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PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
DISTRICT OF ASHFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Ashfield in accordance with the requirements of section 63 of 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 Ashfield District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Nottinghamshire County Council, the Member of Parliament for the Ashfield Constituency and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of the local newspapers circulating in the area and of 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. Ashfield 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 have passed a resolution under section 7(4)(a) of the Local

Government Act, 1972 requesting that the elections of all district councillors be held simultaneously.

5. On 13 February 1975 the Ashfield District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council, which at present has 55 members, proposed to divide the area into 14 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 32. The Council had given local publicity to their draft scheme, inviting comments. A local political party submitted an alternative scheme providing for a council of 42 members.
6. We considered the draft scheme, the alternative scheme, and the other comments which had been made, which included an alternative scheme for the area of Sutton in Ashfield only. We concluded that the Council's draft scheme which had resulted from full local consultation met, for the most part, the requirements of Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and the guidelines set out in our Report No 6, but that the electorate of the parishes of Annesley and Felley did not justify a separate ward. We decided to adopt the draft scheme as the basis of our draft proposals, but to modify it by (a) substituting the arrangements proposed in the alternative scheme for the parish of Selston, dividing it into three wards returning a total of 4 members instead of making it into one 3-member ward; and (b) separating the parishes of Annesley and Felley and joining Annesley with the proposed Kirkby in Ashfield South ward and Felley with the Underwood ward of the parish of Selston.
7. On 5 June 1975, 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 map 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 31 July 1975.

8. The only objections we received related to our draft proposals as they affected the parishes of Annesley and Felley. It was argued that the parishes were rural in outlook and should not be represented by members elected mainly by urban voters as they would be if the parishes were combined with urban areas. It was also said that since the draft scheme had been submitted the situation had changed in that there were prospects that industrial development would shortly be coming to the area which could, in due course, lead to an increase in its electorate; planning permission for actual housing development in another part of the area had also been obtained.

9. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the representations we had received. We noted that all the objectors were of the firm opinion that there would be a marked increase in the electorate of the Woodhouse ward which had not been taken into account when the figures projected by the Council for 1979 were calculated. As the development was likely to occur in the vicinity of the boundary between the Council's proposed Kirkby in Ashfield South ward and their proposed Annesley and Felley ward, and considering that the development was likely to be of an urban nature, we could find no grounds for giving the parishes separate representation, but we agreed that the Woodhouse ward might be represented by 3 councillors making a council of 33 members.

10. We hereby confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals except that the Woodhouse ward should be represented by 3 members.

11. 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 ward. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the map.

FUBLICATION

12. 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 the Ashfield 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 maps, is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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18 September 1975

ASHFIELD DISTRICT: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
HUCKNALL CENTRAL	2
HUCKNALL EAST	2
HUCKNALL NORTH	2
HUCKNALL WEST	2
JACKSDALE	1
KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD CENTRAL	2
KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD EAST	2
KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD WEST	2
SELSTON	2
SUTTON IN ASHFIELD CENTRAL	3
SUTTON IN ASHFIELD EAST	3
SUTTON IN ASHFIELD NORTH	3
SUTTON IN ASHFIELD WEST	3
UNDERWOOD	1
WOODHOUSE	3

ASHFIELD DISTRICT: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

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.

HUCKNALL CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at a point where the southwestern boundary of the District meets Watnall Road, thence northeastwards and following said road to a point opposite the northeastern boundary of 178 Watnall Road thence to and along the said northeastern boundary and southwestwards along the northwestern boundary of the said property to the rear boundary of 1 Long Hill Rise, thence northwestwards along the rear boundaries of 1 to 45 Long Hill Rise, thence southwestwards along the southeastern boundary of 47 Long Hill Rise to grid ref SK 5280648621, thence northwestwards to and along the rear boundaries of 47 to 119 Long Hill Rise thence northwards to and along and in prolongation thereof to the eastern boundary of The Common Gardens, thence northwards and following the said boundary crossing the footpath joining Priory Road to Garden Road and continuing northwards to Wood Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to the access road leading from Wood Lane to St Patrick's Road, thence northwards along said access road and northeastwards and following St Patrick's Road to Coniston Road, thence eastwards and following said road to Spring Street, thence northwestwards and following said street to Annesley Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Baker Street, thence southwards along said street to High Street, thence southeastwards along said street to Duke Street, thence southwestwards along said street and Croft Avenue to Caddaw Avenue, thence southeastwards along said avenue to Park Drive, thence southwards and following said drive to the Dismantled Railway, thence southeastwards along said dismantled railway to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of 40 Nursery Close, thence to said southeastern boundary and southwards and following the rear boundaries of 38 to 4 Nursery Close and the southern boundary of 81 Farleys Lane to Farleys Lane, thence southwards and following Farleys Lane to the Track leading from Farleys Lane to Bulwell Hall Park, thence southwards and following said track to the boundary of the District, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

HUCKNALL WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the northwestern boundary of Hucknall Central Ward meets the southwestern boundary of the District, thence northwards and following said District boundary to the southeastern boundary of Annesley CP, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the eastern boundary of the District, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of parcel number 5512 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SK 5250, Edition 1957, thence eastwards along said boundary to the Path leading from Annesley Road to Washdyke Lane, thence southeastwards and following said path to Washdyke Lane, thence southeastwards and following said lane to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of parcel number 3285 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SK 52/5349, Edition 1967, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary to grid ref SK 5237749751 being a point on the footpath leading from Dobpark to St Patrick's road, thence southward and southeastwards along said footpath, through the Allotment Gardens and between 7 and 9 St Patrick's Road, to the western boundary of Hucknall Central Ward, thence southwestwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

HUCKNALL NORTH WARD

Commencing at a point where Station Road meets the northern boundary of Hucknall Central Ward, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the eastern boundary of Hucknall West Ward, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the eastern boundary of the District, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to Papplewick Lane, thence southwestwards and following said lane to Station Road, continuing southwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

HUCKNALL EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the District meets the eastern boundary of Hucknall Central Ward, thence northwards and following said boundary and the eastern boundary of Hucknall North Ward to the boundary of the District, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the point of

commencement.

WOODHOUSE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of Selston CP meets the western boundary of the District, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the River Erewash, thence northeastwards and following said river to the unnamed stream running through Portland Park, thence southeastwards along said stream to Grid Ref SK 5008854923 being a point on the road leading from Portland Park to Grives Lane, thence northeastwards and generally eastwards and following said road and continuing eastwards along Grives Lane, crossing Kingsway and following Balls Lane to Derby Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point in line with the dismantled railway, thence southeastwards to and along dismantled railway to the northern boundary of Annesley CP, thence eastwards and following the northern, eastern, southern and western boundaries of the said Annesley CP and continuing along the northeastern boundary of Selston CP to the point of commencement.

KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD CENTRAL WARD ✓

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield South Ward meets the western boundary of the District, thence northwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of parcel number 9128 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SK 46/4756 edition of 1961, being a point on an unnamed stream running through The Dumbles, thence northeastwards and following said unnamed stream to a point opposite Doles Lane, thence southeastwards to and following said lane to a point opposite the eastern boundary of Mowlands County Secondary School, thence to and along said eastern boundary to George Street thence eastwards along said street to Sutton Road, thence southwards along said road to Chapel Street thence eastwards and following said street, The Hill, Victoria Road, Lane End, Urban Road, Station Street, Diamond Avenue to Derby Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Blidworth Road, thence eastwards along said road to the boundary of the District, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the northern boundary of Annesley CP, thence westwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield South Ward, thence northwestwards and following

said boundary to the point of commencement.

KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield Central Ward meets the unnamed Stream running to the northwest of The Dumbles Bungalow, thence northeastwards and following said unnamed stream to the western boundary of parcel number 5330 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SK 48/4957, Edition 1962, continuing northeastwards along said boundary and the western boundaries of parcels number 6248 and 7563, thence eastwards along the northern boundary of said parcel and number 11 Garth Avenue crossing said avenue and continuing along the northern boundary of 201 Sutton Road to Sutton Road, thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of Ashfields Hotel (PH) thence eastwards to and along the said northern boundary, the northern boundaries of parcels numbers 3066 and 5966 to the western boundary of Leamington County Primary School, thence southwards and following the western, southern and eastern boundaries of the said school to the northwestern boundary of parcel number 8479, thence southeastwards and northeastwards along said boundary to the Path leading from the Allotment Gardens to Hardwick Lane, thence northwards along said path to a point opposite the footbridge crossing the dismantled railway, thence eastwards to and along said footbridge to the said dismantled railway, thence northeastwards and following said dismantled railway to Oddicroft Lane, thence southeastwards and following said lane and the footpath leading from Oddicroft Lane to Low Moor Road, thence southwestwards and following said road, Lowmoor Road North and Lowmoor Road South to the northern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield Central Ward, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield Central Ward meets the eastern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield West Ward, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to a point opposite the footpath leading

from Low Moor Road to Coxmoor Road, thence southeastwards to and along said path to grid ref SK 5190257436, thence southwards to the eastern boundary of parcel number 8528 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SK 50/5157, Edition 1960, thence southeastwards and following the said boundary, the eastern boundary of parcel number 7100, the eastern boundary of parcel number 7100 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SK 50/5156, Edition 1972, thence southeastwards along the southwestern boundaries of parcel numbers 0004 and 0089, and parcel number 0089 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SK 52/5356, Edition 1960 continuing southeastwards along the southwestern boundaries of parcel numbers 3379, 4771 and 5565, crossing Derby Road and continuing along the southwestern boundaries of parcel numbers 8559 and 1700 and continuing along the southwestern boundaries of parcel numbers 1700 and 3500 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SK 52/5355, Edition 1959, to the northwestern boundary of parcel number 3670, thence southwards and following said boundary to the northern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield Central Ward, thence westwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

SUTTON IN ASHFIELD WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield Central Ward meets the western boundary of the District, thence northwards and following said boundary to the Mineral Railway southwest of Skegby Junction thence northeastwards along said mineral railway to Skegby Junction, thence continuing northeastwards and following the said railway leading from Skegby Junction to Sutton Colliery to a point opposite the footpath leading to Rookley Lane, thence southeastwards along said footpath and in prolongation thereof to Rookley Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to the Path leading from Rookley Lane to the road known as The Oval, thence southeastwards and following said path to a point opposite the western boundaries of 60 to 66 The Oval and 2 Highfield Road, thence to and along said western boundaries and southeastwards along southwestern boundary of number 2 Highfield Road and in prolongation thereof

to Highfield Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the southwestern boundary of 68 The Oval, thence to and along said southwestern boundary and the rear boundaries of 68 to 86 The Oval and the southeastern boundary of 86 The Oval, thence southeastwards to St Mary's Road, thence southwards and following said road to Westbourne Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the western boundary of the Cycle Track, thence to and along said western boundary and continuing along the western boundary of the Cemetery to Huthwaite Road thence eastwards along said road to Alfreton Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundaries of 162 to 148 Alfreton Road, thence to and along said southern boundaries and in prolongation thereof to the western boundary of parcel number 3840 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SK 48/4958, Edition 1960, thence northwards along said western boundary and eastwards and following the northern boundary of the said parcel, the northern and eastern boundary of parcel number 5039, the eastern boundary of parcel number 4328, the northeastern boundary of parcel number 5921, the western, northern and eastern boundaries of parcel number 6936 the northern boundary of parcel number 6614 thence northwards and following the western and northern boundaries of parcel number 8826 to the rear boundary of 48 Carside Avenue, thence southeastwards along the rear boundaries of 48 to 54 Carside Avenue to the unnamed stream running to the rear of the properties on the southeastern side of Beeley Avenue, thence northeastwards along said unnamed stream and continuing northeastwards to and along the southeastern boundary of 28 Spring Road to Spring Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Kirkby Road, thence southwestwards and following said road to the northern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield West Ward, thence westwards and following the said boundary and the northwestern boundary of the said ward and continuing southwestwards along the northern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield Central Ward to the point of commencement.

SUTTON IN ASHFIELD EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield West Ward meets the eastern boundary of Sutton in Ashfield West Ward, thence northwards along said boundary to Kirkby Road, thence northeastwards along said road to High Pavement thence northeastwards and following said High Pavement to Forest Street, thence northwestwards along said street to Cutram Street, thence northeastwards along said street to Mansfield Road, continuing northeastwards along said road to the road known as Eastfield Side, thence southeastwards along said Eastfield Side to Unwin Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Mansfield Road, thence eastwards and following said road to the boundary of the District, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the northern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield Central Ward, thence westwards along said northern boundary to the northeastern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield East Ward, thence northeastwards and following said boundary and the northern boundary of Kirkby in Ashfield West Ward to the point of commencement.

SUTTON IN ASHFIELD CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at a point where the northwestern boundary of Sutton in Ashfield East Ward meets the northeastern boundary of Sutton in Ashfield West Ward, thence northwestwards and following said eastern boundary to the Mineral Railway leading from Skegby Junction to Sutton Colliery, thence eastwards and following said mineral railway to Stoneyford Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the Dismantled Railway, thence northwards along said Dismantled railway to a point in line with the northwestern boundary of parcel number 6446 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SK 48/4960, Edition 1960, thence northeastwards to and along said boundary to Whitehead Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane and continuing along the footpath leading from said lane to Lound House Road, to Lound House Road, thence continuing southeastwards along said road to Forest Road, thence southwards along said road to Dalestorth Street, continuing southwards along said street to Skegby Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the northwestern boundary of Sutton in Ashfield East Ward,

thence southwestwards and following said northwestern boundary to the point of commencement.

SUTTON IN ASHFIELD NORTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Sutton in Ashfield West Ward meets the western boundary of the District, thence northwestwards and following the said boundary and the northern and northeastern boundaries of the district to the northwestern boundary of Sutton in Ashfield East Ward, thence southwestwards and following said northwestern boundary, the northern boundary of Sutton in Ashford Central Ward and the northern boundary of Sutton in Ashfield West Ward to the point of commencement.

JACKSDALE WARD

The Jacksdale Ward of the parish of Selston.

SELSTON WARD

The Selston Ward of the parish of Selston.

UNDERWOOD WARD

The parish of Felley and the Underwood Ward of the parish of Selston.