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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

1. During our review of the boundary between the boroughs of Ribble Valley and Burnley in the non-metropolitan county of Lancashire - a report of which will be submitted to you in due course - Clitheroe Town Council suggested to us that, rather than making proposals for increasing the area of Ribble Valley borough, we should be considering transferring the parish of Longridge out of the borough.
2. We were satisfied that Clitheroe Town Council were interested in Ribble Valley borough for the purposes of Section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972. We therefore considered their request. Having done so, however, we were not satisfied on the information before us that the transfer of Longridge parish from Ribble Valley into the adjoining borough, Preston, was desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we reached an interim decision to make no proposals.
3. Our interim decision was announced on 17 January 1983 in a letter to the Preston and Ribble Valley Borough Councils. Copies of the letter were sent to the Lancashire County Council, the Town Councils of Clitheroe and Longridge and the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned. The decision was also advertised by public notice. Copies of the letter announcing the interim decision were deposited for inspection at the main offices of the addressees of our letter. Comments were invited by 18 March 1983.
4. We received four replies to our letter. The two borough councils involved both supported our interim decision, as did Longridge Town Council. Clitheroe Town Council advised us that they no longer wished to pursue their suggestion.

5. We have re-assessed our interim decision in the light of this correspondence and, in the absence of any evidence that the transfer of Longridge parish would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government, have decided to confirm it as our final decision.

6. Separate letters, enclosing copies of this report, are being sent to Preston Borough Council and Ribble Valley Borough Council asking them to deposit copies of this report at their main offices for inspection over a six month period and to put notices to this effect on public notice boards. Copies of this report are also being sent to the other recipients of our letter of 17 January 1983.

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Signed G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

WILFRED BURNS (Deputy Chairman)

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14 April 1983