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For England  
Report No.506**

**Principal Area Boundary Review**

**DISTRICT OF DOVER /**

**CITY OF CANTERBURY /**

**DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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FOR ENGLAND

REPORT NO. **506**

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BACKGROUND

1. During the course of the review of the parish pattern of their district, Dover District Council had suggested a number of alterations to their common boundary with the district of the City of Canterbury and the district of Shepway. (All three districts are in the non-metropolitan county of Kent). The request was made, in the main, on the grounds that administrative difficulties were caused by the straddling of the present boundary by later development, and involved the transfer of the following parcels of land:-

- (a) the area of land known as Aylesham Woods from the parishes of Womenswold and Adisham in the district of the City of Canterbury to the parish of Aylesham in the district of Dover;
- (b) the area of land known as Lodge Leas from the parish of Barham in the district of the City of Canterbury to the parish of Denton with Wootton in the district of Dover;
- (c) the area of land surrounding Shelvin Lane from the parish of Barham to the parish of Denton with Wootton;
- (d) that part of the Lydden Motor Racing Circuit which is in the parish of Barham to the parish of Denton with Wootton; and
- (e) the property known as Fairfield from the parish of Swingfield in the district of Shepway to the parish of Denton with Wootton.

2. As paragraph 29 of DOE Circular 121/77 explains, recommendations for changes which affect a district or county boundary have no place in a parish review report. However, we decided to treat these recommendations as a request under section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 for us to consider making proposals for the changes which were suggested.

## OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS

3. We considered the request, as required by section 48(5) of the Act, together with the letters which we had received. Kent County Council raised no objections to the changes being sought, save to express some concern that future problems may be created by the inclusion of the Lydden Circuit in the one administrative area should the District Council decide not to renew planning consent. We understood, however, that the current planning consent was valid for another eight years and that it was impossible to speculate on the future of the Circuit after 1992. Canterbury City Council were also content with the changes suggested and confirmed that the parish councils for Barham and Womenswold had no objections to the transfers affecting their parishes. Shepway District Council and Swingfield Parish Council also agreed to the requested changes concerning them. The Ordnance Survey suggested some minor technical amendments to the proposed changes to make for a better defined boundary.

4. On the basis of the information before us, we concluded that the changes being sought by Dover District Council appeared to be in the interests of effective and convenient local government, and we therefore decided to issue draft proposals based on their realignments but incorporating the technical suggestions made by the Ordnance Survey.

5. Our draft proposals for changes to the boundary between the district of Dover and the district of the City of Canterbury and the district of Shepway were announced on 30 April 1985 in a letter to the councils of these three districts. Copies of the letter were sent to Kent County Council, the parish councils involved, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the headquarters of the main political parties, the Kent Association of Parish Councils, the South East Kent Area Health Authority, the Southern Water Authority, the South-Eastern Regional Office of the Department of the Environment, editors of local newspapers circulating in the area, local radio and television stations serving the area and the local government press. Copies of the draft proposals were deposited for inspection at the main offices of the addressees of our letter and at places where public notices are customarily displayed. Comments were originally invited by 24 June 1985 but due to local administrative difficulties which are mentioned at paragraph 7

below, this was subsequently extended to 5 July 1985.

#### RESPONSE TO OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS

6. In response to our draft proposals we received letters from Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council, and the South East Kent Health Authority. None of these three bodies had any observations to make regarding our draft proposals. In addition, one private individual wrote to us supporting our draft proposals affecting the Lydden Motor Racing Circuit.

7. We noted that, due to problems experienced with the "East Kent Mercury", Dover District Council were unable initially to secure the publication of the draft proposals notice for the required two successive weeks. Full details were, however, eventually published in another widely circulated newspaper and we are satisfied that sufficient opportunity was provided for any bodies or individuals who may have been interested to consider the proposals and to comment on them.

#### OUR FINAL PROPOSALS

8. We have re-assessed our draft proposals in the light of the representations we have received. In the absence of any substantive objections we have decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals believing them to be in the interests of effective and convenient local government. Details of our proposals are set out in Schedule 1-3 to this report: Schedule 1 specifies the proposed changes in local authority areas and Schedules 2 and 3 the consequential adjustments to the existing district and county electoral arrangements. The proposed boundaries are illustrated on a large scale map which is being sent separately to your Department.

#### PUBLICATION

9. Separate letters, enclosing copies of this report, are being sent to Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council and Shepway District Council, asking them to place copies of this report on deposit at their main offices and to put notices to this effect on public notice boards and in the local press. The text of the

notices will refer to your power to make an Order implementing the proposals, if you think fit, after the expiry of six-weeks from the date they are submitted to you; it will suggest that any comments on the proposals should therefore be addressed to you, in writing, preferably within six weeks of the date of the letter. Copies of this report, which includes a small scale sketch plan, are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter.

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Signed: G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

J G POWELL (Deputy Chairman)

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26 September 1985

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PRINCIPAL AREA BOUNDARY REVIEW - FINAL PROPOSALS  
DOVER DISTRICT/CITY OF CANTERBURY/SHEPWAY DISTRICT

Note: Where a boundary is described as following a road, railway, river canal or similar feature, it shall be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature, unless otherwise stated.

Schedule 1

Alterations to District boundaries.

1. Boundary alterations between Dover District and the City of Canterbury.

Area 1, as described below shall be transferred from Adisham CP in the City of Canterbury to Aylesham CP in Dover District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing boundary between the City of Canterbury and Dover District meets the existing southern boundary of Adisham CP in Aylesham Wood, thence southwestwards along said CP boundary to the unnamed road leading northwards from Aylesham Corner, thence northwards along said unnamed road to the existing boundary between the City of Canterbury and Dover District, thence southeastwards along said existing boundary to the point of commencement.

Area 2, as described below, shall be transferred from Womenswold CP in the City of Canterbury to Aylesham CP in Dover District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of Area 1, as described above, meets the existing boundary between the City of Canterbury and Dover District, thence southeastwards along said existing boundary to Spinney Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to



the unnamed road leading northwards from Aylesham Corner, thence northwards along said unnamed road to the southeastern boundary of Area 1, as described above, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary to the point of commencement.

Area 3, as described below, shall be transferred from Barham CP in the City of Canterbury to Denton with Wootton CP in Dover District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing boundary between the City of Canterbury and Dover District meets Canterbury Road, north of the property known as Little Madekin, thence northeastwards and northwards along the western boundary of said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of the unnamed road leading southeastwards from Broome Park Hotel to Dover Road, thence eastwards to and eastwards, southeastwards and eastwards along said northern boundary and continuing northeastwards along the southern boundary of Parcel No 0092, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm TR 2347 (C), date of publication 1977, to the easternmost corner of said parcel, thence due northeastwards from said corner to the southwestern boundary of parcel No 6169, thence northwestwards along said parcel boundary and northeastwards along the northwestern boundary of said parcel to the existing boundary between the City of Canterbury and Dover District, thence southeastwards, southwestwards and northwestwards along said existing boundary to the point of Commencement.

Area 4, as described below, shall be transferred from Denton with Wootton CP in Dover district to Barham CP in the City of Canterbury.

That area bounded by a line commencing on the existing boundary between the City of Canterbury and Dover District at the westernmost corner of Area 3, as described above, thence southeastwards along the western boundary of Canterbury Road to the existing boundary between the City of Canterbury and

Dover District, thence northwards and eastwards along said existing boundary to the point of commencement.

Area 5, as described below, shall be transferred from Barham CP in the City of Canterbury to Denton with Wootton CP in Dover District.

That area bounded by a line commencing on the existing boundary between the City of Canterbury and Dover District at the southernmost corner of Area 4, as described above, thence southwards and westwards along said existing boundary to a point opposite the southwesternmost corner of Parcel No 7878, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm TR 2147 (A), date of publication 1970, thence northwards in a straight line to said corner and eastwards and northeastwards along the southern boundary of said parcel to the point of commencement.

Area 6, as described below, shall be transferred from Barham CP in the City of Canterbury to Denton with Wootton CP in Dover District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing boundary between the City of Canterbury and Dover District crosses the Path leading northwards through Clip Gate Wood, thence northwards along said path and continuing northwards along the field boundary at NG Ref: TR 2035247772, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm TR 2047 (A1), date of publication July 1982, to the field boundary at NG Ref: TR 2035447940, thence northeastwards and eastwards along said field boundary to the field boundary at NG Ref TR 2038547945, thence northwards along said field boundary to the Track at NG Ref: TR 2045548245, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm TR 2048 (A\*1), date of publication May 1981, thence eastwards along said track to the western boundary of the unnamed road leading southeastwards to Agester Lane, thence southeastwards along said western boundary to the existing boundary between the City of Canterbury and Dover District, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said existing boundary to the point of commencement.

2. Boundary alterations between Dover District and Shepway District.

Area 7, as described below, shall be transferred from Swingfield CP in Shepway District to Denton with Wootton CP in Dover District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing boundary between Dover District and Shepway District meets the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 1515, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm TR 2245 (B), date of publication 1976, thence southeastwards along said parcel boundary and northwards and westwards along the southwestern boundary of said parcel to the existing boundary between Dover District and Shepway District, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said existing boundary to the point of commencement.

Area 8, as described below, shall be transferred from Denton with Wootton CP in Dover District to Swingfield CP in Shepway District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing boundary between Dover District and Shepway District meets the western boundary of Parcel No 1915, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm TR 2245 (B), date of publication 1976, thence northwards along said parcel boundary and eastwards along the northern boundary of said parcel to the eastern boundary of parcel No 1914, thence southwards along said eastern boundary to the existing boundary between Dover District and Shepway District, thence northwestwards along said existing boundary to the point of commencement.

Area 9, as described below, shall be transferred from Swingfield CP in Shepway District to Denton with Wootton CP in Dover District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the southeastern corner of Area 8, as described above, on the existing boundary between Dover District and Shepway District, thence northeastwards, southwards, southeastwards and eastwards along

said existing boundary to the eastern boundary of parcel No 5963, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm TR 2244 (A), date of publication 1973, thence southwards along said parcel boundary and southwestwards along the southeastern boundary of said parcel and the eastern boundary of Parcel No 4261 to the southernmost point of the last-mentioned parcel, thence due southwestwards from said point to the southern boundary of the unnamed road leading westwards to Wootton Lane, thence westwards along said southern boundary to and northwards along the western boundary of Wootton Lane to the point of commencement.

#### Schedule 2

Revised District electoral arrangements, consequent upon the proposal described in Schedule 1.

1. It is proposed that the District Wards, as defined in the District of Dover (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 and the City of Canterbury (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976, shall be altered as described below.

Areas 1 and 2, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Barham Downs Ward of the City of Canterbury to the Aylesham Ward of Dover District.

Areas 3, 5 and 6, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Barham Downs Ward of the City of Canterbury to the Shepherdswell with Coldred Ward of Dover District.

Area 4, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Shepherdswell with Coldred Ward of Dover District to the Barham Downs Ward of the City of Canterbury.

2. It is proposed that the District Wards, as defined in the District of Dover (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 and the District of Shepway (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978, shall be altered as described below.

Areas 7 and 9, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Swingfield and Acrise Ward of Shepway District to the Shepherdswell with Coldred Ward of Dover District.

Area 8, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Shepherdswell with Coldred Ward of Dover District to the Swingfield and Acrise Ward of Shepway District.

#### Schedule 3

Revised County electoral arrangements, consequent upon the proposals described in Schedule 1.

It is proposed that the County Electoral Divisions, as defined in the County of Kent (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981, shall be altered as described overleaf.

Areas 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Canterbury South ED to the Dover Rural ED.

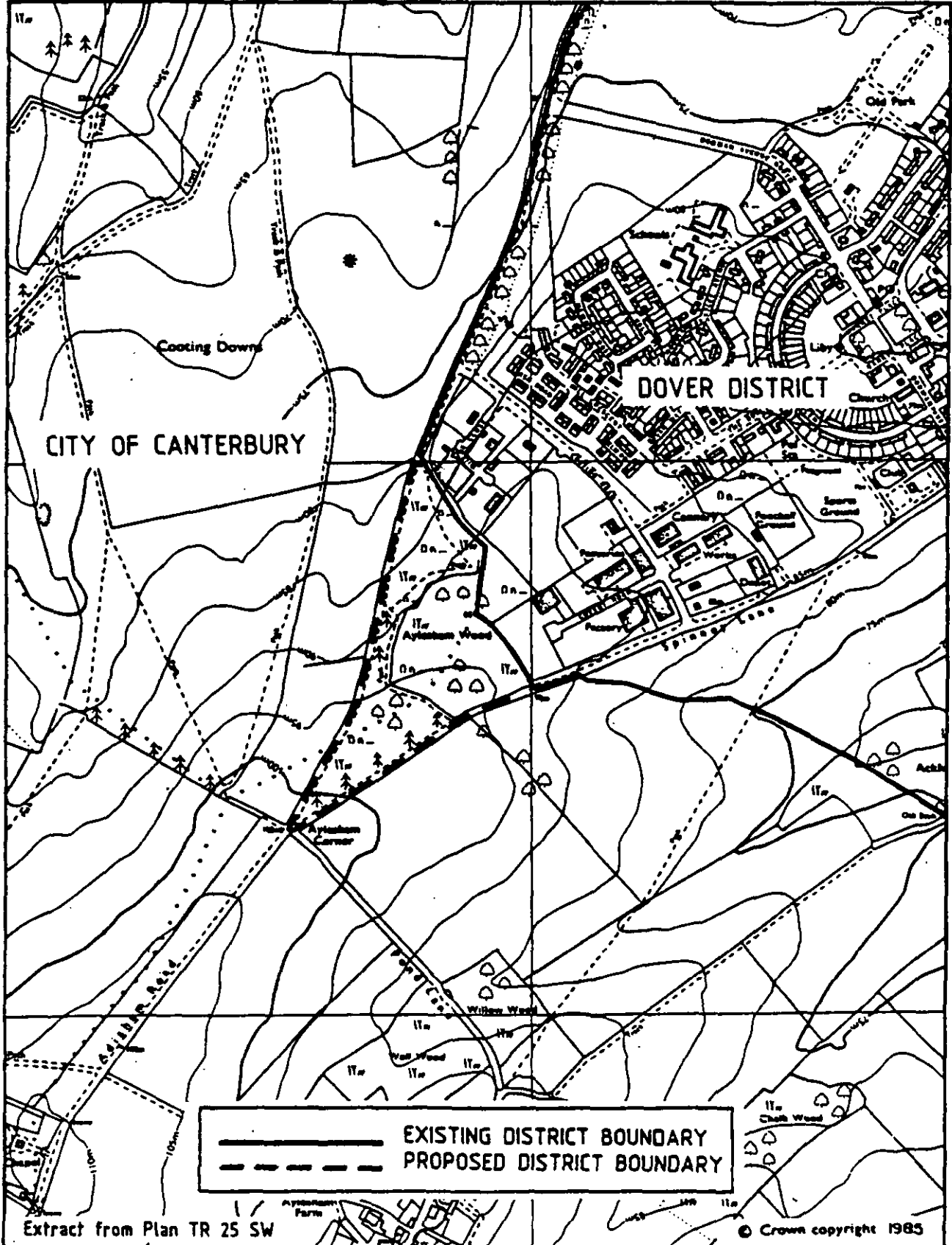
Area 4, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Dover Rural ED to the Canterbury South ED.

Areas 7 and 9, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Elham Valley ED to the Dover Rural ED.

Area 8, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Dover Rural ED to the Elham Valley ED.

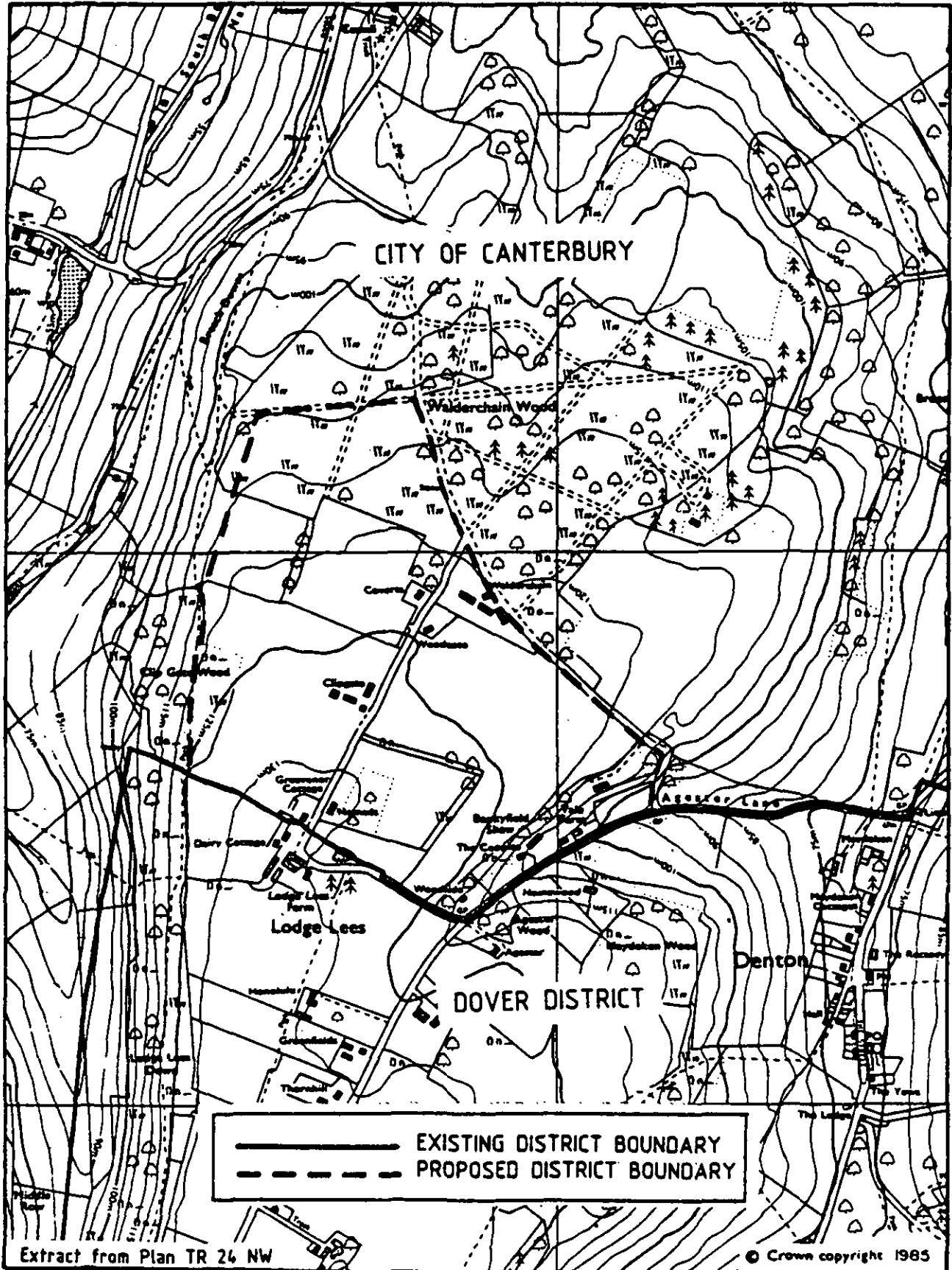
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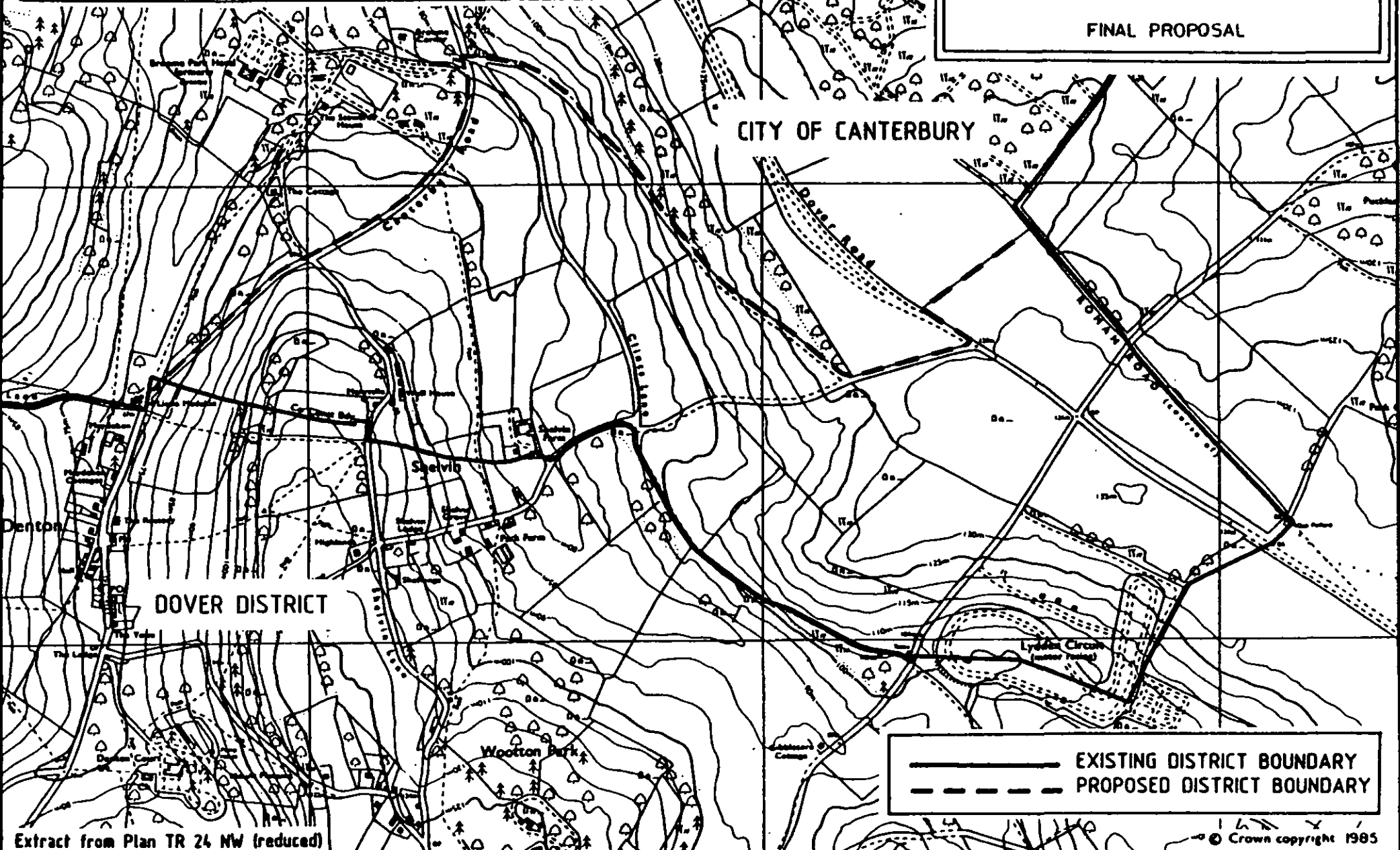
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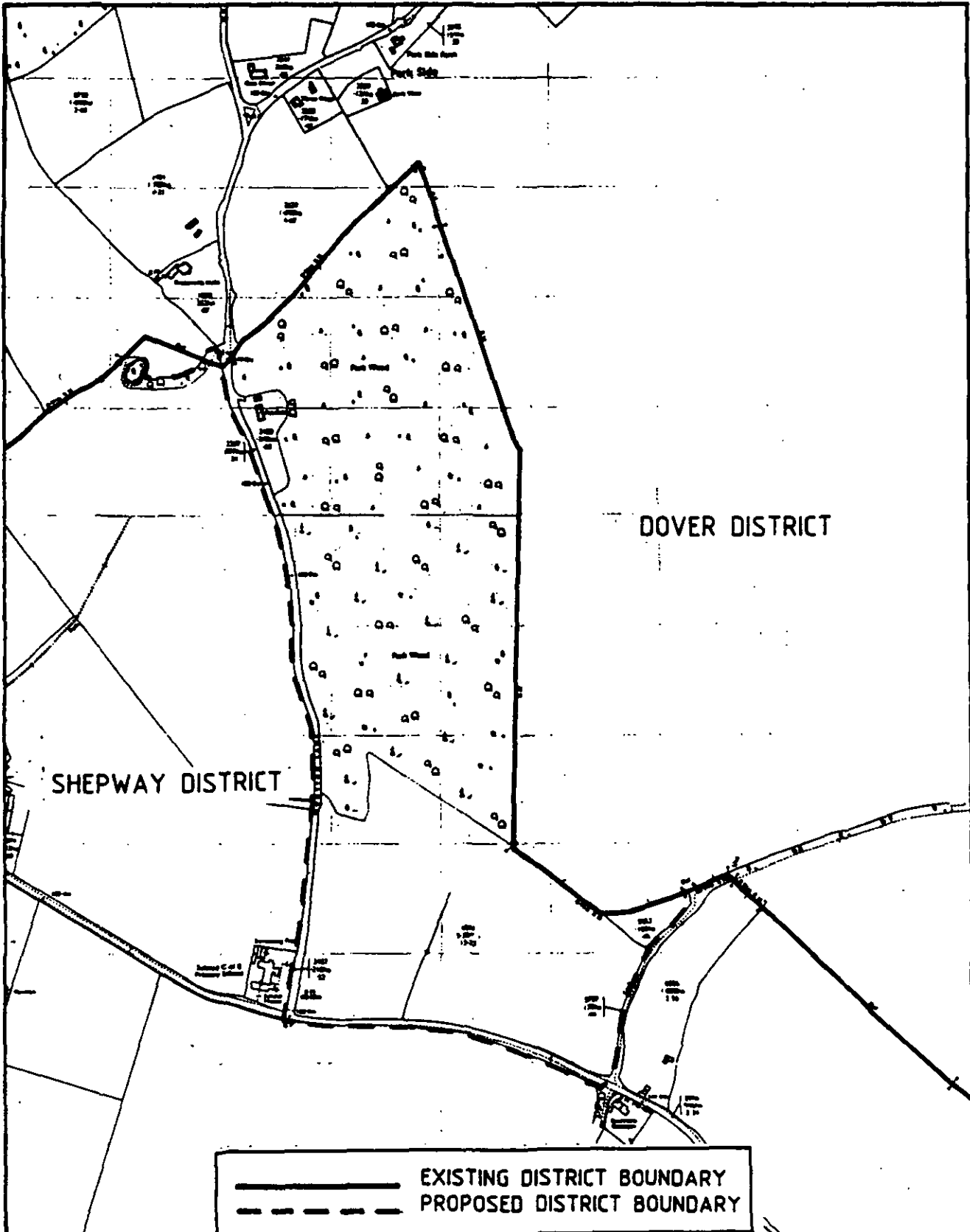
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