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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

1. In a submission dated 25 June 1980 Horsham District Council requested us, amongst other things, to make proposals for changes to the boundary of their district with the Mid-Sussex District. Both districts are in the non-metropolitan county of West Sussex. The changes sought involved the transfer of part of Woodmancote parish in Horsham district into the Mid-Sussex District, and the transfer of part of Bolney parish in Mid-Sussex district into the parish of Cowfold in Horsham district.
2. Having obtained the views of the other authorities concerned, we considered the request as required by Section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972. On the basis of the information available to us, we considered that the boundary changes appeared sensible in physical terms and concluded that they were probably desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government. We formulated our draft proposals accordingly.
3. Our draft proposals for changes to the boundary between Horsham District and Mid-Sussex District were announced on 4 March 1983 in a letter to the councils of the principal areas concerned. Copies of the letter were sent to West Sussex County Council, the parish councils concerned, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the headquarters of the main political parties, the Sussex Association of Local Councils, the South-West Thames Regional Health Authority, the Southern Water Authority, the Mid-Sussex Water Company, local newspapers circulating in the area, local radio stations serving the area and the local government press. Our draft proposals were also advertised by public notice and in the local press. Copies of the draft proposals were deposited for inspection at the main offices of the two addressees of our letter. Comments were invited by 29 April 1983.
4. In response to the announcement of our draft proposals we received letters from West Sussex County Council, Horsham District Council, Mid-Sussex District Council, Bolney Parish Council, the Clerk to the Steyning Justices and one private individual. The County Council informed us that they had no comments and passed on a general observation by one of their members. The Clerk to the Steyning Justices advised us of the consequences of our draft proposals for the Woodmancote area on the work-load of that Petty Sessional Division. It is unusual for us to receive such detailed information from such a source and we are grateful for his contribution.

Woodmancote area

5. Both the district councils supported this aspect of our draft proposals, as did the private individual who observed that they would place in one district the whole of a caravan site which he owns. We have reassessed this part of our draft proposals in the light of these comments and have decided to confirm them as our final proposals.

Cowfold/Bolney

6. As for our proposals for this area, the two councils whose area would be decreased, Mid Sussex District Council and Bolney Parish Council, both expressed the view that the existing boundary presents no administrative difficulties and both reported that the residents affected were opposed to being transferred into Horsham district. We received no representations direct from the residents affected by the draft proposals. Horsham District Council pointed out that these residents look to their district and to Cowfold parish for virtually all the factors referred to in paragraph a of Annex B to the Department of the Environment Circular No. 33/78. They also referred to an earlier letter from Cowfold Parish Council which suggested that administrative problems had arisen in the past because of the present boundary.

7. We have considered these representations very carefully. Having done so, we remain of the opinion that the effectiveness and convenience of local government would be improved by the changes described in our draft proposals. We therefore confirm these as our final proposals.

8. Details of our final proposals 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 the consequential adjustments to the existing district and county electoral arrangements. The proposed boundaries are shown on the accompanying maps.

9. Separate letters are being sent with copies of the report and of the relevant maps to Horsham District Council and Mid-Sussex District Council 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 notice 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 small scale maps, are also being sent to all those who

received the consultation letter or who subsequently submitted comments on the draft proposals.

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SIGNED: G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

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Secretary

23 June 1983

HORSHAM/MID SUSSEX PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW

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

SCHEDULE 1

Area A: description of area of land proposed to be transferred from Bolney CP in Mid Sussex District to Cowfold CP in Horsham District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point east of Threeoaks Green, where the existing District boundary meets the unnamed road leading to Spronkett's Lane, thence southeastwards along said unnamed road to said lane and southwards along said lane and Wineham Lane to the existing District boundary, thence generally southwestwards and northwards along said existing boundary to the point of commencement.

Area B: description of area of land proposed to be transferred from Woodmancote CP in Horsham District to Albourne CP in Mid Sussex District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing District boundary meets the A281 road thence generally westwards along said road to the unnamed stream flowing generally northwards through Holmbush Wood and west of Wick Farm (south), thence generally northwards along said stream to the point where it meets the existing District boundary east of Wick Farm (north) thence generally southeastwards along said existing boundary to the point of commencement.

Area C: description of area of land proposed to be transferred from Woodmancote CP in Horsham District to Poynings CP in Mid Sussex District

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing District

boundary meets Clappers Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to the A281 road thence eastwards along said road to the existing District boundary, thence southwards and westwards along said existing boundary to the point of commencement.

SCHEDULE 2

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 Horsham (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 and the District of Mid Sussex (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980, shall be altered as described below.

Area A as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Bolney Ward of the District of Mid Sussex to the Cowfold Ward of the District of Horsham.

Area B, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Henfield Ward of the District of Horsham to the Bolney Ward of the District of Mid Sussex.

Area C, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from Henfield Ward of the District of Horsham to the Hurstpierpoint Ward of the District of Mid Sussex.

SCHEDULE 3

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 West Sussex (Electoral Divisions) Order 1973, shall be altered as

described below.

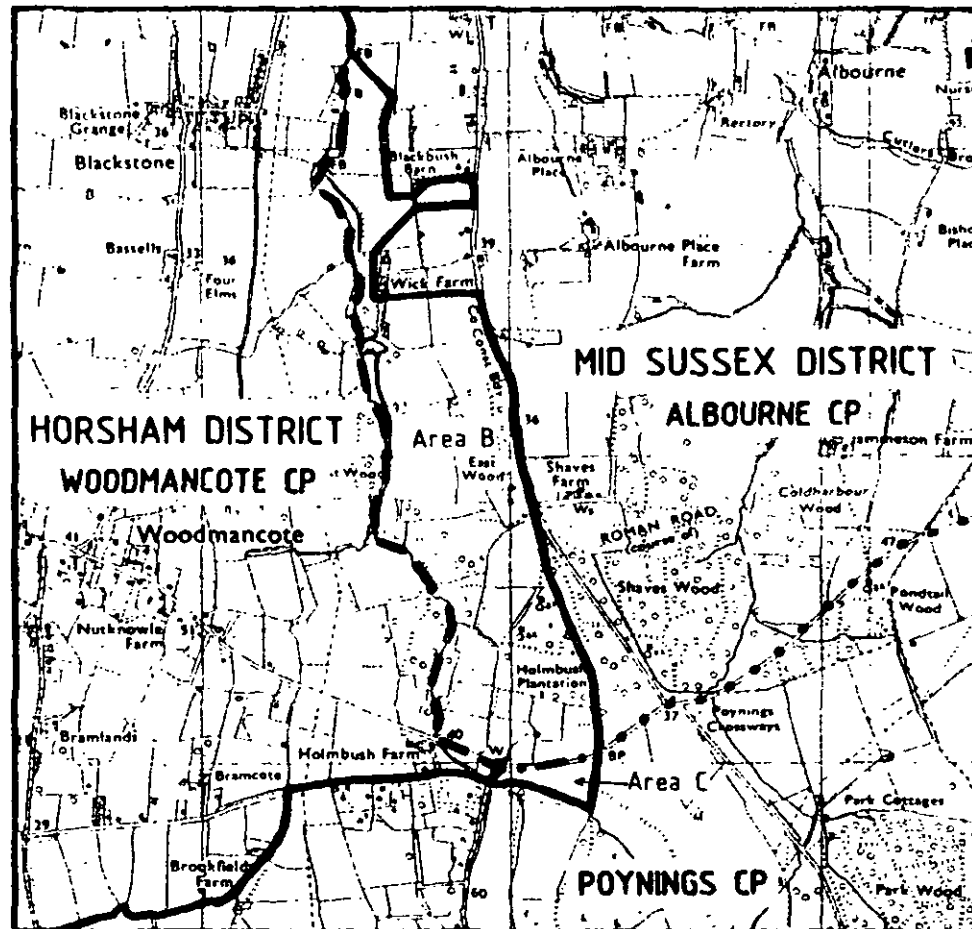
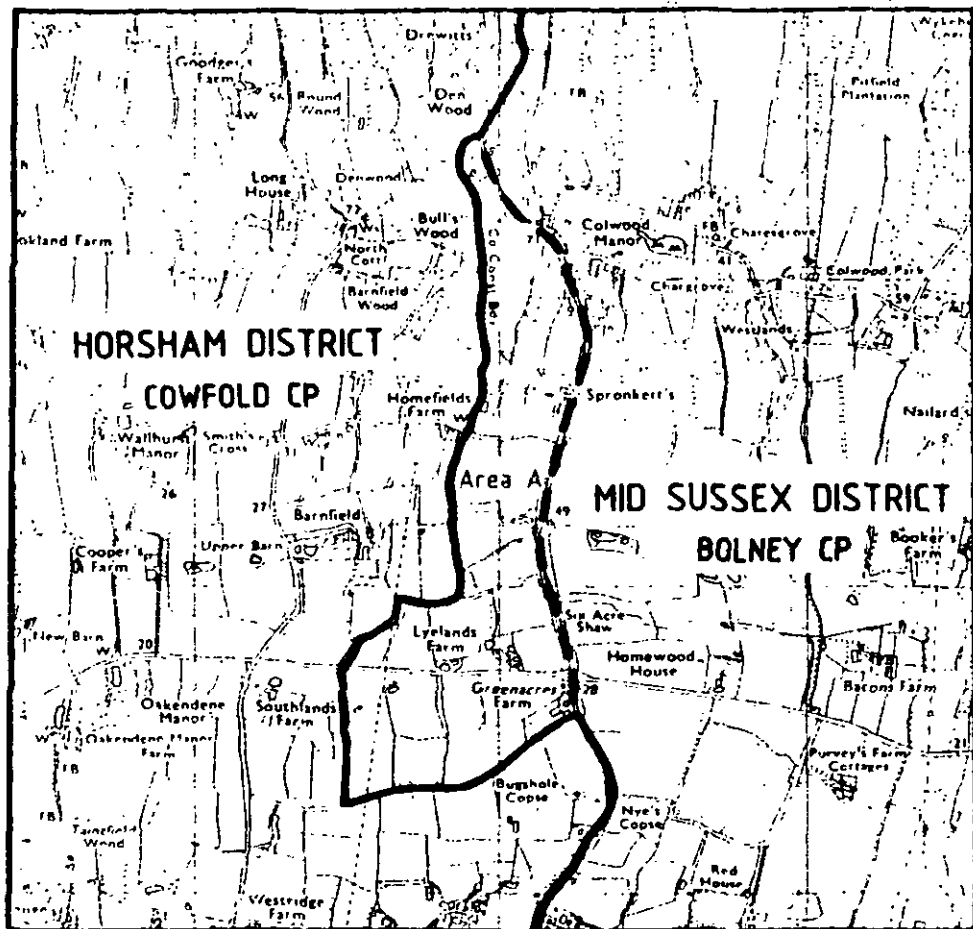
Area A, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Cuckfield Rural No 5 ED to the Horsham Rural No 3 ED.

Area B, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Chanctonbury No 1 (Henfield) ED to the Cuckfield Rural No 3 ED.

Area C, as described in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Chanctonbury No 1 (Henfield) ED to the Cuckfield Rural No 3 ED.

PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW

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EXISTING DISTRICT BOUNDARY	
PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARY	
PROPOSED CP BOUNDARY	
CP BOUNDARY AS RECOMMENDED IN THE PARISH REVIEW REPORT SUBMITTED BY MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL	