

**Local Government  
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Report No.523**

**Principal Area Boundary Review**  
DISTRICT OF LEOMINSTER  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH  
HEREFORDSHIRE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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FOR ENGLAND

REPORT NO. 523

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Arising out of their report on the parish pattern within their area, submitted to the Commission in March 1984, Leominster District Council additionally suggested minor changes to the ten-mile section of their boundary with South Herefordshire District along the River Wye, where the river had altered course in five places over the years. The proposal was to adopt the present course of the river as the boundary between the two Districts which would affect the parishes of Letton, Whitney and Willersley, in the Leominster District and the parishes of Bredwardine and Clifford, in South Herefordshire.

2. We considered Leominster District Council's request as required by section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972. We noted that South Herefordshire District Council supported the views of the two parish councils affected in their area; Clifford Parish Council were content with the two changes affecting their parish but Wyeside Group Parish Council were opposed to the changes affecting the parish of Bredwardine. We further noted that one property was affected, presently in the parish of Bredwardine, and that the owner objected to the suggested change. In a letter to South Herefordshire District Council, the owner stated that he and his wife were active members of Bredwardine parish church and that there was an established historical link between his property and the church. He said he was satisfied with the services provided by South Herefordshire District Council.

3. We considered that there was an advantage in having a clearly recognisable boundary such as that provided by the River Wye and no argument against this presumption had been advanced by the local authorities opposed to some of the suggestions. In the case of Bredwardine/Letton we took into account the objections

of the residents concerned but their property seemed to us to be more closely connected with the villages of Willersley and Winforton than with Bredwardine and we had no reason to believe that changes to the boundary would lead to the severance of the owner's link with the church in Bredwardine.

4. For these reasons we came to the conclusion that the restoration of a consistent river boundary was desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we decided to formulate draft proposals based on the suggestions by Leominster District Council. On 20 June 1986 we published our draft proposals by means of a consultation letter addressed to Leominster District Council and South Herefordshire District Council. Copies were sent to Hereford and Worcester County Council and to the interested bodies and individuals listed in Annex B to this report. In view of the minor nature of the proposed changes, and because they affected only one property the owners of which would be receiving a copy of our letter, we decided there was no need to ask the District Councils to arrange for the publication of a formal notice in the local press. However we asked the District Councils to place copies of our letter and the map illustrating the proposals on deposit at their main offices. Our letter invited comments to be made to us by 15 August 1986.

5. We received five letters in response to our draft proposals. Hereford and Worcester County Council and the Welsh Water Authority raised no objection while Leominster District Council confirmed that the proposals were acceptable. South Herefordshire District Council and Wyese Group Parish Council repeated their previously expressed views.

6. As required by section 60(2) of the Act we have reviewed our draft proposals in the light of these comments but we have found no reason to change our belief that these proposals would be in the interests of effective and convenient local government.

7. Details of our final proposals are set out in Schedules 1-3 in Annex A. Schedule 1 specifies the proposed changes in local authority areas and Schedules 2 and 3 the consequential adjustments to the existing electoral arrangements. The proposed new boundary is shown on the large-scale map enclosed with your copy of the report. A small-scale plan is bound into this report.

8. Separate letters are being sent to Leominster District Council and South Herefordshire District Council asking them to place copies of our report and the map on deposit at their main offices. Copies of our report are also being sent to the County Council and to those listed in Annex B. As with our draft proposals, we have decided to dispense with our normal practice of asking the District Councils concerned to arrange for publication of a notice in the local press.

9. The Commission have now fulfilled their statutory role in the matter and it will now be for you as Secretary of State to make an Order implementing the proposals, if you think fit, after the expiry of six weeks from the day they are submitted to you.

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Signed G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

J G POWELL (Deputy Chairman)

JOAN ACKNER

G E CHERRY

K J L NEWELL

G R PRENTICE

BRIAN SCHOLLES

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

## PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW

## LEOMINSTER DISTRICT/SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

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

## SCHEDULE 1. Alterations to Principal Areas

Areas A-B: description of areas of land proposed to be transferred from Whitney-on-Wye CP in Leominster District to Clifford CP in South Herefordshire District.

Area A: That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Leominster District meets the southwestern perimeter of OS Parcel 4033, as shown on 1975 Microfilm (A) SO 2647, then generally northwestwards along that district boundary to the River Wye, then generally eastwards along that river to and generally westwards along the southern boundary of Leominster District to the point of commencement.

Area B: That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Leominster District meets the southern perimeter of OS Parcel 0006 as shown on 1974 Microfilm (A) SO 2646, then north-eastwards along that district boundary to the River Wye, then southeastwards, southwards and generally southwestwards along that river to the southern boundary of Leominster District at Locksters Pool, then generally westwards, northwards and generally northeastwards along that district boundary to the point of commencement.

Area C: description of area of land proposed to be transferred from Clifford CP in South Herefordshire District to Whitney-on-Wye CP in Leominster District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Area B as described above meets the southern boundary of Leominster District, then northeastwards and southwards along that district boundary to and northwards along the centre of the River Wye to the point of commencement.

Area D: description of an area of land proposed to be transferred from Whitney-on-Wye CP in Leominster District to Clifford CP in South Herefordshire District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the southernmost point of Area C as described above, then southeastwards along the centre of the River Wye to the southern boundary of Leominster District, then generally northwestwards along that district boundary to the point of commencement.

Area E: description of an area of land proposed to be transferred from Bredwardine CP in South Herefordshire District to Willersley and Winforton CP in Leominster District.

Note: Willersley and Winforton CP is proposed by Leominster District Parish Review.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Leominster District meets the northeastern boundary of OS Parcel 0338 as shown on 1973 Microfilm (A) SO 3146, then generally northwestwards, southeastwards and generally northeastwards along that district boundary to and southwestwards along the River Wye to the southern boundary of Leominster District, then generally westwards along that district boundary to the point of commencement.

Areas F-G: description of areas of land proposed to be transferred from Bredwardine CP in South Herefordshire District to Letton CP in Leominster District.

Area F: That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Leominster District meets the southern perimeter of OS Parcel 2968 as shown on 1973 Microfilm (A) SO 3346, then generally southwestwards along that district boundary to and northwestwards along the River Wye to the southern boundary of Leominster District, then northeastwards generally northwards, northeastwards and generally southeastwards along that district boundary to the point of commencement.

Area G: That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Leominster District meets the northeastern perimeter of OS Parcel 1686 as shown on 1973 Microfilm (A) SO 3345, then northeastwards, southeastwards and generally southwestwards along that district boundary to and northwestwards along the River Wye to the southern boundary of the Leominster District, then northeastwards along that district boundary to the point of commencement.

## SCHEDULE 2

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

It is proposed that the District Wards, as defined in the District of Leominster (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 and the District of South Herefordshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977, shall be altered as described below.

Areas A, B and D as described in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Eardisley Ward in Leominster District to the Merbach Ward in South Herefordshire District.

Areas C and E as described in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Merbach Ward in South Herefordshire District to the Eardisley Ward in Leominster District.

Areas F and G as described in Schedule 1 shall be transferred from the Merbach Ward in South Herefordshire District to the Castle Ward in Leominster District.

## SCHEDULE 3

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

It is proposed that the County Electoral Divisions, as defined in the County of Hereford and Worcester (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1983, shall be altered as described below.

Areas A, B and D shall be transferred from the Weobley ED to the Dore and Bredwardine ED.

Areas C, E, F and G shall be transferred from the Dore and Bredwardine ED to the Weobley ED.

Border Group Parish Council

Clifford Parish Council

Eardisley Group Parish Council

Wyeside Group Parish Council

R Churchward Esq

Colin Shepherd Esq MP

Peter Temple-Morris Esq MP

HQ's main political parties

Secretary of Hereford and Worcester County Association of Local Councils

Welsh Water Authority

Severn-Trent Water Authority

Herefordshire District Health Authority

Kidderminster District Health Authority

Hereford Family Practitioner Committee

West Midlands Regional Office, Department of the Environment

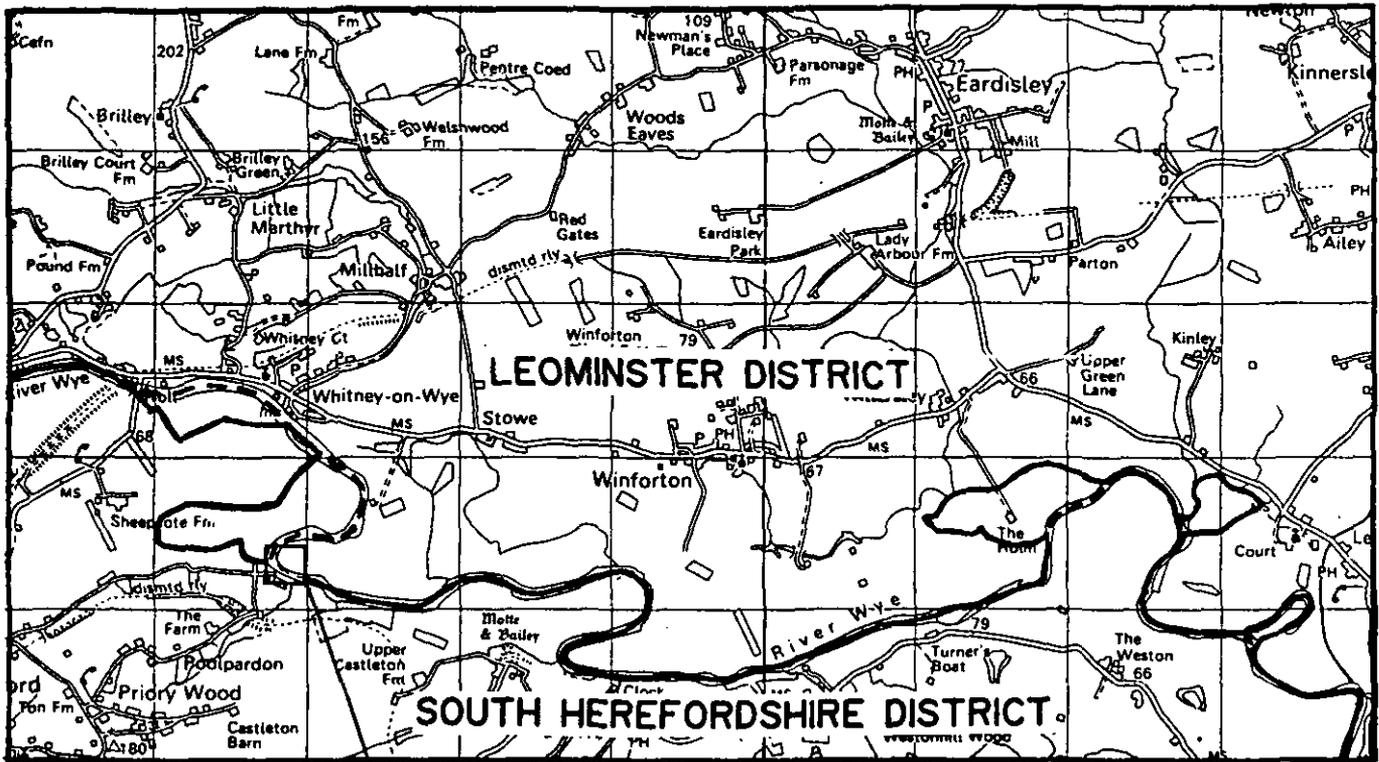
Editors of local newspapers

Local radio and TV stations serving the area

Editors, Municipal Journal and Local Government Chronicle

# PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW

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FINAL PROPOSALS



Minor realignments to centre of river

————— EXISTING DISTRICT BOUNDARY  
- - - - - PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARY

