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PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF OADBY
AND WIGSTON IN THE COUNTY OF LEICESTERSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Oadby and Wigston, 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 Borough.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 31 December 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Leicestershire County Council, the member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of 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 interested bodies.
3. Oadby and Wigston 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 before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. On 30 May 1975 the Oadby and Wigston Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the borough into 10 wards each returning 3 councillors to form a council of 30 members, the same as under the existing arrangements.

5. In accordance with section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 they have exercised an option for elections by thirds.

6. We considered the draft scheme together with one comment on the inequality of representation. We considered that the draft scheme provided an uneven standard of representation and that some wards were over represented in comparison with others. We proposed some modifications to the arrangements for certain wards to comply more nearly with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972. We reduced the representation for the proposed St Peter's, Fairfield, Bassett and Westfield wards from three councillors to two councillors thereby reducing the size of the council to 26 members. We also made an alteration to the boundary between Brookside and Grange wards to achieve a more even balance between them. Since four wards now returned only two councillors it was necessary to compile a table showing the order of retirement for councillors. We formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 1 June 1976 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who 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 members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 27 July 1976.

8. We received comments that the size of council we had proposed was too small

and that the Bassett, Fairfield, Westfield and St Peters wards should each be represented by 3 councillors.

9. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of these comments. We considered that a council of 26 members would be adequate to carry out the functions of the borough and that, given the need to ensure equality of representation, the number of electors in the Bassett, Fairfield, Westfield and St Peters wards did not justify their representation by more than 2 councillors each.

10. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 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. Schedule 2 shows our proposals for the order of retirement of councillors in accordance with section 7(7)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The boundaries of the new wards are shown on the maps.

PUBLICATION

11. In accordance with section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of this report together with a copy of the map is being sent to Oadby and Wigston Borough Council and will be available for inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without map) 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 map is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

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4 November 1976

SCHEDULE 1

BOROUGH OF QADBY AND WIGSTON : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS
OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ALL SAINTS	3
BASSETT	2
BROCKS HILL	3
BROOKSIDE	3
CENTRAL	3
FAIRFIELD	2
GRANGE	3
ST PETER'S	2
ST WOLSTAN'S	3
WESTFIELD	2

BOROUGH OF OADBY AND WIGSTON

ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR
ALL SAINTS	3	1	1	1
BASSETT	2	-	1	1
BROCKS HILL	3	1	1	1
BROOKSIDE	3	1	1	1
CENTRAL	3	1	1	1
FAIRFIELD	2	1	1	-
GRANGE	3	1	1	1
ST PETER'S	2	1	-	1
ST WOLSTAN'S	3	1	1	1
WESTFIELD	2	1	1	-
	26	9	9	8

BOROUGH OF OADBY AND WIGSTON 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.

GRANGE WARD

Commencing at the point where Leicester Road meets the western boundary of the District, thence northeastwards and following the western and northern boundaries of the District to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 0807 on OS 1:2500 plan SK 62-6302 edn of 1971, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of the property known as South Lodge to Gartree Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Stoughton Road, thence southwestwards along said road to New Street, thence southwards along said street to Harborough Road, thence northwestwards along said road and Leicester Road to the point of commencement.

ST PETER'S WARD

Commencing at the point in Oadby Road due south of the western boundary of Leicester Racecourse, thence generally northwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of Parcel No 0700 on OS plan SP 60-6199 edn of 1967, thence generally westwards along said southern boundary and northwards and northwestwards along the southwestern boundary of Parcel No 0700 on OS 1:2500 plan SK 60-6100 edn of 1970 and continuing northwestwards along the southwestern boundary of Parcel No 7426 to the western boundary of the District, thence northwards and following said boundary to the southwestern boundary of Grange Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary and continuing southeastwards along Harborough Road to New Street, thence southwards along said street and continuing southwards across London Road to the path from London Road to Wash Brook, thence southwestwards and following said path to said brook, thence westwards and following said brook to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 3 Hermitage Close, thence southwestwards in a straight line to said rear boundary, thence southwestwards and following the rear boundaries of Nos 3 and 4 Hermitage Close, 1-3 Walnut Close and 5-3 Honeybourne Close, thence northwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 29-11 Brambling Way, to Wash Brook, thence southwestwards along said Brook to Rosemead Drive, thence northwestwards along said drive to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 79 Wigston Road, thence southwestwards in

a straight line to said boundary and continuing southwestwards along said boundary and the rear boundary of No 81 Wigston Road, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the rear boundary of No 201 Wigston Road, thence southeastwards along the rear boundaries of the properties known as Gaythorne, Rafters, Rossmoyne, Thornfield, Chantilly, Brooklyn, Eden House, Montrose, Peacehaven, Froghollow, Rocombe and Dane Hill, thence southwestwards along the southern boundaries of the properties known as Dane Hill, Byfields, Rehlak, Shirley, Greenways, The Rowans and No 52 Estoril Avenue, thence northwestwards along the western boundary of the last named property and continuing northwestwards along the rear boundaries of the properties known as Dene, Two-Ways, Sunny Bank, Tanglewood, Inglenook and Red Gables, thence westwards along the northern boundary of No 6 Sandy Rise to Sandy Rise, thence northwestwards along said Rise to Oadby Road, thence southwestwards and following said Road to the point of commencement.

BROOKSIDE WARD

Commencing at the point where Glen Road meets the eastern boundary of the district, thence northwestwards along said Road to London Road, thence southwestwards and following said Road to the northeastern boundary of St Peters Ward, thence northwards and following said boundary to the eastern boundary of Grange Ward, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the northern boundary of the district, thence southeastwards and following the northern and eastern boundaries of the district to the point of commencement.

BROCKS HILL WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of parcel No 8342 on OS 1:2500 Plan SP 60-6199 edn of 1967 meets the western boundary of said parcel, thence northwestwards along said western boundary to the eastern boundary of St Peters Ward, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of Brookside Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the eastern boundary of the district,

thence southwestwards and following said boundary to the southwestern corner of parcel No 3841 on OS 1:2500 Plan SP 6398 edn of 1956, thence northwestwards in a straight line to the northeastern boundary of parcel No 0252 on said Plan, thence northwestwards along said boundary and the southern boundaries of parcels No 9672 and 8485 on OS 1:2500 Plan SP 6298 edn of 1956 to the southwestern boundary of parcel No 6797 on said Plan thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of parcel No 4798 on said Plan, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along the southern and western boundaries of said parcel to the southwestern boundary of parcel No 4700 on OS 1:2500 Plan SP 62-6399 edn of 1971, thence northwestwards and following said boundary and the western boundary of said parcel to the southern boundary of parcel No 2429 on said Plan, thence westwards and northwestwards along the southern and western boundaries of said parcel to the southern boundary of parcel No 0037 on said Plan and OS 1:2500 Plan SP 60-6199 edn of 1967, thence westwards and following said boundary and the southern boundaries of parcels No 9143 and 8342 on the last named Plan to the point of commencement.

ST WOLSTAN'S WARD

Commencing at the point where Newton Lane meets Bull Head Street, thence northwards and following said Street to Bell Street, thence westwards along said Street to Leicester Road, thence northeastwards and following said Road to the northwestern boundary of the district, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of St Peters Ward, thence southwestwards and following said boundary and the southern boundary of Brocks Hill Ward to the eastern boundary of the district, thence southwestwards and following said boundary to Newton Lane thence northwestwards along said Lane to the point of commencement.

WESTFIELD WARD

Commencing at the point where Aylestone Lane meets the western boundary of the district, thence northwards and following said boundary to the

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western boundary of St Wolstans Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to Carlton Drive thence southwestwards along said Drive to Aylestone Lane, thence northwestwards along said Lane to the point of commencement.

CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at the point where Station Road meets the railway, thence northwestwards and following said railway to the southern boundary of Westfield Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of St Wolstans Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to Long Street, thence southwestwards along said Street to the road known as Bushloe End, thence northwestwards and following said road and Station Road to the point of commencement.

FAIRFIELD WARD

Commencing at the point where St Thomas Road meets the western boundary of the district, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of Westfield Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Central Ward, thence southwards and following said boundary to Wigston South Junction, thence northwestwards along the railway between said Junction and Glen Parva Junction to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 179 Kirkdale Road, thence southeastwards to and along said eastern boundary to Kirkdale Road, thence southwestwards and following said Road to Saffron Road, thence southeastwards along said Road to St Thomas Road, thence westwards along said Road to the point of commencement.

BASSETT WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the district meets the southern boundary of Fairfield Ward, thence southeastwards and following said ward boundary to Wigston South Junction thence southeastwards along the railway to the southeastern boundary of parcel No 0384 on

OS 1:2500 Plan SP 6097 edn of 1956, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the southeastern boundary of parcel No 0079 on said Plan to the eastern boundary of parcel No 9075 on OS 1:2500 Plan SP 5997 edn of 1958, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the southeastern boundary of parcel No 7350 on said Plan to the Grand Union Canal, thence southwestwards in a straight line across said Canal to the southeastern boundary of parcel No 5044 on said Plan thence southwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of parcel No 5324 on said Plan, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of the district, thence westwards and following the southern and western boundaries of the district to the point of commencement.

ALL SAINTS WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of the district meets the eastern boundary of Bassett Ward, thence northeastwards and following said Ward boundary to the southern boundary of Central Ward, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of St Wolstans Ward, thence eastwards and following said boundary to the eastern boundary of the district, thence southeastwards and following the eastern and southern boundaries of the district to the point of commencement.

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