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**Local Government
Boundary Commission
For England
Report No. 489**

**Principal Area Boundary Review
District of South Oxfordshire / District
of Vale of White Horse**

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1. On 29 June 1983 South Oxfordshire District Council requested us to review their boundary with Vale of White Horse District (Appleford Parish) in the vicinity of North West Didcot.
 2. The purpose of the review is to bring under one local authority the whole of an area designated for industrial development in the Didcot Local Plan. At present a small part of this area is in Appleford parish within Vale of White Horse District.
 3. We noted that South Oxfordshire District Council intended to compensate Appleford Parish Council under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the loss of rate income following the suggested boundary change. In view of this, the fact that all the local authorities involved supported the boundary change and the fact that there were no residents in the area in question to oppose the change, we concluded that we should undertake the review requested, although the final line of the proposed road which was to be used as a boundary was as yet uncertain.
 4. Our draft proposals were published on 5 April 1984. Copies were sent to the County Council, the Parish Councils involved, the Member of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the South-East Regional Office of the Department of the Environment, the headquarters of the main political parties, the local government press, local newspapers circulating in the areas and the local TV and radio stations serving the area. Comments on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom details were sent and by public notices from other members of the public and interested bodies.
- RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT PROPOSALS
5. In response to the publication of our draft proposals, we received comments from the local Member of Parliament and Oxfordshire County Council.

6. Mr Robert Jackson MP MEP supported the change on the grounds that it had been generally agreed and involve few, if any, residents.

7. Oxfordshire County Council advised us that the proposed perimeter road, which was being used as the line of the boundary, would now cross the Didcot/Oxford railway line at a point 20m further north than originally planned. This involved a very small area and no residents.

8. Ordnance Survey raised problems regarding the proposed Didcot Perimeter Road and the proximity of the Appleford/Sutton Courtenay Parish boundary. Two possible solutions to these problems were offered.

9. Oxfordshire County Council proposed that Moor Ditch be used as a southern limit for the Appleford/Sutton Courtenay Parish Boundary.

10. Appleford Parish Council accepted this proposal but also suggested that the new boundary between South Oxfordshire District and Vale of White Horse District should follow the northern edge of the proposed road, rather than the centre, up to the roundabout immediately north of Moor Ditch, where it would intersect with the existing boundary of Courtenay Parish.

11. Sutton Courtenay confirmed that both proposals were acceptable to them, and later Vale of White Horse District inform us that they too accepted Appleford Parish Council's suggestion.

12. We have reassessed our draft proposals in the light of the representations we have received and alternative suggestions put forward. We noted that our proposals were accepted in principle by all the parties concerned and that the only problems which had arisen were in relation to the difficulty in establishing the exact line of boundary and the consequential parish boundary changes. We modified our draft proposals to follow the northern edge of the final line of the proposed Perimeter

Road where it crossed the Oxford/London railway line. To deal with the difficulties at the end of the Perimeter Road near Moor Ditch we also adopted the northern and western edge of the whole road as the district boundary. This represents a slight alteration to Appleford Parish Council's suggestion and means that the whole road is within a single parish (Didcot) and district (South Oxfordshire). Consequently south of the roundabout immediately north of Moor Ditch, a strip of land will be transferred from Sutton Courtenay Parish into Didcot parish.

13. We are satisfied that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the boundaries between South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Districts should be realigned as indicated in our draft proposals, subject to the amendments referred to in paragraph 12 above. We confirm these amended proposals as our final proposals.

14. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of this report. Schedule 1 specifies the proposed changes in local authority areas and Schedules 2 and 3 specify the consequential adjustments to the existing electoral arrangements. The proposed boundaries are shown on the attached map.

PUBLICATION

15. Separate letters are being sent with copies of the report and of the maps to Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire 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 scale map are also being

sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

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8 November 1984

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW - FINAL PROPOSALS

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT/VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT

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

Schedule 1

Area A: description of area of land to be transferred from Appleford CP in Vale of White Horse District to Didcot CP in South Oxfordshire District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing District boundary meets the boundary between Sutton Courtenay CP and Appleford CP, thence northwards along said CP boundary to the western boundary of the proposed Didcot Northern Perimeter Road, thence northeastwards and eastwards along the western and northern boundary of said proposed road to the existing District boundary, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area B: description of area of land to be transferred from Sutton Courtenay CP in Vale of White Horse District to Didcot CP in South Oxfordshire District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the western boundary of Area A meets the existing District boundary, thence westwards along said District boundary to the western boundary of the proposed Didcot Northern Perimeter Road, thence northwards along said western boundary to the western boundary of Area A, thence southwards along said western boundary to the point of commencement.

Schedule 2

Revised Parish electoral arrangements, consequent upon the proposals described in Schedule 1.

It is proposed that the Parish Wards, as defined in The Parish of Didcot (Revision of Wards) order 1952, shall be altered as described below.

Areas A and B, as described in Schedule 1 shall be transferred to either the Georgetown Ward or the All Saints Ward of the Parish of Didcot.

Schedule 3

Revised District electoral arrangements, consequent upon the proposals described in Schedule 1.

It is proposed that the District Wards, as defined in the District of South Oxfordshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980, and the District of Vale of White Horse (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978, shall be altered as described below.

Areas A and B, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Sutton Courtenay Ward of the District of Vale of White Horse to the Didcot North Ward of the District of South Oxfordshire.

Schedule 4

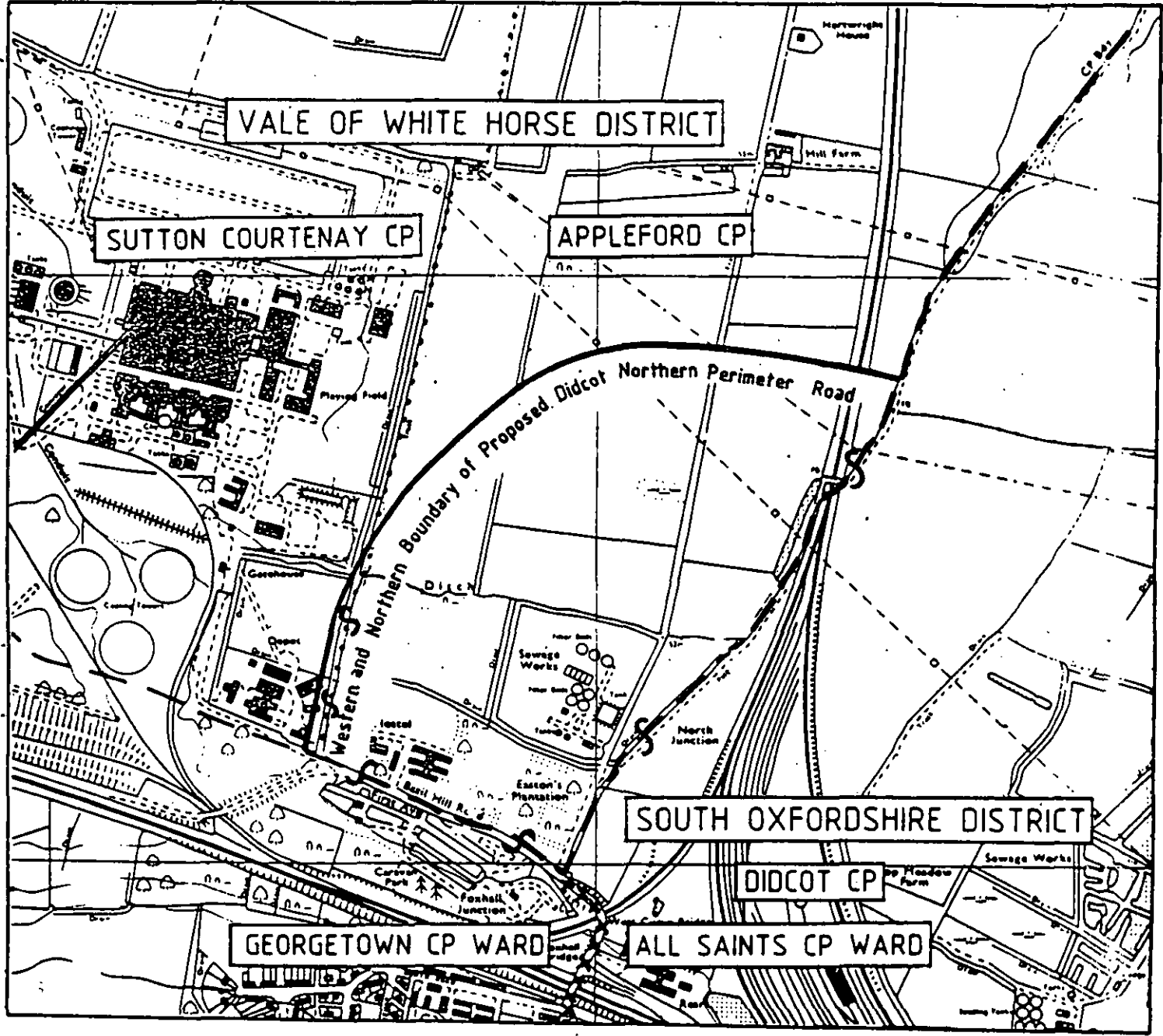
Revised County electoral arrangements, consequent upon the proposals described in Schedule 1.

It is proposed that the County Electoral Divisions, as defined in the County of Oxfordshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1983, (Operative 1985), shall be altered as described below.

Areas A and B, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from Drayton ED to Didcot Manor ED.

PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND
FINAL PROPOSAL



Extract from Plan SU 59SW.

- EXISTING DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- ... EXISTING CP BOUNDARY
- xxxx EXISTING CP WARD BOUNDARY
- PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARY

