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For England
Report No.491**

Principal Area Boundary Review

Borough of Castle Morpeth / District of

Tynedale

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

1. In course of the parish review of the District of Tynedale, Wylam Parish Council had suggested the transfer of two parcels of land, containing four properties (three at Street Houses, the fourth at Oakwood Lodge) from the parish of Heddon-on-the-Wall in the borough of Castle Morpeth to their parish and, as part of the tidying up on the boundary in the Street Houses area, the transfer of two small undeveloped parcels of land from the parish of Wylam to the parish of Heddon-on-the-Wall. Both districts are in the non-metropolitan county of Northumberland.

2. As paragraph 29 of DOE Circular 121/77 explains, recommendations for changes which affect a district or county boundary have no place in a parish review report. However, we decided to treat these recommendations as a request under section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 for us to consider making proposals for the changes which were suggested.

3. We considered the request, as required by that section of the Act, together with the letters which we had received. Tynedale District Council supported the suggested boundary changes. Castle Morpeth Borough Council stated that they did not oppose the transfer of properties at Street Houses; they would however oppose very strongly the transfer of Oakwood Lodge. The occupier of Oakwood Lodge claimed to have closer affinity with Heddon Parish. Two of the three occupants of the properties involved in the proposed transfer at the Street Houses area were said to have expressed support. The Ordnance Survey suggested a technical amendment to the proposed boundary changes in the area of Street Houses to make a better defined boundary.

4. On the basis of the information before us, we concluded that there was insufficient local support to justify the proposed transfer of land in the Oakwood Lodge area. However, we considered that the changes sought by Wylam Parish Council in the Street Houses area, which would bring all the terraced properties within the bounds of a single parish, appeared to be in the interests of effective and convenient local government, and we decided to issue draft proposals based on their realignment but incorporating the technical suggestions made by the Ordnance Survey.

5. Our draft proposals for changes to the boundary between the district of Tynedale and the borough of Castle Morpeth were announced on 22 August 1984 in a letter to the councils of these two districts. Copies of the letter were sent to Northumberland County Council, the parish councils involved, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the occupier of Oakwood Lodge, the headquarters of the main political parties, the Northumberland Association of Local Councils, Northumberland Area Health Authority, Northumberland Water Authority, Northern Regional Office of the Department of the Environment, editors of local newspapers circulating in the area, local radio and television stations serving the area and the local government press. Copies of the draft proposals were deposited for inspection at the main offices of the addressees of our letter and at places where public notices are customarily displayed. Comments were invited by 16 October 1984.

6. In response to our draft proposals we received letters from four bodies. Wylam Parish Council re-affirmed their belief that their suggestion to transfer Oakwood Lodge was a logical one but they did not wish to make any further observations on that proposal. However, they suggested an extension to their original recommendations for the Street Houses area to encompass an additional parcel of land adjoining the allotment gardens. Heddon-on-the-Wall Parish Council agreed to and supported all the draft proposals but pointed out that the extension to the transfer of land in the Street Houses area would mean that the small section

of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne's River Bank which had been earmarked for recreation purposes would be split between the two districts. They considered that it would be preferable to keep the whole of this area within the one administrative area. Both Castle Morpeth Borough Council and Tynedale District Council endorsed the views of Wylam Parish Council with regard to the extension of the proposed transfer of land and supported the further technical adjustments put forward by Ordnance Survey to improve the boundary if these latter suggestions were adopted.

7. We have re-assessed our draft proposals in the light of the representations we have received. We considered that, on balance, it would not be in the interests of effective and convenient local government to extend our proposals for the Street Houses area to include the additional parcel of land and thereby cause the recreational area again to be split between the two principal authorities.

8. We have decided therefore to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals. Details of our 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 illustrated on a large scale map which is being sent separately to your Department.

9. Separate letters, enclosing copies of this report, are being sent to Castle Morpeth Borough Council and Tynedale 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 notices will refer to your power to make an Order implementing the proposals, if you think fit, after the expiry of six weeks from the date they are submitted to you; it will suggest that any comments on the proposals should therefore be addressed to you,

in writing, preferably within six weeks of the date of the letter. Copies of this report, which includes a small scale plan, are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter.

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Signed: G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

J G POWELL (Deputy Chairman)

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13 December 1984

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FINAL PROPOSALS

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

SCHEDULE 1

Area A: description of area proposed to be transferred from Wylam CP in Tynedale District to Heddon-on-the-Wall CP in Castle Morpeth Borough.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the northwestern boundary of parcel No 2135 as shown on 1:2500 scale Ordnance Survey SIM microfilm NZ 1265 Edition A1, date of publication June 1982 meets the existing District boundary, thence southeastwards along said District boundary to the southwestern boundary of said parcel, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along the southwestern and northwestern boundaries of said parcel to the point of commencement.

Area B: description of area proposed to be transferred from Wylam CP in Tynedale District to Heddon-on-the-Wall CP in Castle Morpeth Borough.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the southwestern boundary of parcel No 3638 as shown on 1:2500 scale Ordnance Survey SIM microfilm NZ 1265 Edition A1, date of publication June 1982 meets the existing District boundary, thence generally northeastwards along said District boundary to the southeastern boundary of said aforementioned parcel, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along the southeastern and southwestern boundaries of said parcel to the point of commencement.

Area C: description of area proposed to be transferred from Wylam CP in Tynedale District to Heddon-on-the-Wall CP in Castle Morpeth Borough.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary meets the northern corner of parcel No 4334 as shown on 1:2500 scale Ordnance Survey SIM microfilm NZ 1265 Edition A1 date of publication June 1982, thence southwestwards along the southern boundary of West Wood to the existing District Boundary, thence generally northeastwards along said District Boundary to the point of commencement.

Area D: description of area proposed to be transferred from Wylam CP in Tynedale District to Heddon-on-the-Wall CP in Castle Morpeth Borough.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary meets the northeastern boundary of parcel No 6000 as shown on 1:2500 scale Ordnance Survey SIM microfilm NZ1265 Edition A1, date of publication June 1982, thence northwestwards along said northeastern boundary and the northeastern boundary of parcel No 4334 to the existing District boundary, thence generally southeastwards along said District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area E: description of area proposed to be transferred from Wylam CP in Tynedale District to Heddon-on-the-Wall CP in Castle Morpeth Borough.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the southwestern corner of parcel No 7029 as shown on 1:2500 scale Ordnance Survey SIM microfilm NZ 1265 Edition A1, date of publication June 1982, thence northeastwards along the northwestern boundary of said parcel to the existing District boundary, then generally southwestwards along said District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area F: description of area proposed to be transferred from Wylam CP in Tynedale District to Heddon-on-the-Wall CP in Castle Morpeth Borough.

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

boundary meets the northern corner of parcel No 6510 as shown on 1:2500 scale Ordnance Survey SIM microfilm NZ 1265 Edition A1, date of publication June 1982, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along the eastern boundary of parcel No 6000 to the existing District boundary, thence southwards along said District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area G: description of area proposed to be transferred from Heddon-on-the-Wall CP in Castle Morpeth Borough to Wylam CP in Tynedale District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary meets the southeastern corner of Area A, thence southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of West Wood to the existing District boundary, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area H: description of area proposed to be transferred from Heddon-on-the-Wall CP in Castle Morpeth Borough to Wylam CP in Tynedale District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary meets the northeastern corner of Area B, thence northeastwards along the southern boundary of West Wood to the existing District boundary, thence southwestwards along said District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area J: description of area proposed to be transferred from Heddon-on-the-Wall CP in Castle Morpeth Borough to Wylam CP in Tynedale District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary meets the southeastern corner of Area D, thence southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of parcel No 8251 as shown on 1:2500 scale Ordnance Survey microfilm NZ 1265 Edition A, date of publication 1963 to the western boundary of parcel No 0435, thence southwestwards along said western boundary to the existing District boundary, thence northwards along said District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area K: description of area proposed to be transferred from Heddon-on-the-Wall CP in Castle Morpeth Borough to Wylam CP in Tynedale District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary meets the southwestern corner of Area E, thence southwestwards along the southeastern boundary of parcel No 6625 as shown on 1:2500 scale Ordnance Survey microfilm NZ 1265 Edition A, date of publication 1963 to the existing District boundary, thence generally northeastwards along said District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area L: description of area proposed to be transferred from Heddon-on-the-Wall CP in Castle Morpeth Borough to Wylam CP in Tynedale District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary meets the southern corner of Area F, thence southeastwards along the eastern boundaries of parcel Nos 6510 and 6804 as shown on 1:2500 scale Ordnance Survey SIM microfilm NZ 1265 Edition A1, date of publication June 1982, and continuing southeastwards in prolongation thereof to the northwestern boundary of the Allotment Gardens, lying to the southeast of the properties known as Street Houses, thence northeastwards, southeastwards and southwestwards along the northwestern, northeastern and southern boundaries of said Allotment Gardens to the existing District boundary, thence generally northwestwards and northwards along said District 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 Borough Wards, as defined in the Borough of Castle Morpeth

(Electoral arrangements) Order 1975 and the District Wards as defined in the District of Tynedale (Electoral Arrangements) order 1976, shall be altered as described below.

Area A; Area B; Area C; Area D; Area E and Area F, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Wylam Ward in Tynedale District to the Heddon-on-the-Wall Ward in Castle Morpeth Borough.

Area G; Area H; Area J; Area K and Area L, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Heddon-on-the-Wall Ward in Castle Morpeth Borough to the Wylam Ward in Tynedale District.

SCHEDULE 3

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

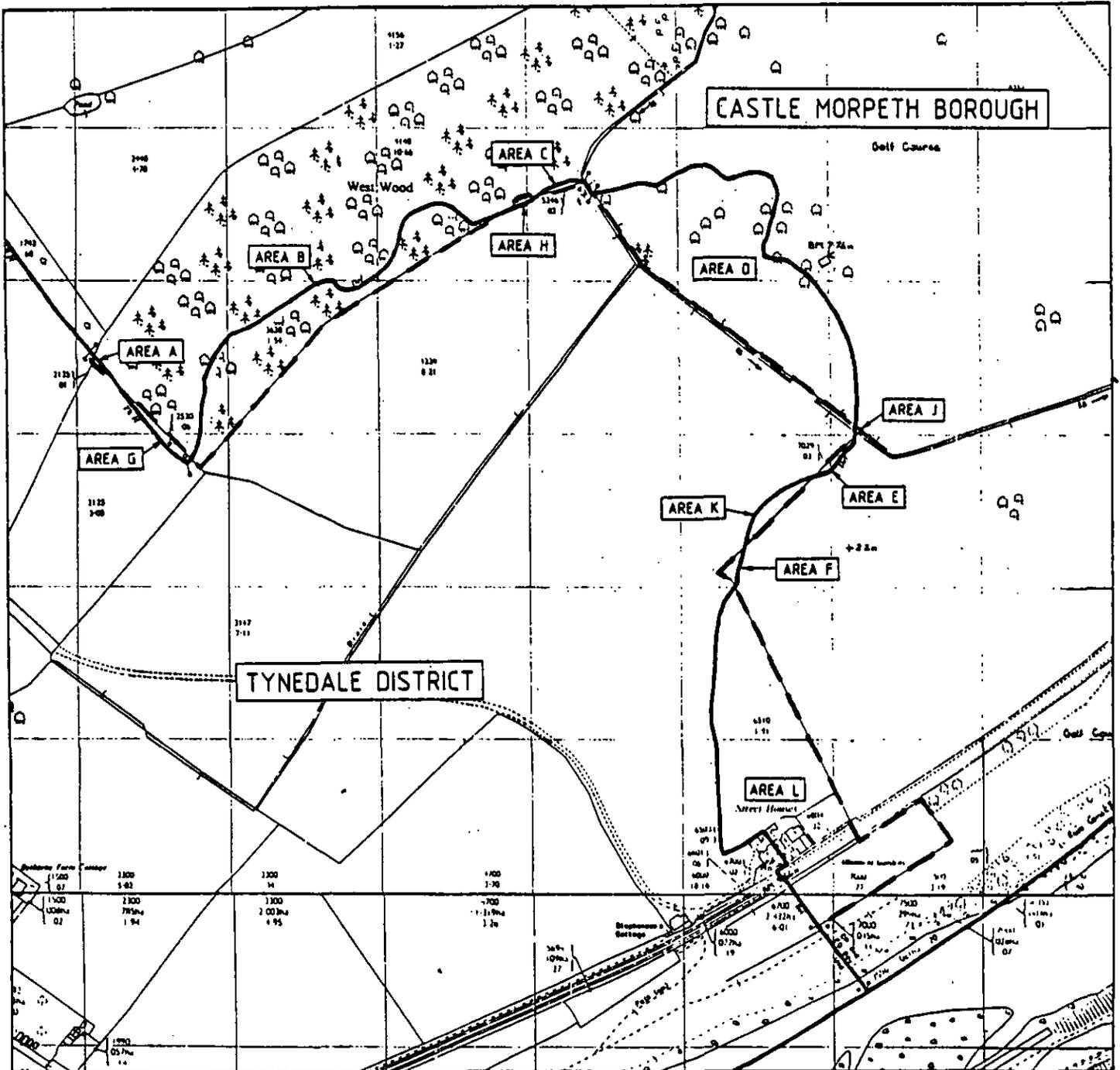
It is proposed that the County Electoral Divisions, as defined in the County of Northumberland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980, shall be altered as described below.

Area A; Area B; Area C; Area D; Area E and Area F, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Bywell ED to the Heddon on the Wall ED.

Area G; Area H; Area J; Area K and Area L, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Heddon on the Wall ED to the Bywell ED.

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