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WANSEBOK DISTRICT - AMENDMENT TO DESCRIPTION

GUIDE POST WARD

Delete from "Landsdowne Gardens" in line 13 to "No 26 in said" in line 17.

Insert :-

"a point opposite the southern boundary of No 20 in said avenue, thence southeastwards to and along said southern boundary, northeastwards along the rear boundaries of said property, Nos 1 - 7 Landsdowne Gardens and Nos 24 and 26 Simonside"

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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 WANSBECK DISTRICT  
IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Wansbeck 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 of that district.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 23 May 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Wansbeck District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Northumberland County Council, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies 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 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. The Wansbeck 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. On 26 September 1974 the Wansbeck District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council have not passed a resolution under section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The provisions of section 7(6) will therefore apply and the elections of all district councillors will be held simultaneously. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 16 wards each returning 2 or 3 members to form a council of 46.
5. We received no comments on the Council's draft scheme.
6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council. We noted that the 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. After consulting Ordnance Survey we made some minor adjustments to the alignment of some of the boundaries proposed by the Council. These changes were made in order to secure boundary lines which were readily identifiable on the ground. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.
8. On 1 November 1974 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter. The Council were asked to make those 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 members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 2 January 1975.

9. Northumberland County Council wrote to say that they accepted our draft proposals. No other comments were received.

10. We have reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comment which we have received and have confirmed them as our final proposals.

11. 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 ward. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the map.

#### PUBLICATION

12. 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 Wansbeck District Council and will be made available for public inspection at the Council's offices at the Town Hall, Ashington. 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 map is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

Signed

EDMUND COMPTON (Chairman)

JOHN M RANKIN (Deputy Chairman)

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F B YOUNG

DAVID R SMITH (Secretary)

January 1975

## WANSBECK DISTRICT: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
BOTHAL	3
CENTRAL	3
HIRST	3
PARK	3
COLLEGE	3
HAYDON	3
SEATON	3
NEWBIGGIN WEST	3
NEWBIGGIN EAST	3
BEDLINGTON WEST	3
BEDLINGTON CENTRAL	3
BEDLINGTON EAST	3
SLEEKBURN	3
STAKEFORD	2
GUIDE POST	3
CHOPPINGTON	2

## WANSBECK DISTRICT: VERBAL DESCRIPTION OF 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.

## HIRST WARD.

Commencing at the junction of Hawthorn Road and Woodhorn Road (Ashington) thence westwards along last mentioned road to the access road leading to High Hirst Farm, thence north westwards along said road to the western boundary of parcel No 7515 on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan NZ 2788 Rev 1958, thence generally northwestwards following said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the Ashington - Woodhorn Mineral Railway thence westwards along said railway to the Ashington - Linton Mineral Railway thence northwards along said railway line to the northern boundary of the District, thence generally eastwards following said boundary to the road leading to Woodhorn, thence southeastwards along said road to the spine road south east of Whinney Plantation thence continuing southeastwards along the spine road to the A197 road thence generally southwestwards and southwards along said road and Moorhouse Farm Road to a point opposite the easternmost corner of No 44 Welfare Crescent thence to and northwestward and southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 44-1 Welfare Crescent to Alexandra Road thence northwestwards along said road to Second Avenue thence southwestwards along said Avenue to Hawthorn Road thence northwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

## NEWBIGGIN EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Hirst Ward meets the northern boundary of the District thence eastward and southwards following Low Water being the District boundary to a point being in prolongation southeastward of the footpath from the Methodist Church in Front Street to the Promenade, thence northwestward along said prolongation and said footpath to Front Street thence southwestward



along said street to Rutland Terrace thence westward along and continuing to the rear boundaries of the properties on the eastern side of Sutherland Avenue, thence northwards following said rear boundaries to a footpath, leading to the A197 road, thence generally northwestward along said path to the A197 thence southward along the A197 to the eastern boundary of Hirst Ward, thence northwestwards following said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at the junction of Green Lane and Kenilworth Road (Ashington) thence northwards along last mentioned road and Council Road in continuation of the latter crossing the mineral railway line to the southern boundary of Parcel No 2200 on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan NZ 26/2787 Rev 1967 thence northwestward and northeastwards following the southern and western boundaries of said parcel and continuing northeastwards along the western boundary of Parcel No 2912 on 1:2500 Ordnance Plan NZ 2788 Rev 1958 and in prolongation thereof to the western boundary of Hirst Ward thence eastwards and southeastwards following said western boundary to Second Avenue, thence southwestwards along said Avenue to Milburn Road thence southeastwards along said road to a footpath running between Garden City Villas and Welbeck Terrace thence westwards along said footpath to North Seaton Road thence northward along said road to Green Lane thence westward, along said lane to the point of commencement.

#### HAYDON WARD

Commencing in the River Wansbeck at Stakeford Bridge thence generally eastwards along Blackclose Bank to a stream flowing through Blackclose Dene thence generally northwards following said stream to the western boundary of Parcel No 1776 on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey plan NZ 26/2786 Edition of 1970, and thence continuing northwards along said boundary and

western bounday of Parcel No. 0006, on 1/2500 Ornance Survey plan NZ 26/2787

Rev 1968 to Green Lane thence eastwards along said lane to the southern boundary of Central Ward thence continuing eastwards along said boundary to Milburn Road thence southwards along said road and crossing Newbiggin Road to a footpath leading to North Seaton County Primary School thence continuing southwards along said path to the dismantled railway thence crossing said railway to a stream in Rowlington Dene thence continuing southwards following said stream to the River Wansbeck north of Castle Island, thence westwards along the River Wansbeck to the point of commencement.

PARK WARD

Commencing on the eastern boundary of Haydon Ward at the junction of Fifth Avenue and Milburn Road thence northwards following said eastern boundary and northwards and northeastwards following the eastern boundary of Central Ward and generally eastwards and southwards following the southern boundary of Hirst Ward and continuing along the rear property boundaries of Welfare Crescent to Fifth Avenue, thence southwestwards along said Avenue to the eastern boundary of Hirst Park thence southeastwards along said boundary to Sixth Avenue thence southwestwards along said Avenue to Hawthorn Road thence northwestwards along said road to Fifth Avenue thence southwestwards along said Avenue to the point of commencement.

COLLEGE WARD

Commencing on the eastern boundary of Haydon Ward at the junction of Newbiggin Road with Milburn Road, thence northwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Park Ward thence generally north eastwards following said boundary to Moor House Lane thence southwards along said Lane to a point opposite the northwest corner of St Benedict's RC Secondary School thence to and southwards along the western

boundary of said school and continuing along the western boundary of the allotment gardens to the southwestern corner of same, thence southwestwards in a straight line to Simonburn Lane thence continuing along Simonburn Lane crossing Debdon Road to the southern boundary of No 18 Debdon Road thence following the southern boundary of said property and continuing to the southeast corner of No 17 Kirkley Drive thence along the southern boundaries of Nos 17 - 1 Kirkley Drive and in prolongation thereof to College Road, thence generally southeastwards along said road to New Biggin Road, thence westwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of a Garage being No 117 Newbiggin Road, thence southwards and westwards to and along the eastern and southern boundaries of said property to the eastern boundary of No 115 Newbiggin Road thence southwards and westwards along the eastern and southern boundaries of said property and continuing westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 113 - 105 Newbiggin Road thence northwards along the western boundary of last mentioned property to Newbiggin Road thence westward along said road to the point of commencement.

#### SEATON WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Hirst Ward meets the eastern boundary of Park Ward thence northeastwards following said southern boundary to the Spine Road crossing the A 197 thence generally southwards following the Spine Road to the River Wansbeck thence generally westwards along said River to the eastern boundary of Haydon Ward thence northwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of College Ward thence generally eastwards and northwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of said ward and continuing along the eastern boundary of Park Ward to the point of commencement.

## NEWBIGGIN WEST WARD

Commencing where southern boundary of Newbiggin East Ward meets the eastern boundary of Seaton Ward thence southeastwards along said southern boundary to the District boundary at LW thence generally southwards following said boundary to the mouth of the River Wansbeck thence generally westwards along said River to the eastern boundary of Seaton Ward thence generally northwards following said boundary to the point of commencement.

## GUIDE POST WARD

Commencing on the A1068 Road at a point opposite the southern boundary of No 5 Whinney Hill thence northwards along the said road known as Front Street and Sheepwash Bank to the River Wansbeck at Sheepwash Bridge thence generally northeastwards along said River to a point being in prolongation northwards of the western boundary of No 65 Ringway through national grid reference NZ 2627786300 thence southwards along said prolongation and western boundary to Ringway thence eastwards along Ringway to Beverley Drive thence southwards along said Drive to Farndale Avenue thence southeastwards along said Avenue to Ashington Drive thence southwestward along said Drive to Glendale Avenue thence southeastwards along said Avenue to Fairway thence south westward along Fairway to Riverdale Avenue thence southeastwards along said Avenue to Lansdowne Gardens thence eastwards along said Gardens and continuing along the northern boundary of property No 8 Lansdowne Gardens to the western boundary of No 24 Simonside Avenue thence southwards and eastward along said rear boundary and rear boundary of No 26 in said Avenue to the northwest corner of No 1 Strawberry Cottages thence southeastward following the western boundary of said property to Stakeford Lane thence southwestward along said lane to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 1

Oxford Road thence southwards to and along the rear boundaries of 1 - 5 Oxford Road to the western boundary of parcel No 6634 on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan NZ 26/2785 Rev 1966 thence continuing along the western boundaries of said parcel and parcel Nos 6616 6900 on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan NZ 26/2784 Edn 1962 to the southern boundary of Parcel No 3500 thence southwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 1775 thence southwards, westwards and northwards along the eastern southern and western boundaries of said parcel to the southern boundary of Parcel No 0076 thence westward along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 7300 on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan NZ 24/2584 Rev 1967 thence southwards and westwards along the eastern and southern boundary of said Parcel and southern boundary of Parcel No 5371 thence northwards along the western boundary of said Parcel to the southern boundary of Parcel No 4072 thence generally westward along said boundary and southern boundary of No 5 Whinney Hill and in prolongation thereof to the point of commencement.

#### STAKEFORD WARD

Commencing on the eastern boundary of Guide Post Ward in the River Wansbeck thence southeastwards along said River to and along the southern boundary of Haydon Ward to the North Seaton Railway Viaduct thence southward following the railway to the Barrington Road Level Crossing thence generally westwards along Barrington Road to the access road to Stable Cottages thence northwards along said road to a point opposite the southeast corner of Parcel No 1667 on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan NZ 26/2783 Edt 1962 thence westward to said corner and northwards and westwards along the eastern and northern boundaries of said Parcel to the northwest corner of same thence northwards to the south west corner of Parcel No 1383 and continuing along the western

boundary of said parcel to Sleek Burn thence northeastwards and northwards along said Burn to a point being in prolongation southwards of the western boundary of Parcel No 2800 thence northwards along said prolongation and said western boundary and western boundaries of Parcels Nos 2233 & 2155 on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan NZ 26/2784 Rev 1960 to the southern boundary of Guide Post Ward, thence eastward and northwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of said ward to the River Wansbeck being the point of commencement.

#### SLEEKEURN WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Stakeford Ward meets the southern boundary of Haydon Ward, thence eastwards following the southern boundaries of said ward, Seaton Ward and New Biggin West Ward to the District boundary at Low Water, thence generally southwards and westwards following said boundary to the Bebside Railway Viaduct, thence north westwards along the railway to and continuing northwards along the eastern boundary of Stakeford Ward to the point of commencement.

#### BEDLINGTON EAST WARD

Commencing on the A1068 road at the level crossing at Choppington Station thence eastwards along the Bedlington to Morpeth railway to a point opposite the accessroad to Stable Cottages thence northwards to the southern boundary of Stakeford Ward thence eastwards following said boundary and southwards following the western boundary of Sleekburn Ward to the southern boundary of the District, thence westwards along the District boundary to a point being a prolongation southwards of a straight line from the southeast corner of No 33 Dene View East through national grid reference NZ 2721781880, thence

northwards along said prolongation and straight line and the eastern boundary of No 33 Dene View East crossing said Dene View East to Poplar Grove, thence northwards along the eastern section of Poplar Grove and prolongation thereof to Stead Lane, thence westwards along said lane crossing the B 1331 road and continuing along the access road leading to Hirst Head, thence north eastward along a cart track to the southern boundary of Parcel No 5157 on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan NZ 26/2782 Edt 1961 thence northwestward along said southern boundary and southern boundary of Parcels Nos 3278 & 0084 on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey plan NZ 24/2582 Edt 1971 to Choppington Road (A 1068) thence northwards along said road to the point of commencement.

#### BEDLINGTON CENTRAL

Commencing at the southwest corner of Bedlington East Ward in Choppington Road (A 1068) thence generally southeastwards along the southern boundary of said ward to the District boundary thence generally southwestwards along the District boundary to Hartford Bridge thence generally northeastwards along the A 1068 road to the point of commencement.

#### BEDLINGTON WEST

Commencing on the western boundary of the District where the Bedlington to Morpeth railway crosses Hepscoth Burn thence eastward along said railway to the western boundary of Bedlington East Ward, thence southwards along said boundary and western boundary of Bedlington Central Ward to the southern boundary of the District thence westward and northwards along the southern and western boundary of the District to the point of commencement.

## CHOPPINGTON WARD

Commencing on the western boundary of the District at its intersection with the northern boundary of Bedlington West Ward, thence generally northwards following the District boundary to the River Wansbeck thence generally eastwards along the said river to the western boundary of Guide Post Ward, thence southwards and eastward along said boundary and southwards along the western boundary of Stakeford Ward to the northern boundary of Bedlington East Ward thence westward along said boundary and northern boundary of Bedlington West Ward to the point of commencement.

## EOTHAL WARD

Commencing on the western boundary of the District in the River Wansbeck being the northwest corner of Choppington Ward thence generally westwards and northeastwards following the District boundary to the western boundary of Hirst Ward thence generally southwards following the said western boundary and western boundaries of Central Ward and Haydon Ward to the northern boundary of Stakeford Ward; thence westwards along said boundary and northern boundaries of Guide Post Ward and Choppington Ward to the point of commencement.