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PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE DISTRICT OF MID SUSSEX

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the District of Mid Sussex, 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 district.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 31 December 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to Mid Sussex District Council, copies of which were circulated to West Sussex County Council, parish councils and parish meetings in the District, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies 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. Mid Sussex District 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 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 District Council have passed a resolution under section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, requesting a system of elections by thirds.
5. On 16 May 1975 the District Council submitted a draft scheme of representation. This provided for a council of 54 members elected from 29 wards, each returning 1, 2 or 3 members, 28 wards being co-terminous with wards created for the 1973 elections and one comprising the 2 parishes of Keymer and Clayton. We considered this scheme but were not satisfied that it met the standard of equality of representation

required by Schedule 11 to the Act. We therefore invited the Council to submit a revised scheme giving equality of representation throughout the district. We also suggested that they might wish to re-examine their forecast growth in electorate in the light of past trends and present economic factors.

6. The District Council submitted a revised draft scheme for a 56 member council on 10 March 1977. This scheme provided for 30 wards, 11 returning 1 member, 12 returning 2 members, and 7 returning 3 members.

7. We considered the revised draft scheme submitted by the District Council together with the comments that had been made on it. These included proposals from two local political parties for alternative wards in the Burgess Hill and East Grinstead areas and objections to the dismemberment of the existing ward comprising the parishes of Fulking, Newtimber, Poynings and Pyecombe. We considered that, on grounds of equality of representation, we could not accept any of the alternative proposals. We decided to shorten the name of Albourne, Bolney and Twineham ward to "Bolney". Subject to this and to minor boundary realignments recommended by Ordnance Survey, we adopted the District Council's revised draft scheme as our draft proposals.

8. On 26 August 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 schemes. The Council were asked to make the draft proposals, and the accompanying maps 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 28 October 1977.

9. The District Council had no comment to make. Comments were received from three Parish Councils, one Parish meeting, one of the local political parties which had written to us previously and, independently, from the Chairman of that local political party.

10. Opposition was again expressed to the division of the existing ward comprising the four parishes of Fulking, Newtimber, Poynings and Pyecombe between two of the proposed new wards. It was argued that the four parishes formed a very distinctive unit, with characteristics different from those of adjoining parishes, and should be kept together as one ward. The local political party repeated their earlier proposals that there should be four wards in East Grinstead, with boundaries different from those we proposed, each to be represented by three members, so as to continue the pattern of annual elections in each ward to which electors there had been accustomed; failing acceptance of these proposals they suggested a modification to reduce the area of the proposed East Grinstead-East ward - already the smallest of the four wards we proposed and represented under our draft proposals by one member - so that the ward would comprise the village of Ashhurst Wood only.

11. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received. We concluded that the combined electorate of the parishes of Fulking, Newtimber, Poynings and Pyecombe was insufficient to justify forming them into a separate ward. We also concluded that the alternative proposals for four 3-member wards in East Grinstead would mean substantial over-representation of the town, and that the area would be adequately represented by the ten councillors we had proposed. The wards we proposed for East Grinstead followed the boundaries of proposed parish wards which had been agreed by the town council. We noted that a boundary similar to that suggested for the East Grinstead-East ward by the local political party had been considered during the preparation of the District Council's revised draft scheme and had been rejected as unsatisfactory on technical grounds. In the circumstances we decided to adhere to our draft proposals and we invited the District Council to finalise their orders under Section 50(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to establish parish wards in the parishes of Cuckfield Rural, Burgess Hill, East Grinstead and Worth which would be compatible with the district wards we intended to recommend.

12. The District Council made ~~these~~ warding orders on 17th December 1979 and therefore we confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals without modification.

13. Details of our final proposals are set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 to this report with attached maps. 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 maps. A detailed description of the proposed ward boundaries as shown on the maps is set out in Schedule 2. Schedule 3 shows our proposals for the order of retirement of councillors.

PUBLICATION

14. In accordance with section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of this report and a copy of the maps are being sent to Mid Sussex District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without maps) are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

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Signed:

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20 December 1979

SCHEDULE 1

DISTRICT OF MID-SUSSEX : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS
AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ARDINGLY	1
BALCOMBE	1
BOLNEY	1
BURGESS HILL - CHANCTONBURY	1
BURGESS HILL - FRANKLANDS	2
BURGESS HILL - NORTH	1
BURGESS HILL - ST ANDREWS	2
BURGESS HILL - TOWN	2
BURGESS HILL - WEST	2
CLAYTON	1
COPTHORNE AND WORTH	3
CRAWLEY DOWN	2
CUCKFIELD	2
EAST GRINSTEAD - EAST	1
EAST GRINSTEAD - NORTH	3
EAST GRINSTEAD - SOUTH	3
EAST GRINSTEAD - WEST	3
HAYWARDS HEATH - ASHENGROUND	2
HAYWARDS HEATH - BENTSWOOD	2
HAYWARDS HEATH - FRANKLANDS	2
HAYWARDS HEATH - HARLANDS	2
HAYWARDS HEATH - HEATH	2
HORSTED KEYNES	1
HURSTPIERPOINT	3
KEYMER	3
LINDFIELD RURAL	1
LINDFIELD URBAN	3
SLAUGHAM	2
TURNERS HILL	1
WEST HOATHLY	1

DISTRICT OF MID SUSSEX 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.

HAYWARDS HEATH BENTSWOOD WARD

Commencing at a point where the unnamed stream flowing south of Meadow Lane meets the western boundary of Lindfield Rural CP northwest of Croxton Lane, thence southwestwards along said western boundary to the path leading to that section of America Lane situated to the east of Hanbury Park Sports Stadium, thence northwestwards along said path to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of Hanbury Park Sports Stadium, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary to the northern boundary of the Cemetery, thence generally westwards along said boundary to Western Road, thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of the Depot, thence southwestwards to and generally southwestwards along said boundary and continuing generally southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 44-2 Woodlands Road to a point being the prolongation southeastwards of the southwestern boundary of No 2 Woodlands Road, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to the northwestern boundary of No 26 Pineham Copse thence southwestwards along the northwestern boundaries of Nos 26, 14, 12 and 6 Pineham Copse to the eastern boundary of Bluebell Close thence northwards to and continuing northwards along the eastern boundary of No 19 Bluebell Close to the rear boundary of said property thence southwestwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of No 18 to 7 Bluebell Close and the northwestern boundary of No 6 Bluebell Close to the eastern boundary of St Joseph's RC Primary School, thence northwards along said boundary and westwards along the northern boundary of said school to Hazelgrove Road, thence northwards along said road and northwards and north-eastwards along Oathall Road to the road known as West Common, thence north-eastwards along said road to the path leading to The Albemarle Centre (Youth Club), thence southeastwards along said path to the unnamed stream flowing from west of said youth club to the western boundary of Lindfield Rural CP, thence northeastwards, southeastwards and northeastwards along said stream to the point of commencement.

HAYWARDS HEATH - FRANKLANDS WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Haywards Heath Bentswood Ward meets the western boundary of Lindfield Rural CP, thence generally southeastwards along said western boundary to the eastern boundary of the District, thence generally southwestwards, westwards and northwestwards along said District boundary to the eastern boundary of Cuckfield Rural CP, thence generally northwards along said eastern boundary to Rocky Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane and Colwell Road to Franklynn Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Hazelgrove Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the southern boundary of Haywards Heath Bentswood Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

HAYWARDS HEATH ASHENGROUND WARD

The Rocky Lane Ward of the parish of Cuckfield Rural and that area contained within a line commencing where the western boundary of Haywards Heath Franklands Ward meets the eastern boundary of Cuckfield Rural CP at Rocky Lane, thence generally northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the London to Brighton railway, thence northeastwards along said railway to the road known as Muster Green South, thence southeastwards along said road and South Road to the western boundary of Haywards Heath Franklands Ward thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

HAYWARDS HEATH HARLANDS WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Haywards Heath Ashenground Ward meets the eastern boundary of Cuckfield Rural CP, on the Brighton to London railway, thence generally westwards along said ^{eastern} boundary to Isaac's Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to Butler's Green Road, thence northwestwards along said road and the road known as Tyler's Green to a

point opposite the southeastern boundary of the property known as Pinehurst, thence northeastwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northwestwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of the properties known as The Brown Cottage, The Oaks, Three Beeches, Patches and Paddocks End to the track leading to the road known as Tyler's Green, thence northwestwards following the existing ward boundary as shown on OS 1:1250 plans TQ 3124 SE Edition of 1975 and TQ 3124 SW Edition of 1976 to the western boundary of the wood at NG Reference TQ 3157924415, thence northwards along said wood boundary to NG Reference TQ 3158124525, thence continuing northwards along the alignment of the existing ward boundary as shown on OS 1:1250 Plan TQ 3124 NE^{Edition of 1975} to grid reference TQ 3157824787, thence northwestwards in a straight line to grid reference TQ 3154524852 being a point on the eastern ^{boundary of a wood} thence northwestwards along said wood boundary to the existing ward boundary at NG Reference TQ 3136125288, thence ^{northeastwards} and generally northwards along said existing ward boundary as shown on OS 1:1250 plans TQ 3125 SW and TQ 3125 NW Editions of 1975 to the eastern boundary of Cuckfield Rural CP, thence eastwards along said boundary to Bordehill Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane and Balcombe Road to Burrell Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Harlands Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Milton Road, thence southwestwards along said road and Paddockhall Road to the road known as Muster Green South, thence eastwards along said road to the western boundary of Haywards Heath Ashenground Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

HAYWARDS HEATH - HEATH WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Haywards Heath -
Harlands Ward meets the eastern boundary of Cuckfield Rural CP^{at Bordehill Lane,} thence eastwards along said CP boundary to the western boundary of Lindfield Rural CP, thence eastwards, northwards and eastwards along said boundary to

High Beech Lane, thence southwards along said lane, Portsmouth Lane and Summerhill Lane to the western boundary of Haywards Heath Bentswood Ward, thence southwestwards and southwards along said boundary and continuing southwards along the western boundary of Haywards Heath Franklands Ward to the northeastern boundary of Haywards Heath Ashenground Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Haywards Heath Harlands Ward, thence generally northeastwards and northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

LINDFIELD URBAN WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Haywards Heath - Heath Ward meets the western boundary of Lindfield Rural CP, thence northeastwards, southeastwards and southwestwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of Haywards Heath Bentswood Ward, thence southwestwards and generally northwestwards along said northern boundary to the eastern boundary of Haywards Heath - Heath Ward, thence northwards along said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

CUCKFIELD WARD

The Ansty Ward of the parish of Cuckfield Rural and that area contained within a line commencing at a point where the western boundary of Haywards Heath Harlands Ward meets the eastern boundary of Cuckfield Rural CP at Isaac's Lane, thence generally northwestwards, northeastwards, northwestwards and generally eastwards along said eastern boundary to the western boundary of Haywards Heath Harlands Ward, thence generally southeastwards and southwestwards along said western boundary to the point of commencement.

BURGESS HILL - CHANCTONBURY WARD

The Burgess - Chanctonbury Ward of the Parish of Burgess Hill

BURGESS HILL · FRANKLANDS WARD

The Burgess Hill - Franklands Ward of the Parish of Burgess Hill.

BURGESS HILL NORTH WARD

The Burgess Hill - North Ward of the parish of Burgess Hill.

BURGESS HILL ST ANDREWS WARD

The Burgess Hill - St Andrews Ward of the Parish of Burgess Hill.

BURGESS HILL - TOWN WARD

The Burgess Hill - Town Ward of the Parish of Burgess Hill.

BURGESS HILL · WEST WARD

The Burgess Hill - West Ward of the Parish of Burgess Hill.

EAST GRINSTEAD EAST WARD

The East Grinstead - East Ward of the Parish of East Grinstead.

EAST GRINSTEAD - NORTH WARD

The East Grinstead - North Ward of the Parish of East Grinstead.

EAST GRINSTEAD SOUTH WARD

The East Grinstead - South Ward of the Parish of East Grinstead.

EAST GRINSTEAD WEST WARD

The East Grinstead - West Ward of the Parish of East Grinstead.

COPTHORNE AND WORTH WARD

The Copthorne and Worth Wards of the Parish of Worth.

CRAWLEY DOWN WARD

The Crawley Down Ward of the Parish of Worth

TURNERS HILL WARD

The Turners Hill Ward of the Parish of Worth.

ARDINGLY WARD

The Parish of Ardingly

BALCOMBE WARD

The Parish of Balcombe

BOLNEY WARD

The Parishes of Albourne

Bolney

Twineham

CLAYTON WARD

The Parishes of Clayton

Pyecombe

HORSTED KEYNES WARD

The Parish of Horsted Keynes

HURSTPIERPOINT WARD

The Parishes of Fulking

Hurstpierpoint

Newtimber

Poynings

KEYMER WARD

The Parish of Keymer

LINDFIELD RURAL WARD

The Parish of Lindfield Rural

SLAUGHAM WARD

The Parish of Slaugham

The Staplefield Ward of the Parish of Cuckfield Rural

WEST HOATHLY WARD

The Parish of West Hoathly

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT
ELECTION BY THIRDS
ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR
ARDINGLY	1	-	1 FE	-
BALCOMBE	1	-	1 FE	-
BOLNEY	1	-	1 FE	-
BURGESS HILL - CHANCTONBURY	1	-	-	1 FE
BURGESS HILL - FRANKLANDS	2	1	-	1 FE
BURGESS HILL - NORTH	1	-	-	1 FE
BURGESS HILL - ST ANDREWS	2	1	-	1 FE
BURGESS HILL - TOWN	2	1	-	1 FE
BURGESS HILL - WEST	2	1	-	1 FE
CLAYTON	1	-	1 FE	-
COPTHORNE AND WORTH	3	1	1	1 FE
CRAWLEY DOWN	2	1	-	1 FE
CUCKFIELD	2	-	1 FE	1
EAST GRINSTEAD EAST	1	-	-	1 FE
EAST GRINSTEAD NORTH	3	1	1	1 FE
EAST GRINSTEAD SOUTH	3	1	1	1 FE
EAST GRINSTEAD WEST	3	1	1	1 FE
HAYWARDS HEATH ASHENGROUND	2	1	1 FE	-
HAYWARDS HEATH BENTSWOOD	2	1	-	1
HAYWARDS HEATH FRANKLANDS	2	1	1	-
HAYWARDS HEATH HARLANDS	2	1	1	-
HAYWARDS HEATH - HEATH	2	1	1	-
HORSTED KEYNES	1	-	1 FE	-
HURSTPIERPOINT	3	1	1 FE	1
KEYMER	3	1	1 FE	1
LINDFIELD RURAL	1	-	1 FE	-
LINDFIELD URBAN	3	1	1	1
SLAUGHAM	2	1	1 FE	-
TURNERS HILL	1	-	-	1 FE
WEST HOATHLY	1	-	-	1 FE
		18	19	19

FE denotes parish election year