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**Principal Area Boundary Review  
(Consequential Electoral  
Arrangements)**  
CITY OF OXFORD/  
DISTRICTS OF CHERWELL/  
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PRINCIPAL AREA BOUNDARY REVIEW: CITY OF OXFORD/DISTRICTS OF CHERWELL/SOUTH  
OXFORDSHIRE/VALE OF WHITE HORSE  
FINAL PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS CONSEQUENTIAL TO PROPOSED  
BOUNDARY CHANGES

#### INTRODUCTION

1. On 18 June 1987 we submitted to you our Report No. 536 containing our final proposals for the realignment of the boundary between the City of Oxford and the Districts of Cherwell, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse in the County of Oxfordshire.
2. In our report we pointed out that we had made no proposals to deal with the electoral consequences of the proposed boundary changes and that our final proposals for consequential changes to electoral arrangements would be the subject of a separate report to you. In view of the nature and extent of the electoral consequences, we had decided that they ought to be advertised separately in order to give local authorities and residents affected by them a full opportunity to comment. We had also decided that we should publish our draft proposals for electoral consequences at the same time as our final proposals for boundary changes so that the relationship between the two would be readily apparent.
3. We accordingly published our draft proposals for electoral consequences on 18 June 1987 by means of a letter addressed to the City of Oxford and the Districts of Cherwell, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse and to the County Council of Oxfordshire. Copies were sent to all those persons and bodies who had received a copy of our Report No. 536. The County, City and District

Councils were asked to publish a notice giving information about our draft proposals and to put copies of it on display at places where public notices are customarily displayed. They were also asked to place copies of our draft proposals on deposit for inspection at their main offices. Comments were invited by 30 July 1987.

4. Our draft proposals, which were based on electorate figures supplied by Oxford City Council, had the effect of reducing the size of South Oxfordshire District Council from 56 to 50 members and increasing Oxford City Council from 45 to 51 members. The district wards affected are listed below, together with their respective electorates and proposed numbers of councillors:-

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Electorate</u>	<u>Councillors</u>
Temple Cowley	5529	3
Blackbird Leys	6330	3
Wood Farm	5805	3
Wolvercote	5327	3
Cherwell	5146	3
South	5779	3
West	5411	3
Old Marston and Risinghurst	5169	3
Littlemore	5747	3

CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Gosford	1132	1
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SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Electorate</u>	<u>Councillors</u>
Clifton Hampton	1861	1
Forest Hill	1483	1
Garsington	1815	1
Littlemore	- Transferred to City of Oxford	
Marston	- Transferred to City of Oxford	
Risinghurst	- The Parish of Risinghurst and Sandhills part of this ward was to be transferred to the new City of Oxford Ward of Old Marston and Risinghurst. The remainder of the ward (ie. the Parish of Horspath) was to form a new Horspath Ward with an electorate of 1185, returning one Councillor.	

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Hinksey	4147	3
Kennington	3201	2

Our draft proposals letter also indicated that we envisaged undertaking further electoral reviews of the City of Oxford and the District of South Oxfordshire, and also, possibly, of the Districts of Cherwell and Vale of White Horse, after the implementation of boundary changes. A copy of the map illustrating our draft proposals is enclosed, together with a copy of our draft proposals letter.

RESPONSE TO OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS

5. In response to our draft proposals, we received representations from the County Council of Oxfordshire, Oxford City Council, the District Councils of South Oxfordshire and Cherwell, the Parish Councils of Marston and Risinghurst and Sandhills, Old Marston Ward Labour Party, Oxford East Liberal Association and one member of the public. The comments made by Oxfordshire County Council,

Oxford City Council, Oxford East Liberal Association and the member of the public also included further representations in respect of our final proposals for boundary changes and the parish pattern in the City. We forwarded copies of the relevant letters to your Department for appropriate action since we were functus officio insofar as boundary changes were concerned. We also received a number of letters from several parish councils, interested organisations and members of the public making further representations concerning the proposed boundary changes. Those letters were also forwarded to your Department.

6. Oxfordshire County Council stated that its Policy and Resources Committee would have no objection to our draft proposals for county electoral arrangements in the event of your accepting our proposals for boundary changes. The Council also suggested a review of the county electoral divisions at an appropriate time in the light of any changes made subsequent to the reviews of the electoral arrangements for the City of Oxford and the surrounding District Councils, the parish review to be undertaken by the City and development in the areas to be transferred to the City. Although the electoral consequences of the proposed boundary changes would in themselves have little effect at county level, we informed the County Council that we would await your decision on the boundary changes before deciding whether to review the electoral arrangements for the County, and that we would want to judge that question by reference to the quality of representation throughout the County.

7. Oxford City Council accepted our draft proposals affecting the county electoral divisions and warding arrangements in the extended area of the City, and suggested that the new parish of Blackbird Leys should have 15 councillors. It also suggested changes in the Parliamentary Constituencies of Henley and Witney to remove anomalies in those constituencies created by our draft proposals.

8. The Council also pointed out the omission of Areas S1 and S2 from Schedule 1 and Areas A1, A2 and A3 from Schedule 4 of the text accompanying our draft proposals letter. Our proposals for Areas S1 and S2 were included in our final proposals for boundary changes, but the Vale of White Horse (Parishes) Order 1986 had subsequently changed the parish boundaries within the Vale of White Horse District, resulting in Area R, illustrated in our draft proposals map, being extended to include Area S1. This had obviated the need to identify Areas S1 and S2 separately on our draft proposals map.

9. Our proposals in respect of Areas A1, A2 and A3 were illustrated on our draft proposals map. However, we subsequently wrote to the City of Oxford and the District of Cherwell informing them that the omission of those areas from the Schedules accompanying our draft proposals letter would be remedied when formulating our final proposals for electoral consequences. As these three Areas were uninhabited we did not consider any further action necessary.

10. Cherwell District Council pointed out the omission of Area Y3, affecting the parish of Gosford and Water Eaton, from Schedule 3 of the text accompanying our draft proposals letter. Our proposals for this area were also illustrated on our draft proposals map. We wrote to the District Council of Cherwell and the City of Oxford proposing similar action to remedy this omission as with Areas A1, A2 and A3. Additionally we wrote separately to all those who had previously made representations in respect of proposals for boundary changes affecting this area.

11. South Oxfordshire District Council confirmed that it had no comments on our draft proposals, but was opposed to a further electoral review of its district on the grounds that the existing electoral arrangements had only been approved prior to the district council election in 1983 and that it would be wrong to undertake a further review so soon after.



12. Other representations commented on our proposal to create a 3-member ward for Old Marston and Risinghurst in the City of Oxford. Marston Parish Council considered that our proposal to have three councillors for the new ward was impracticable and unacceptable since Marston and Risinghurst were two distinct parishes separated by two miles of open fields on the outskirts of Oxford. The Council suggested that each parish should have its own separate representatives, and saw no reason why there should not be two representatives for each parish. The Old Marston Ward Labour Party made similar representations and also favoured the creation of two separate two-member wards. The Parish Council of Risinghurst and Sandhills considered that our proposed warding arrangements in the City would perpetuate the present illogical county electoral division which combined Risinghurst and Sandhills and Old Marston and argued that the two areas were neither contiguous nor related to each other in any way.

13. Oxford East Liberal Association considered that our draft proposals worsened an already poor arrangement of wards, and saw no merit in the creation of the Old Marston and Risinghurst Ward, comprising two separated areas. It suggested a full review of the warding arrangements for the City of Oxford in view of the size of the existing wards, which it considered were relatively large for a non-metropolitan urban district. A member of the public also suggested a complete review of wards in the City due to the anomaly perpetuated by the separation of the Marston and Risinghurst areas.

14. We reassessed our draft proposals in the light of the representations we had received. We recognised that Old Marston and Risinghurst and Sandhills were already linked together to form a single electoral division at county level, and this had been a factor in our proposal to link them to form one district ward. However, in view of the opposition to our draft proposals, we concluded that we should propose an alternative scheme for electoral consequences which would avoid any geographical separation of wards and improve the electoral arrangements in the City of Oxford. We therefore decided to make the following

modifications to our draft proposals, which appeared to provide a better solution, both in terms of electoral balance and community ties:-

(a) Marston Ward in the District of South Oxfordshire: the Old Marston part of this ward should be transferred to the City of Oxford Ward of Marston, which would become a 4-member ward;

(b) Risinghurst Ward in the District of South Oxfordshire: The Parish of Risinghurst and Sandhills part of the ward to be divided as follows:-

No. 1 ward of Risinghurst and Sandhills Parish should be transferred to the City of Oxford Ward of Quarry, which would become a 4-member ward;

No. 2 ward of Risinghurst and Sandhills Parish should be transferred to the City of Oxford Ward of Headington, which would become a 4-member ward;

No. 3 ward of Risinghurst and Sandhills Parish should be transferred to the City of Oxford Ward of Wood Farm, which would remain a 3-member ward.

15. These modifications to our draft proposals for electoral consequences were announced in a letter of 23 December 1987 to the City of Oxford and to South Oxfordshire District Council, who were asked to place them on deposit for a period of eight weeks and to advertise them locally. Copies of the letter were sent to the County Council of Oxfordshire; the District Councils of Cherwell and Vale of White Horse; all the parish councils concerned; the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned; the headquarters of the main political parties; to all those who commented on our draft proposals and to those in the Marston and Risinghurst and Sandhills areas who received our initial draft proposals; to the local newspapers circulating in the area; to the local government press; and to the local radio and television stations serving the area. Comments were invited by 22 February 1988.

## RESPONSE TO OUR MODIFIED DRAFT PROPOSALS

16. In response to our modified draft proposals, we received representations from the County Council of Oxfordshire, Oxford City Council, the District Council of South Oxfordshire, the Parish Councils of Marston and Risinghurst and Sandhills, one county councillor, one district councillor, a local preservation group and three members of the public.

17. Oxfordshire County Council opposed our modified draft proposals and suggested that Old Marston and Risinghurst and Sandhills should form two separate wards of the City of Oxford, or, alternatively, we should revert to our original draft proposal for the creation of a split 3-member ward of Old Marston and Risinghurst. Oxford City Council also opposed our modified draft proposals on the following grounds:-

(a) our modified proposals broke local ties, particularly in Risinghurst and Sandhills;

(b) the existing county electoral division of Marston and Risinghurst was created as recently as 1985, and a further review of the electoral arrangements in the City could well involve further significant alterations; frequent alterations to electoral arrangements over a relatively short period could confuse the electorate;

(c) the modified proposals made a marginal improvement to electoral equality but this was outweighed by the disruption of community ties, particularly in Risinghurst and Sandhills;

(d) the modified proposals destroyed the present symmetry of 3-member wards and coterminous electoral divisions.

South Oxfordshire District Council had no comment to make on the modified draft proposals, but repeated its opposition to our proposed boundary changes.

18. The Parish of Marston considered that its parish and the Marston Ward of the City were separate communities, with little contact between them in cultural or recreational activities. It also stated that if the total electorate of the parish was insufficient to warrant two members, one single-member ward would be preferable to a merger. The Parish of Risinghurst and Sandhills suggested that its parish and a part of the City of Oxford Ward of Quarry, comprising part of the Risinghurst Estate, should form a separate 2-member ward of the City.

19. County Councillor K Carter stated that there was no affinity between Old Marston and New Marston except for proximity. He also suggested various alternative proposals which affected Nos. 1 and 2 Wards of the Parish of Risinghurst and Sandhills, the Old Marston Ward of the Parish of Marston and the City of Oxford Wards of Headington and Quarry.

20. District Councillor I Gibbs considered that the residents of the Parish of Marston in South Oxfordshire had no affinity with any part of the City of Oxford, and that the proposed community charge was likely to have an impact on our present proposals. He also envisaged difficulties in arranging elections by thirds in the 4-member wards of the City of Oxford and suggested that we should defer our recommendations until a general review of all district boundaries was undertaken in the 1990s. Two members of the public also opposed our modified draft proposal to combine Old Marston with the City of Oxford Ward of Marston. A third member of the public suggested an alternative proposal involving the creation of a separate ward comprising Nos. 1 and 2 Wards of the Parish of Risinghurst and Sandhills.

#### OUR FINAL PROPOSALS

21. As required by Section 60(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1972, we have considered the representations made to us in response to our original and modified draft proposals for electoral consequences. We considered the alternative proposals made to us for the creation of separate wards for Old Marston and Marston, together with the suggestions affecting the City of Oxford

Wards of Headington and Quarry, and the three wards of the Parish of Risinghurst and Sandhills. We noted that the alternative proposals would all distort the standard of representation in the City and also involve changes in the electoral arrangements which were not strictly consequential to our proposals for boundary changes. We did not consider the suggestion made by Councillor Gibbs to defer our final recommendations to be practicable, considering our Report No. 536 containing our final proposals for boundary changes had already been submitted to you. We also concluded that the proposed community charge was not a factor for consideration in this context.

22. We have reconsidered our modified draft proposals in the light of the further representations received. We note that while our intention in putting them forward had in large part been to reflect local ties more faithfully, they had still evoked criticism on that score. On reflection, however, we consider other factors, in the exceptional circumstances of this case, to be no less important in our interpretation of effective and convenient local government. The City Council, in particular, has drawn attention to the awkwardness of 4-member wards and to the confusion which frequent alteration to ward boundaries can cause, especially at a time when we have already concluded a complete, further electoral review will be needed after you have reached your decision on the administrative boundaries. We also believe that, in general, concordance between County Electoral Divisions and District Wards is desirable in the interest of public understanding. We recognise that no scheme for consequential adjustments to electoral arrangements, in a situation as complex as this, would be entirely satisfactory. Both sets of proposals have their advantages and disadvantages. On balance, bearing in mind the considerations set out in this paragraph, we have come to the conclusion that we should revert to our original draft proposals. We would stress however that we regard them very much as interim proposals until such time as we can undertake the further electoral review we believe will be needed of the whole City, including the areas discussed in this report, following your decision.

23. We therefore confirm our initial draft proposals as our final proposals, subject to only minor amendments to cover the areas omitted from Schedules 3 and

4 of the textual description which accompanied our draft proposals letter of 18 June 1987.

24. So far as the boundaries of the Parliamentary Constituencies of Henley and Witney are concerned (see paragraph 7), any consequential changes necessary, should our proposals be accepted, will be matters for consideration by the Parliamentary Boundary Commission.

25. Details of our final proposals for changes to electoral arrangements consequential to the boundary changes proposed in our Report No. 536 are set out in the schedule to this report. A large scale map illustrating our final proposals is being sent separately to your Department.

#### PUBLICATION

26. Separate letters are being sent, with copies of this report, to the District Councils of Cherwell, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, and to Oxford City Council, asking them to place copies of the report on deposit at their main offices, and to put notices to that effect on public notice boards and in the local press. The text of the notice will explain that the Commission has fulfilled its statutory role in the matter, and that it is now open to you to make an Order implementing the proposals, if you think fit, though not earlier than six weeks from the date on which they are submitted to you. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received our consultation

letters, to the County Council of Oxfordshire and to all those who have made comments to us.

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Signed:

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

## PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW - FINAL PROPOSALS FOR ELECTORAL CONSEQUENCES

CITY OF OXFORD/CHERWELL DISTRICT/SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT/VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT

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

## SCHEDULE 1

Boundary realignments between the City of Oxford and Cherwell District.

Areas A1, A2 and A3: descriptions of areas to be transferred from the non-parished area of the City of Oxford to Gosford and Water Eaton CP in Cherwell District.

Area A1: that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the eastern perimeter of the A34 (T) Western By-Pass Road at Thames Bridge, meets the northeastern bank of the River Thames or Isis; then northwestwards in a straight line to National Grid reference SP 4818409374, as shown on 1965 (B) Microfilm SP 4809 SW, being a point on the existing western boundary of the City of Oxford; then northeastwards along that boundary to NG ref SP 482129405; then generally southwestwards along the eastern perimeter of the By-Pass embankment to the eastern perimeter of Thames Bridge; then southwestwards along that perimeter to the point of commencement.

Area A2: that area bounded by a line commencing at NG ref SP 4821909417, as shown on 1965 (B) Microfilm SP 4809 SW, being a point on the existing western boundary of the City of Oxford; then generally northwards and eastwards along that boundary to the western perimeter of the Track leading to Godstow Road, the eastern perimeter of the A34(T) Western By-Pass Road; then southwestwards along that perimeter to the point of commencement.

Area A3: that area bounded by a line commencing at NG ref SP 4829909599, as shown on 1965 (B) Microfilm SP 4809 NW, being a point on the existing western boundary of the City of Oxford; then generally northwards and eastwards along that boundary to the western perimeter of the Track leading to Godstow Road, the eastern perimeter



of the A34 (T) Western By-Pass Road; then southwestwards along that perimeter to the point of commencement.

Areas B1, B2, B3, Y1, Y2 and Y3: descriptions of areas to be transferred from Gosford and Water Eaton CP in Cherwell District to the non-parished area of the City of Oxford.

Area B1: that area bounded by a line commencing at the northernmost point of Area A1, as described above, then northeastwards along the eastern perimeter of the embankment, the perimeter of the A34 (T) Western By-Pass Road, to the southern boundary of the Track leading to Godstow Road; then southwestwards, northwestwards, northeastwards, southeastwards and northeastwards along the southern, western and northern perimeters of that track to the southernmost point of Area A2, as described above; then generally southwards along the existing western boundary of the City of Oxford, to the point of commencement.

Area B2: that area bounded by a line commencing at the easternmost point of Area A2, as described above, then northeastwards along the western perimeter of the Track leading to Godstow Road, the eastern perimeter of the A34(T) Western By-Pass Road, to the southernmost point of Area A3, as described above; then generally southwards along the existing western boundary of the City of Oxford to the point of commencement.

Area B3: that area bounded by a line commencing at the northernmost point of Area A3, as described above; then northeastwards, northwestwards, northeastwards and southeastwards along the western perimeter of the Track leading to Godstow Road, the eastern perimeter of the A34 (T) Western By-Pass Road; then northeastwards continuing along the eastern perimeter of the A34 (T) Western By-Pass Road and northwards to the accessway linking Pixey Mead; then northeastwards along the eastern perimeter of the

accessway to the southern perimeter of the embankment, the eastern perimeter of the A34 (T) Western Bypass Road; then eastwards and northeastwards along that eastern perimeter to the northeastern perimeter of the A40(T); then southwestwards along that northeastern perimeter to and generally southwestwards along the existing northern boundary of the City of Oxford to the point of commencement.

Area Y1: that area bounded by a line commencing at the northernmost point of Area B3, as described above; then northeastwards along the southeastern perimeter of the A34 (T) Western Bypass Road to NG Ref SP 4929610679, as shown on 1983 (B1) Microfilm SP 4910 NW; then northwards in a straight line to NG ref SP 4929710686, a point on the eastern perimeter of the A34(T) Western Bypass road; then northwestwards along that eastern perimeter to the accessway from Red Barn Farm Cottage; then northeastwards along that accessway to the eastern perimeter of the A34 (T) Western By-Pass Road; then eastwards and northeastwards along that eastern perimeter and eastwards and southeastwards along the southern perimeter of the Peartree Hill Roundabout to NG Ref SP 4939510808; then northeastwards in a straight line to NG Ref SP 4943810830, a point on the eastern perimeter of that roundabout; then northeastwards along that perimeter; then due northwards to the northeastern perimeter of that roundabout; then northwestwards and northwards along that perimeter to the eastern perimeter of the A43 (T) Western By-Pass Road, then northeastwards along that perimeter to the westernmost point of OS Parcel No 6821, as shown on 1974 (A) Microfilm SP 4911; then southeastwards and generally eastwards along the southern perimeter of that parcel to the western perimeter of the Oxford to Bletchley Freight Railway; then due eastwards, in a straight line, to the eastern perimeter of that railway; then generally southwards along that perimeter to the southern perimeter of the Golf Course; then eastwards, northeastwards, southwards and northeastwards along that perimeter to the western perimeter of the A423 (T) Oxford Road; then southwards along that perimeter to the existing northern boundary of the City of Oxford; then generally southwestwards along that City boundary to and northwestwards along the northeastern perimeter of the A40 (T) to the point of commencement.

Area Y2: that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing northeastern boundary of the City of Oxford meets the northern boundary of the Banbury Road North Sports Ground; then northeastwards and southeastwards along the northern and eastern boundary of that sports ground to the existing City of Oxford boundary; then southwestwards and northwestwards along that City boundary to the point of commencement.

Area Y3: that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing boundary between Cherwell District and South Oxfordshire District meets the existing northeastern boundary of the City of Oxford: then generally northeastwards along that City boundary to the northern boundary of Cutteslowe Park; then southeastwards, northeastwards, southeastwards and northeastwards along that northern boundary to the stream that flows generally southeastwards from Water Eaton Bridge to the River Cherwell; then southeastwards along that stream to the existing boundary between Cherwell District and South Oxfordshire District; then southwestwards along that District boundary to the point of commencement.

Boundary realignments between the City of Oxford and South Oxfordshire District.

Area C: description of that area to be transferred from Marston CP in South Oxfordshire District to the non-parished area of the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Area Y3, as described above, meets the existing boundary between Cherwell District and South Oxfordshire District; then southwards along that District boundary to the River Cherwell; then southwestwards along that river to the existing northeastern boundary of the City of Oxford; then northwestwards along that City boundary to the southern boundary of Area Y3; then northeastwards along that southern boundary to the point of commencement.

Area D: description of that area to be transferred from Marston CP in South Oxfordshire District to become Marston CP in the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Area C as described above, meets the northeastern side of Cherwell Bridge; then southeastwards along that northeastern side and continuing southeastwards in a

straight line to NG ref SP 5175709848, as shown on 1972 (B) Microfilm SP 5109 NE, being a point on the northeastern perimeter of the A40 (T) Northern By-Pass Road; then southeastwards and eastwards along that perimeter to NG ref SP 5330808944, as shown on 1974 (C) Microfilm SP 5308; then southeastwards in a straight line to NG ref SP 5336908912, being a point on the northeastern perimeter of the A40 (T) Northern By-Pass Road; then generally southwards and southeastwards along that perimeter to the existing eastern boundary of Marston CP; then southeastwards along that eastern boundary to the existing northern boundary of the City of Oxford; then southwestwards along that northern boundary and generally northwestwards along the northeastern boundary of the City to the southern boundary of Area C; then northeastwards along that southern boundary to the point of commencement.

Areas E1 and E2: descriptions of areas to be transferred from Elsfield CP in South Oxfordshire District to Marston CP in the City of Oxford.

Area E1: that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing southwestern boundary of Elsfield CP meets the northeastern boundary of Area D, as described above, being a point on the stream known as Bayswater Brook; then southeastwards along the southwestern side of that stream to the northeastern boundary of Area D; then northwestwards along that northeastern boundary to the point of commencement.

Area E2: that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing northern boundary of the City of Oxford meets the eastern boundary of Area D, as described above; then northwestwards along that eastern boundary to the southwestern side of the stream known as Bayswater Brook; then southeastwards along the southwestern side of that stream, to the point where it meets the City of Oxford boundary; then westwards along that City boundary to the point of commencement.

Area F: description of that area to be transferred from Risinghurst and Sandhills CP in South Oxfordshire District to become Risinghurst and Sandhills CP in the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing eastern boundary of the City of Oxford meets the existing northern boundary of Risinghurst and Sandhills CP; then northeastwards along that CP boundary to NG ref SP 5592708058, as shown on 1978 (A\*) Microfilm SP 5508; then northeastwards and northwards along the southeastern and eastern perimeter of OS parcel No 9306 to the southern side of the stream known as Bayswater Brook; then northeastwards along the southern side of that stream to the above-mentioned CP boundary; then generally eastwards, generally southwards and generally westwards along the northern, eastern and southern boundaries of that CP to the eastern boundary of the City; then generally northwards along that City boundary to the point of commencement.

Area G: description of that area to be transferred from Stanton St John CP in South Oxfordshire District to Risinghurst and Sandhills CP in the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point due north of NG-ref SP 5611508104, as shown on 1973 (A) Microfilm SP 5608; being a point where the northern boundary of Area F, as described above, meets the stream known as Bayswater Brook; then eastwards along that stream to the northern boundary of Area F; then westwards along that northern boundary to the point of commencement.

Areas H1 and H2: descriptions of areas to be transferred from Horspath CP in South Oxfordshire District to Risinghurst and Sandhills CP in the City of Oxford.

Area H1: that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing northern boundary of Horspath CP meets the western perimeter of Blenheim Road, being a point

on the eastern boundary of Area F , as described above; then southwards and southwestwards along that road perimeter to the southern perimeter of OS Parcel No 3166, as shown on 1973 (A) Microfilm SP 5705; then northwestwards, southwestwards and northwestwards along that southern perimeter to the eastern boundary of Area F ; then northeastwards and eastwards along that eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

Area H2: that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Area F , as described above, meets the eastern boundary of Parcel No 6123, as shown on 1973 (A) Microfilm SP 5605; then southwards, westwards and northwestwards along the eastern, southern and southwestern boundaries of that parcel and continuing northwestwards along the southwestern boundary of Parcel No 4331 to the southeastern boundary of the area of Brasenose Wood, known as Open Brasenose; then northeastwards along that southeastern boundary to the southern boundary of Area F ; then southeastwards and northeastwards along that southern boundary to the point of commencement.

Areas I and Z: descriptions of areas to be transferred from Horspath CP in South Oxfordshire District to the non-parished area of the City of Oxford.

Area I: that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing southern boundary of Horspath CP meets the existing eastern boundary of the City of Oxford; then generally northwards along that eastern boundary to where it meets the stream at NG Ref SP 5579404896, as shown on 1979 (D) Microfilm SP 5504 NE; then northeastwards along that stream to where it meets the western perimeter of OS Parcel No 3300, as shown on 1973 (A) Microfilm SP 5605; then southwestwards, southeastwards, northeastwards and southeastwards along the western and southern perimeters of OS Parcel No 3300, as shown on 1973 (A) Microfilm SP 5604, to the western perimeter of OS Parcel No 6074; then southeastwards, southwestwards and southwards along that western perimeter to the northern perimeter of Oxford Road; then eastwards along that road to a point opposite the eastern perimeter of OS Parcel No 4836; then southwards to and along that perimeter to the northwestern perimeter of the Dismantled Railway; then northeastwards along that perimeter to the northeastern perimeter of the railway underpass; then southeastwards along that northeastern perimeter to the southeastern perimeter of that dismantled railway; then northeastwards along that southeastern perimeter to the western perimeter of OS Parcel No 0545, as shown on 1973 (A) Microfilm SP 5704; then southeastwards along that western perimeter to the southern boundary of Horspath CP; then generally westwards along that boundary to the point of commencement.

Area Z: that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Area I, as described above, meets the existing eastern boundary of the City of Oxford; then generally northwards along that eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Area F, as described above; then northeastwards and southeastwards along that southern boundary to the western boundary of Area H2, as described above; then southwestwards along that western boundary to the northwestern perimeter of OS Parcel No 3300, as shown on 1973 (A) Microfilm SP 5605; then southwestwards, along that northwestern perimeter to and southwestwards along the northern boundary of Area I, as described above, to the point of commencement.

Area J: description of that area to be transferred from Garsington CP in South Oxfordshire District to the non-parished area in the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Area I, as described above, meets the existing northern boundary of Garsington CP; then southwards along that CP boundary to a point opposite the northwestern perimeter of OS Parcel No 9600, as shown on 1973 (A) Microfilms SP5604 and SP 5704; then due west to that point; then southwestwards along that perimeter, continuing on 1973 (A) Microfilm SP 5603 southwestwards, northwestwards and southwestwards along the northwestern perimeter of OS Parcel No 5666 and southwestwards and southwards along the northwestern and western perimeters of OS Parcel No 1645, to the northern perimeter of Oxford Road (leading to Garsington); then southeastwards across that road to the northwesternmost point of OS Parcel No 1623; then southeastwards along the western perimeter of that parcel to the northern perimeter of the B480 Watlington Road; then northwestwards along that perimeter to the existing eastern boundary of the City of Oxford, then northwestwards along that City boundary to the existing eastern boundary of Littlemore CP (det); then northwards along that eastern boundary

continuing northwards along the existing City of Oxford boundary to the southern boundary of Area I; then generally eastwards along that boundary to the point of commencement.

Area K: description of that area to be transferred from Garsington CP in South Oxfordshire District to the proposed Blackbird Leys CP in the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing eastern boundary of the City of Oxford meets the southern boundary of Area J, as described above; then southeastwards along that southern boundary and continuing southeastwards along the northern perimeter of the B480 Watlington Road to a point opposite the easternmost point of OS Parcel No 3463, as shown on 1972 (A) Microfilm SP 5602; then southwestwards to that point and continuing generally southwestwards along the western perimeter of that parcel to the existing western boundary of Garsington CP; then northwards along that CP boundary to the point of commencement.

Area L: description of that area to be transferred from Sandford-on-Thames CP in South Oxfordshire District to the Proposed Blackbird Leys CP in the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the southernmost point of Area K, as described above; then southwards along the existing western boundary of Garsington CP to a point opposite the southeastern corner of OS Parcel No 0026, as shown on 1972 (A) Microfilm SP 5602; then due west to that point and southwestwards along the southern perimeter of that parcel, the northern perimeter of the Track leading southwestwards from Blackbury Lane, continuing along the northern perimeter of that track, the southeastern perimeters of OS Parcel Nos 0026, 5500 and 3700, as shown on 1971 (A) Microfilm SP 5501; then northwestwards along the southwestern perimeter of the last mentioned parcel to the southern perimeter of OS Parcel No 0005; then southwestwards along that parcel perimeter continuing on 1971 (A) Microfilm SP 5401; then



northwards and northwestwards along the western perimeter of that parcel continuing northwestwards on 1976 (C) Microfilm SP 5402 SE; as the unnamed stream running northwestwards to join the stream known as Littlemore Brook; then northwestwards along that unnamed stream to the Track leading generally northeastwards and northwestwards from the northeastern perimeter of the Sewage Works to the Ivanhoe Middle School; then northeastwards and northwestwards along that track to the southern boundary of Littlemore CP; then northeastwards along that CP boundary to the existing southern boundary of the City of Oxford; then generally eastwards along that City boundary to the western boundary of Area K; then southwards along that area boundary to the point of commencement.

Area M: description of that area to be transferred from Littlemore CP in South Oxfordshire District to the Proposed Blackbird Leys CP in the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the northwestern corner of Area L, as described above; then northwards along the Track, leading northwards to Knights Road, to a point opposite Northfield Brook; then westwards to that brook and northwestwards along that brook to the existing southern boundary of Littlemore CP; then alternating between that brook and that CP boundary to the northeastern perimeter of the road leading from Priory Road to Minchery Farm; then northwestwards along that perimeter to the southeastern perimeter of the access road leading to Nos 1 to 6 Minchery Farm Cottages; then northeastwards along that perimeter, northwestwards along the northeastern perimeter of that access road and the northeastern curtilage of No 6 Minchery Farm Cottages to the southeastern perimeter of the single track railway; then northeastwards along that railway perimeter to the existing southern boundary of the City of Oxford; then southeastwards along that City boundary to the northern boundary of Area L; then southwestwards along that area boundary to the point of commencement.

Areas N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6 and N7: descriptions of areas to be transferred from Sandford-on-Thames CP in South Oxfordshire District to the Proposed Blackbird Leys CP in the City of Oxford.

Area N1: that area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing northern boundary of Sandford-on-Thames CP meets the western boundary of Area M, as described above, on the northeastern perimeter of the Track leading southwards from Priory Road to Minchery Farm; then generally northeastwards along the southern boundary of Area M to Littlemore Brook; then southwestwards along that brook to the northeastern perimeter of the above mentioned track; then northwestwards along that track perimeter to the point of commencement.

Areas N2, N3, N4, N5, N6 and N7: six small areas situated between the southern boundary of Area M, as described above and Northfield Brook.

Areas O1, O2, O3, O4, O5, O6 and O7: descriptions of areas to be transferred from Littlemore CP in South Oxfordshire District to become Littlemore CP in the City of Oxford.

Area O1: that area bounded by a line commencing at the northernmost point of Area M, as described above; then generally southwestwards along the northwestern boundary of Area M to the existing southern boundary of Littlemore CP; then generally southwestwards generally northwards along the southern and western boundaries of that CP; then generally eastwards and generally southwards along the existing southern boundary of the City of Oxford to the point of commencement.

Areas O2, O3, O4, O5, O6 and O7: six small areas situated between the southern boundary of Area M, as described above, and the existing southern boundary of

Littlemore CP.

Area 08, description of that area to be transferred from Littlemore CP (det) in South Oxfordshire District to become Littlemore CP (det) in the City of Oxford.

Littlemore CP (det)

Area P, description of that area to be transferred from Sandford-on-Thames CP in South Oxfordshire District to Littlemore CP in the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing where the southernmost point of Area M, as described above, meets the northwestern corner of Area L, as described above, and the easternmost point of Area O7, as described above; then generally southwards along the western boundary of Area L, to the unnamed stream leading to Littlemore Brook; then northwestwards along that unnamed stream to the northern perimeter of the Track leading generally southwestwards from Minchery Farm to the A423 (T) Southern By-Pass Road; then generally southwestwards along that track perimeter to the eastern perimeter of the A423 (T) Southern By-Pass Road; then northwestwards along that road perimeter to the southeastern boundary of Area O1, as described above; then generally northeastwards along that boundary to the southwestern boundary of Area N1; as described above; then southeastwards and northeastwards along the southern boundaries of that area to the existing northern boundary of Sandford-on-Thames CP; then southeastwards along that CP boundary to the westernmost point of Area O2, as described above; then generally southeastwards along the southern boundary of that area and the southern boundary of Area N2 as described above, the above mentioned CP boundary the southern boundaries of Areas N3, O3, N4, O4, N5, O5, N6, O6, N7 and O7, as described above, to the point of commencement.

Boundary realignments between the City of Oxford and Vale of White Horse District.

Area Q: description of that area to be transferred from Kennington CP in Vale of White Horse District to the non-parished area of the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing northern boundary of Kennington CP meets the existing southwestern boundary of the City of Oxford; then generally eastwards, northwards, eastwards and southwards along that City boundary to Hinksey Stream; then northwestwards along that stream to Weirs Mill Stream; then northeastwards along that stream to the northeastern side of the bridge, being the northeastern boundary of the A423 (T) Southern By-Pass Road; then northwestwards along that northeastern boundary and continuing northwestwards along the northeastern side of the footpath, leading northwestwards, to a point opposite the subway leading to Kennington Roundabout; then southwestward in a straight line to that subway, being a point on the northeastern perimeter of Kennington Roundabout; then northwestwards along that northeastern perimeter to the northern perimeter of that roundabout; then westwards along that northern perimeter to the northwestern perimeter of that roundabout; then southwestwards along that northwestern perimeter to the northern perimeter of the A423 (T), Southern By-Pass Road; then westwards along that perimeter to the northern boundary of Kennington CP; then northeastward, northwestwards and northeastwards along that CP boundary to the point of commencement.

Area R: description of that area to be transferred from South Hinksey CP in Vale of White Horse District to the non-parished area of the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the southeastern boundary of the existing South Hinksey CP meets the southwestern corner of Area Q, as described above, being a point on the northern perimeter of the A423 (T), Southern By-Pass Road; then westwards along that northern perimeter crossing Abingdon Road in a

straight line, and continuing westwards and northwestwards along that northern road perimeter; then continuing northwestwards along the northeastern side of the footpath on the northeastern side of the A34 (T), Southern By-Pass Road to a point opposite the unnamed stream flowing northeastwards from Old Boars Hill towards Hinksey Stream; then northeastwards to and along that unnamed stream and its continuation as a Drain to the point where it meets the Drain that runs in a generally southeasterly direction from Manor Road; then due northeastwards from that point to the field perimeter lying to the northeast of the last mentioned Drain; then northwestwards along field perimeters to Hinksey Stream; then southwestwards and generally northwestwards along that stream to the existing southwestern boundary of the City of Oxford; then northeastwards and southeastwards along that southwestern boundary to the western boundary of Area Q; then southwestwards and southeastwards along that western boundary to the point of commencement.

Area S: description of an area to be transferred from North Hinksey CP in Vale of White Horse District to the non-parished area of the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing northern boundary of North Hinksey CP meets the existing western boundary of the City of Oxford; then generally southeastwards along that City boundary to the southwestern side of Seacourt Stream or Wytham Stream; then northwestwards and northwards along the southwestern and western side of that stream to the northern perimeter of the road known as West Way; then generally westwards along that road perimeter to the eastern perimeter of the A420 road; then northwards along that eastern perimeter to the North Hinksey CP boundary; then northeastwards along that CP boundary to the point of commencement.

Area T: description of that area to be transferred from the non-parished area of the City of Oxford to North Hinksey CP in Vale of White Horse District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point due north of NG Red SP 4951405528, as shown on 1973 (B) Microfilm SP 4905 NE, being a point where the southwestern side of Seacourt Stream or Wytham Stream meets the existing western boundary of the City of Oxford; then northwestwards along that City boundary to the southwestern side of that stream, then southeastwards along that stream to the point of commencement.

Area U: description of that area to be transferred from Wytham CP in Vale of White Horse District to the non-parished area of the City of Oxford.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing western boundary of the City of Oxford meets the northern boundary of North Hinksey CP; then southwestwards along that northern boundary to the eastern perimeter of the A420 road; then northwards and northwestwards along that road perimeter and continuing northwestwards and northeastwards along the eastern perimeter of the A34 (T) Western By-Pass Road to the southern side of the River Thames or Isis; then westwards along that side of river to the eastern perimeter of the A34 (T) Western By-Pass Road at Thames Bridge; then northeastwards along that road perimeter to the City of Oxford boundary; then generally southeastwards along that City boundary to the point of commencement.

Area V: description of that area to be transferred from the non-parished area of the City of Oxford to the Wytham CP in Vale of White Horse District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the northernmost point of Area U, as described above; then westwards and northwards along the existing western boundary of the City of Oxford to the southwestern corner of Area A1, as described above; then southeastwards along the southern boundary of Area A1 to the eastern perimeter of the A34 (T) Western By-Pass Road at Thames Bridge; then southwestwards along that road perimeter to the point of commencement.

## SCHEDULE 2

Boundary realignments between Civil Parishes.

Area W; description of that area to be transferred from Marston CP to Elsfield CP in South Oxfordshire District.

That area of the existing Marston CP not included in Area C and D, as described in Schedule 1.

Area X: description of that area to be transferred from Risinghurst and Sandhills CP to Stanton St John CP in South Oxfordshire District.

That area of the existing Risinghurst and Sandhills CP not included in Area F as described in Schedule 1.

## PROPOSED BLACKBIRD LEYS CP

The proposed Blackbird Leys CP shall consist of Areas K, L, M and N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6 and N7 as described in Schedule 1.

and that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing southern boundary of the City of Oxford meets the northwestern boundary of Blackbird Leys Ward; then northeastwards and southeastwards along that ward boundary to the existing eastern boundary of the City of Oxford; then southeastwards, southwards, westwards, northwestwards and northeastwards along the eastern and southern boundaries of the City to the point of commencement.

## SCHEDULE 3

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

## 1. City of Oxford/Cherwell District

It is proposed that the City Wards as defined in the City of Oxford (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 and the District Wards as defined in the District of Cherwell (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 shall be altered as described below.

Areas A1, A2 and A3 as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Wolvercote Ward of the City of Oxford to the Gosford Ward of Cherwell District.

Areas B1, B2 and B3 as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Gosford Ward of Cherwell District to the Wolvercote Ward of the City of Oxford.



Areas Y1, Y2 and Y3, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Gosford Ward of Cherwell District to the Cherwell Ward of the City of Oxford.

2. City of Oxford/South Oxfordshire District

It is proposed that the City Wards as defined in the City of Oxford (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 and the District Wards as defined in the District of South Oxfordshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980, shall be altered as described below.

Area C, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Marston Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the Cherwell Ward of the City of Oxford.

Area D, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Marston Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the proposed Old Marston and Risinghurst Ward of the City of Oxford.

Areas E1 and E2, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Forest Hill Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the proposed Old Marston and Risinghurst Ward of the City of Oxford.

Areas F, H1 and H2, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Risinghurst Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the proposed Old Marston and Risinghurst Ward (det) of the City of Oxford.

Area G, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Forest Hill Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the proposed Old Marston and Risinghurst Ward (det) of the City of Oxford.

Area I, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Risinghurst Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the Temple Cowley Ward of the City of Oxford.

Area J, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Garsington Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the Temple Cowley Ward of the City of Oxford.

Area K, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Garsington Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the Blackbird Leys Ward of the City of Oxford.

Areas L, N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6 and N7, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Clifton Hampden Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the Blackbird Leys Ward of the City of Oxford.

Area M, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Littlemore Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the Blackbird Leys Ward of the City of Oxford.

Area P, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Clifton Hampden Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the Littlemore Ward of the City of Oxford.

Area W, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Marston Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the Forest Hill Ward of South Oxfordshire District.

Area X, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Risinghurst Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the Forest Hill Ward of South Oxfordshire District.

Area Z, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Risinghurst Ward of South Oxfordshire District to the Wood Farm Ward of the City of Oxford.

### 3. City of Oxford/Vale of White Horse District

It is proposed that the City Wards as defined in the City of Oxford (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 and the District Wards as defined in the District of Vale of White Horse (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978, as amended by the Vale of White Horse (Parishes) Order 1986, shall be altered as described below.

Area Q, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Kennington Ward of the Vale of White Horse District to the South Ward of the City of Oxford.

Area R as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Hinksey Ward of the Vale of White Horse District to the South Ward of the City of Oxford.

Areas S and U, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Hinksey Ward of the Vale of White Horse District to the West Ward of the City of Oxford.

Area T, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the West Ward of the City of Oxford to the Hinksey Ward of the Vale of White Horse District.

Area V, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Wolvercote Ward of the City of Oxford to the Hinksey Ward of the Vale of White Horse District.

#### SCHEDULE 4

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

It is proposed that the County Electoral Division, as defined in the County of Oxfordshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1983, shall be altered as described below.

Areas A1, A2 and A3, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Wolvercote ED to the Kidlington South ED.

Areas B1, B2 and B3, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Kidlington South ED to the Wolvercote ED.

Area C, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Old Marston ED to the Oxford Cherwell ED.

Areas E1 and E2, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Wheatley ED to the Old Marston ED.

Areas G, H1 and H2, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Wheatley ED to the Old Marston ED (det).

Area I, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Wheatley ED to the Temple Cowley ED.

Area J, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Chalgrove ED to the Temple Cowley ED.

Area K, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Chalgrove ED to the Blackbird Leys ED.

Areas L, N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6 and N7 as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Dorchester ED to the Blackbird Leys CP.

Area M, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Littlemore ED to the Blackbird Leys ED.

Area P, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Dorchester ED to the Littlemore ED.

Areas Q and R, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Hinksey ED to the Oxford South ED.

Area S, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Hinksey ED to the Oxford West ED.

Area T, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Oxford West ED to the Hinksey ED.

Area U, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Cumnor ED to the Oxford West ED.

Area V, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Wolvercote ED to the Cumnor ED.

Area W, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Old Marston ED to the Wheatley ED.

Area X, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the old Marston ED (det) to the Wheatley ED.

Areas Y1, Y2 and Y3, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Kidlington South ED to the Oxford Cherwell ED.

Area Z, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Wheatley ED to the Wood Farm ED.