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**Local Government  
Boundary Commission  
For England  
Report No. 509**

**Principal Area Boundary Review**

**BOROUGH OF HINKLEY &**

**BOSWORTH**

**DISTRICT OF BLABY**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

BOUNDARY COMMISSION

FOR ENGLAND

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

1. In a letter dated 10 November 1983 Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council asked us to make proposals for change to the boundary of their borough with the adjoining district of Blaby. The change requested would have entailed the transfer to Hinckley and Bosworth of part of Burbage Common (which had recently come into the Borough Council's ownership) from the parish of Elmesthorpe in Blaby district. Both districts are within the non-metropolitan county of Leicestershire.

2. We considered the request in accordance with Section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972. In our view, however, it was not established that the existing situation created any significant difficulties in the operation of effective and convenient local government in the area and we concluded that there was insufficient merit in the Borough Council's suggestion to justify our making any proposals to you. We therefore reached an interim decision to make no proposals for changes to the boundary in question.

3. Our interim decision was announced on 3 April 1985 in a letter to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Blaby District Council. Copies of the letter were sent to Leicestershire County Council, to the parish council concerned, to the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, to the Headquarters of the main political parties, to local newspapers circulating in the area, to local radio and television stations serving the area and to the local government press. The two principal Councils concerned were asked to put on display, at places where public notices were customarily displayed, copies of a notice publicising our interim decision. They were also asked to place copies of the letter announcing our interim decision on deposit at their main offices for a period of six weeks. Comments were invited by 29 May 1985.

4. We received three replies to our letter. Both Blaby District Council and Elmesthorpe Parish Council reaffirmed their opposition to any change. Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council reaffirmed their previous views on the matter, adding that the necessity to have a separate set of bye-laws and to obtain the approval of Blaby District Council if any structural changes are proposed for that part of Burbage Common within Blaby district caused some difficulties.

5. As required by section 60(2) of the Act, we have reassessed our interim decision in the light of this correspondence. In our view, however, the representations made to us do not materially strengthen the case put forward by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, nor do they establish that the existing situation creates any significant difficulties in the operation of effective and convenient local government in the area. We have therefore decided to confirm our interim decision as our final decision and to notify you that we have no proposals to make in respect of the boundary in question.

6. Separate letters, enclosing copies of this report, are being sent to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Blaby District Council asking them to deposit copies of this report at their main offices for inspection over a six month period and to put notices to this effect on public notice boards and in the local press. Copies of this report are also being sent to the other recipients of our letter of 3 April 1985.

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Signed: G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

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