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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT
OF SEDGEMOOR IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Sedgemoor, 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 district.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in sections 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 10 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to Sedgemoor District Council, copies of which were circulated to Somerset County Council, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the district, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies 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. Sedgemoor District 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 consultations 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. The District Council have not exercised an option in accordance with section 7(4) of the Local Government Act 1972. The provisions of section 7(6) of the Act, which provide for a system of whole council elections, will therefore apply.

5. On 29 November 1974 Sedgemoor District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area into 31 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 councillors to form a council of 48 members.

6. The Council's submission included copies of the correspondence received by them during their local consultations. There were a few instances where the District Council had not been able to adopt the suggestions which had been made to them and incorporate them in their draft scheme. We reviewed all these suggestions during our examination of the Council's proposals together with the two letters sent direct to us by local interests.

7. We found that the District Council's draft scheme was very similar to the present electoral arrangements and that it offered a very uneven standard of equality of representation. We noted that there were geographical difficulties involved in warding the district and from the correspondence it appeared that there were local ties which needed to be taken into account in formulating suitable proposals. We concluded nonetheless that the District Council had given insufficient weight to the statutory requirement for equality of representation and we examined the draft scheme to see if there were any modifications which we could make to secure a better numerical standard. In consequence we decided to include the parish of Moorlinch in the proposed East Poldens ward, the parish of Lympsham in the proposed Berrow and Brean ward and the Blackford ward of the parish of Wedmore in the proposed Mark and Burnham Without ward. We also adjusted the boundary between the proposed Quantock and Victoria wards so as to secure a better balance of electorate between them.

8. In response to representations received from the Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge Town Council and to secure improved equality of representation we decided to allocate an extra councillor to the proposed Burnham South ward, although in taking this decision we concluded that it would be appropriate to reduce the representation of the proposed Highbridge ward from three councillors to two.

9. We noted that there had been comments on a number of the names proposed by the District Council which in a number of instances appeared to be unduly cumbersome. Because of this and because of the changes which we had made to the composition of some of the wards, we decided to rename five of the proposed wards.

10. After consulting the Ordnance Survey we made some minor adjustments to the alignment of some of the boundaries in order to secure boundary lines which were more readily identifiable on the ground.

11. Subject to the modifications referred to in paragraphs 7-10 above, we decided that the District Council's draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements for the district in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines, and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

12. On 20 April 1975 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 maps which illustrated 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 27 June 1975.

13. The response to our draft proposals showed that there was opposition to all of the changes which we had made in the District Council's draft scheme except the revised names "Mark", "Sowey" and "Sandford". In Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge there was approval of our proposal to allocate 3 councillors to the proposed Burnham South ward but there was opposition to the reduction in the representation of the proposed Highbridge ward and this had led to the submission of alternative proposals which in some instances affected the whole of the parish. Likewise the District Council suggested an alternative to our proposal to adjust the boundary between the proposed Quantock and Victoria wards.

14. In view of this we considered that we needed further information to enable us to reach a conclusion. Therefore, in accordance with section 65(2) of the 1972 Act and at our request, Mr L H Baines, OBE was appointed an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and to report to us.

15. The Assistant Commissioner held a local meeting in Bridgwater on 16 October 1975. A copy of his report to us of the meeting is attached at Schedule 1 to this report.

16. The Assistant Commissioner recommended a number of amendments to our draft proposals. He proposed that the boundary between the proposed Victoria and Quantock wards should be as originally proposed by the District Council in their draft scheme but that the parish of Durleigh should be included in the Quantock ward instead of in the proposed Sandford ward. In relation to the Blackford ward of the parish of Wedmore the Assistant Commissioner recommended that it be included in the proposed Wedmore ward instead of in the Mark ward, as we had proposed. Finally he recommended the adjustment of the boundaries of the proposed Burnham North, Burnham South and Highbridge wards, with two councillors for Burnham North and 3 members for each of the other two wards.

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17. We considered again our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received and of the Assistant Commissioner's report. We decided that the modifications recommended by the Assistant Commissioner should be adopted. In consequence of the decision to include the Blackford ward of the parish of Wedmore in the proposed Wedmore district ward we found that the district ward would be subject to an elector/councillor ratio which was well above the average and that the situation was likely to become worse over the next five years. We decided that it would be appropriate to allocate a second councillor. Subject to this and to the changes recommended by the Assistant Commissioner, we decided, provisionally, to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

18. In view of the provisions of paragraph 3(2)(b) of Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 it was necessary, before we could submit our final proposals, to ask the District Council to make an order under section 50(4) of the Act to establish parish wards in Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge which would be compatible with the district wards which we intended to recommend. The District Council were accordingly invited to conduct a review of the parish electoral arrangements and in due course they sent us a copy of the order which they had made. We noted that they had accepted the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations and established parish wards accordingly. This enabled us to formulate our final proposals.

19. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 2 to this report and on the attached maps. Schedule 2 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps.

PUBLICATION

20. In accordance with section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of this report and a copy of the maps are being sent to Sedgemoor

District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main 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 maps, is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

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Signed

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16 September 1976

Review of Electoral Arrangements - District of SedgemoorReport of Assistant Commissioner

A local meeting was held on Thursday, 16th October, 1975 at the Council Chamber, The Priory, St. Mary Street, Bridgwater, at which the persons whose names and addresses appear in Annex 'A' were present, to hear representations relating to the following proposed wards in the Draft proposals of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England relating to the District of Sedgemoor in the County of Somerset.

Berrow	Parchey
Brent	Mark
Burnham North	Wedmore
Burnham South	Victoria
Highbridge	Quantock
East Poldens	

The Commission's Draft proposals were based on the scheme submitted by the District Council which was to all intents and purposes a repetition of the existing scheme, providing for 48 councillors for a 1974 electorate of 62,130 and a 1979 forecast electorate of 67,380. In order to achieve, however, greater equality of representation, the Commission proposed the following variations from the District Council's scheme:

- (i) the representation of Burnham South ward to be increased from two councillors to three.
- (ii) the representation of Highbridge ward to be reduced from three councillors to two.
- (iii) Moorlinch parish to be transferred from Parchey ward into East Poldens ward.
- (iv) Lympsham parish to be transferred from Brent and Lympsham ward into Berrow and Brean ward, the wards to be renamed Brent ward and Berrow ward respectively.
- (v) The Blackford ward of the parish of Wedmore to be transferred from the proposed Wedmore ward into the proposed Mark and Burnham Without ward, the latter ward to be renamed Mark ward.
- (vi) part of the Victoria ward to be incorporated into the adjacent Quantock ward by continuing the common boundary between the two wards along Kendole Road and Feversham Avenue.

In certain other cases the Commission proposed new and simpler or more convenient names for proposed wards.

The Draft proposals also made one small boundary alteration (in the interests of a better boundary) to the proposed Hamp ward.

The proposed new ward names met with no objection, apart from four members of the Fiddington Parish Council, who preferred the name Stowey for the proposed Dowsborough ward. None of them appeared at the meeting to pursue their objections and the proposed name was acceptable to the other parishes (Over Stowey and Nether Stowey) in the proposed ward. The proposed name of Dowsborough in my view should remain and I so recommend.

Representations, of which details appear below, were made against the transfers of Moorlinch and Lympsham parishes and of the Blackford ward, referred to in (iii), (iv) and (v) above, and against the reduction of the number of councillors for the Highbridge ward from three to two. Various alternative proposals, dealt with below, for the Quantock/Victoria wards and the Burnham North/Burnham South/Highbridge wards were also submitted.

At the meeting the various representations were dealt with as follows:-

(a) Burnham North, Burnham South and Highbridge

The District Council found the Commission's Draft proposals unacceptable and suggested two alternatives; first to move the proposed boundary between Burnham North and Burnham South wards further north reducing the representation of Burnham North to two Councillors and retaining the existing proposed boundaries of Highbridge ward with three councillors; and the second, that the boundary between the South and North wards should run along Pier Street, Abingdon Street and the west side of Oxford Street, each ward returning three councillors and transferring part of Highbridge ward to Burnham South with a new boundary across Apex Leisure Park, Burnham Road etc., Highbridge ward then to return only two councillors.

Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge Town Council were opposed to any reduction in the number of councillors for the Highbridge area. They would wish to see a return to the District Council's original proposals, but in default suggested two alternatives, the first being identical with the first alternative put forward by the District Council, the second being to move the northern boundary of Highbridge ward northwards to a line similar to that later referred to and retaining the District Council's original proposed boundary between Burnham North and South. In this latter proposal the representation would be Burnham North three councillors, Burnham South two councillors and Highbridge three councillors. The Highbridge District Chamber of Trade and Commerce supported this solution but were not represented at the meeting.

The District Council were represented at the meeting by Mr. Turco and the Town Council by Mr. Dunbar who each enlarged upon the written representations already made. Others present joined in subsequent discussion from which it clearly emerged that none of the solutions put forward provided an acceptable equality of representation other than the District Council's second alternative, which, like the Commission's Draft proposals, provided only two councillors for the Highbridge ward, and this was totally unacceptable to the Highbridge interest present. However, in the course of discussion, yet another possible solution emerged using boundaries already suggested but in a different combination.

This proposal would divide Burnham North ward from Burnham South in accordance with the first alternative put forward by both the District and Town Councils and divide Burnham South from Highbridge in accordance with the second alternative put forward by the Town Council, the representation to be Burnham North two councillors, Burnham South three councillors and Highbridge three councillors.

From figures supplied by the Town Council I calculate that the relevant figures for each ward would be as follows:-

	No. of Cllrs	1974			1979		
		Electorate.	Entitle- per Cllr.	ment	Electorate.	Entitle- per Cllr.	ment
Burnham North	2	2644	1322	2.04	3131	1565	2.23
Burnham South	3	3581	1194	2.77	4343	1448	3.09
Highbridge	3	3573	1191	2.76	4036	1345	2.87

The response to this suggestion was encouragingly unanimous, all present supporting the proposal. The Chairman of the District Council, with the backing of the leaders both of the Conservative and Labour groups within the Council assured me that if the proposal found favour with the Commission they would see that all necessary steps were taken to establish the ward boundaries as agreed, no action having yet been taken to separate the existing Burnham Ward into two wards, North and South.

I inspected, in company with the appropriate members, all the proposed boundaries of all the alternatives put forward, as a result of which minor amendments were agreed to the boundaries suggested in the final compromise solution. The suggested descriptions of these boundaries appear at Annex 'B' and maps to the scale of 1/2500 showing the proposed boundaries accompany this report.

This proposal appears sensible, commands wide support, and achieves a fair measure of equality of representation, while preserving the integrity of the Highbridge area as a separate entity with a character of its own. I recommend its acceptance.

(b) Moorlinch

The District Council, Moorlinch, Ashcott and Chedzoy Parish Councils, the Stowell and Sutton parish meeting and Mr. J. D. Graham had all written opposing the transfer of Moorlinch parish from Parchey ward to East Poldens ward. At the meeting Mr. Stivadoros supported and emphasised the District Council representations, Mr. Roe, on behalf of Bridgwater Without Parish Council, strongly supported the views of the other parish councils and in particular the local ties submitted by Mr. J. D. Graham, and Mr. W. Fry, Chairman of Moorlinch Parish Council referred to the clear cut boundaries now existing. Mr. J. D. Graham, who is the member of the District Council for the existing ward and Chairman of Stowell and Sutton Mallet parish meeting summarised the arguments as the close connections between the parishes in ecclesiastical affairs, in voluntary efforts and with common problems e.g. bus service. He also referred to the rate of development in the parish of Bridgwater Without and suggested that with 100 to 140 acres of land already with outline planning approval and an expected rate of building of 100 houses a year the 1979 forecast figures were likely to be an underestimate, that the increase would nullify the transfer of 150-160 electors of Moorlinch away from the Parchey Ward from the point of equalising representation, and that Bridgwater Without would soon be large enough for a ward on its own.

He submitted a letter from Bawdrip Parish Council and petitions signed by about 300 persons from the parishes of Moorlinch, Chedzoy and Stawell (whose total electorate is 676) in support.

That there are many longstanding links, particularly between Stawell and Moorlinch, cannot be denied, and there is evidence of support for the views of the parish councils, though interest as evidenced by attendance at the meeting appeared less than in some other cases. Against this, of the parishes in the proposed East Poldens ward, only Ashcott Parish Council raised a mild objection to the transfer of Moorlinch, and were not represented at the meeting; the parish of Greinton is now ecclesiastically linked with Moorlinch; additional growth in the parish of Bridgwater Without would worsen the imbalance of representation, though it may well be doubted whether the increase over the 1974 electorate of 673 of that parish would justify a separate ward.

In my view the close ties which exist between certain parishes of the existing ward are not of so strong a character as to outweigh the statutory requirements for equality (as near as maybe) of representation. Nor need such ties as now exist be broken, merely because the parishes are separated for the purposes of district council representation. Whether Bridgwater Without develops as fast as, or faster than, forecast it seems to me that changes are likely to be required at the next review, which may well need in general to be of a more radical nature than those put forward by the District Council and slightly modified by the Commission. I recommend that the Commission's Draft proposals as they affect Moorlinch should remain.

(c) Lympsham

The District Council approved the proposal to transfer Lympsham parish from the proposed Brent ward to the proposed Berrow ward, and the East Brent Parish Council originally did so; at the meeting, however, I was handed a letter from the parish council stating that after re-consideration they supported the original District Council proposals, but with a representation for the Brent ward of two councillors. Lympsham Parish Council, supported without, I thought, much enthusiasm by the Berrow and Brean parish councils, objected to the proposed transfer. However, at the meeting Mr. Derbyshire emphasised the difficulties of representing an area with such diversity as Berrow + Brean with their vast influx of summer visitors on the one hand and on the other the rural and agricultural community of Lympsham; Mr. Warner referred to likely development in the Berrow area and suggested a number of alternative names for the ward (excluding Lympsham) for which he thought more time for consideration should be given: Mr. Frost referred to the large size of Brent ward and suggested it should be represented by two councillors. He thought the 1979 estimated forecast of electorate too low.

Mr. Cotton presented a reasoned case on behalf of Lympsham Parish Council, arguing that geographically the parish had affinities with East Brent and Brent Knoll, that roads and drainage services as well as planning were logically geared to the three parishes, and that the common interests of agriculture, voluntary organisations and the absence of major estate development should militate against the separation of Lympsham from the others, especially when the proposal was to associate it with more remote parishes whose interests and problems were totally different.

In spite of the support given to the Commission's Draft proposals by the District Council and the absence of evidence of strength of feeling on the part of the councils concerned or the inhabitants of the parishes, there is clearly much force in the arguments put forward against this transfer. Inspection confirmed that the whole character of the seaside parishes is different from that of rural and residential Lympsham and there would always be some measure of difficulty in ensuring that the separate interests and problems of the parish were effectively safeguarded and represented by a councillor who also had to contend with the special problems raised by holiday resorts. However, such difficulties are not insuperable, and the figures show a wide deviation from the ideals of equality of representation if the District Council's original proposals were adhered to. On the other hand, there is no prospect on the evidence before me that the electorate for Lympsham, East Brent and Brent Knoll parishes combined (1934 in 1974 and 1940 in 1979) could justify two councillors. There is not in my view sufficient in the way of close ties as well as community of interest to justify a substantial departure from the requirements for equality of representation, and I am inevitably driven to the conclusion, albeit with a certain degree of reluctance, that the Commission's Draft proposals should stand, and I so recommend. It may well be that this is an area which at the next review might benefit from a more radical solution, depending on the trends of development in the interim period.

(d) Blackford

The proposal to transfer the Blackford ward of the Parish of Wedmore from Wedmore ward to Mark Ward was opposed by Somerset County Council, the District Council and the parish councils of Wedmore and Mark.

At the meeting a number of representatives spoke in support of these objections, making the following points:-

- (1) local ties in the area, historically, geographically and still today known as the 'Isle of Wedmore', are exceptionally strong.
- (ii) in spite of the inevitable under-representation, Wedmore would wish to retain Blackford and still have only one councillor.
- (iii) there is an impressive list of not less than fifteen clubs and activities jointly shared between Wedmore and Blackford.
- (iv) Blackford primary school children, when the school at Blackford is closed, will go to school at Wedmore. The Middle School for the area is at Blackford and will take all the Wedmore children. Upper school children from both Blackford and Wedmore will together go to school in the Cheddar area.
- (v) the inhabitants of even the westernmost houses in Blackford want nothing to do with Mark.

- (vi) a strong and valuable community spirit of very long standing would be disrupted by the proposed transfer, which would also make District council representation of Isle of Wedmore interests as a whole more difficult.
- (vii) a petition was submitted signed by 264 electors of Blackford (out of a 1974 total of 290) showing the unanimity of feeling within the ward.
- (viii) the proposal, in the County Council's view, might create difficulties when the boundaries of County electoral divisions are reviewed.

I was much impressed both at the meeting and during my subsequent inspection with the quite exceptionally close ties that evidently existed in this area, with the very real sense of community, almost to the point of isolation, and with the practical links that effectively called for unity of representation at District council level. I came to the conclusion that this was a compelling case where equality of representation should give way to the overriding factors to which I have referred, and I recommend that the Blackford ward of Wedmore parish should remain in the Wedmore ward and that the Commission's Draft proposals should be amended accordingly.

(e) Victoria and Quantock

The District Council objected to the Commission's draft proposal to transfer part of the Victoria ward to the Quantock ward to secure a better balance of representation and suggested two alternatives; first to transfer part of the parish of Durleigh in the Sandford ward to the Quantock ward; second, to redraw the boundaries between Victoria and Quantock wards to effect an exchange, the combined effect of which would achieve a better balance of representation.

At the meeting Mr. Stivadoros outlined details of the above alternatives but said that the District Council would prefer their original proposal. He claimed that the Commission's Draft proposals would split an existing community and in this he was supported by Mr. Chedghey who said there was a considerable community spirit existing in a Council housing estate about 40 years old which would be split by the proposed new boundary. Difficulties would also be created over polling stations.

Mr. Carter objected to the splitting of Durleigh parish. He agreed that much of the parish, and especially the Broadlands Estate, had ties with the Quantock ward but thought the isolated communities would be left on their own. He responded favourably, however, to a suggestion that the whole of Durleigh parish should be transferred to the Quantock ward. Mr. Donaldson also supported this possibility and considered that the whole of the parish achieved a measure of identity with the Quantock ward through bus services, schools, etc. Indeed the suggestion seemed to command general support, Mr. Chedghey raising no objection and Mr. East giving firm support. For the Labour group Mr. Phillips, and for the Conservative group Mr. Turco, as well as Mr. Choate, as Chairman of the District Council, welcomed it.

On inspection I felt bound to agree that the Commission's Draft proposals would have the unfortunate effects forecast at the meeting and though there appeared to be no similar objections or difficulties in the District Council's second alternative (exchange between Victoria and Quantock) I regard it as undesirable to alter familiar boundaries, especially in towns, (quite apart from any procedural delays which might be involved) if an alternative satisfactory solution is available. In view therefore of the general agreement expressed at the meeting I recommend that the Commission's Draft proposals be amended to retain the boundaries of the Victoria ward as originally proposed by the District Council and by transferring the parish of Durleigh from the proposed Sandford ward to the proposed Quantock ward. A considerable improvement in equality of representation would result.

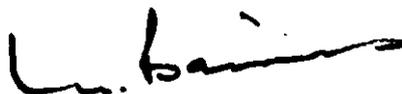
As already indicated, after the meeting and on one further day I inspected the areas of all the affected wards in the Burnham and Bridgwater areas, and the route of all the proposed or alternative boundaries. I also visited the parishes of Berrow, Brean, Lympsham, East Brent, Brent Knoll, Mark, Wedmore, Bridgwater Without, Bawdrip, Chedzoy, Stawell, Moorlinch, Greinton, Ashcott, Shapwick, and Durleigh. I was most helpfully accompanied on my visits by those principally concerned at each point and am grateful to the officers of the District Council not only for arranging the timetable for my visits with rendezvous for those whom I was to meet, but also for supplying the large scale maps to illustrate the details of the suggested ward boundaries in Burnham and Highbridge.

Summary of recommendations

I recommend that the Commission's Draft proposals as they affect the parishes of Lympsham and Moorlinch and for the name of the proposed Dowsborough ward be accepted.

I recommend the following amendments to the Commission's Draft proposals:-

- (i) that the part of the existing Victoria ward proposed to be transferred to the proposed Quantock ward be retained and included in the proposed Victoria ward.
- (ii) that the parish of Durleigh be transferred to the proposed Quantock ward.
- (iii) that the existing Burnham ward be divided into Burnham North ward and Burnham South ward and that the boundaries between them and between Burnham South ward and the proposed Highbridge ward be as set out in Annex 'B' to this report and the accompanying plans.
The numbers of councillors for each ward to be as follows:
Burnham North two, Burnham South three, Highbridge three.
- (iv) that the Blackford ward of the parish of Wedmore be included in the proposed Wedmore ward.



ANNEX 'A'

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Burnham-on-Sea.

J. D. Graham,
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Stawell,
Bridgwater.

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Blackford.

Blackford Councillor, Wedmore P.C.

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J. W. Maude, A.R.I.B.A.,
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Bridgwater.

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R. L. Roe,
Willstock Farm,
Rhode,
Bridgwater.

Bridgwater Without P.C.
(Chairman)

C. A. Rose,
Moor End Farm,
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D.C.
Councillor Sedgemoor & Wedmore P.C.

R. C. Slocombe,
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Durleigh Parish Councillor

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District Secretary, Sedgemoor D.C.

Charles Tester,
37 Friarn Street,
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Councillor Sedgemoor (Hamp Ward)

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R. C. Wilson
'Broomsquires',
Bincombe,
Over Stowey.

Clerk, Over Stowey P.C.

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Burnham-On-Sea and Highbridge

Proposed ward boundaries

- (1) - Proposed boundary between Burnham North and South wards: commencing at the Esplanade along Maddocks Slade to its junction with Berrow Road thence south along Berrow Road to its junction with Westfield Road thence eastward along Westfield Road, the southern boundary of Newcombe and Lakeside Caravan Parks thence north-easterly along the southern boundary of O.S. No. 3972 thence south-easterly along the northern boundary of O.S. No. 5265 terminating at Love Lane (the old Burnham-On-Sea Urban District boundary).

- (2) - Proposed boundary between Burnham South and Highbridge wards: commencing at South Esplanade along the northern boundary of the Holimarine site including the roadway between the old Somerset and Dorset railway line and Highbridge Road thence along Worston Lane terminating at the old Burnham-On-Sea Urban District boundary.

DISTRICT OF SEDGEMOOR: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
AXBRIDGE	1
AXE VALE	1
BERROW	1
BRENT	1
BURNHAM NORTH	2
BURNHAM SOUTH	3
CANNINGTON AND COMBWICH	2
CENTRAL	3
CHEDDAR	2
DOWSBOROUGH	1
EAST POLDENS	1
EASTERN QUANTOCKS	1
EASTOVER	2
HAMP	2
HIGHBRIDGE	3
HUNTSPELL	1
MARK	1
NEWTON GREEN	1
NORTH PETHERTON	2
PARCHEY	1
PAWLETT AND PURITON	1
QUANTOCK	3
SANDFORD	1
SHIPHAM	1
SOWEY	1
SYDENHAM	3
VICTORIA	2
WEDMORE	2
WEST POLDENS	1
WESTONZOYLAND	1
WOOLAVINGTON	1

DISTRICT OF SEDGEMOOR - 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.

QUANTOCK WARD

Comprises the whole of Durleigh CP and that area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Durleigh CP meets the southern boundary of Wembdon CP, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to a point due west of the northwest corner of No 1 Hillgrove Close, thence due eastwards to said corner and southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 1-2 said close to and northeastwards and northwards along the northern boundary of the Nursery to Nursery Terrace, thence northeastwards along said terrace to and along Kidsbury Road to and southeastwards along Kendale Road and Victoria Road to North Street, thence southeastwards along said street to and southwestwards along West Street to the road known as St Matthew's Field, thence southeastwards along said road to and generally southwestwards along Durleigh Brook to the eastern boundary of Durleigh CP, thence generally westwards and northwards following said boundary to the point of commencement.

VICTORIA WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Quantock Ward meets the eastern boundary of Wembdon CP, thence northwards following said CP boundary and continuing northwards and following the southern boundary of Chilton Trinity CP to the River Parrett, thence southwestwards and following said river to a point opposite the entrance to the tidal basin, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the centre of the drawbridge linking Russell Place with the road known as Northgate, thence generally southwards and southwestwards along Northgate to Angel Crescent, thence southeastwards along said crescent to Market Street, thence southwestwards along said street and the road known as Penel Orlieu to the eastern boundary of Quantock Ward, thence northwestwards and westwards following said boundary to the point of commencement.

EASTOVER WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Victoria Ward meets the southern boundary of Chilton Trinity CP, thence northeastwards and following said CP boundary to the western boundary of Bridgwater Without CP, thence eastwards and following said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 0600 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan ST 30/3/38 Edition of 1970, thence generally southwestwards along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the railway, thence southwards along said railway to Westonzoyland Road (A372), thence westwards and northwards along said road to St John Street (A372), thence northwestwards along said street to Cranleigh Gardens, thence southwestwards and westwards along said gardens to the road known as Broadway (A39), thence southwestwards along said road to the River Parrett, thence northwestwards and following said river to the eastern boundary of Victoria Ward, thence northwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

SYDENHAM WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Eastover Ward meets Westonzoyland Road, thence northwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of Bridgwater Without CP, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to Westonzoyland Road (A372), thence westwards along said road and continuing westwards along the unnamed portion of the A372 road to rejoin Westonzoyland Road (A372), thence generally northwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at the point where the River Parrett meets the northern boundary of North Petherton CP, thence northwestwards along said river to a point due east of the south east corner of No151 Taunton Road (A38), thence due west to said corner, thence southwestward along the southeastern boundary of said property

and the northwestern boundary of No 153 Taunton Road (A38) to said road, thence northwards along said road to the road known as Hamp Green Rise, thence southwards along said road to Hamp Avenue, thence northwestwards along said avenue and the path crossing Hamp Brook to the path known as Hamp Ward, thence northeastward along said path to the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal thence westwards along said canal to Durleigh Brook, thence southwestwards along said brook to the eastern boundary of Quantock Ward, thence northwestwards and north-eastwards along said boundary and continuing generally northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of Victoria Ward to the western boundary of Eastover Ward, thence generally southeastwards and eastwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of said ward and continuing eastwards along the southern boundary of Sydenham Ward to the western boundary of Bridgwater Without CP, thence southwestwards and following said boundary to the northern boundary of North Petherton CP, thence westwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

HAMP WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Durleigh CP meets the northern boundary of North Petherton CP, thence generally northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Quantock Ward, thence eastwards and following said boundary and continuing northeastwards and following the southwestern boundary of Central Ward to the northern boundary of North Petherton CP, thence generally westwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

AXBRIDGE WARD

The parish of Axbridge

AXE VALE WARD

The parishes of Badgworth

Chapel Allerton

Compton Bishop

Weate

BERROW WARD

The parishes of Berrow

Brean

Lympsham

BRENT WARD

The parishes of Brent Knoll

East Brent

BURNHAM NORTH WARD

The Burnham North Ward of the parish of Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge

BURNHAM SOUTH WARD

The Burnham South Ward of the parish of Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge

CANNINGTON AND COMEWICH WARD

The parishes of Cannington

Otterhampton

Stockland Bristol

CHEDDAR WARD

The parish of Cheddar

DOWSBOROUGH WARD

The parishes of Fiddington

Nether Stowey

Over Stowey

EASTERN QUANTOCKS WARD

The parishes of Broomfield

Charlinch

Emmore

Goathurst

Spaxton

EAST POLDENS WARD

The parishes of Ashcott

Greinton

Moorlinch

Shapwick

HIGHBRIDGE WARD

The Highbridge Ward of the parish of Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge

HUNTSPILL WARD

The parishes of East Huntspill

West Huntspill

MARK WARD

The parishes of Burnham Without

Mark

NEWTON GREEN WARD

The parishes of Lyng

Thurloxton

and the Northmoor Green

North Newton Wards of the parish of North Petherton

NORTH PETHERTON WARD

The North Petherton Ward of the parish of North Petherton

PARCHEY WARD

The parishes of Bawdrip

Bridgwater Without

Chedzoy

Stawell

PAWLETT AND PURITON WARD

The parishes of Pawlett

Puriton

SANDFORD WARD

The parishes of Chilton Trinity

Wembdon

SHIPHAM WARD

The parish of Shipham

SOWEY WARD

The parishes of Middlezoy

Othery

WEDMORE WARD

The parish of Wedmore

WESTONZOYLAND WARD

The parish of Westonzoyland

WEST POLDENS WARD

The parishes of Catcott

Chilton Polden

Cossington

Edington

WOOLAVINGTON WARD

The parish of Woolavington