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Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
BOROUGH OF HOVE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Borough of Hove, in accordance with the requirements of Section 63 of, and Schedule 9 to, the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that borough.

2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 12 August 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to Hove Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to East Sussex County Council, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of local newspapers circulating in the area and of the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.

3. Hove Borough Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and the guidelines set out in our Report No. 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were also asked to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests.

We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. The Borough Council have passed a resolution under section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972, requesting a system of whole council elections.

5. On 30 December 1974 the Borough Council submitted a draft scheme of representation. This provided for a council of 36 members elected from 12 3-member wards and had been drawn up on the assumption that Hove would continue to return 12 members to the county council. In the light of preliminary discussions we had held about future county council arrangements it appeared to us that this scheme was likely to be incompatible with future county electoral divisions and we invited the Borough Council to consider whether they wished to revise their draft scheme accordingly. On 15 February 1977 the Borough Council submitted a revised draft scheme for our consideration. This scheme provided for 10 wards each returning 3 councillors to form a council of 30 members.

6. We considered the revised draft scheme submitted by the Borough Council together with the comments which had been made on it. We noted from the comments that the boundary between the proposed Hangleton and Nevill wards had broken local ties, and that by making an adjustment to that boundary we could preserve those ties without creating a serious imbalance of representation between the wards concerned. We concluded that we should propose a realignment of this boundary. Subject to this alteration and some further boundary realignments suggested to us by Ordnance Survey for technical reasons, we adopted the Council's revised draft scheme as our draft proposals.

7. On 27 June 1977 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the Council's draft scheme. The Council were asked to make the draft proposals, and the accompanying map which defined the proposed ward boundaries, available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from members of the public and interested bodies. We asked for comments to reach us by 22 August 1977.

8. Representations were received from the Borough Council, three local political organisations and a borough councillor.

9. All the representations objected to the new boundary which we had proposed between the proposed Portslade North and Hangleton wards. This, it was said, would traverse an area intended for residential development, and we were asked to adopt the boundary proposed in the Council's draft scheme. Subject to this change, the Borough Council supported our draft proposals. Other representations suggested to us that a council of 30 was too small and that the borough should be divided into 20 wards each returning 2 councillors to form a council of 40; that the proposed Nevill ward encompassed too scattered an area; and that the proposed Brunswick and Adelaide ward should be re-named "Palmeira".

10. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received. We concluded that we should realign the disputed boundary between the proposed Portslade North and Hangleton wards. On the advice of Ordnance Survey, we decided to follow the line of a planned link road between Shoreham Harbour and the proposed Brighton by-pass, this boundary being technically better than the line in the Council's draft scheme. We noted that the

suggestion for a 20-ward scheme was not substantiated by proposals showing boundaries or electorates, nor were we given proposals for redrawing the proposed Nevill ward. The name Brunswick and Adelaide appeared to us to have more local support than the alternative name Palmeira. In the circumstances we decided that, subject to the realignment of the proposed boundary between the Portslade North and Hangleton wards as mentioned above, we should confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

11. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the attached map. A detailed description of the proposed ward boundaries as shown on the map is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

PUBLICATION

12. In accordance with section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of this report and a copy of the map are being sent to Hove Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without map) are being sent to those who

received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

Signed.

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17 November 1977

BOROUGH OF HOVE : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BRUNSWICK AND ADELAIDE	3
GOLDSMID	3
HANGLETON	3
NEVILL	3
PORTSLADE NORTH	3
PORTSLADE SOUTH	3
STANFORD	3
VALLANCE	3
WESTBOURNE	3
WISH	3

BOROUGH OF HOVE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

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

PORTSLADE SOUTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the southwestern boundary of the Borough meets Mile Oak Gardens, thence eastwards along said gardens to Mile Oak Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Drove Road, thence generally northeastwards along said road and Foredown Road to Mill Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to Hangleton Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to and southeastwards along Dean Gardens to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of No 119 Dean Gardens, thence northeastwards to and along said boundary to its end, thence due east to the proposed Shoreham Harbour Link Road, thence southeastwards along said proposed road to its proposed roundabout junction with Old Shoreham Road, thence southeastwards in a straight line to Carlton Terrace/Boundary Road, thence southwestwards along said road and Station Road/Boundary Road, crossing Wellington Road, to the access road serving the rear of Kingsway House, thence southeastwards along said access road to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of No 2 Wellington Road, thence southwards to and along said boundary and continuing due south to the Borough boundary being Low Water, thence westwards along said Borough boundary to the southwestern boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards and northwestwards along said Borough boundary to the point of commencement.

PORTSLADE NORTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the northwestern boundary of Portslade South Ward meets the southwestern boundary of the Borough, thence northwestwards, northeastwards and generally southeastwards along the southwestern, northwestern and northern boundaries of the Borough to the track to the west of parcel no 8920 on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 2509 Edition of 1957, leading to Benfield Farm, thence southeastwards along said track and its path continuation as shown on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 2607 Edition of 1955 to the proposed Brighton By-Pass,

thence southwestwards along said proposed by-pass to the proposed Shoreham Harbour Link Road, thence southeastwards along said proposed road to the northwestern boundary of Portslade South Ward, thence generally southwestwards along said northwestern boundary to the point of commencement.

HANGLETON WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Portslade North Ward meets the northern boundary of the Borough, thence eastwards, northeastwards and generally southeastwards along said Borough boundary and southeastwards along the northeastern boundary of the Borough to Mill Road, thence southwards along said road to King George VI Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue, Hangleton Road and Hangleton Gardens, crossing Hangleton Way to the track to the south of Knoll County Secondary School for Girls, thence southwestwards to and along said track and its path continuation as shown on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 26/2706 Edition of 1964 to the eastern boundary of Portslade South Ward, thence generally northwestwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of Portslade North Ward to the point of commencement.

NEVILL WARD

Commencing at a point where the southeastern boundary of Hangleton Ward meets Court Farm Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Nevill Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Woodland Drive, thence northeastwards along said drive to Goldstone Crescent, thence southeastwards and southwards along said crescent to Old Shoreham Road, thence westwards along said road to Goldstone Lane, thence southwestwards and southwards along said lane to Newtown Road, thence eastwards along said road to Fonthill Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the Brighton to Shoreham railway, thence west-

wards along said railway to the eastern boundary of Portslade South Ward, thence northeastwards and generally northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the southeastern boundary of Hangleton Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

STANFORD WARD

Commencing at a point where the southeastern boundary of Hangleton Ward meets the northeastern boundary of the Borough, thence southeastwards along said Borough boundary to Old Shoreham Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the road known as The Drive, thence southwards along said road to the Brighton to Shoreham railway, thence northwestwards along said railway to the eastern boundary of Nevill Ward, thence generally northeastwards and northwestwards along said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Hangleton Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

GOLDSMID WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Stanford Ward meets the northeastern boundary of the Borough, thence southeastwards along said Borough boundary and southwestwards along the southeastern boundary of the Borough to Lansdowne Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Palmeira Avenue, thence northeastwards along said avenue to Eaton Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the road known as Denmark Villas, thence northeastwards along said road and in prolongation thereof to the southern boundary of Stanford Ward, thence southeastwards, northwards and southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

BRUNSWICK AND ADELAIDE WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Goldsmid Ward meets the southeastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwestwards along said Borough boundary to the southern boundary of the Borough being Low Water,

thence northwestwards along said Borough boundary to a point due south of the junction of the road known as Kingsway and Third Avenue, thence due northwards to said junction and northeastwards along Third Avenue to Church Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the road known as The Drive, thence northeastwards along said road to the southern boundary of Goldsmid Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

VALLANCE WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Stanford Ward meets the western boundary of Goldsmid Ward thence southwestwards along said western boundary and southeastwards along the southern boundary of last mentioned ward to the western boundary of Brunswick and Adelaide Ward, thence southwestwards, westwards, southwestwards and southwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of the Borough being Low Water, thence westwards along said Borough boundary to a point due south of the junction of the road known as Kingsway and Hove Street, thence due northwards to said junction and thence northeastwards along Hove street and continuing northeastwards and northwestwards along Sackville Road to the southern boundary of Nevill Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of Stanford Ward to the point of commencement.

WESTBOURNE WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Nevill Ward meets the western boundary of Vallance Ward, thence southeastwards, southwestwards and southwards along said western boundary to the southern boundary of the Borough being Low Water, thence northwestwards along said boundary to a point due south of the junction of the road known as Kingsway and Braemore Road, thence due northwards to said junction and northeastwards along Braemore Road and Hogarth Road to Portland Road, thence eastwards along said road to Tamworth

Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Mortimer Road, thence eastwards along said road to a point opposite the path leading from Mortimer Road to Amherst Crescent, thence northwards along said path to the southern boundary of Nevill Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

WISH WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Nevill Ward meets the western boundary of Westbourne Ward, thence southwestwards, northwestwards, southwestwards and southwards along said western boundary to the southern boundary of the Borough being Low Water, thence westwards along said Borough boundary to the eastern boundary of Portslade South Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Nevill Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.



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