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1. In advance of their parish boundary review, Malvern Hills District Council submitted a report to us on 16 January 1980 which recommended changes to twelve parish boundaries which were also district boundaries. These involved the parishes of Astley and Dunley, Pencombe with Grendon Warren, Shelsley Kings, Woolhope and Yarkhill in Malvern Hills District itself, and the Humber and Stanford with Orleton parishes in Leominster District, the parishes of Brockhampton, Westhide and Weston Beggard in South Herefordshire District, Harlebury parish in Wychavon District and Stourport-on-Severn in Wyre Forest District. All the districts are within the non-metropolitan county of Hereford and Worcester.
2. We considered Malvern Hills 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. Although the changes proposed by Malvern Hills District Council lacked the full support of South Herefordshire and Wyre Forest District Councils, we concluded that it was preferable to examine the desired boundary alterations in a single review rather than adopt a piecemeal approach. We decided therefore to conduct a review. The circumstances were sufficiently exceptional to enable us to shorten our normal procedure by publishing draft proposals, based on Malvern Hills District Council's recommendations, at the same time as we announced our intention to carry out a review.
4. We noted that on page 6 of the report to us there was a reference to a boundary change which the District Council had decided not to recommend, despite the fact that they considered it would be conducive to more effective local government. We looked at the suggested re-alignment, but we were not satisfied that in fact it would be in the interests of effective and convenient local government, and we did not include this area in our draft proposals.

5. On 12 August 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 Malvern Hills, Leominster, South Herefordshire, Wychavon and Wyre Forest District Councils. Copies were sent to Hereford and Worcester County Council, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the clerks of the parish councils concerned, the headquarters of the main political parties, the West Midlands Regional Health Authority, the Severn-Trent Water Authority, the West Midlands 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 five 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 1 October 1981.

6. We received nine comments. The County Council and the Malvern Hills, Leominster, Wyre Forest and Wychavon District Councils, plus Stourport-on-Severn Town Council were all content with our draft proposals. In addition the County Council passed on an observation made by one of their councillors. Criticism of the draft proposals was received from South Herefordshire District Council, Weston Beggard Parish Council and a private individual.

7. South Herefordshire District Council supported the affected residents and their elected representatives in their opposition to the alteration of the boundary between the parishes of Westhide and Yarkhill, although they did not dissent from the view that the overall proposals were rational and would make for better administration. We are however satisfied that the alteration will be sufficiently in the interests of effective and convenient local government to outweigh the local objection.

8. Weston Beggard Parish Council pointed out that our proposals for the amendment to the Yarkhill/Weston Beggard boundary (which was based on the report submitted by the Malvern Hills District Council) did not accord with the line agreed between them and the Yarkhill Parish Council, apparently as the result of a misunderstanding. We therefore decided to seek clarification of this point before proceeding to make our final proposals. Following correspondence with Yarkhill Parish Council we were provided with a map showing the suggested boundary agreed between themselves and Weston Beggard Parish Council. Malvern Hills District Council confirmed that they found the suggested line acceptable and after consideration we are satisfied that it would be in the interests of effective and convenient local government to realign the boundary between the districts of Malvern Hills and South Herefordshire along the line agreed between the two parishes. We have therefore adopted this line for the purpose of our final proposals.

9. We noted the observation made by one county councillor that our draft proposal to transfer the properties 1-3 Brickyard Cottages to the parish of Stourport-on-Severn in Wyre Forest District would leave the nearby building "Woodhouse" isolated from the rest of Malvern Hills District. As the four properties are already cut off from that District we decided to modify our draft proposals to the extent of including "Woodhouse" in the area to be transferred to Wyre Forest District. We understand that Malvern Hills District Council would not support the inclusion of "Woodhouse" in the area to be transferred. However, as the only access to "Woodhouse" is via Brickyard Cottages we considered it to be in the interests of effective and convenient local government to include it in our final proposals.

10. Details of all our final proposals as a result of this review are set out in Schedules 1-3 to 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 maps.

11. In due course we will be submitting to the Home Secretary our proposals for revised electoral arrangements for the county of Hereford and Worcester. Should the Home Secretary decide to implement these proposals, changes may well be required in Schedule 2 as regards the county electoral divisions.

12. Separate letters are being sent with copies of the report and of the maps of changes which affect their area to the Malvern Hills, Wychavon, Leominster, South Herefordshire and Wyre Forest 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 the report, which includes small sketch plans illustrating the proposed changes, are being sent to others who received the consultation letter or made comments on our draft proposals.

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SIGNED:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

PRINCIPAL AREA BOUNDARY REVIEW - FINAL PROPOSALS

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED BOUNDARY ALTERATIONS

DISTRICT OF MALVERN HILLS/DISTRICT OF SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE/DISTRICT OF LEOMINSTER/DISTRICT OF WYRE FOREST/DISTRICT OF WYCHAVON

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

SCHEDULE 1

1. Boundary realignments between Malvern Hills District and South Herefordshire District.

Proposal 1a: that the boundary between Woolhope CP in Malvern Hills District and Brockhampton CP in South Herefordshire District shall be realigned as described below.

Description of realigned District boundary:

Commencing at the point where the existing District boundary meets the southwestern boundary of Parcel No 4700, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 6032, date of publication 1973, thence westwards along said parcel boundary to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 4594, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along the last-mentioned parcel boundary to B4224 road, thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the northernmost corner of Parcel No 8227, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 5933, date of publication 1973, thence southwestwards to rejoin the existing District boundary.

This proposal transfers an area of Woolhope CP in Malvern Hills District to Brockhampton CP in South Herefordshire District.

Proposal 1b: that the boundary between Yarkhill CP in Malvern Hills District and Weston Beggard CP in South Herefordshire District shall be realigned as described below:

Description of realigned District boundary:

Commencing on the existing District boundary in Weston Beggard Lane at the southernmost corner of Parcel No 8055 as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 5842; date of publication 1971, thence northwestwards along the

western boundary of said parcel to its westernmost point, thence due north from said point to the A4103 road, thence northeastwards along said road to a point opposite the northeastern boundary of Parcel No 3300, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 5942, date of publication 1971, thence northwestwards to and along said parcel boundary, continuing on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A1) SO 5943, date of publication Sept 1977, to and northwestwards along the existing District boundary to the western corner of Parcel No 3507, thence northwestwards in a straight line from said corner to the easternmost point of Parcel No 2608, thence northwestwards and northwards along the eastern boundary of said parcel to its northernmost point, thence due north from said point to the southern boundary of Parcel No 3425, thence westwards along said parcel boundary and northwestwards along the southwestern boundary of said parcel to rejoin the existing boundary at the western corner of said parcel.

This proposal transfers four areas of Yarkhill CP in Malvern Hills District to Weston Beggard CP in South Herefordshire District and transfers three areas of Weston Beggard CP in South Herefordshire District to Yarkhill CP in Malvern Hills District.

Proposal 1c: that the boundary between Yarkhill CP in Malvern Hills District and Westhild CP in South Herefordshire District shall be realigned as described below.

Description of realigned District boundary:

Commencing on the existing District boundary at the easternmost corner of Parcel No 0067, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (B) SO 6043, date of publication 1980, thence southeastwards from said corner to the access road leading to the property known as The Upper Cotts and the Hall, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said access road to the A4103 road, thence northeastwards along said road to a point opposite the southernmost corner of Parcel No 4400, thence northwestwards to rejoin the existing District boundary.

This proposal transfers an area of Yarkhill CP in Malvern Hills District to Westhild CP in South Herefordshire District and transfers an area of Westhild CP in South Herefordshire District to Yarkhill CP in Malvern Hills District.

2. Boundary realignments between Malvern Hills District and Leominster District.

Proposal 2a: that the boundary between Pencombe with Grendon Warren CP in Malvern Hills District and Humber CP in Leominster District shall be realigned as described below.

Description of realigned District boundary:

Commencing at the point where the existing District boundary meets the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 5100, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 5654, date of publication 1973, thence generally northeastwards along said parcel boundary, continuing on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 5655, date of publication 1972, to the southwestern boundary of Parcel No 8800, thence generally southeastwards along said parcel boundary, continuing on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 5654, date of publication 1973 and OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 5754, date of publication 1973, to the western boundary of Parcel No 1367, thence southwards along said western boundary and eastwards and generally northwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of the last-mentioned parcel to the northwestern boundary of Parcel No 3374, thence generally northeastwards along said parcel boundary and southeastwards along the northern boundary of said parcel to the northeastern boundary of Parcel No 7172, thence southeastwards along the last-mentioned parcel boundary and the northeastern boundary of Parcel No 8351 to the northwestern boundary of Parcel No 0031, thence northeastwards along the last-mentioned parcel boundary, continuing on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 5854, date of publication 1973, to and generally eastwards along the northern boundary of the last-mentioned parcel to the northwestern boundary of Parcel No 3900, thence northeastwards along said parcel boundary and continuing on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 5855, date of publication 1972, to the stream known as Holly Brook, thence generally northwards along said stream to the existing northern boundary of Pencombe with Grendon Warren CP, thence generally northwestwards along said CP boundary to rejoin existing District boundary.

This proposal transfers an area of Pencombe with Grendon Warren CP in Malvern Hills District to Humber CP in Leominster District.

Proposal 2b: that the boundary between Shelsley Kings CP in Malvern Hills District and Stanford with Orleton CP in Leominster District shall be realigned as described below.

Description of realigned District boundary:

Commencing on the existing District boundary in the River Teme, adjacent to the southernmost corner of Parcel No 5155, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 7164, date of publication 1972, thence generally northwards along the River Teme to rejoin the existing District boundary adjacent to the southernmost corner of Parcel No 4700.

This proposal transfers an area of Shelsley Kings CP in Malvern Hills District to Stanford with Orleton CP in Leominster District.

3. Boundary realignments between Malvern Hills District and Wyre Forest District.

Proposal 3: that the boundary between Astley and Dunley CP in Malvern Hills District and Stourport-on-Severn CP in Wyre Forest District shall be realigned as described below.

Description of realigned District boundary:

Commencing at the point where the existing District boundary meets the northern boundary of Parcel No 2987, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 7970, date of publication 1974, at Brickyard Cottages, thence westwards along said parcel boundary and northwestwards and southwestwards along the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 0006 to the southern boundary of Parcel No 1486, thence eastwards along said parcel boundary and the southern boundary of Parcel No 2485 to rejoin the existing District boundary at the southeastern corner of the last-mentioned parcel.

This proposal transfers an area of Astley and Dunley CP in Malvern Hills District to Stourport-on-Severn CP in Wyre Forest District.

4. Boundary realignment between Malvern Hills District and Wychavon District.

Proposal 4: that the boundary between Astley and Dunley CP in Malvern Hills District and Hartlebury CP in Wychavon District shall be realigned as described below.

Description of realigned District boundary:

Commencing on the existing District boundary in the River Severn, adjacent to the northernmost corner of Parcel No 0020, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 8169, date of publication 1973, thence southwards along that part of the River Severn containing Lincomb Weir, to rejoin the existing District boundary adjacent to the southernmost corner of Parcel No 0020.

This proposal transfers an area of Astley and Dunley CP in Malvern Hills District to Hartlebury CP in Wychavon District.

5. Boundary realignment between Wyre Forest District and Wychavon District.

Proposal 5: that the boundary between Stourport-on-Severn CP in Wyre Forest District and Hartlebury CP in Wychavon District shall be realigned as described below.

Description of realigned District boundary:

Commencing on the existing District boundary at the Foot Bridge at the northernmost corner of Parcel No 0847, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SO 8269, date of publication 1972, thence southwestwards along said Foot Bridge and its continuation as a Path to the point at which it meets the Path leading southeastwards to Lincomb Lock, thence due southwest from said point to that part of the River Severn containing Lincomb Lock, thence northwestwards along said River Severn to join the southern boundary of Wyre Forest District.

This proposal transfers an area of Stourport-on-Severn CP in Wyre Forest District to Hartlebury CP in Wychavon District.

SCHEDULE 2

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

1. It is proposed that the District Wards as defined in The District of Malvern Hills (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976 and The District of South Herefordshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 shall be altered as described below.

Proposal 1a: that the area referred to in Proposal 1a in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Marcle Ridge Ward of Malvern Hills District to the Fownhope Ward of South Herefordshire District.

Proposal 1b: that the four areas of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 1b in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Frome Ward of Malvern Hills District to the Hagley Ward of South Herefordshire District and that the three areas of South Herefordshire District referred to in said proposal shall be transferred from the Hagley Ward of South Herefordshire District to the Frome Ward of Malvern Hills District.

Proposal 1c: that the area of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 1c in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Frome Ward of Malvern Hills District to the Thinghill Ward of South Herefordshire District and that the area of South Herefordshire District referred to in said Proposal shall be transferred from the Thinghill Ward of South Herefordshire District to the Frome Ward of Malvern Hills District.

2. It is proposed that the District Wards, as defined in The District of Malvern Hills (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976 and The District of Leominster (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978, shall be altered as described below.

Proposal 2a: that the area of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 2a in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Hegdon Ward of Malvern Hills District to the Hatfield Ward of Leominster District.

Proposal 2b: that the area of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 2b shall be transferred from the Woodbury Ward of Malvern Hills District to the Valley of the Teme Ward of Leominster District.

3. It is proposed that the District Wards, as defined in The District of Malvern Hills (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976 and The District of Wyre Forest (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978, shall be altered as described below.

Proposal 3: that the area of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 3 in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Baldwin Ward of Malvern Hills District to the Areley Kings Ward of Wyre Forest District.

4. It is proposed that the District Wards, as defined in The District of Malvern Hills (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976 and The District of Wychavon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978, shall be altered as described below.

Proposal 4: that the area of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 4 in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Baldwin Ward of Malvern Hills District to the Hartlebury Ward of Wychavon District.

5. It is proposed that the District Wards, as defined in The District of Wyre Forest (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 and The District of Wychavon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978, shall be altered as described below.

Proposal 5: that the area of Wyre Forest District referred to in Proposal 5 in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Mitton Ward of Wyre Forest District to the Hartlebury Ward of Wychavon District.

SCHEDULE 3

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

1. It is proposed that the County Electoral Divisions, as defined in The County of Hereford and Worcester (Electoral Divisions) Order 1973, shall be altered as described below.

Proposal 1: that the area of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 1a in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Ledbury No 1 ED to the Ross and Whitchurch No 1 ED.

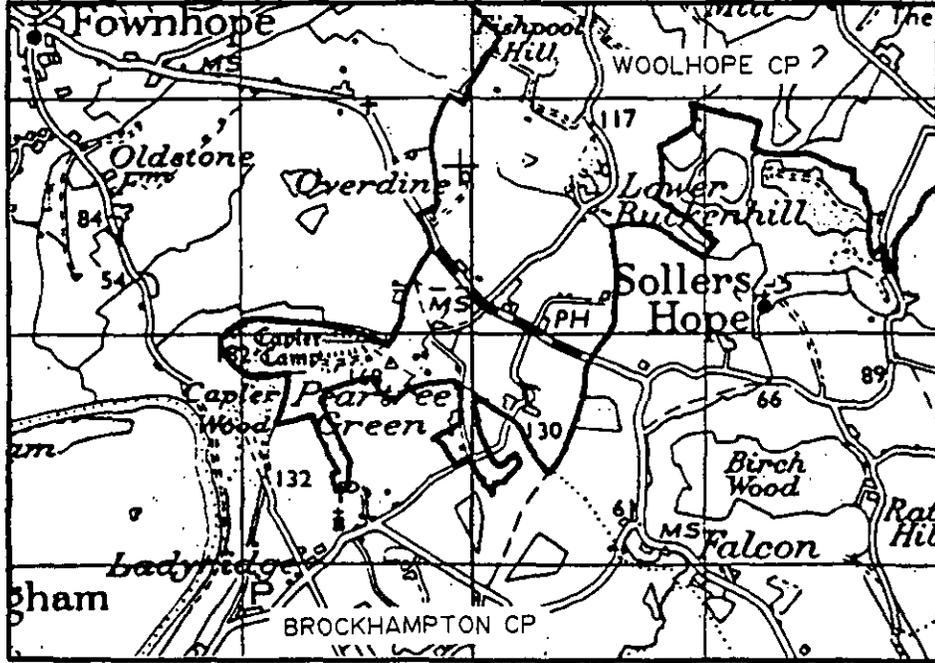
Proposal 2: that the four areas of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 1b and the area of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 1c shall be transferred from the Ledbury No 2 ED to the Hereford Rural No 3 ED and that the three areas of South Herefordshire District referred to in Proposal 1b and the area of South Herefordshire District referred to in Proposal 1c shall be transferred from the Hereford Rural No 3 ED to the Ledbury No 2 ED.

- Proposal 3 : that the area of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 2a in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Bromyard ED to the Leominster and Wigmore No 1 ED.
- Proposal 4 : that the area of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 2b in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Martley No 2 ED to the Tenbury ED.
- Proposal 5 : that the area of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 3 in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Martley No 2 ED to the Stourport-on-Severn No 1 ED.
- Proposal 6 : that the area of Malvern Hills District referred to in Proposal 4 in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Martley No 2 ED to the Droitwich Rural No 3 (Ombersley and Hartlebury) ED.
- Proposal 7 : that the area of Wyre Forest District referred to in Proposal 5 in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Stourport-on-Severn No 3 ED to the Droitwich Rural No 3 (Ombersley and Hartlebury) ED.

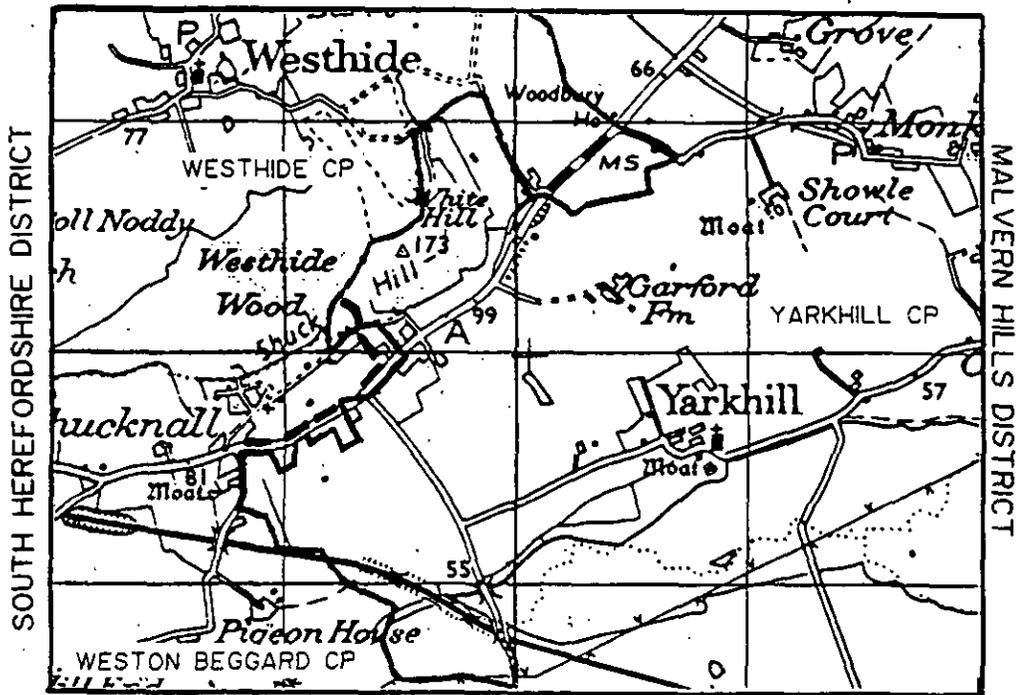
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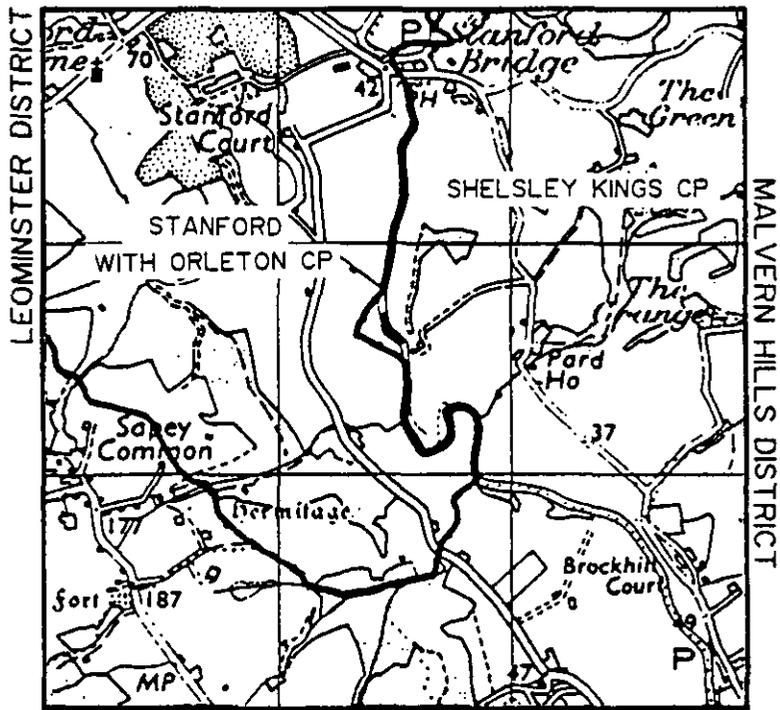
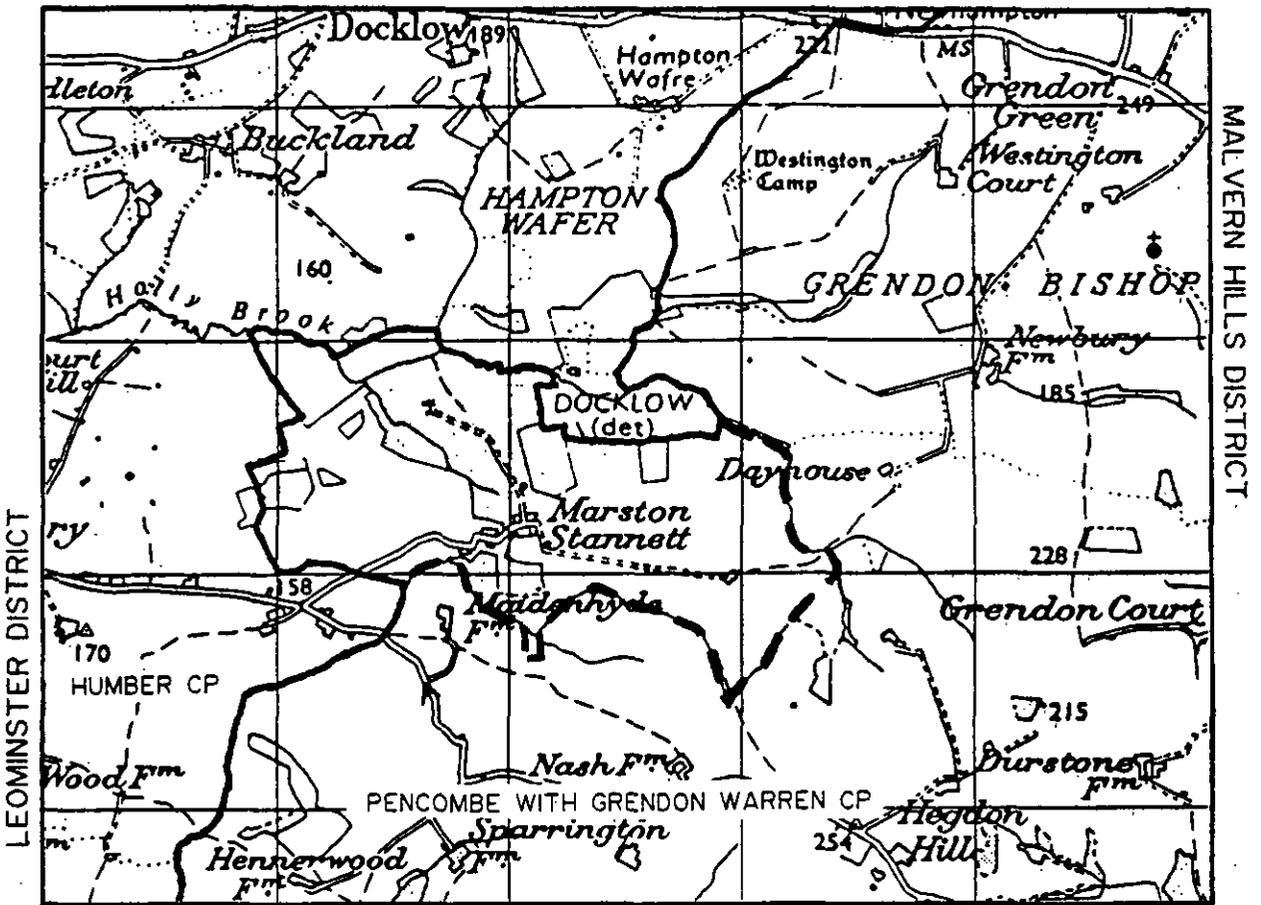


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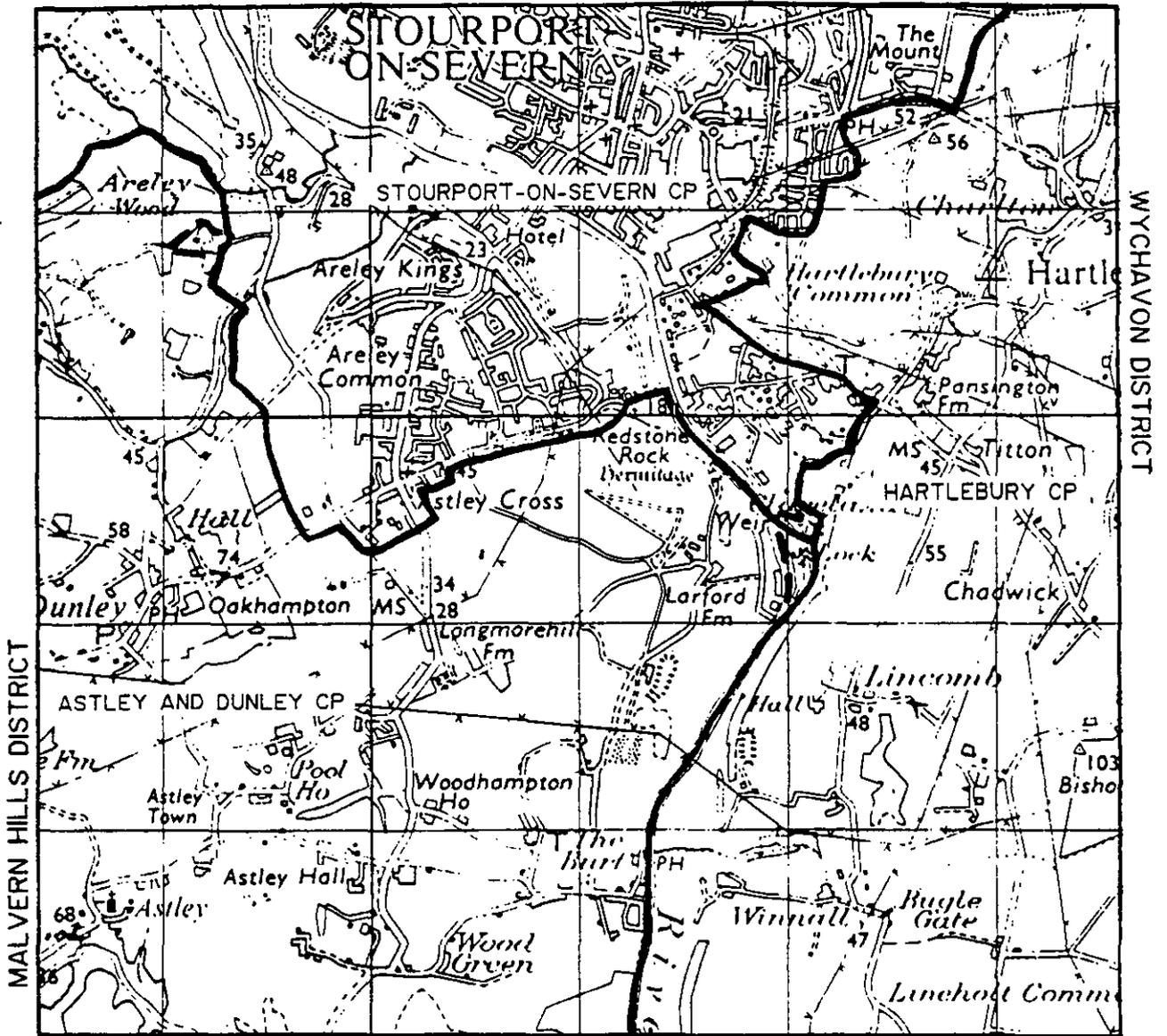
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