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To the Rt Hon Roy Jenkins, MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT
OF SALISBURY IN THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Salisbury 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 for that district.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 13 May 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Salisbury District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Wiltshire 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 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. Salisbury 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 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. The Council had 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 - therefore applied.

5. On 22 October 1974 the Salisbury District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the areas into 36 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a Council of 58, the same as the present Council.

6. Comments on this draft scheme were received from a number of sources. They included a letter from the County Council stating that they had no observations to offer on the proposals other than to point out that it might not in all cases be possible when drawing up proposals for electoral arrangements for the county, to have regard to the boundaries of the proposed district wards. Other comments included proposals for **modifying** the draft scheme in the interests of improved standards of representation and to bring certain electors nearer to a polling station.

7. We considered the draft scheme together with the comments which had been submitted. To the extent that the suggestions embodied in the comments were within our jurisdiction we found that they ~~offered~~ little or no advantage over the draft scheme submitted by the District Council and we decided to reject them. In order to remove some of the unevenness in the standard of representation in the Council's draft scheme we decided to propose one modification transferring an area from the proposed Stratford ward to the proposed St Marks ward. After consulting 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. We decided to adopt the ward names suggested by the Council. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

8. On 18 December 1974 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 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 14 February 1975.

9. The Salisbury district council indicated that they had no observations on the proposals but suggested a minor modification which would transfer about 6 dwellings from the proposed Harnham ward to the proposed Fisherton and Bemerton Village ward. We considered this modification to be a sensible one and decided that it should be adopted.

10. The County Council reiterated their earlier comment that it may not in all cases be possible to have regard to district ward boundaries in drawing up a suitable electoral scheme for the County.

11. There was one letter from a parish council which indicated that they had no observation on the proposals.

12. In considering the response to our final proposals we considered also two letters from parish councils which reached us after we had formulated our draft proposals but before these proposals were published. One suggested that the name of a ward should be expanded and the other requested that the parish should be grouped with two of its neighbours for district electoral purposes. In neither case were we able to adopt the suggested change. We noted that neither parish council had pursued its request in response to the draft proposals.

13. Thus we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals subject only to the minor modification proposed by the District Council.

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 new 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 Salisbury 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 map, is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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20 March 1975

SCHEDULE 1

DISTRICT OF SALISBURY : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS.

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ALDERBURY	1
AMESBURY	3
BEMERTON	3
BISHOPDOWN	1
BULFORD	2
CHALKE VALLEY	1
DONHEAD	1
DOWNTON	2
DURRINGTON	3
EBBLE	1
FISHERTON & BEMERTON VILLAGE	2
FONTHILL	1
FOVANT	1
HARNHAM	3
IDMISTON	1
KNOYLE	1
LAVERSTOCK	2
MERE	1
MILFORD	2
NADDER	1
REDLYNCH	2
ST EDMUND	2
ST MARK	3
ST MARTIN	2
ST PAUL	3
STRATFORD	1
TILL VALLEY	1
TISBURY	1
UPPER BOURNE	1
WESTERN	1
WHITEPARISH	1
WILTON	2
WINTERBOURNE	1
WINTERSLOW	1
WOODFORD VALLEY	1
WYLYE	2

A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the map is attached at.

SALISBURY DISTRICT WARDS

BISHOPDOWN WARD

Commencing on the western boundary of Laverstock Parish at Castle Hill, at the junction of Old Castle Road and the Roman Road leading to Ford Farm thence generally southeastwards and southwestwards following the said western boundary to a point where it crosses the Salisbury - Andover railway thence continuing south westwards along the said railway to St Mark's Avenue thence northwards along said avenue and Bishopdown Road to and along a footpath to Old Castle Road thence continuing northwards along said road to the Roman road being the point of commencement.

ST MARK WARD

Commencing on the western boundary of Laverstock Parish where it crosses Castle Road (A 345) at Castle Hill thence southeastwards following said western boundary to the western boundary of Bishopdown Ward thence generally southwards following said western boundary and continuing along St Mark's Avenue to a point opposite the rear curtilages of the properties on the north side of Bowerhill Road, thence eastwards to and along said rear curtilages to London Road thence southwestwards along said road to Weeping Cross Roundabout thence generally north westwards to and along Churchill Way North to the railway thence southwestwards along said railway to Mill Stream and the River Avon to a point being the prolongation southwestwards of the eastern boundary of the Electricity Sub Station thence northeastwards to and along said prolongation to the southern boundary of the said Electricity Sub Station thence northwestwards and northeastwards along the southern and western boundary and continuing northeastwards across the end of Hulse Road to the southwestern boundary of the school thence southeastwards and northeastwards along the southwestern and southeastern boundary of said school to Stratford Road thence southeastwards along said road to Castle Road thence northwards along said road to the point of commencement.

ST EDMUND WARD

Commencing at the southeast corner of St Mark Ward at Weeping Cross Roundabout thence southwestwards and southwards along Churchill Way East to Winchester Street thence westwards along said street and Blue Boar Row to Minster Street thence southwards along said street to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 32 Minster Street thence to and along the northern

boundaries of No's 32 and 29 Minster Street to the Mill Stream, thence southwards along the Mill Stream to Fisherton Bridge, thence north westwards along Fisherton Street to the Railway Bridge thence generally north-eastwards along the railway to the southern boundary of St Mark Ward thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

MILFORD WARD

Commencing at a point in St Marks Avenue where the southern boundary of Bishopdown Ward meets the eastern boundary of St Mark Ward thence north-westwards following the southern boundary of Bishopdown Ward to the western boundary of Laverstock Parish thence southwards and southeastwards following said western boundary to the western boundary of Clarendon Park Parish thence southwestwards following said western boundary to the northern boundary of Britford Parish thence northwestwards following said northern boundary to a point opposite Tollgate Road; thence northwards to and along said road to where it meets Rampart Road; thence due westwards to Churchill Way East; thence northwards and following Churchill Way East to the eastern boundary of St Edmund ward; thence northeastwards and following said eastern boundary and the eastern boundary of St Mark Ward to the point of commencement.

ST MARTIN WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of St Edmund Ward meets the western boundary of Milford Ward, in Churchill Way East, thence generally southwards along the western boundary of Milford Ward to the northern boundary of Britford Parish thence generally westwards and southwestwards following said Parish boundary and continuing westwards and northwestwards along the River Avon and River Nadder to the weir opposite Mill Road

thence continuing northwestwards and northwards along said road to South Western Road thence north eastwards along said road to the southern boundary of St Edmund Ward, thence generally eastwards following said boundary to the point of commencement.

HARNHAM WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of St Martin Ward meets the northern boundary of Britford Parish in the River Avon thence generally southeastwards and westwards following said northern boundary to the eastern boundary of Netherhampton Parish thence northwards, westwards and northwards following said eastern boundary to the River Nadder thence generally eastwards and northwards along the said River to a stream running to the rear of properties Nos 12-1 Fisherton Island; thence southeastwards along said stream and continuing along the waterway to the south of the island containing the Mill House to the western boundary of St Martin Ward thence generally southwards and eastwards following said western boundary and southern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

FISHERTON AND BEMERTON VILLAGE WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of St Edmund Ward meets the northern boundary of St Martin Ward, at the junction of South Western Road and Fisherton Street thence generally southwestwards and southeastwards along the northern and western boundary of St Martin Ward to the northern boundary of Harnham Ward thence generally westwards following said boundary to the eastern boundary of Netherhampton Parish thence generally northwestwards following said eastern boundary and continuing generally northwestwards following the eastern boundary of Quidhampton Parish to the northern boundary of the railway property Salisbury - Wilton line thence southeastwards along said boundary to a point opposite Queen Alexandra Road thence northeastwards along said road to Coronation Road thence southeastwards along said road to Roman Road thence southwestwards along said road to

St Gregory Avenue thence southeastwards along said avenue and Indian Avenue to a point opposite the rear southern boundary of No 37 Macklin Road thence to and along the rear boundaries of No's 37-3 Macklin Road No 69 Highbury Avenue and southern boundary of No 67 Highbury Avenue to said avenue thence southwards along Highbury Avenue to a point opposite the southern boundary of the Boys County Secondary School, thence southeastwards to and along said boundary and continuing in a straight line southeastwards to the northern boundary of Orchard House thence along the northern boundary of Orchard House and the Old Manor Hospital to the southern boundary of No 25 Hartington Road thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said southern boundary and continuing along the rear boundary of the Motor Car Repair Works to the northern boundary of No 18a Wilton Road thence continuing southeastwards along the rear boundaries of properties 18a to 2a Wilton Road and southwestwards along the eastern boundaries of 2a and 4a in said road to Wilton Road thence southeastwards along said road and southern boundary of St Edmund Ward to the point of commencement.

ST PAUL WARD

Commencing in the River Avon at a footbridge to the south of the property known as Avonside thence southeastwards along the river and the western boundary of St Mark Ward to the northwestern boundary of St Edmund Ward thence southwestwards following said northwestern boundary to the northeastern boundary of Fisherton and Bemerton Village Ward thence northwestwards following said northeastern boundary to Queen Alexandra Road thence north eastwards along said road and crossing Devizes Road to the southeastern curtilage of No 412 Devizes Road thence northeastward along said curtilage and northwestwards along the rear curtilages of No's 412 to 418 Devizes Road and southwestwards along the northwestern curtilage of last mentioned property to a point opposite the rear curtilage of The Royal Oak (Public House) thence to and along said curtilage to the southwestern curtilage of No 434 Devizes Road thence north eastwards along

said curtilage to the rear boundary of said property thence northwestwards along the rear boundaries of properties Nos 434 to 494 Devizes Road to a footpath leading to Avonside thence northeastwards along said path to the point of commencement in the River Avon.

BEMERTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Laverstock Parish crosses the River Avon at Stratford Bridge thence generally southwards along the River Avon to the western boundary of St Paul Ward, thence southwestwards, southeastwards and southwestwards following said boundary and continuing southwestwards and northwestwards following the northern boundary of Fisherton and Bemerton Village Ward to the eastern boundary of Quidhampton Parish thence generally northwards and eastwards following said boundary and continuing generally north-eastwards and southeastwards following the western boundary of Laverstock Parish to the point of commencement.

STRATFORD WARD

Commencing at a point on the western boundary of Laverstock Parish where it is met by the western boundary of St Mark Ward thence southwards and westward following said boundary to the eastern boundary of St Paul Ward thence generally northwestwards following said boundary and the eastern boundary of Bemerton Ward to the western boundary of Laverstock Parish, thence generally eastwards following said Parish boundary to the point of commencement.

WILTON WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Wilton, Netherhampton, and Quidhampton.

AMESBURY WARD

Consisting of the Parish of Amesbury.

TILL VALLEY WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Orcheston, Shrewton and Tilshead.

BULFORD WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Bulford, Figheldcan and Milston.

DURRINGTON WARD

Consisting of the Parish of Durrington.

IDMISTON WARD

Consisting of the Parish of Idmiston.

UPPER BOURNE WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Allington, Cholderton and Newton Toney.

WINTERBOURNE WARD

Consisting of the Parish of Winterbourne.

WOODFORD VALLEY WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Durnford, Wilsford-cum-Lake and Woodford.

DONHEAD WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Berwick St John, Donhead St Andrew, Donhead St Mary, and Tollard Royal.

MERE WARD

Consisting of the Parish of Mere.

WESTERN WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Kilvington, Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield, Stourton with Gasper and Zeals.

KNOYLE WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of East Knoyle, Sedgehill, Semley and West Knoyle.

FONTHILL WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Berwick St Leonard, Chicklade, Chilmark, Fonthill Gifford, Fonthill Bishop and Hindon.

TISBURY WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Tisbury and West Tisbury.

DOWNTON WARD

Consisting of the Parish of Downton.

REDLYNCH WARD

Consisting of the Parish of Redlynch.

WHITEPARISH WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Landford and Whiteparish.

WINTERSLOW WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Pitton and Farley and Winterslow.

EBBLE WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Britford, Coombe Bissett and Odstock.

LAVERSTOCK WARD

Consisting of the Parish of Laverstock.

ALDERBURY WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Alderbury, Clarendon Park, Grimstead and West Dean.

WYLYE WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Winterbourne Stoke, Berwick St James, Great Wishford, South Newton, Stapleford, Steeple Langford and Wylve

FOVANT WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Ansty, Sutton Mandeville, Swallowcliffe and Fovant.

CHALKE VALLEY WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Stratford Toney, Bishopstone, Bower Chalke, Broad Chalk, Ebbesborne Wake and Alvediston.

NADDER WARD

Consisting of the Parishes of Barford St Martin, Burcombe Without, Compton Chamberlayne, Dinton and Teffont.