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

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF
BERWICK-UPON-TWEED IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed 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 of that borough.
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 Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Northumberland County Council, Parish Councils in the district, the Member of Parliament for the constituency 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. The Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When 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 also asked 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 have not passed a resolution under section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The provisions of section 7(6) will therefore apply and the elections of all district councillors will be held simultaneously.
5. On 20 September 1974 the Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the borough into 16 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 28.

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6. We received no comments on the Council's draft scheme.
7. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council. We noted that the scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and our own guidelines and we considered that, taking into account the widely scattered population, it provided a satisfactory basis of representation for the borough. After consulting Ordnance Survey we made some minor adjustments to the alignment of some of the boundaries proposed by the Council. These changes were made in order to secure boundary lines which were readily identifiable on the ground. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.
8. On 15 October 1974 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter. The Council were asked to make the 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 members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 10 December.
9. Our draft proposals included two wards named Islandshire and Norhamshire, each of which we proposed should be represented by 2 councillors. We received comments suggesting that these two wards should be divided to form four wards, each returning 1 councillor.
10. Another comment suggested that the parish of Doddington in the proposed Chatton ward should be linked with the parish of Wooler in the proposed Wooler ward.
11. A third comment suggested that the parish of Middleton in the proposed Bamburgh ward should be included in the proposed Belford ward.
12. In view of these comments 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, you appointed Mr Robert A Wotherspoon as an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and to report to us.
13. Notice of the local meeting was sent to all who had received our draft proposals or had commented on them, and was published locally.
14. The Assistant Commissioner held the meeting at Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Hall on 25 February 1975 and visited the areas which were the subject of comment. A copy of his report is attached at Schedule 1 for your information.
15. In the light of the discussion at that meeting and of his inspection of the area the Assistant Commissioner recommends only one alteration to our draft proposals: that the parish of Middleton should be part of the proposed Belford ward instead of the Bamburgh ward as we had proposed. It is his view that the close ties existing between the parishes concerned outweigh the disturbance which the change causes to the balance of representation in the two wards.

16. We considered again our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received and of the Assistant Commissioner's report. We concluded that the alteration recommended by the Assistant Commissioner should be adopted and, subject to this amendment, we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

17. 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

17. 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 Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council and will be made available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without maps) are 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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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

REPORT OF A MEETING

to consider

THE DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

in

THE BOROUGH OF BERWICK-UPON-TWEED

3rd March 1975.

ROBERT A. WOTHERSPOON,
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Cotescue Park,
Coverham,
Leyburn.
North Yorkshire.

To: THE SECRETARY,
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND.

REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE
BOROUGH OF BERWICK-UPON-TWEED

Pursuant to my appointment by the Secretary of State as Assistant Commissioner to hold a local enquiry or carry out any consultation or investigation with respect to the review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England of the electoral arrangements for the Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed, I conducted a local meeting at the Town Hall, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Tuesday, the 25th February 1975.

Attendance

The following persons attended the meeting :-

NAME	REPRESENTING or STATUS
F. T. Holt	Assistant Secretary, Berwick-on-Tweed Borough Council.
Lt.Col. H. Crossman	Councillor for Blandshire ^{ISLANDSHIRE}
F. Rogerson	Councillor for Islandshire
G.E. Miller	Councillor for Northhamshire Clerk Duddo Parish Council
Mrs. Squibb	Former R.D. Councillor
Mr. Squibb	Observer
Mr. & Mrs. D. V. Morse.	Observers
R. Lund	P.R. Assistant, Chief Executive Office, Northumberland County Council
Z. Hall	Holy Island Parish Council
T.J. Mayer	Berwick Constituency Liberal Agent representing Alan Beith, M.P.
I. McGregor	Berwick Liberal Association

(Contd.)

NAME	REPRESENTING OR STATUS
D.M. Brewis	Observer
W.M. Ford	Observer
Harry Birkett	Councillor
Mrs. E.M. Stephenson	Councillor
V. Dobson	Observer
W.J. Rogers-Coltman	Middleton Parish
Mrs. Willis	Middleton Parish
M. Hill	Observer
I.B. Smith	Photo-News
Mrs. J. Walkenshaw	Tweedale Press

Preliminaries

In opening the meeting I submitted my personal appointment as Assistant Commissioner and emphasised that to facilitate the expression and discussion of views on the draft scheme I intended to proceed as informally as possible.

Mr. F.I. Holt, Assistant Secretary, Berwick-on-Tweed Borough Council, proved the publication of the statutory notices of the meeting.

Commission's Draft Proposals

The Commission's Draft Scheme which adopted with two minor alterations the draft scheme submitted by the Borough Council provided for the division of the area into the following wards :-

1 PROPOSED WARD NAME	2 PROPOSED NO. OF COUNCILLORS	3 ELECTORATE 1974	4 NO. OF ELECTORS PER COUNCILLOR
Elizabeth	3	2100	700
Edward	2	1445	722
Seton	2	1328	664
Tower	2	1967	983
Spittal	3	2103	701
Belford	1	780	780 *
Bamburgh	1	797	797 *
North Sunderland	2	1551	775
Beadnell	2	1371	685
Cheviot	1	522	522
Chatton	1	632	632 *
Ford	1	988	988
Milfield	1	945	945
Wooler	2	1557	778 *
Islandshire	2	1560	780 *
Norhamshire	2	1227	613 *
	28		AVERAGE - 745

Observations and objections to Commission's proposals

The objections to the proposals raised at the meeting were in respect of the Wards of Islandshire, Norhamshire, Bamburgh, Belford, Catton and Wooler.

Islandshire Ward and Norhamshire Ward

Mr. McGregor proposed that the Islandshire Ward and the Norhamshire Ward, which under the Commission's proposals were to return two councillors each, should each be divided into two Wards returning one councillor each.

He proposed that these Wards should comprise -

- (1) Parishes of Holy Island and Kyloe - electorate 462
- (2) Parish of Ancroft - electorate 649
- (3) Parishes of Cornhill, Duddo and Norham - electorate 825
- (4) Parishes of Shoreswood, Horncliffe and Ord - electorate 747

He claimed that single member wards would bring better representation to smaller villages and farms than did the two member wards. He accepted that his proposals produced a below average electorate in the Holy Island, Kyloe Ward but submitted that the special difficulties arising from the inaccessibility of Holy Island at high tide justified the higher ratio of electors to councillors.

Mr. McGregor's proposals were supported in a letter from Mr. Alan Beith, Member of Parliament for Berwick, but were opposed by Lt.Col. H. Crossman, one of the two councillors elected for the Islandshire Ward on the Borough Council.

He stated that the voting at the last election had shown no predominance of voting power towards Scremerston or Ord, there were advantages in having two councillors available to the electors in the Ward, that Ord had been part of Islandshire since about 1106, and that experience had shown that any difficulties which arose from the isolation of Holy Island at certain times in each day were easily overcome.

Mr. F. Rogerson the other councillor for the Islandshire Ward supported Colonel Crossman and stated that the Parish of Kyloe had intimated they were happy with the existing arrangements.

Mr. Hall, a Holy Island Parish Councillor, said the Parish Council were against any change.

Mr. George Miller the Councillor for Norhamshire and Clerk to the Duddo Parish Council supported the creation of single councillor wards but without making a firm proposal, considered that Duddo Parish should be kept in close connection with Shoreswood Parish. Mr. McGregor's proposal would place these parishes in different Wards.

Other observations were made in respect of the Norhamshire Ward not connected with Mr. McGregor's proposals.

Lt.Col. Collingwood, Chairman of Cornhill Parish Council, said his council were concerned that they were being left out on a limb and there was going to be a tendency for the urban area of the Ward to dominate the parish. The Parish would prefer a new Ward for the area of Carham, Tillmouth, Branxton and Wark. Tillmouth appears to be part of the parish of Duddo and Wark part of the parish of Carham.

A letter was received before the meeting from Mr. Easton the Clerk of the Cornhill Parish Council. I read the letter to the meeting. He stated that his Council considered if changes were to be made in the electoral arrangements, their area should be included with Branxton, Wark and Carham rather than Norham, their reason being that any affiliation with Norham would be biased in favour of Norham and their parish had more affinity with the other places named.

Middleton ~~Ward~~ ^{PARISH}

Mrs. E. Robson had submitted a written objection to the Commission in connection with Middleton ^{PARISH} ~~Ward~~ but at the meeting the Parish of Middleton was represented by Mr. W.J. Rogers-Coltman. He submitted a proposal that the Parish of Middleton should be transferred from Bamburgh Ward to Belford Ward and supported this request with a petition signed by 123 of the 144 electors in the Parish representing over 85% of the electoral roll and 100% of those approached for support.

He demonstrated the strong historical, geographical and social links with Belford and claimed that Belford was the true centre of the community. With no reflection on the present holder of the appointment, he pointed out that the Borough Councillor for Middleton resided in Bamburgh which was 6½ miles from Middleton, and that because of the distance involved Middleton people tended to take their problems to the Belford Councillor.

They understood fully that the guide lines laid down by the Commission indicating an optimum number of electors for each elected representative were designed to protect the people's right to democratic representation. They submitted, however, that democratic representation was unacceptable if for the reasons given it was ineffective representation.

The petition referred to is submitted with this report.

Mr. H. Birkett, Councillor for the Ward, expressed his agreement with Mr. Rogers-Coltman's statement and supported the proposed modification.

Mrs. Evelyn Stephenson, Councillor for Belford, said it would seem to be a natural alliance to have Middleton as part of Belford.

Doddington Ward *PARISH.*

Mrs. O. Squibb, a former District Councillor, submitted that the parish of Doddington at present in the Chatton Ward should become part of the Wooler Ward.

She emphasised the proximity of the two parishes the communications - to go to Chatton, one had to take a bus to Wooler and change for Chatton, - the services - education, shopping, evening activities of Wooler were used by Doddington. The majority of their interests centred on Wooler and difficulty was experienced in contacting their Borough Councillor in Chatton.

In a letter Mr. Alan Beith expressed his support for the transfer of Doddington to the Wooler Ward.

Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council

Mr. Frank Holt, Assistant Secretary (Administration) made a statement on behalf of the Borough Council.

He said that the Commission's draft proposals were virtually identical to the draft scheme submitted to the Commission by the Borough Council. It followed, therefore, that they were in agreement with the Commission's proposals. He wished to emphasise that the Council in drafting the scheme had been mindful of the constraints of the Rules to be observed as were specified in Paragraph 3 of the 11th Schedule to the Local Government Act of 1972. The proposed number of electors per Councillor was 745.

He then made the following comments on the three representations made to the Commission :-

The Liberal Association proposals would give the following results :-

Islandshire Ward area -

Ward comprising parish of Ancroft 753 electors (1 Councillor)

Ward comprising Kylloe and Holy Island 462 electors (1 Councillor)

Norhamshire Ward area

Ward comprising Cornhill, Duddo and Norham 825 electors
(1 Councillor)

Ward comprising Shoreswood, Horncliffe and Ord 747 electors
(1 Councillor)

These proposals created a serious inbalance in the democratic representation in the area, particularly noticeable in the suggested Ward for Kylloe and Holy Island placing this Ward in a much more favourable position vis-a-vis the rest of the area.

The suggestion that Ord parish should be moved from Islandshire to Norhamshire would sever ties which have operated for many years.

With regard to the proposal to link the parish of Middleton with the proposed Belford Ward this would affect the proposed Belford and Bamburgh Wards as follows :-

Belford Ward 780 + 150 = 930 electors (1 Councillor)

Bamburgh Ward 797 - 150 = 647 electors (1 Councillor)

Again a serious inbalance in representation occurs. It also should be pointed out that the former Belford R.D.C. in submitting proposed warding arrangements for the first elections in non-metropolitan districts suggested a Ward comprising the parishes of Belford, Middleton and Eastington. This proposal was not accepted by the Home Secretary notwithstanding the degree of affinity between these parishes.

The proposal to link the Parish of Doddington with the proposed Wooler Ward would affect the proposed Wooler and Chatton Wards as follows :-

Wooler Ward 1557 + 139 = 1696 (2 Councillors)

Chatton Ward 632 - 139 = 493 (1 Councillor)

Yet again a very serious imbalance in representation occurs.

Mr. Holt concluded by saying that the Borough Council considered it of paramount importance to ensure that throughout the Borough the warding arrangements provide reasonably equal representation for all electors. The representations submitted to the Commission, in the Council's opinion, jeopardise this objective to a lesser or greater degree. It should be stressed that these proposals as they affect the linking of parishes are for electoral purposes only, they in no way inhibit the continued use of facilities outside the proposed Wards.

I then called for any further comments and none being forthcoming I closed the meeting.

Inspection

In view of the large area of the Borough I made my inspection in two parts. The first covering Ord, Norham, Duddo, Cornhill, Carham, Branxton, Wooler, Doddington and Ancroft. The second visiting Kylee, Holy Island, Middleton, Belford and Bamburgh.

My tour gave me a clear picture of the sparsity of population in the area. The area of the Borough is roughly a square each side being roughly 21 miles. That is an area of 440 square miles. The total electorate of the Borough is 20,875 and of these the electorate in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Wards is 8,943 in an area of some three or four square miles. This means that an electorate of 11,930 is spread over an area of about 436 square miles.

This must be the lowest electorate - area ratio of any "borough" in the country.

In these circumstances the Borough Council clearly had a difficult task in drafting their scheme of electoral divisions within the constraint of the Rules in Schedule 11, which require equality of representation and Wards based on whole parishes.

Conclusions

I approached my consideration of the submissions made at the meeting with two points in mind. First, that the Commission's scheme provided reasonable equality of representation on the basis of Wards comprising whole parishes in an area of sparse population where the possible permutations were unlimited and, secondly, that many of the proposals made would affect parishes who had not been consulted by the objectors and who, as they had made no observations on the scheme, were presumably satisfied with the proposals.

Islandshire Ward and Norhamshire Ward

The proposals made by Mr. McGregor would result in one of the four proposed Wards having an electorate 38% below the average ratio of electors to councillors for the rest of the area. This would comprise of Holy Island and Kyloe where the special difficulty of access to Holy Island was put forward as a justification for a low ratio. However, evidence was given that the difficulty of access had little significance and that the Parishes of Kyloe and Holy Island were against any change.

The proposals would also require that the parish of Ord be transferred to join the northern parishes of the present Norhamshire Ward. This, it was pointed out, would sever a historic relationship with the Islandshire area. My inspection of the area supports the retention of this relationship on geographical grounds.

Mr. Miller was in favour of single councillor Wards but did not agree with Mr. McGregor's division of the Norhamshire Ward.

Whilst appreciating the sincerity of Mr. McGregor's proposals and the consideration he had given to them, I consider that the observations made against them were such that I would not be justified in recommending the Commission to accept them.

I also considered the changes in the Norham Ward proposed by Colonel Collingwood and the Cornhill Parish Council that Cornhill should be in a Ward with Carham and Branxton. If this was accepted the Norham Ward would be reduced to an electorate of 970 which would be very low for the return of two councillors. There were no observations on this proposal from Carham or Branxton. I inspected this area and found it to be delightful but completely rural, the urban

influence of which the proposers were apprehensive was presumably Norham which had an electorate of only 429. In the context of the whole area I do not consider this change is justified.

Middleton ~~Ward~~ ^{PARISH}

The transfer of Middleton from Bamburgh Ward to Belford Ward would reduce Bamburgh Ward to 647 electors and increase Belford Ward to 930 electors.

This change was supported by a petition signed by 85% of the electors in the Parish of Middleton and I was informed that everyone approached signed the petition, the remainder of the electors not being available for one reason or another. The proposal was supported by Mr. Birkett the present councillor for the Bamburgh Ward and also by Mrs. Stephenson the present councillor for Belford Ward.

I inspected the area and found the bulk of the population of Middleton Ward reside to the west end of the Ward centred on Middleton village which is close to the centre of population of the Belford Ward. Belford being the larger town, I have no doubt the relationship between Middleton and Belford claimed by the proposers is justified.

The tidy balance of electorate in the draft scheme will be affected if this proposal is accepted but the reduced ~~Bamburgh~~^{BURGH} Ward with 647 electors would still have more electors per councillor than two of the Wards provided in the draft scheme, i.e. Chatton and Norhamshire, and the increased Belford Ward with 930 electors would have less electors per councillor than those of three Wards provided in the draft scheme i.e. Tower, Ford and Milfield.

In these circumstances and in view of the substantial support for this proposal and the fact that it forms a comparatively compact area, I will recommend the Commission to accept this modification.

Doddington ~~Ward~~ PARISH

If the proposal to transfer Doddington Parish from Chatton Ward to Wooler Ward was accepted, Chatton would be reduced to 493 electors and Wooler increased to 1696 for two councillors, an average per councillor of 848 electors.

Wooler is the largest town in this area, in fact is the third largest in the area of the borough, and I have no doubt it is used by all the surrounding rural area for many services. It would appear that the case for Doddington being in the Wooler Ward, could equally well be applied to other parts of the Chatton Ward and probably to parts of Cheviot Ward.

There was no support at the meeting from Wooler or any other part of the area.

The lowest elector-councillor ratio of any Ward in the draft scheme is in Cheviot Ward which has 522 electors but this Ward includes a substantial part of the Northumberland National Park and is very sparsely populated.

In all these circumstances I cannot recommend the Commission to accept a modification which would reduce the Chatton Ward to 493 electors.

Recommendation

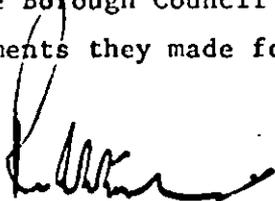
I accordingly recommend -

that the Commission's Draft proposals for the electoral arrangements for the Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed be modified by the transfer of the parish of Middleton from the Bamburgh Ward to the Belford Ward and that no other modifications be made.

In concluding my report I would like to thank the ladies and gentlemen who attended the meeting for the courteous and informative way they made their observations and the officials of the Borough Council for the assistance they gave to me and the arrangements they made for the meeting.

Cotescue Park,
Coverham,
LEYBURN.
North Yorkshire.

3rd March, 1975.


Assistant Commissioner,
Local Government Boundary Commission
for England.



SCHEDULE 2.

BOROUGH OF BERWICK - UPON - TWEED: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS.

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ELIZABETH	3
EDWARD	2
SETON	2
TOWER	2
SPITTAL	3
BELFORD	1
BAMBURGH	1
NORTH SUNDERLAND	2
BEADWELL	2
CHEVIOT	1
CHATTON	1
FORD	1
MILFIELD	1
WOOLER	2
ISLANDSHIRE	2
NORHAMSHIRE	2

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED DISTRICT

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.

EDWARD WARD:

Commencing at a point where the prolongation north eastwards of the north western boundary of parcel No 315 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan Northumberland 2.10 Edition of 1924 meets the eastern boundary of the district being low-water thence south eastwards and following the said eastern boundary, to a point where the prolongation of a line northeastwards from NG reference NU0023753612 passing through NG reference 0040053700 meets the eastern boundary of the district, thence south-westwards along the said line to the track to the north of the golf course, thence westward along the said track to the access road from Magdalene Fields Holiday Camp to Northumberland Avenue, thence south westward along the said access road to a point opposite the southern boundary of Magdalene Fields Holiday Camp, thence north westwards to and along the said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the railway from Berwick to Eyemouth, thence south westward along the said railway to Castlegate, thence north westward along Castlegate to North Road (A1), thence northwards and north westwards along the said road to a point opposite the north western boundary of parcel No 317 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan Northumberland 2.9 Edition of 1924, thence north eastward along the said boundary and the north western boundary of parcel 315 and in prolongation thereof to the point of commencement.

ELIZABETH WARD:

Commencing at the point where the north western boundary of the district meets the eastern boundary of the district being low-water, thence south eastward and following the said eastern boundary to the northern boundary of Edward Ward, thence south westwards along the said boundary to the western boundary of the said ward, thence south eastwards and southwards along the said boundary to the southern boundary of the said ward, thence north eastwards and eastwards along the said boundary to the eastern boundary of the district, thence south eastward and following the said boundary to the River Tweed, thence north westwards and following the said river to the northern boundary of Islandshire Ward, thence westward and following the said

boundary to the north western boundary of the district, thence northwards and following the said district boundary to the point of commencement.

SETON WARD:

Commencing at the point at which the dismantled railway meets the northern boundary of Islandshire Ward, thence northward and following the said boundary to the southern boundary of Elizabeth Ward, thence eastwards and following the said boundary to a point opposite the passageway to the south of No 38 Dock Road, thence south westwards to and along the said passageway to Tower Road, then continuing south westwards in a straight line to the south eastern corner of No 24 Tower Road, thence westwards and north westwards along the southern and western boundaries of the said property to the rear boundaries of the properties on the south side of Mount Road, thence south westwards along the said boundaries and continuing in a straight line across the railway to the point at which it again meets the rear boundaries of the properties on the south side of Mount Road, thence south westwards along the said boundaries and continuing in a straight line to the railway, thence north westwards and following the dismantled railway to the point of commencement.

TOWER WARD:

Commencing at the south western corner of Seton Ward, thence north eastwards and following the southern boundary of the said ward to Northumberland Road, thence south eastwards along the said road and Sunnyside Cut (being the A1) to the northern boundary of Islandshire Ward, thence south westward and following the said boundary to the point of commencement.

SPITTAL WARD:

Commencing at the south eastern corner of Tower Ward, thence north westward along the eastern boundary of the said ward to the southern boundary of Seton Ward, thence north eastwards along the said boundary to the southern boundary of Elizabeth Ward, thence south eastward and following the said boundary to the eastern boundary of the district, thence south westwards and following the said district boundary to the northern boundary of Islandshire Ward, thence south westwards and following the said boundary to the point of commencement.

BAMBURGH WARD:

The parishes of Bamburgh and Easington

BEADNELL WARD:

The parishes of Adderstone with Lucker, Beadnell and Ellingham

BELFORD WARD:

The parishes of Belford and Middleton

CHATTON WARD:

The parishes of Chatton, Chillingham and Doddington

CHEVIOT WARD:

The parishes of Bewick, Earle, Ilderton, Roddam, Ingram and Lilburn

FORD WARD:

The parishes of Bowsden, Ford and Lowick

ISLANDSHIRE WARD:

The parishes of Ancroft, Kylee, Holy Island and Ord

MILFIELD WARD:

The parishes of Branxton, Carham, Kilham, Ewart, Milfield and Kirknewton

NORHAMSHIRE WARD:

The parishes of Cornhill-on-Tweed, Horncliffe, Duddo, Norham and
Shoreswood

NORTH SUNDERLAND WARD:

The parish of North Sunderland

WOOLER WARD:

The parishes of Akeld and Wooler