

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

BOUNDARY COMMISSION

FOR ENGLAND

REPORT NO. 285

To the Rt Hon Merlyn Rees MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, have considered the judgement delivered in the high Court on 25 January 1978 by Mr Justice Bristow in the case of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the London Borough of Enfield v Local Government Boundary Commission for England and another, 1977E 2105. The judgement raises serious difficulties for us in carrying out our duty under Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make electoral proposals which appear to us to be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government. We are appealing against the judgement, and, until the appeal is decided, we have concluded that we should suspend work on all electoral reviews which we have in hand.

We recognise with regret that this action will cause considerable inconvenience in districts and counties where reviews are in progress, and we also regret the delay in the programme of electoral reviews.

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Signed

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