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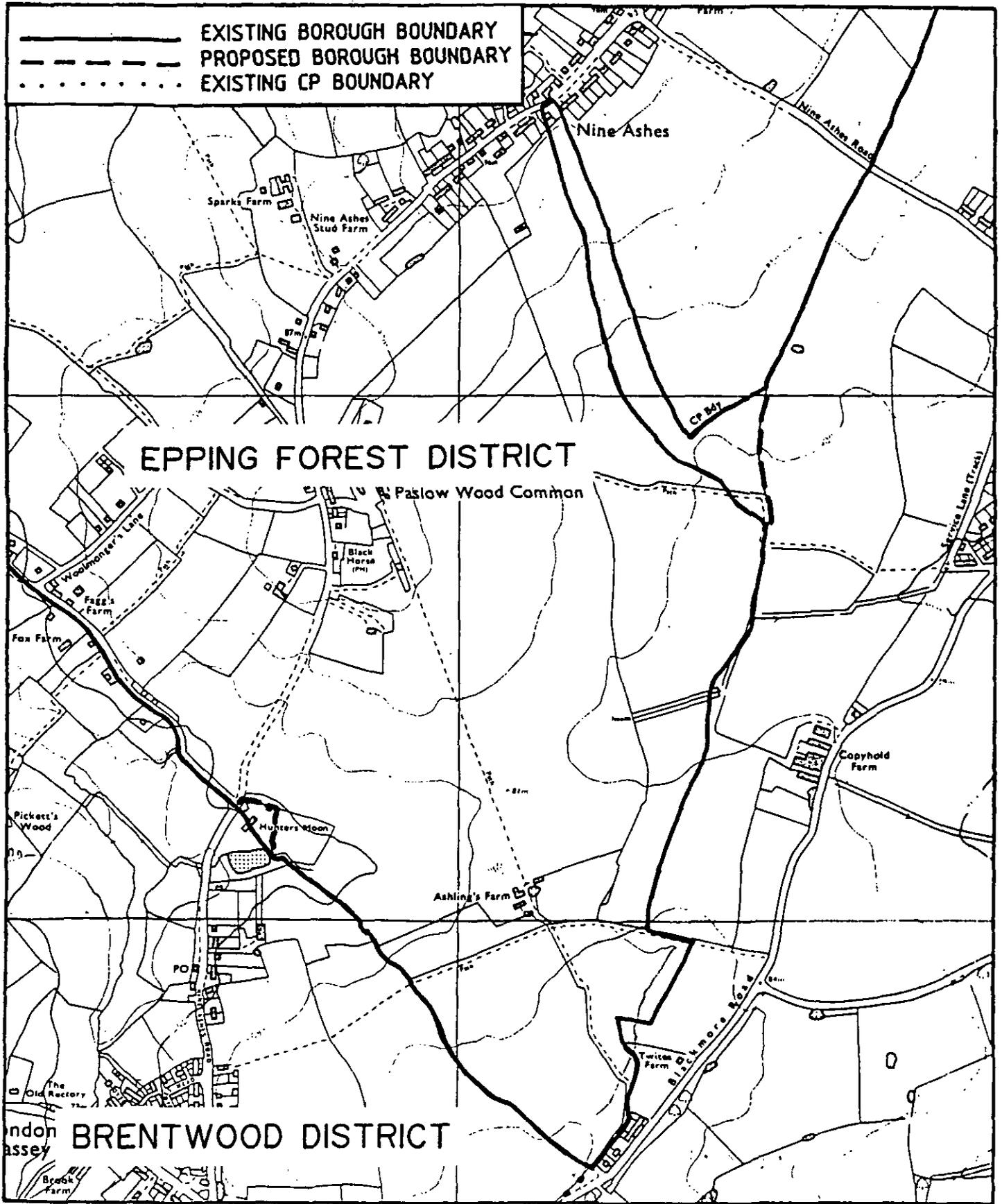
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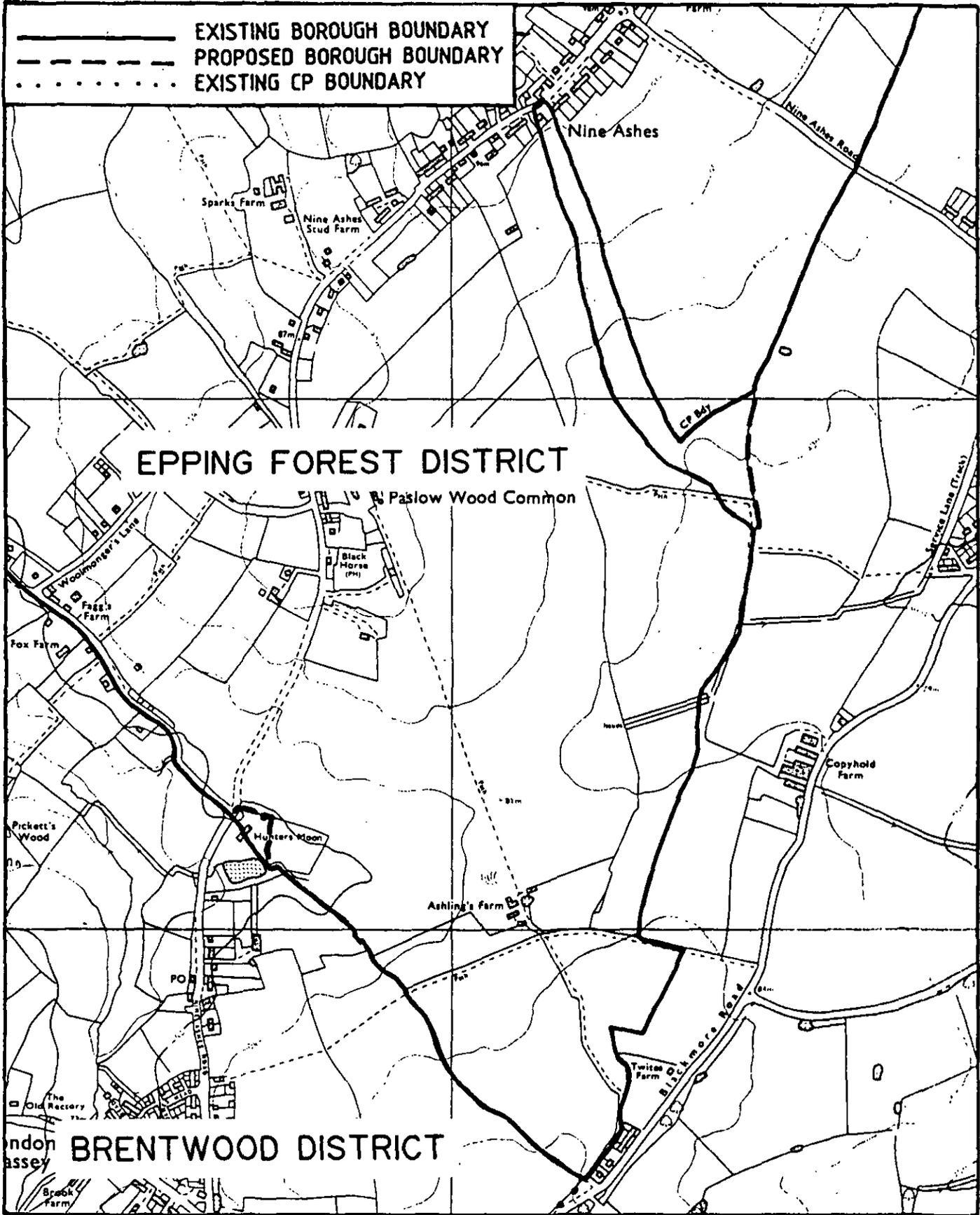


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BACKGROUND

1. On 2 May 1982 Epping Forest District Council submitted to us suggestions, made to them in the course of their parish review, for the alteration of their boundary with the district of Brentwood. Minor changes were also suggested to the boundary between the districts of Epping Forest and Harlow, but these have been overtaken by a request for a more substantial change to the Epping Forest/Harlow boundary, and we are dealing with them separately in that context.
2. The four suggestions for changes to the Epping Forest/Brentwood boundary were all originally made by the parish council of High Ongar (Epping Forest), and we considered them, together with related letters we had received, as requests to us to make proposals under section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
3. One suggestion was for the transfer of industrial and residential areas from the parish of Stondon Massey (Brentwood) to the parish of High Ongar - this had generated opposition from all concerned. Similarly one of the other suggestions, which concerned the transfer of a farm property from the parish of High Ongar to the parish of Blackmore (Brentwood), had been opposed by the occupier of the property and was unsupported by Brentwood District Council. We decided not to issue draft proposals in respect of these matters.

DRAFT PROPOSALS

4. We decided to accept a suggestion that one property be transferred from the parish of Blackmore (Brentwood) to the parish of High Ongar. The existing boundary was anomalous, in that it cut off the property from its neighbours, and both district councils supported the change.
5. The final suggestion was for the transfer of properties on the south western side of Woolmongers Lane, and part of a property known as 'Hunter's Moon

(a property at present bisected by the district boundary), from the parish of Stondon Massey, across the district boundary to the parish of High Ongar. We noted that Brentwood District Council and Stondon Massey Parish Council were opposed to the suggested transfer of the properties in Woolmongers Lane, as were the residents concerned, and we decided on balance not to issue draft proposals in the matter. As far as Hunter's Moon was concerned, Brentwood District Council put forward a counter-proposal involving the transfer of that part of the property already in Epping Forest District to Brentwood District. We noted that the owners wished to remain in Epping Forest District, but concluded that the counter-proposal put forward by Brentwood District Council, which placed the property wholly within the parish of Stondon Massey, was the most appropriate way of resolving the existing anomaly; Epping Forest District Council considered that the new alignment was a better reflection of the position on the ground. We therefore decided to issue draft proposals in respect of the property known as 'Hunter's Moon', so as to place it entirely within Stondon Massey Parish and Brentwood District.

6. Our draft proposals, for the aforementioned changes, which we had accepted should be made to the boundary between the districts of Epping Forest and Brentwood, were announced on 10 January 1985, in a letter to the two District Councils. Copies of that letter were sent to Essex County Council, Harlow District Council, the parish councils concerned, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the headquarters of the main political parties, the Essex Association of Local Councils, the Essex Area Health Authority, the Thames Water Authority, the Anglian Water Authority, the Eastern Regional Office of the Department of the Environment, local newspapers circulating in the area, local radio and television stations serving the area, and the local government press. The two District Councils were asked to put on display, at places where public notices were customarily displayed, copies of a notice publicising our draft proposals. Both Councils were also asked to place copies of our draft proposals on deposit at their main offices for a period of six weeks. Comments were invited by 7 March 1985.

RESPONSE TO DRAFT PROPOSALS

7. We received seven letters in response to our draft proposals. Brentwood District Council, Blackmore Parish Council and Stondon Massey Parish Council all expressed agreement. Epping Forest District Council supported by High Ongar Parish Council, now objected to the inclusion of the property known as 'Hunter's Moon' within Brentwood District. They felt the property should lie wholly within Epping Forest District in accordance with the wishes of the occupiers. Essex County Council took the view that 'Hunter's Moon' should be included within one district, but had no view as to which District it should be. They had no comments to make on the other proposals. The Essex Ambulance Service stated that the draft proposals would have no detrimental effect upon its patients or service.

FINAL PROPOSALS

8. We have reassessed the matter in the light of the representations we have received. We have some sympathy with the views of the occupier of 'Hunter's Moon', as represented to us by the Councils of Epping Forest District and High Ongar Parish, but we remain convinced that the boundary change we have in mind is the preferable way of resolving an unsatisfactory situation, for reasons which were set out by Epping Forest District Council in their original submission to us; 'Hunter's Moon' is closer to the properties in Stondon Green than those in Paslow Wood Common or Woolmongers Lane, and its inclusion within Stondon Massey Parish seems to reflect the situation on the ground better than inclusion in High Ongar Parish. We have therefore 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 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 Epping Forest District Council and Brentwood District Council, asking them to place copies of this report on deposit at their main offices and to put notice 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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18 April 1985

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

Principal Areas Review

District of Epping Forest/District of Brentwood

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

SCHEDULE 1

Area A : Description of an area of land proposed to be transferred from Blackmore CP in Brentwood District to High Ongar CP in Epping Forest District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing eastern boundary of Epping Forest District meets the eastern boundary of parcel No 3500 as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) TL 5902, date of publication 1972, thence generally southwards along said parcel boundary and the eastern boundary of parcel No 5679 as shown on OS microfilm (A) TL 5901, date of publication 1972, to its southernmost point, thence due west to the existing eastern boundary of Epping Forest District, thence generally northwestwards, northeastwards, southeastwards and northeastwards along the said boundary to the point of commencement.

Area B : Description of an area of land proposed to be transferred from High Ongar CP in Epping Forest District to Standon Massey CP in Brentwood District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the junction of Nine Ashes Road and the unnamed road leading northwards to Paslow Wood Common meets the existing eastern boundary of Epping Forest District, thence northeastwards along said unnamed road to a point opposite the northern curtilage of the property known as Hunters Moon, thence southeastwards to and along said curtilage to the eastern curtilage

of said property, thence generally southwards along said curtilage to the existing eastern boundary of Epping Forest District, thence northwards along said 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 District of Epping Forest (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 and the District of Brentwood (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975, shall be altered as described below.

Area A, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Blackmore Ward of the District of Brentwood to the High Ongar Ward of the District of Epping Forest.

Area B, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the High Ongar Ward of the District of Epping Forest, to the Brizes and Doddinghurst Ward of the District of Brentwood.

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 Essex (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981, shall be altered as described below.

Area A, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Brentwood Rural ED to the Ongar ED.

Area B, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Ongar ED to the Brentwood Rural ED.