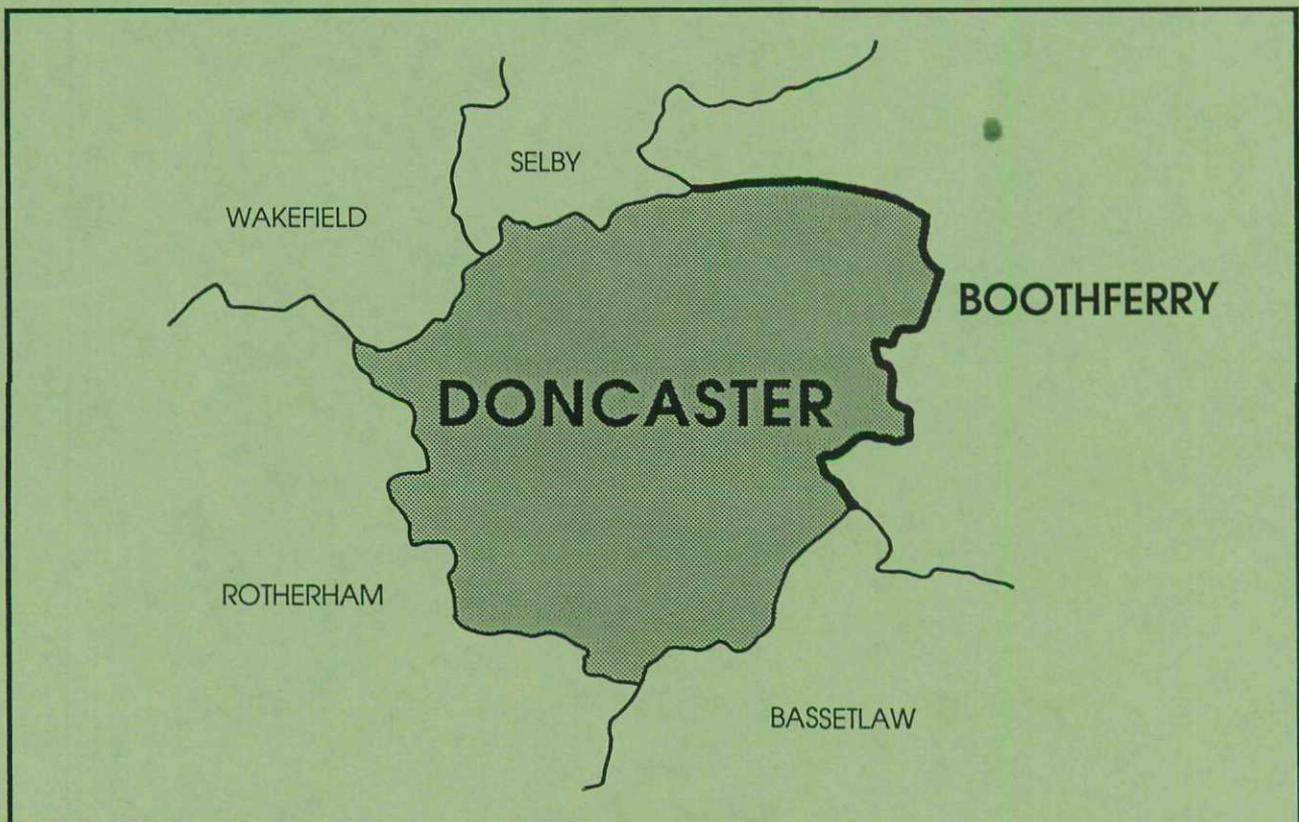


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REVIEW OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE

THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DONCASTER

Boundary with:- BOOTHFERRY IN THE COUNTY OF HUMBERSIDE



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THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DONCASTER AND ITS BOUNDARY WITH
BOOTHFERRY IN HUMBERSIDE

THE COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT AND PROPOSALS

INTRODUCTION

1. The Commission's Report No. 585 containing our recommendations for the Borough of Doncaster's boundaries with Selby District (North Yorkshire) and Bassetlaw District (Nottinghamshire) was submitted to you on 31 May 1990. We noted in that report that consideration of Doncaster's boundary with Humberside would be postponed until completion of the Further Review of the County of Humberside. Our Report (no. 604) on Humberside was subsequently submitted to you on 3 July 1991.

2. This report contains our final proposals for the Metropolitan Borough of Doncaster and its boundary with Boothferry in Humberside. We are making a small number of minor proposals to this boundary to make it more clearly identifiable; but we are not suggesting any radical change to the pattern of local government in the area.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE START OF THE REVIEW

3. On 1 September 1987 we wrote to Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council announcing our intention to undertake a review of Doncaster, as part of our review of the Metropolitan County of South Yorkshire and its Metropolitan Boroughs, under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. Copies of our letter were sent to the county and district councils bordering the Metropolitan County; to parishes in Doncaster and the adjoining districts; to the local authority associations; to Members of Parliament with constituency interests; to the headquarters of the main political parties; the local press, television and radio stations; and a number of other interested persons and organisations.

4. To enable the Commission to fulfil its obligations under Section 60(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, we requested the Metropolitan Boroughs, in co-operation as necessary with other principal authorities, to insert a notice for two successive weeks in local newspapers to give wide publicity to the start of the review. The authorities were also asked to ensure that the consultation letter was drawn to the attention of those services in respect of which they had a statutory function.

5. A period of seven months from the date of the letter was allowed for all local authorities, and any person or body interested in the review, to send us their detailed views on whether changes to Doncaster's boundary were desirable; and, if so, what those changes should be and how they would meet the criterion of effective and convenient local government as prescribed by Section 47(1) of the 1972 Act.

THE SUBMISSIONS MADE TO US

6. In response to our letter of 1 September 1987, we received representations from the Metropolitan Borough of Doncaster, Humberside County Council, Boothferry Borough Council, Thorne Town Council and Epworth Parish Council. We also received representations from the Thorne and Moorends Independent Association, the Doncaster Family Practitioner Committee and five letters from individuals.

7. We considered all the representations received following our letter of 1 September 1987, along with further comments we received in response to our letter of 8 August 1989 to interested parties concerning the Parish of Thorne and Moorends.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS/INTERIM DECISIONS

8. After considering these representations a further consultation letter was sent to Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council on 31 January 1992 announcing our draft proposals and interim decision to make no proposals. Copies of our letter were sent to Humberside County Council, Boothferry Borough Council and Thorne Town Council; to the parish councils concerned; to Members of Parliament with a constituency interest; and to organisations and individuals who had made representations to us or who might have an interest in the boundary issues.

9. The local authorities were asked to assist in giving publicity to our draft proposals by publishing a notice giving details of our decisions and posting copies of it at places where public notices are customarily displayed. They were also asked to place copies of our letter on deposit for inspection at their main offices for a period of eight weeks. Comments were invited by 27 March 1992.

RESPONSE TO OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS/INTERIM DECISIONS

10. In response to our draft proposals we received representations from Humberside County Council, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, Thorne Town Council, the South Yorkshire Police, the Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Countryside Commission and three members of the public.

11. As required by Section 60 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972, we have carefully considered the representations made to us and set out below our final proposals.

Suggestions for radical change

12. The Commission considered the possibility of transferring, to Humberside, that part of the Borough of Doncaster lying east of the main built up area and the M18, which includes the Parish of Thorne and Moorends. Following the launch of the review, the Thorne and Moorends Independent Association suggested that the area lying between the M18 and the M180 should be transferred from Doncaster on the grounds that the area has a greater affinity with Humberside.

13. Doncaster, together with Humberside, Boothferry, Thorne Town Council and Epworth Parish Council, all opposed this suggestion, as did the Doncaster Family Practitioner Committee and one resident of the Thorne area. Two other residents of Thorne, whilst not supporting a transfer to Humberside, considered that there should be a new authority, within the South Yorkshire Metropolitan area, consisting of Thorne and Goole.

14. Two residents living near Epworth, but currently within Doncaster, sought a move to Humberside with which they considered they had a greater affinity.

15. The guidelines set down for us stipulate that radical change is only appropriate where we consider that present arrangements clearly fail to provide effective and convenient local government. We considered that there was insufficient evidence to justify radical change in this area. We felt however, that there was a case for considering minor changes to the boundary which, in many places, is unsatisfactory because it cuts through properties or follows a line that is difficult to identify.

Ninescores Lane to Willow Lodge Farm

Draft proposal

16. Boothferry suggested that the affinities of local residents in this area lay more with Boothferry than with Doncaster and proposed a number of changes, which also incorporated some boundary improvements. The residents of Tunnel Pits Farm requested a transfer to Boothferry on account of the property's proximity and easier access to facilities in that district.

17. Doncaster proposed restricting any changes in the area to the minimum, suggesting a realignment of the boundary to follow the new course of the River Torne and the C217 road on Idle Bank.

18. We considered that, although there were arguments to support both suggestions, the affinities of the local residents appeared to lie more with Boothferry. We therefore decided to adopt Boothferry's suggestion as our draft proposal, including the transfer of Tunnel Pits Farm to Boothferry.

Final proposal

19. We received no representations in response to our draft proposal for this area and have decided to confirm it as final.

Willow Lodge Farm to Thorne Waste

Draft proposal

20. Boothferry suggested a realignment to tie the boundary to strong physical features, which would result in the transfer of a number of properties from Doncaster into its own area. Doncaster suggested a more minor change, to align the boundary along the Hatfield Waste Drain and the North Idle Drain.

21. Doncaster's suggestion incorporates part of the present boundary, which is defaced from the Old River Don to Thorne Waste and would be unlikely to provide clearly recognisable features. We therefore decided to adopt Boothferry's suggestion as our draft proposal.

Final proposal

22. Doncaster expressed its support for a resident of the Medge Hall area, in Thorne, who wrote to the Council expressing strong opposition to our proposal, which transfers Medge Hall from Doncaster to Boothferry.

23. The resident concerned also wrote directly to us, expressing concern that our proposal would be detrimental to her family in terms of emergency service provision, education and local public transport facilities. Doncaster and the resident concerned suggested alternatives to our proposals which, they considered, would meet the needs of the Medge Hall residents and would not undermine the broad thrust of our proposals.

24. Thorne Town Council opposed the Commission's draft proposals to transfer parts of Thorne Parish to Boothferry and suggested an alternative boundary line. The Council considered that, if the transfer took place, the maintenance of rights of way and access to a network of public walks for the remaining Thorne parish inhabitants would be threatened.

25. One resident of Epworth in Boothferry considered that there was no benefit to be gained from small-scale boundary alignment in this area, and that a return to the pre-1974 Yorkshire Ridings boundaries would be more appropriate, with the possible inclusion of Thorne and Moorends in Boothferry. Another resident of Thorne opposed our proposal to transfer parts of Thorne parish from Doncaster to Boothferry, on the basis that such a transfer was unjustified and would not be conducive to effective local planning for the parish.

26. No opposition to our draft proposals was expressed in letters received from Humberside, the South Yorkshire Police and the Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Countryside Commission.

27. We did not consider that any of the suggested alternative boundary lines provided a suitable boundary in this area as, to some extent, they all retain parts of the present, poorly defined boundary. Our draft proposal realigns the boundary to clearly recognisable features and we have therefore decided to confirm it as final.

Bank Side House to Went Green

Draft proposal

28. Boothferry suggested a realignment of the boundary to tie it to strong physical features. Doncaster made no separate suggestion for this area and the owners of Bank Side House, which would transfer from Doncaster to Boothferry under the suggestion, did not comment separately to us.

29. We decided to adopt Boothferry's suggestion as the basis of our draft proposal, with a small modification to align the boundary along the River Don to the mid-course of its stream and then use the mid-course stream of the River Went to provide an identifiable feature.

Final proposal

30. Thorne Town Council opposed our draft proposal, suggesting that the occupants of Bank Side House look to Thorne in Doncaster rather than Boothferry for local government services. However, their suggested alternative boundary does not follow very clear land features. No representation was received by us from the occupants of Bank Side House and we have decided to confirm our draft proposal as final.

ELECTORAL CONSEQUENCES, ANNEXES AND MAPS

31. The maps at Annex A to this report illustrate the proposed new boundary, and the schedule at Annex B explains the consequential changes to borough, county and district electoral arrangements.

CONCLUSIONS

32. We believe that our final proposals, which are summarised in Annex C to this report, are in the interests of effective and convenient local government, and we commend them to you.

PUBLICATION

33. A separate letter is being sent to the Metropolitan Borough Council of Doncaster, Humberside County Council, Boothferry Borough Council and Thorne Town Council, asking them to deposit copies of this report at their main offices for inspection for a period of six months. They are also being asked to put notices to that effect on public notice boards. Arrangements have been made for similar notices to be inserted in the local press. The text of the notice will explain that the Commission has fulfilled its statutory role in this matter and that it now falls to you to make an order implementing the proposals, if you think fit, though not earlier than six weeks from the date our final

proposals are submitted to you. Copies of this report, with the attached maps illustrating the proposed changes, are being sent to all those who received our draft proposal letter of January 1992, to those who made written representations to us and to other interested parties.

Signed:

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G R PRENTICE

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Secretary to the Commission

23 April 1992

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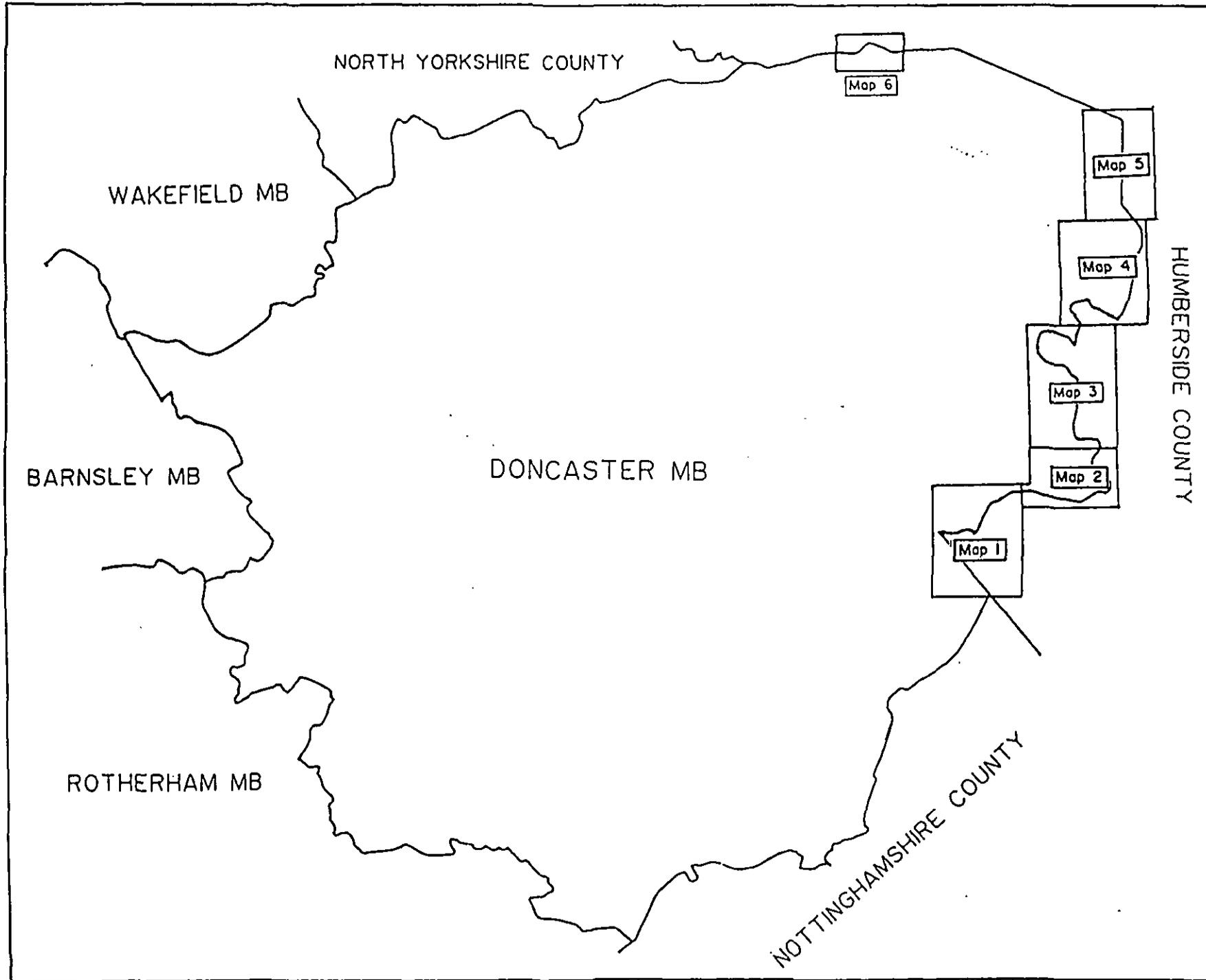
DONCASTER MB

AFFECTING BOOTHFERRY BOROUGH IN
HUMBERSIDE COUNTY

FINAL PROPOSALS

Existing Boundary	—————
Proposed Boundary	- - - - -
Other boundary divisions
Other proposed boundary	- - - - -

LOCATION DIAGRAM



SOUTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY

HATFIELD CP

Area J

Candy Farm

Area J

Area K

Area L

INSET

See Inset

HUMBERSIDE COUNTY

WROOT CP

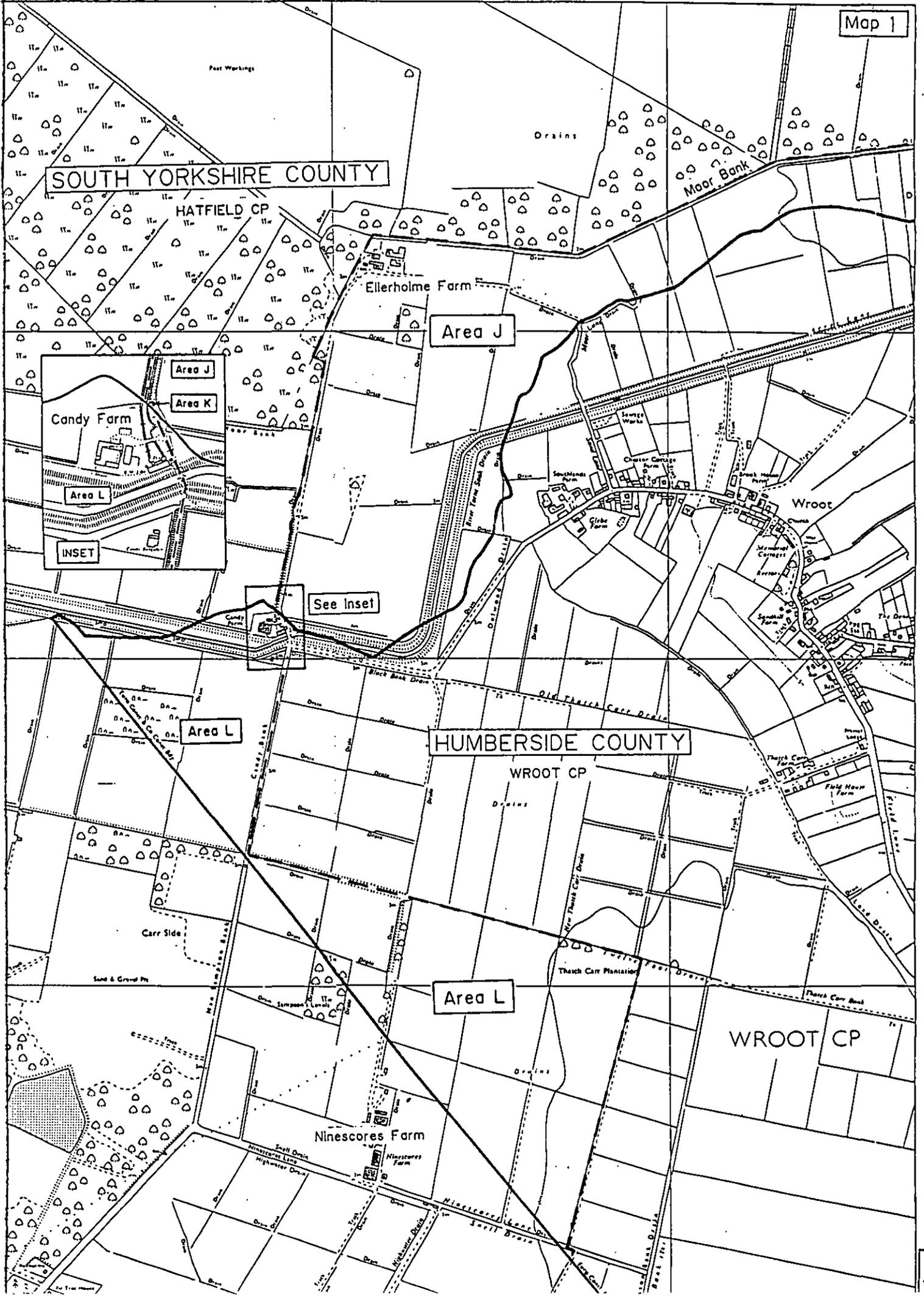
Area L

Area L

WROOT CP

Ninescores Farm

Ninescores Farm



SOUTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY

HUMBERSIDE COUNTY

HATFIELD CP

Area H

EPWORTH CP

The Roe

The Roe

Ninevah Farm

Wroot Acres

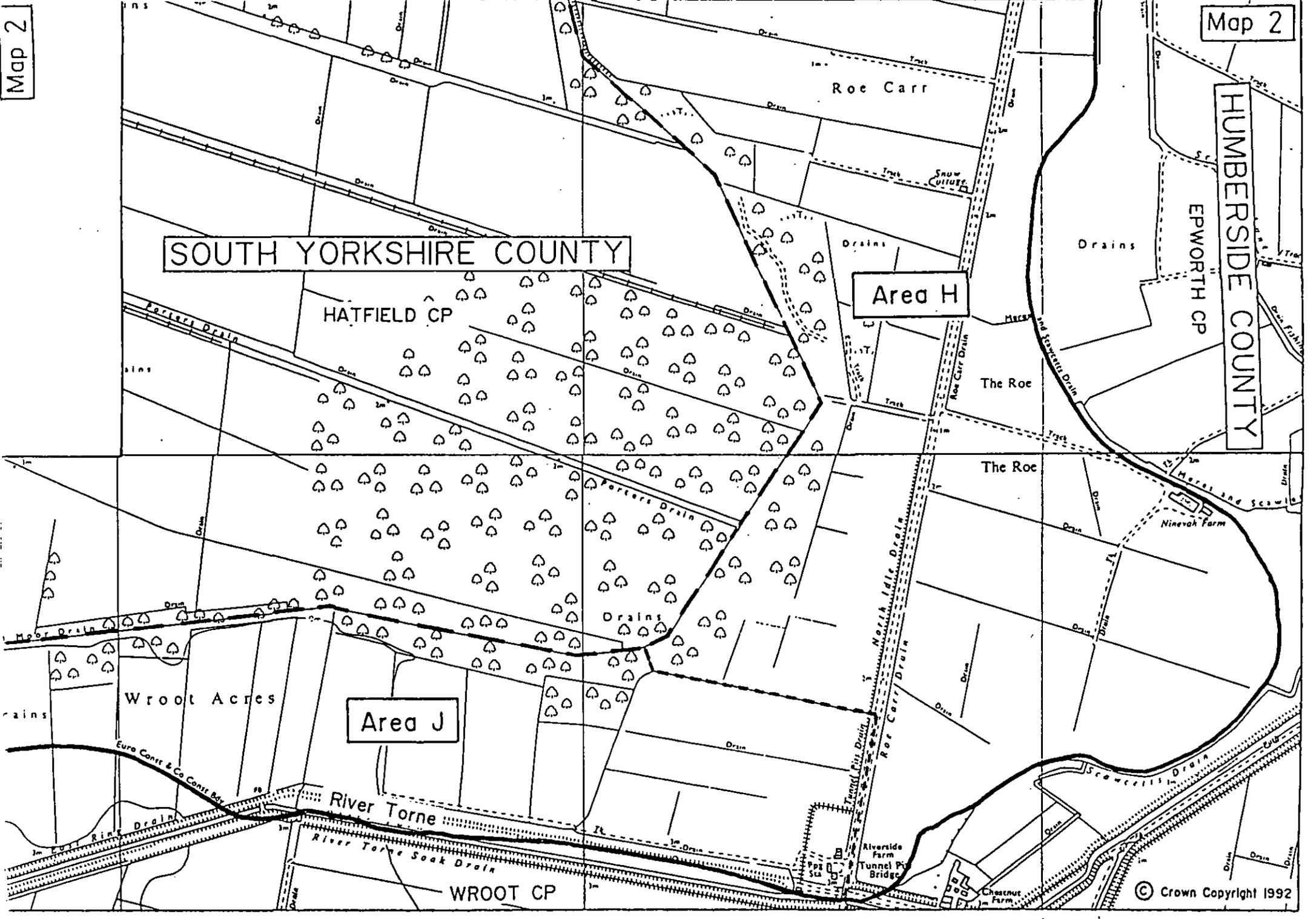
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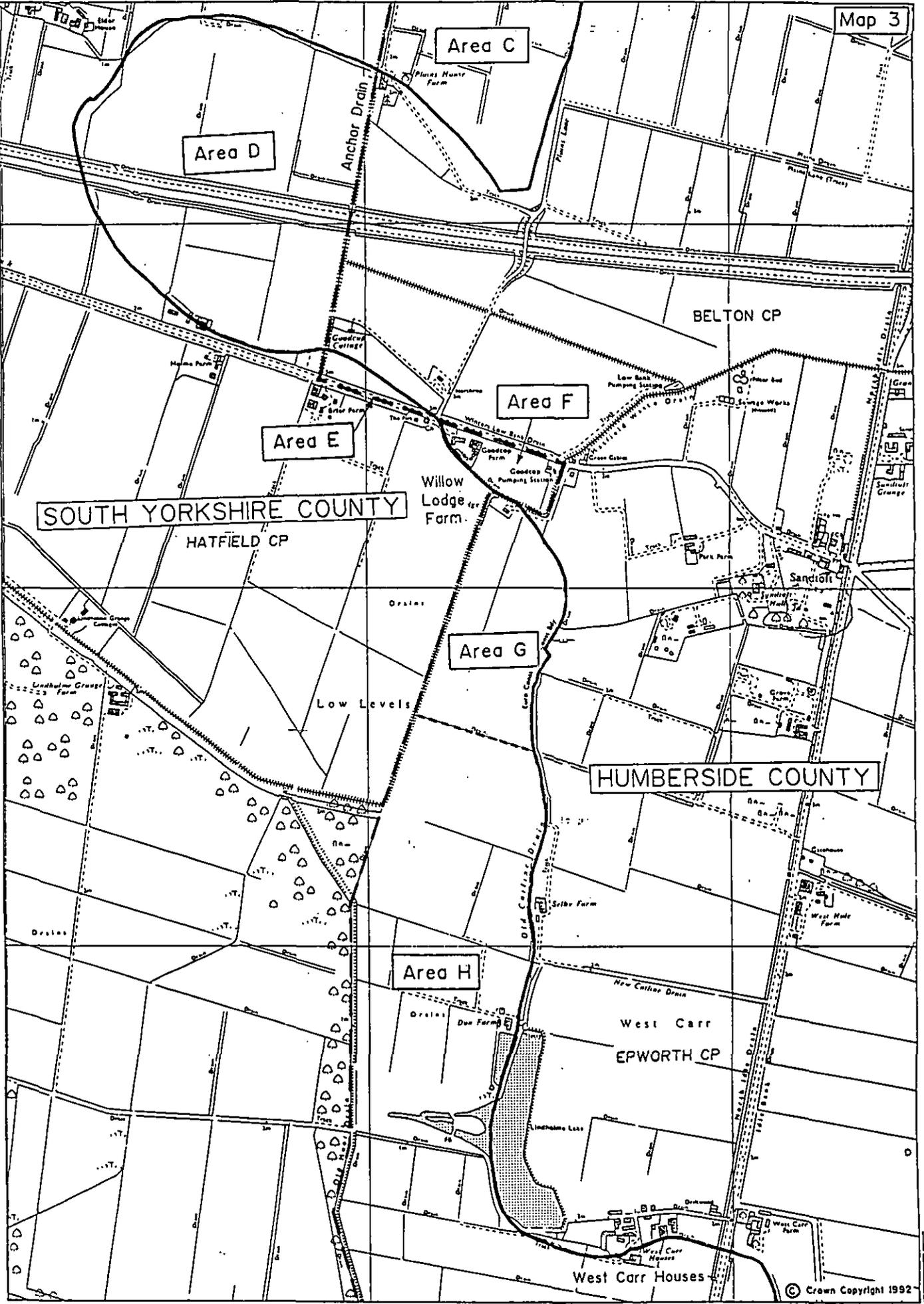
River Torne

WROOT CP

Riverside Farm
Tunnel Pt
Bridge

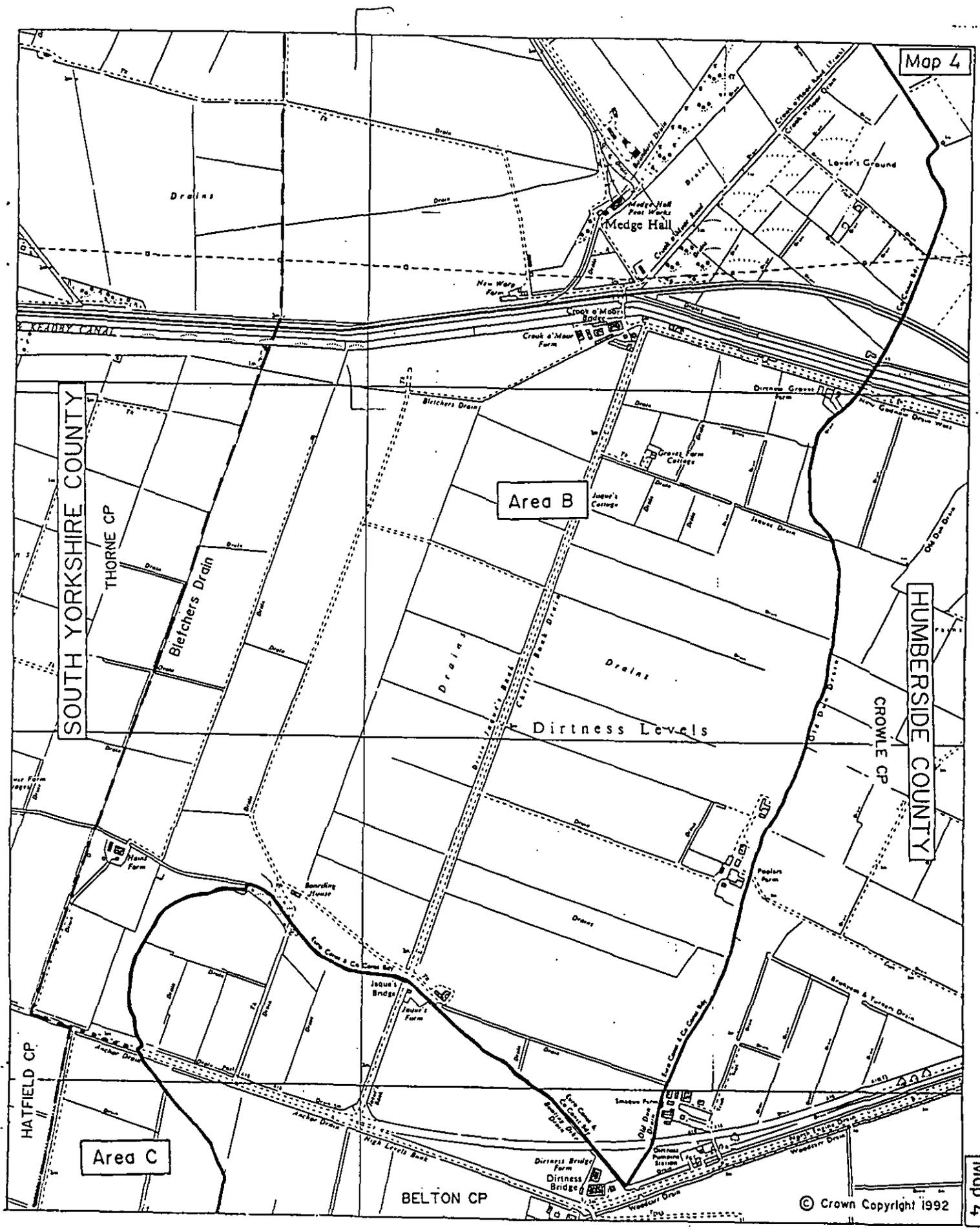
Chestnut Farm





SOUTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY

HUMBERSIDE COUNTY



SOUTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY

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Area B

Area C

Swinefleet an

Area A

SOUTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY

THORNE CP

Moors

HUMBERSIDE COUNTY

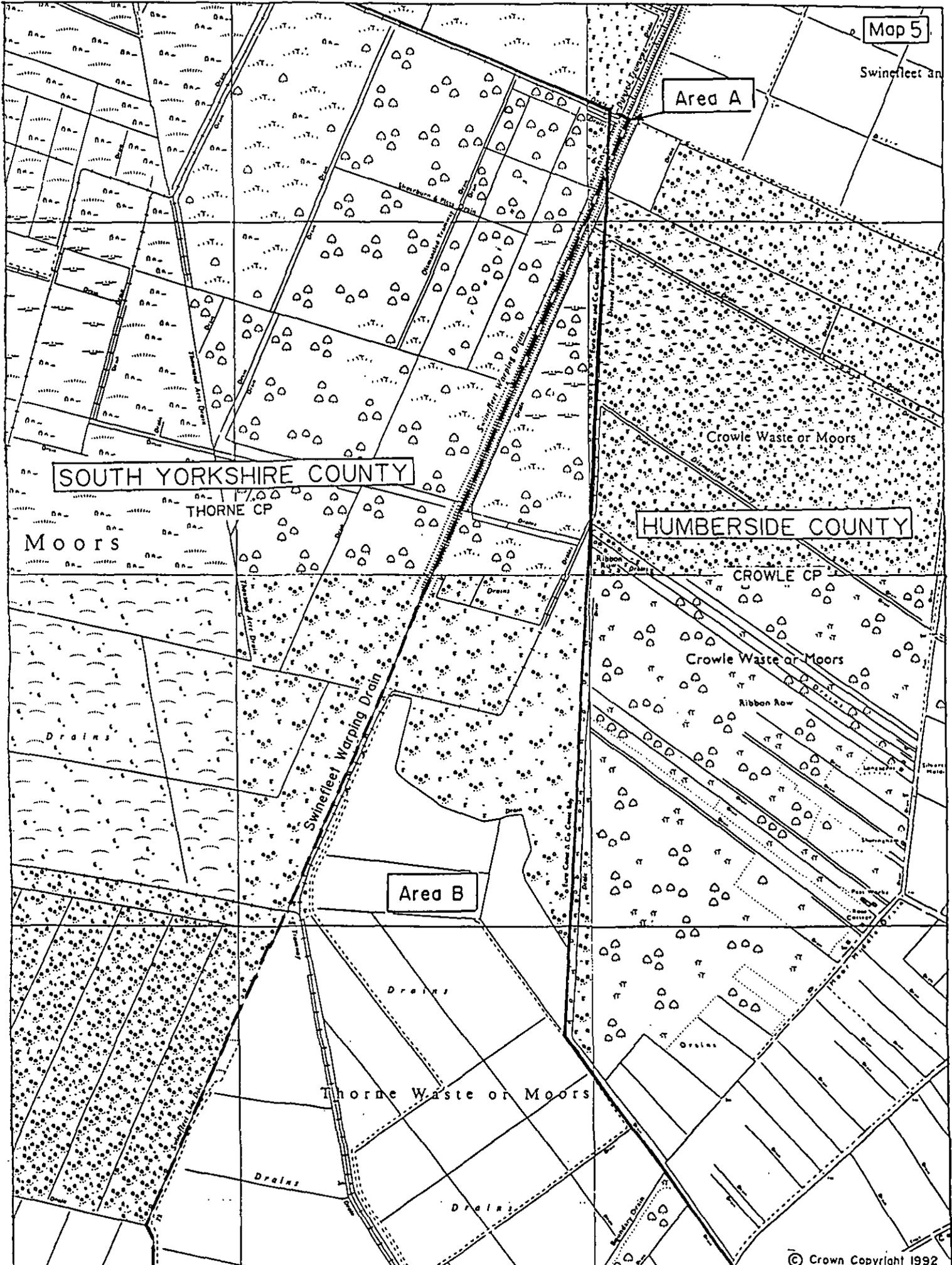
CROWLE CP

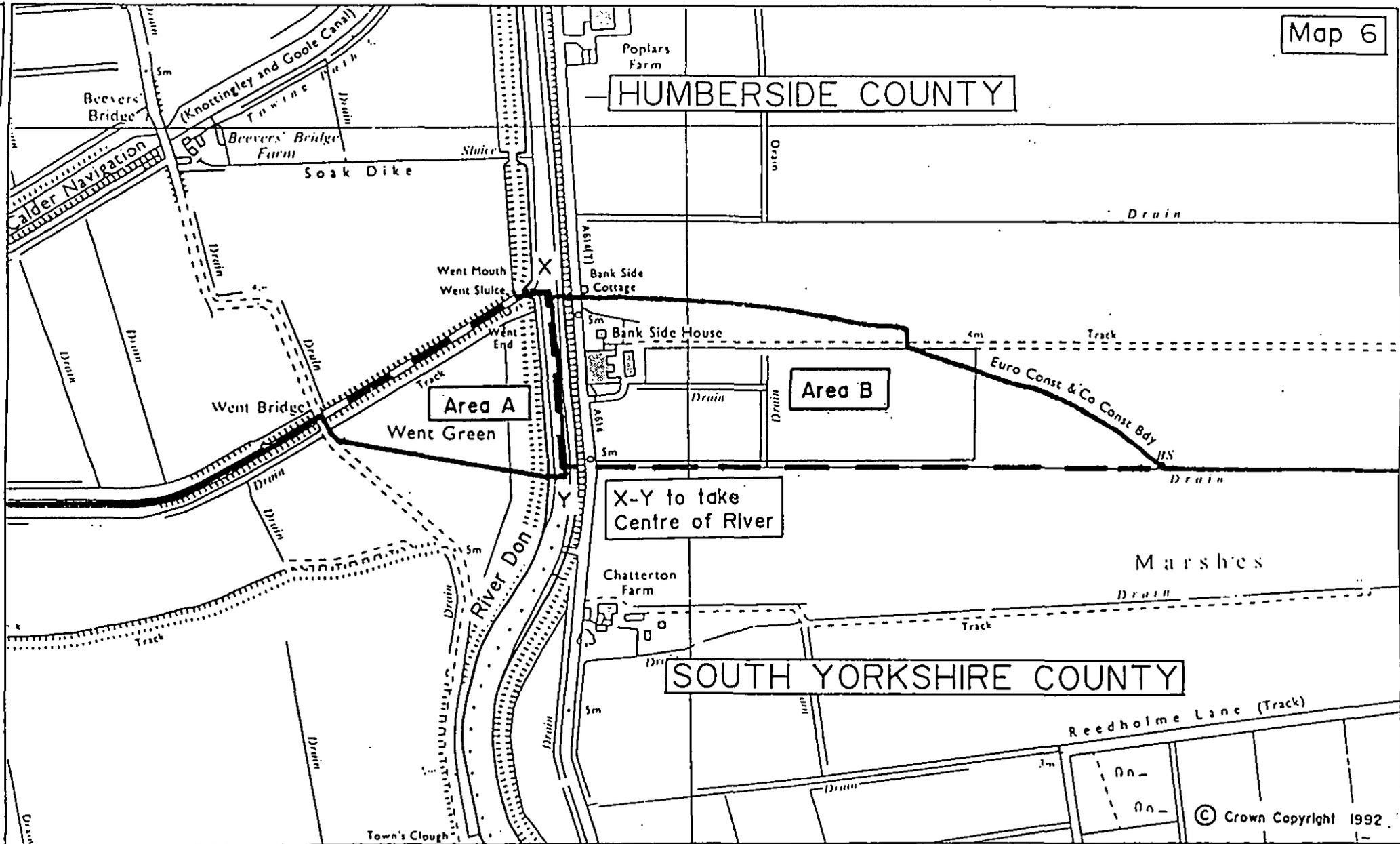
Crowle Waste or Moors

Ribbon Row

Area B

Thorne Waste or Moors





CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES

Map No.	Area Ref.	From	To
1	J	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Hatfield CP Hatfield Ward -	Humberside County Boothferry District Wroot CP Haxey Ward South Axholme ED
	K	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Hatfield CP Hatfield Ward	no change no change Blaxton CP South East Ward
	L	Humberside County Boothferry District Wroot CP Haxey Ward South Axholme ED	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Blaxton CP South East Ward -
2	H	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Hatfield CP Hatfield Ward -	Humberside County Boothferry District Epworth CP Epworth and Belton Ward South Axholme ED
	J	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Hatfield CP Hatfield Ward -	Humberside County Boothferry District Wroot CP Haxey Ward South Axholme ED
3	C E G	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Hatfield CP Hatfield Ward -	Humberside County Boothferry District Belton CP Epworth and Belton Ward South Axholme ED
	D F	Humberside County Boothferry District Belton CP Epworth and Belton Ward South Axholme ED	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Hatfield CP Hatfield Ward -
	H	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Hatfield CP Hatfield Ward -	Humberside County Boothferry District Epworth CP Epworth and Belton Ward South Axholme ED
4	B	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Thorne CP Thorne Ward -	Humberside County Boothferry District Crowle CP Crowle Ward Mid Boothferry ED
	C	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Hatfield CP Hatfield Ward -	Humberside County Boothferry District Belton CP Epworth and Belton Ward South Axholme ED

CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES

Map No.	Area Ref.	From	To
5	A	Humberside County Boothferry District Crowle CP Crowle Ward Mid Boothferry ED	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Thorne CP Thorne Ward -
	B	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Thorne CP Thorne Ward -	Humberside County Boothferry District Crowle CP Crowle Ward Mid Boothferry ED
6	A	Humberside County Boothferry District Snaith and Cowick CP Snaith Ward Mid Boothferry ED	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Sykehouse CP Stanforth Ward -
	B	South Yorkshire County Doncaster MB Thorne CP Thorne Ward -	Humberside County Boothferry District Snaith and Cowick CP Snaith Ward Mid Boothferry ED

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN
BOROUGH OF DONCASTER AND THE BOROUGH OF BOOTHFERRY IN
HUMBERSIDE

<p>Ninescores Lane to Willow Lodge Farm</p>	<p>to realign the boundary from Snell Drain to Twelve Foot Drain. Then west along Twelve Foot Drain to Candy bank, then north east by Ellerholme Farm, along old Moor Drain, northwards to Willow Lodge Farm uniting West Carr houses in Boothferry</p>	<p>Para 19 Maps 1 - 3</p>
<p>Willow Lodge Farm to Thorne Waste</p>	<p>to realign the boundary at Goodcop Pumping station and Goodcop Farm, transferring them to Doncaster, then north west along Winters Low Bank Drain, then due north along Anchor Drain and north along Bletchers Drain and then to follow Swinefleet Line Dyke and</p>	<p>Para 22 Maps 3 - 5</p>

Swinefeet Warping
Drain.

Bank Side House
to Went Green

To realign the
boundary to
follow the line
of the field
drain in the
vicinity of Dikes
Marsh,
transferring Bank
Side House to
Boothferry; and
to realign the
boundary to the
centre of the
River Don and
River Went and
then to rejoin
the existing
boundary.

Para 30
Map 6