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For England  
Report No. 404

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

1. In a letter dated 10 November 1978, West Lancashire District Council requested us to review the boundary between the district of West Lancashire and the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan, with a view to bringing all the houses in a housing development known as the Millbank Estate within the area of one authority. At present the estate, which lies off Mill Lane, Appley Bridge, straddles the boundary between the parish of Wrightington in West Lancashire district and county of Lancashire, and the parish of Shevington in the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan and the Greater Manchester county.
2. The anomaly in the boundary arose from the diverting and culverting on another line of a part of Calico Brook, which originally formed part of the boundary between the two counties. The estate was erected on the area formerly dissected by the brook.
3. As the need to consider a boundary adjustment had arisen from an alteration to a water course, we first considered whether it would be appropriate to deal with this case under Section 73 of the Local Government Act 1972 as had been originally requested by the West Lancashire District Council rather than under Section 48(4). We decided to seek the advice of your Department on this point and also to ask West Lancashire District Council for further information to help us decide whether a principle area boundary review would be more appropriate.
4. The Department of the Environment confirmed that the information available on the culverting of Calico Brook did not warrant action under Section 73 of the 1972 Act, whilst the West Lancashire District Council could not add anything of substance to the information they had already provided.
5. We agreed therefore in principle to undertake a review, but decided to consult the six local authorities concerned before the review was set in train, suggesting that it would be advantageous if they could produce a mutually acceptable scheme as a preliminary to our action. We wrote to the authorities

in this vein on 2 August 1979:

6. West Lancashire District Council replied direct to us after corresponding with the other authorities and it was evident that the change they proposed met with general agreement.

7. We decided that the circumstances were sufficiently exceptional to enable us to shorten our normal procedure by publishing draft proposals, based on West Lancashire District Council's letter, at the same time as we formally announced our intention to carry out a review.

8. On 14 July 1980 we issued a consultation letter announcing the start of the review and giving details of our draft proposals. The letter was addressed jointly to the West Lancashire District Council and the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan. Copies were sent to Greater Manchester Council, Lancashire County Council, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned, the clerks of the Shevington and Wrightington parish councils, the headquarters of the main political parties, the Regional Health and Water Authorities, the Regional Office of the Department of the Environment and to the editors of the three local newspapers circulating in the area and of the local government press. The two district authorities were asked to put copies of the relevant notice on display at places where public notices were customarily displayed, and to place copies of the draft proposals on deposit at their main offices for a period of 6 weeks. Comments on the review and on the draft proposals were invited by 1 September 1980.

9. Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire District Council supported our draft proposals; no objection to them was received.

10. We were satisfied that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the boundary between West Lancashire district and the borough of Wigan should be realigned as indicated in our draft proposals. We therefore confirm these as our final proposals.

11. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report. Schedule 1 specifies the proposed changes in local authority areas; the proposed boundary is illustrated on the attached map. Schedule 2 specifies the consequential adjustments to the existing electoral arrangements.

12. We will shortly be submitting to the Home Secretary our proposals for revised electoral arrangements for the county of Lancashire. Should the Home Secretary decide to implement these proposals a change would be required in Schedule 2 as regards the county electoral division.

13. Copies of this report and of the map are being sent to the West Lancashire District Council and the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan, and will be made available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report, which includes a small sketch plan, are being sent without the map to those who received the consultation letter.

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SIGNED:

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LESLIE GRIMSHAW (Secretary)

16 October 1980

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE AREA IN THE  
VICINITY OF MILLBANK ESTATE, WEST LANCASHIRE/WIGAN

It is proposed that the boundary between the district of West Lancashire and the borough of Wigan should be realigned as follows:-

Area of land bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing District Boundary meets the rear boundary of No 4 Millbank, then southwestwards along the rear boundaries of nos 4-16 Millbank, then southwestwards in a straight line to the rear boundary of No 22 Millbank and continuing southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 22-36 Millbank to and southwestwards along the detail leading to the northern boundary of the railway and in prolongation thereof to the Wigan-Southport Railway, then northwestwards along said railway to the existing District Boundary, thence generally northeastwards along said District Boundary to the point of commencement.

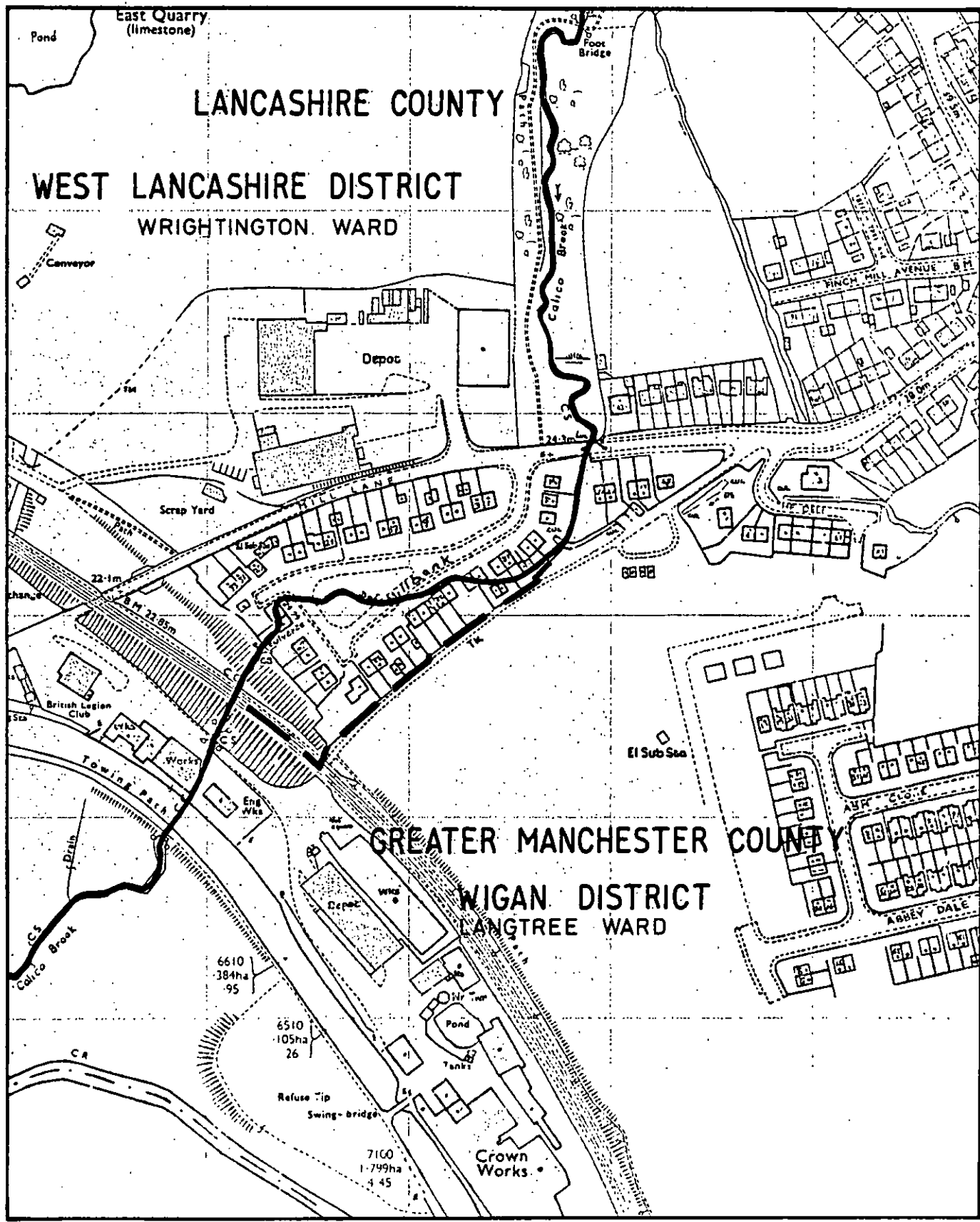
PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS CONSEQUENT UPON  
THE PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE DISTRICT  
OF WEST LANCASHIRE AND THE BOROUGH OF WIGAN

It is proposed:-

1. that the Ormskirk No 1 electoral division, as defined in the County of Lancashire (Electoral Divisions) Order 1973 and the Wrightington ward of the district of West Lancashire, as defined in the District of West Lancashire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976, shall be altered by the addition of that part of the Borough of Wigan which is within the realigned boundary of the district of West Lancashire, as defined in Schedule 1, and that the number of councillors for the said electoral division and the said ward shall be unchanged;

2. that the Wigan electoral division as defined in the Metropolitan County and Districts of Greater Manchester (Electoral Divisions and Wards) Order 1973, and the Langtree ward of the Borough of Wigan (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 shall be altered by the separation of that part of the Borough of Wigan which is within the realigned boundary of the district of West Lancashire, as described in Schedule 1 and that the number of councillors representing the said electoral division and the said ward shall be unchanged.

# PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW



Extract from  
PLAN SD5209

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FOR ENGLAND  
FINAL PROPOSAL

EXISTING COUNTY AND DISTRICT BOUNDARY   
PROPOSED COUNTY AND DISTRICT BOUNDARY 