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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

1. The parish review report submitted to us by Easington District Council contained a request for a change to the district's boundary with the adjoining district of the City of Durham. Both the districts are in the non-metropolitan county of Durham.
2. As paragraph 29 of DOE Circular No. 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 this recommendation as a request under section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 for us to consider making proposals for the change which was suggested.
3. We considered the request as required by that section. We noted that the suggested change had the support of Durham City Council and of the councils of the parishes whose area would be affected. Durham County Council advised us that they did not wish to comment. On the basis of the information before us, we concluded that the change recommended by Easington District Council appeared to be in the interests of effective and convenient local government and decided to issue draft proposals based on the realignments suggested.
4. Our draft proposals for changes to the boundary between the district of Easington and the City of Durham were announced on 8 July 1983 in a letter to the councils of the two districts. Copies of the letter were sent to Durham County Council, the parish councils concerned, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the headquarters of the main political parties, the Durham Association of Parish Councils, the Durham Area Health Authority, the Northumbrian Water Authority, local newspapers circulating in the area, local radio 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. Comments were invited by 17 August 1983.
5. In reply to the announcement of our draft proposals we received letters from Durham County Council and Durham Area Health Authority, who advised us that they had no comments to make, and from Easington District Council and Durham City Council, who both supported our proposals.
6. We have reassessed the matter and have decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals. Details of our proposals are set out in Schedules 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 shown on the accompanying map.

7. Separate letters, enclosing copies of this report, are being sent to Easington District Council and Durham City 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 map, are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter.

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Signed: G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

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6th October 1983

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

PRINCIPAL AREA BOUNDARY REVIEW - CITY OF DURHAM/EASINGTON DISTRICT

FINAL PROPOSALS

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

Area A : description of an area proposed to be transferred from Shadforth CP in the City of Durham to Shotton CP in Easington District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing District boundary meets the northern boundary of Parcel No 8967, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (B1) NZ 3839, date of publication Jan 1982, thence northwestwards along said Parcel boundary and the northeastern boundaries of Parcels Nos 7163, 5880 and 4485 to the northernmost corner of the last-mentioned Parcel, thence westwards in a straight line from said corner to the easternmost corner of Parcel No 2083, thence westwards along the northern boundary of said Parcel and southwestwards along the northern boundary of Parcel No 0889 to the westernmost corner of the last-mentioned Parcel, thence northwestwards in a straight line to the southwestern corner of Parcel No 0002, thence northwestwards along the southwestern boundary of said Parcel, and northwards along the western boundary of said Parcel and its continuation as the western boundary of Parcel No 9803, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) NZ 3740, date of publication 1958, to the northern boundary of the last-mentioned Parcel, thence eastwards along said northern boundary and continuing eastwards and northwards along the northwestern boundary of Parcel No 0002, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (BB) NZ 3840, date of publication 1975, to its northernmost point, thence northwards in a straight line from said point to the southwestern corner of Parcel No 1113, thence northwards along the western boundary of said Parcel, the western boundary of Parcel No 0027 and the western boundary of Parcel No 9927 on NZ 3740, to the

northern boundary of the last-mentioned Parcel, thence eastwards along said northern boundary and its continuation as the southern boundary of Parcel No 0029, on NZ 3840 to the eastern boundary of said Parcel, thence northwards and northeastwards along said eastern boundary, its continuation as the western boundary of Parcel No 9937 on NZ 3740 and continuing along the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 0063 on NZ 3840 to the western boundary of Parcel No 3853, thence northwards along said Parcel boundary and eastwards along the southern boundary of Parcel No 0086 to the western boundary of Parcel No 4972, thence northwards along said western boundary to the existing District boundary, thence generally southeastwards and westwards along said District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area B : description of an area of land proposed to be transferred from Shadforth CP in the City of Durham to Wheatley Hill CP in Easington District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of Area A, as described above, meets the existing District boundary at the easternmost corner of Parcel No 8967, as shown on OS 1:2500 microfilm (B1) NZ 3839, date of publication Jan 1982, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said District boundary to the northern boundary of the Dismantled Mineral Railway, thence northeastwards along said northern boundary to the western boundary of Area A, thence southwards along said western boundary to the southwestern boundary of Area A, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said southwestern boundary to the point of commencement.

SCHEDULE 2

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

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

Area A, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Shadforth Ward of the City of Durham to the Shotton Ward of Easington District.

Area B, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Shadforth Ward of the City of Durham to the Wheatley Hill Ward of Easington 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 Durham (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981, shall be altered as described below.

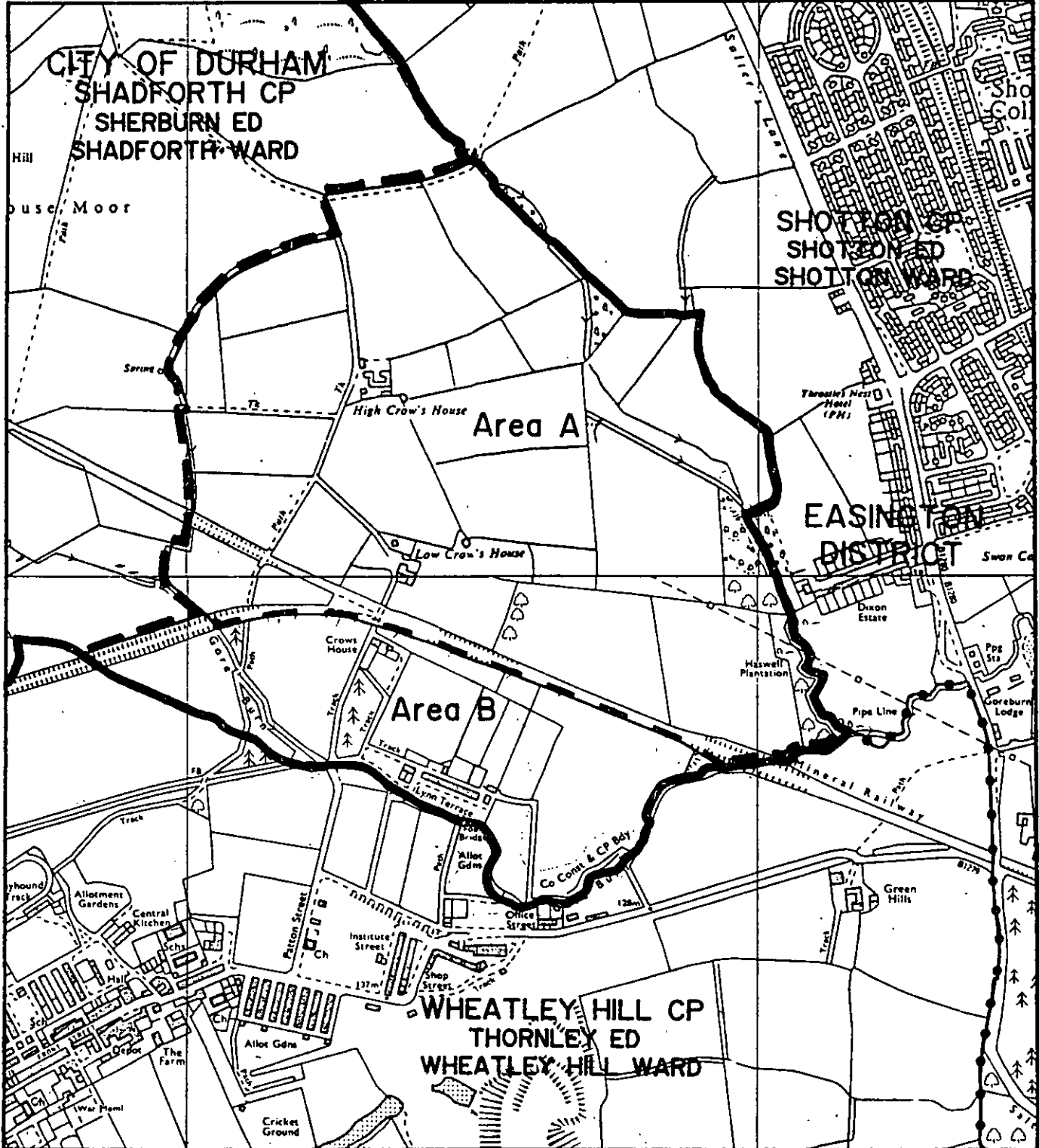
Area A, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Sherburn ED to the Shotton ED.

Area B, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Sherburn ED to the Thornley ED.

PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW

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FINAL PROPOSAL



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