark's Corner, thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said unnamed road to a point opposite the northeastern boundary of Parcel No 3530 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SZ 46-4792 Edition of 1974, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary and southwestwards along the northwestern boundary of said Parcel to the western boundary of the District, thence generally northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

COWES CASTLE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Cowes Northwood Ward meets the northern boundary of the District at Egypt Point, thence eastwards and southeastwards along said northern boundary to a point opposite Town Quay, thence westwards to and along said Quay to High Street, thence southwestwards and southeastwards along said street to the road known as The Cut, thence southwestwards along The Cut to Cross Street, thence southeastwards along said street to St Mary's Road, thence southwestwards along said road, Moorgreen Road and Upper Moorgreen Road to the eastern boundary of the Recreation Ground, thence northwestwards along said eastern boundary to Park Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the northeastern boundary of Cowes Northwood Ward, thence generally northwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

COWES CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of Cowes Castle Ward meets the northern boundary of the District thence southeastwards and northeastwards along said District boundary to the River Medina thence southeastwards along said River to a point being the prolongation northeastwards of the northwestern boundary of Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club,

thence southwestwards to and along said prolongation and said boundary and in prolongation thereof to Birmingham Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Mill Hill Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Newport Road, thence southwards along said road to Bellevue Road, thence generally southwestwards along said road to Mill Hill Road, thence southwards along said road to Love Lane, thence westwards along said lane and the unnamed road that leads to Broadfields Farm to the footpath that leads to the Recreation Ground, thence northwestwards along said path to the eastern boundary of the Recreation Ground, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Cowes Castle Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

COWES MEDINA WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Cowes Castle Ward meets the southwestern boundary of Cowes Central Ward, thence southeastwards, eastwards and northeastwards along the southwestern, southern and southeastern boundaries of the last mentioned ward to the River Medina, thence southwards along said river to the northern boundary of Cowes Northwood Ward, thence generally westwards and northwards along the northern and northeastern boundaries of said ward to the southern boundary of Cowes Castle Ward, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

EAST COWES WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Cowes Central Ward meets the northern boundary of the District, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said District boundary to a point being the prolongation northeastwards of Valley Walk thence southwestwards to and along said walk to Pier Road, thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said road and the unnamed road that leads to New Barn Road to New Barn Road, thence southwestwards along said road to York Avenue, thence northwestwards along said avenue to Connaught Road, thence southwestwards along

said road to Orchard Road, thence northwestwards and southwards along said road to Oakfield Road, thence eastwards along said road to Mayfield Road, thence southwards along said road, crossing Victoria Grove to a point opposite the northern boundary of the Recreation Ground, thence westwards to and along said northern boundary to Kingston Road, thence southwards along said road to the unnamed stream that flows to the north of East Cowes Cemetery to the River Medina, thence westwards along said stream to said river, being the eastern boundary of Cowes Northwood Ward, thence northwards along said boundary and the eastern boundaries of Cowes Medina Ward and Cowes Central Ward to the point of commencement.

OSBORNE WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of East Cowes Ward meets the northern boundary of the District, thence southeastwards along said District boundary to Palmer's Brook, thence generally southwards and southwestwards along said brook to the road known as Racecourse, thence westwards and southwestwards along Racecourse to Mill Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane to the southern boundary of the Wight Marina, thence due west to the River Medina, thence northeastwards and northwestwards along said river and the eastern boundary of Cowes Northwood Ward to the southern boundary of East Cowes Ward, thence generally eastwards and northeastwards along the southern and southeastern boundaries of said ward to the point of commencement.

NEWPORT WOOTTON AND FAIRLEE WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of Osborne Ward meets the northern boundary of the District, thence southeastwards along said District boundary to Wootton Creek, thence generally southwestwards along said creek to The Old Mill Pond, thence southeastward along said pond to Blackbridge Brook, thence generally southeastwards along said brook to Chillingwood Brook, thence generally southwards along said brook

to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 2268 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SZ 54-5587 Edition of 1972, thence westwards to and southwestwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Parcel No 2643, thence westwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Parcel No 2243, thence northwestwards and southwards along the northern and western boundaries of said Parcel to the southern boundary of the District, thence generally northwestwards along said District boundary and continuing northwestwards along Long Lane and Staplers Road to Snook's Hill, thence southwards along said hill to the River Medina, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along said river to the southern boundary of Osborne Ward, thence generally eastwards, southeastwards and northeastwards along the southern and southeastern boundaries of said ward to the point of commencement.

RYDE ASHEY AND BINSTEAD WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Newport Wootton and Fairlee Ward meets the northern boundary of the District, thence generally eastwards along said northern boundary to a point being the prolongation northwards of the unnamed stream that flows along the western boundary of Ryde Golf Course to Dame Anthony's Common, thence southwards along said prolongation and generally southwards along said stream to Play Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to Corbett Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Upton Road, thence northeastwards along said road to St Michael's Avenue, thence southeastwards along said avenue to Bettesworth Road, thence eastwards along said road to Ashley Road, thence southwards along said road to Rosemary Lane, thence generally eastwards along said lane to Monktonmead Brook, thence generally southeastwards along said brook to the southern boundary of the District, thence generally southwestwards and westwards along said District boundary to the eastern boundary of Newport Wootton and Fairlee Ward; thence northeastwards, northwestwards and northeastwards along said Ward boundary to the point of commencement.

RYDE WEST WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Ryde Ashey and Binstead Ward meets the northern boundary of District, thence eastwards along said northern boundary to the western boundary of Ryde Pier, thence southwards along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to The Esplanade, thence westwards along the Esplanade to Union Street, thence southwestwards along said street passing through St Thomas' Square to High Street, thence southwards and southwestwards along said street, Swanmore Road and Upton Road to the eastern boundary of Ryde Ashey and Binstead Ward, thence generally westwards and northwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

RYDE EAST WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Ryde West Ward meets the northern boundary of the District, thence generally eastwards along said boundary to a point due north of the junction of North Walk and the A3055 at the eastern end of the Boating Lake, thence southwards to said point and westwards along the A3055 to the unnamed road, adjacent to the Appley Bars Hotel, that leads to West Hill Road, thence southwestwards along said unnamed road to West Hill Road, thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 1 West Hill Road, thence westwards to and along said boundary and the northern boundary of the Recreation Ground to Monktonmead Brook, thence generally southwestwards along said brook to the eastern boundary of Ryde Ashey and Binstead Ward, thence westwards and northwestwards along said ward boundary to the eastern boundary of Ryde West Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

RYDE ST JOHNS WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Ryde East Ward meets the northern boundary of the District, thence southeastwards along said District boundary to a point being the prolongation northwards of the western boundary of the St Clare Holiday Camp, thence southwards along said prolongation and said boundary and eastwards along the southern boundary of said Holiday Camp to the western boundary of St Clare Farm, thence southwards along said boundary to Puckpool Hill, thence southwestwards along said hill to Calthorpe Road, thence southwards and southeastwards along said road to the unnamed stream that flows from Cothey Bottom Copse, thence southwestwards along said stream to Bullen Road, thence westwards along said road to Brading Road, thence southwards along said road to the southern boundary of the District, thence generally westwards along said District boundary to the eastern boundary of Ryde Ashe and Binstead Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Ryde East Ward, thence northwards and northeastwards along said Ward boundary to the point of commencement.

RYDE ST HELENS WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Ryde St Johns Ward meets the northern boundary of the District, thence generally eastwards, southwards, westwards, northwards and westwards along the northern, eastern and southern boundaries of the District to the eastern boundary of Ryde St Johns Ward, thence northwards and following said ward boundary to the point of commencement. No Man's Land Fort and St Helen's Fort - Det parts of Ryde St Helens Ward.

NEWPORT PAN WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Newport Wootton and Fairlee Ward meets the southern boundary of the District, thence southwestwards, northwestwards and westwards along said District boundary

to St Georges Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane and Shide Road to St John's Road, thence northwards along said road to Medina Avenue, thence eastwards along said avenue to the road known as Church Litten, thence northwards along Church Litten and Town Lane to Pyle Street, thence eastwards along said street to East Street, thence northwards along said street to High Street, thence northeastwards along said street to the southern boundary of Newport Wootton and Fairlee Ward, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

NEWPORT MOUNT JOY WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Newport Pan Ward meets the southern boundary of the District, thence generally southwards and westwards along said District boundary to the unnamed road that leads to Cox's Corner, thence northeastwards along said unnamed road to Whitcombe Road, thence northwestwards and following said road and northeastwards along Castle Road to Carisbrooke Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Recreation Ground Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Victoria Recreation Ground, thence northwards, westwards and northwards along said eastern boundary to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of No 19 Alderbury Road, thence northeastwards to and along said boundary and eastwards along the northern boundaries of No's 18-3 Alderbury Road, to a point opposite the western boundary of the property known as Roselyn, thence northwards to and along said boundary and the western boundary of the property known as Fair Winds and southeastwards along the northern boundary of said property and in prolongation thereof to Lukely Brook, thence southwards along said brook to a point opposite the road known as Field Place, thence southeastwards to and along said place to Carisbrooke Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Trafalgar Road, thence northeastwards along said road to St John's Place, thence southwards along said place to the southern boundary of Newport Pan Ward, thence southwards and southeastwards along said ward

boundary to the point of commencement.

NEWPORT CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at the point where the northwestern boundary of Newport Pan Ward meets the northern boundary of Newport Mount Joy Ward, thence northwards, westwards and following said northern boundary and continuing northeastwards and eastwards along Lukely Brook to the southwestern boundary of Newport Wootton and Fairlee Ward, thence southeastwards along said ward boundary to the northwestern boundary of Newport Pan Ward, thence generally southwards and westwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

NEWPORT CARISBROOKE WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of Newport Mount Joy Ward meets the southern boundary of the District, thence generally westwards along said southern boundary and generally northwards along the western boundary of the District to the western boundary of Parkhurst Forest, thence generally southwards along said western boundary to Forest Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Gunville Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the unnamed stream that flows from Gunville Bridge to Towngate Bridge, thence generally northeastwards along said unnamed stream to the western boundary of Newport Central Ward, thence southwestwards along said ward boundary and westwards and southwards along the western boundary of Newport Mount Joy Ward to the point of commencement.

NEWPORT PARKHURST WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of Newport Wootton and Fairlee Ward meets the northern boundary of Newport Central Ward, thence generally westwards along said northern boundary to the eastern boundary of Newport Carisbrooke Ward, thence generally westwards and northwards along said eastern boundary to the western boundary of the District, thence generally eastwards along said District boundary to the southern boundary

of Cowes Northwood Ward, thence generally eastwards along said southern boundary to the western boundary of Osborne Ward, thence generally southwards along said ward boundary and the western boundary of Newport Wootton and Fairlee Ward to the point of commencement.