

Local Government
Boundary Commission
For England
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

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1. In their parish boundary review report submitted to us on 13 June 1979 Sedgemoor District Council suggested changes to the boundaries of two of their parishes which also form county and district boundaries, namely, the boundary between the parish of Lympsham, in the Sedgemoor District of Somerset, and Bleadon parish, in the Woodspring District of Avon; and the boundary between the parish of Shipham, in Sedgemoor District and the parishes of Winscombe and Churchill in Woodspring District.
2. We considered Sedgemoor District Council's request as required by section 48(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having regard to the Department of the Environment Circular 33/78 and to our own Report No 287.
3. After consultation with Somerset and Avon county councils we decided that we should undertake a review, and that the circumstances were sufficiently exceptional to enable us to shorten our normal procedure by publishing draft proposals, based on Sedgemoor District Council's parish review report, at the same time as we formally announced our intention to carry out a review.
4. On 1 May 1981 we issued a consultation letter announcing the start of the review and giving details of our draft proposals. The letter was addressed jointly to the Sedgemoor and Woodspring District Councils. Copies were sent to Somerset and Avon county councils, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned, the clerks of the Lympsham, Bleadon, Shipham, Winscombe and Churchill parish councils, the headquarters of the main political parties, the South Western Regional Health Authority, the Wessex Water Authority, the South West Regional Office of the Department of the Environment, and to the editors of local newspapers circulating in the area and of the local government press. The two district councils were asked to publish a notice about the review and draft proposals, and to place copies of it on display at places where public notices were customarily displayed; they were also asked to place copies of the draft proposals on deposit at their main offices for a period of six weeks. Comments on the review and on the draft proposals were invited by 19 June 1981.
5. We received three comments, all in support of our draft proposals, from Sedgemoor District Council, Somerset County Council and the District of Woodspring.
6. We are satisfied that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the boundary between Sedgemoor and Woodspring Districts should be

realigned as indicated in our draft proposals. We have decided therefore to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

7. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report. Schedule 1 specifies the proposed changes in local authority areas and Schedule 2 specifies the consequential adjustments to the existing electoral arrangements. The proposed boundaries are shown on the attached maps.

8. Separate letters are being sent with copies of the report and of the maps to Sedgemoor and Woodspring District Councils asking them to place copies of this report on deposit at their main offices, and to put notices to this effect on public notice boards and in the local press. The text of the notices will refer to your power to make an Order implementing the proposals, if you think fit, after the expiry of six weeks from the date they are submitted to you; it will suggest that any comments on the proposals should therefore be addressed to you, in writing, preferably within six weeks of the date of the letter. Copies of this report, which includes a small sketch plan, are being sent to those who received the consultation letter or made comments on our draft proposals.

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PROPOSALS FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARY BETWEEN AVON COUNTY
AND SOMERSET COUNTY

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.

Area 'A' - to be transferred from Bleadon CP/Woodspring District/Avon County to Lympsham CP/Sedgemoor District/Somerset County.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the A370 road crosses the River Axe at Bleadon Bridge, thence eastwards along said river to the northern boundary of Somerset County, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said northern boundary to the River Axe, thence eastwards along said river to the point of commencement.

Area 'B' - to be transferred from Winscombe CP/Woodspring District/Avon County to Shipham CP/Sedgemoor District/Somerset County.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Somerset County meets the western boundary of Parcel No 7525 as shown on OS 1:2500 microfilm. (A) ST 4356, date of publication 1977, thence northwards along said western boundary, continuing northwards along the western boundaries of Parcel Nos 6739 and 7053 to the north western corner of last mentioned parcel, thence northwards in a straight line to and along the fence being an extension southeastwards of the eastern boundary of Parcel No 3900 and continuing northwards along the eastern boundary of said parcel and on OS 1:2500 microfilm. (A) ST 4357, date of publication 1978, to the southern boundary of Parcel No 4317, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary and northwards along the northeastern boundary of said parcel to the northern boundary of Parcel No 6517, thence northeastwards along said northern boundary to the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 7738, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary and continuing northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 8039 to the northern boundary of Somerset County, thence generally southeastwards and westwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

Area 'C' - to be transferred from Shipham CP/Sedgemoor District/Somerset County to Winscombe CP/Woodspring District/Avon County.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Somerset County meets the southwestern corner of Parcel No 0992 as shown on OS 1:2500 microfilm. (A) ST 4358, date of publication 1978, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the western boundary of Parcel No 2262, thence southwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of Parcel No 1946, thence westwards along said northern boundary and southwards along the western boundary of said parcel to the northern boundary of Parcel No 1330, thence generally westwards along said northern boundary and generally southwards along the western boundary of said parcel to Shipham Lane, thence eastwards along said lane to a point opposite the western boundary of Parcel No 1115, thence southwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of Somerset County, thence generally northwestwards northwards and eastwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

Area 'D' - to be transferred from Shipham CP/Sedgemoor District/Somerset County to Churchill CP/Woodspring District/Avon County.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the A38 road crosses the northern boundary of Somerset County, thence southeastwards along said northern boundary to a point opposite the easternmost corner of Parcel No 5979 as shown on OS 1:2500 microfilm (A) ST 4458, date of publication 1972, thence southwestwards to and westwards and southwestwards along the southeastern boundary of said parcel to Rowberrow Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane to and continuing northwestwards along the A38 road to the point of commencement.

SCHEDULE 2

PROPOSALS FOR THE REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS CONSEQUENT UPON THE PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE DISTRICT OF SEDGEMOOR IN SOMERSET COUNTY AND THE DISTRICT OF WOODSPRING IN THE COUNTY OF AVON

It is proposed:-

1. that the Brent electoral division, as defined in the County of Somerset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 and the Berrow ward of the District of Sedgemoor, as defined in the District of Sedgemoor (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977, shall be altered by the addition of that part of the District of Woodspring which is within the realigned boundary of the District of Sedgemoor and is described as Area 'A' in Schedule 1, and that the number of councillors for the said ward shall be unchanged;

2. that the Cheddar electoral division, as defined in the County of Somerset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 and the Shipham ward of the District of Sedgemoor, as defined in the District of Sedgemoor (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977, shall be altered by the addition of that part of the District of Woodspring which is within the realigned boundary of the District of Sedgemoor and is described as Area 'B' in Schedule 1, and that the number of councillors for the said ward shall be unchanged;

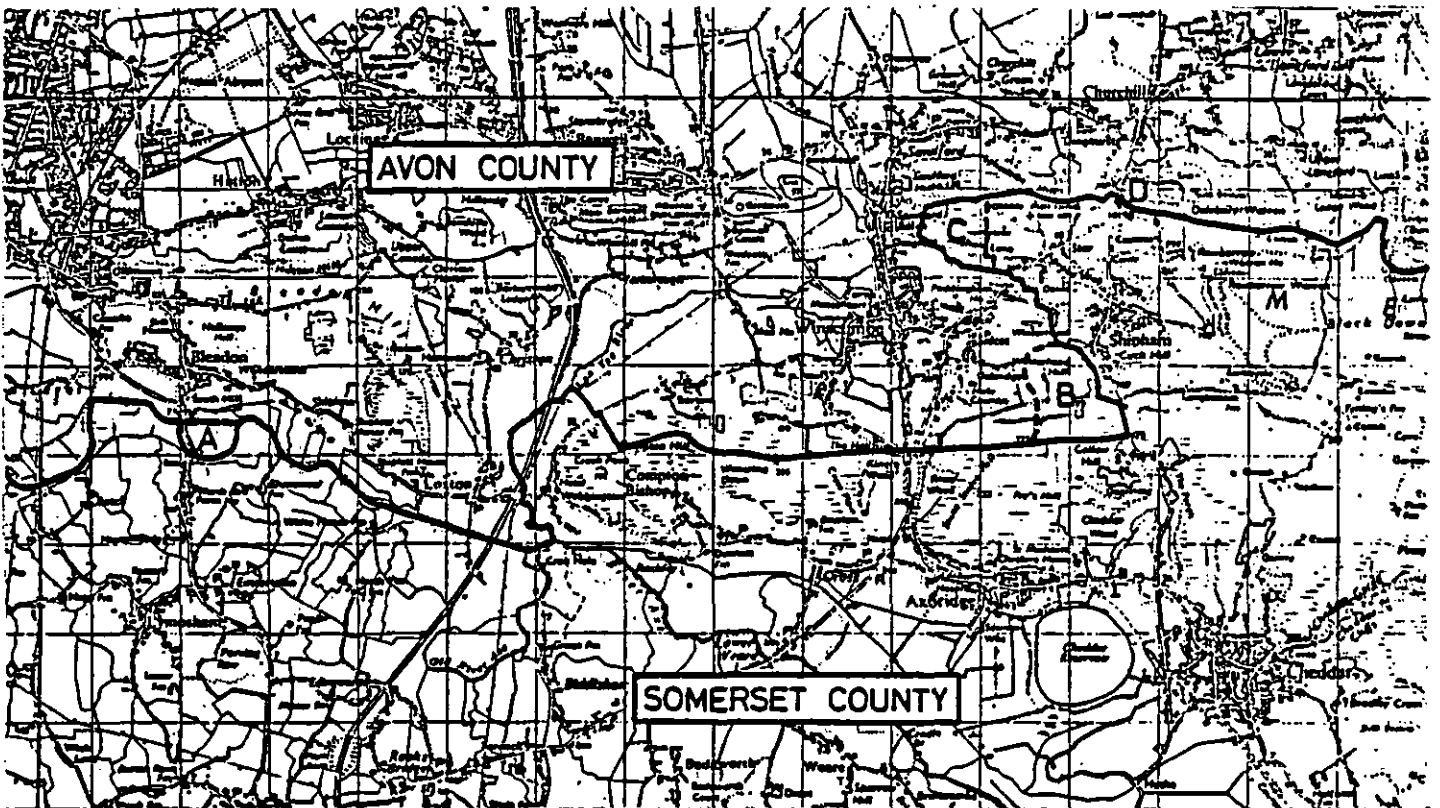
3. that the Winscombe and Wrington Vale electoral division, as defined in the County of Avon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981 and the Winscombe ward of the District of Woodspring, as defined in the District of Woodspring (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977, shall be altered by the addition of that part of the District of Sedgemoor which is within the realigned boundary of the District of Woodspring, and is described as Area 'C' in Schedule 1, and that the number of councillors for the said ward shall be unchanged.

4. that the Winscombe and Wrington Vale electoral division, as defined in the County of Avon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981, and the Churchill ward of the District of Woodspring, as defined in the District of Woodspring (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977, shall be altered by the addition of that part of the District of Sedgemoor which is within the realigned boundary of the District of Woodspring and is described as Area 'D' in Schedule 1, and that the number of councillors for the said ward shall be unchanged.

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AD HOC REVIEW OF THE
SOMERSET - AVON
COUNTY BOUNDARY

FINAL PROPOSALS



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EXISTING BOUNDARY ———
PROPOSED BOUNDARY - - - - -

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