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PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD
IN THE COUNTY OF HERTFORDSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Watford in accordance with the requirements of section 63 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 28 January 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Watford Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Hertfordshire 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 the local newspapers circulating in the area and to 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 any interested bodies.
3. The Watford 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 which we 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. On 12 June 1974 the Watford Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. In accordance with section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 they had exercised an option for elections by thirds and they proposed

to divide the area of the borough into 12 wards each returning 3 members to form a council of 36, the same size as the existing Council. We received comments relating to the names of the proposed wards which suggested alternative names for a number of them.

5. We considered the Council's draft scheme and the comments referred to above. We noted that the draft scheme complied with the rules in schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1974 and our own guidelines and we considered that it provided a satisfactory basis of representation for the borough. After consulting Ordnance Survey we made some minor adjustments to the alignment of some of the boundaries in order to secure improved boundary lines. We decided to adopt the ward names suggested by the council. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

6. On 11 July 1974 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 these 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 that any comments should reach us by 27 September.

7. Following publication of our draft proposals, we received one comment, reiterating a previously expressed view, that the name of Park ward should be changed to Cassiobury ward. We noted that there was an existing ward of that name, but that its area did not coincide with that of the new Park ward and we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

8. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 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.

PUBLICATION

9. 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 Watford Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's offices at Watford, Hertfordshire. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the map is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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SCHEDULE 1

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

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS
CALLOWLAND	3
CENTRAL	3
HOLYWELL	3
LEGGATTS	3
MERIDEN	3
NASCOT	3
OXHEY	3
PARK	3
STANBOROUGH	3
TUDOR	3
VICARAGE	3
WOODSIDE	3

BOROUGH OF WATFORD: 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.

CALLOWLAND

Commencing at the point where St Albans Road (A412) meets the main railway; thence northwestwards along said railway to a point being the prolongation of the western boundary of No. 115 Sussex Road; thence northeastwards to and along said prolongation, said western boundary and continuing along the western boundary of Callowland Recreation Ground to Gammons Lane; thence southeastwards along said lane to the road known as Longspring; thence northeastwards along said road to St Albans Road (A412); thence southwards along said road to Balmoral Road; thence southeastwards along said road to the railway; thence southwestwards and southwards along said railway to a point being the prolongation of the southern boundary of the Printing Ink Works; thence westwards along the said prolongation and said southern boundary to the footpath between the Engine Shed and St Albans Road (A412); thence northwestwards along said footpath to St Albans Road (A412); thence southwards along said road to the point of commencement.

CENTRAL

Commencing at the point where the River Colne meets Wiggshall Bridge; thence northwards and northwestwards along Wiggshall Road, Merton Road and Cassio Road to Rickmansworth Road; thence northeastwards along said road and St Albans Road (A412) to the southern boundary of Callowland Ward; thence eastwards along said southern boundary to the railway; thence southeastwards in a straight line to the southwestern corner of Parcel No. 3463 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan TQ10/1197 Edition of 1960; thence generally eastwards, northwards and southeastwards along said southern boundary of said parcel to the footpath from Colonial Way to Radlett Road; thence southwestwards and eastwards along the said footpath to Radlett Road; thence eastwards in a straight line to the eastern boundary of the District; thence southwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Parcel No. 9468 as shown on Ordnance

Survey 1:2500 Plan TQ10/1195 Edition of 1960; thence northwestwards in a straight line through Grid Reference TQ1185995678 to the River Colne; thence southwestwards and westwards along said river to the point of commencement.

HOLYWELL

Commencing at the point where Tolpits Lane meets the southern boundary of the District; thence westwards following the District boundary to Rickmansworth Road; thence northeastwards along said road to Hagden Lane; thence southeastwards along said lane, Queen's Avenue, Hagden Lane again and Willow Lane and continuing southeastwards along the un-named path being an extension of Willow Lane; thence southeastwards in a straight line through Grid Reference TQ1074695153 to the River Colne; thence westwards along said river to a point opposite Grid Reference TQ1061395105 on the District Boundary; thence southwards to said grid reference and westwards following the southern boundary of the District to the point of commencement.

LEGGATTS

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Callowland Ward meets the main railway; thence northwards along said railway to the eastern boundary of No. 27 Denewood Close; thence northeastwards along said eastern boundary and continuing along the eastern and northern boundaries of No. 25 Denewood Close and the northern boundary of No. 23 Denewood Close to the southernmost corner of North Watford Playing Field; thence northeastwards, northwestwards and northeastwards along the eastern boundary of said playing field to Gammons Lane; thence westwards and northeastwards along said lane and Courtlands Drive to North Western Avenue (A41); thence eastwards along said avenue to St Albans Road (A412); thence southwestwards along the said road to the northern boundary of Callowland Ward; thence generally southwestwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

MERIDEN

Commencing at the point where North Western Avenue (A41) meets the eastern boundary of the District; thence northwestwards along the said avenue to St Albans Road (A412); thence northeastwards and generally northwards along said road to St Albans Road (A405); thence northeastwards along said road to the northern boundary of the District; thence eastwards following the said District boundary to the point of commencement.

NASCOT

Commencing at the point where the pedestrian subway northeast of the Town Hall meets the western boundary of Central Ward; thence northwestwards along said subway and the pedestrian precinct to Hamstead Road; thence northwestwards along said road to the western boundary of the District; thence northeastwards along said boundary to North Western Avenue; thence eastwards along said avenue to the northwestern corner of Leggatts Ward; thence southwestwards and southeastwards along the western boundary of said ward to the western boundary of Callowland Ward; thence continuing southeastwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of Central Ward; thence southwestwards along the said boundary to the point of commencement.

OXHEY

Commencing at the most easterly point of Holywell Ward in the River Colne; thence northeastwards and eastwards along said river to the southern boundary of Central Ward; thence generally eastwards and northeastwards along the said boundary to the eastern boundary of the District; thence eastwards following the District boundary to the southern boundary of Holywell Ward; thence eastwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

PARK

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Holywell Ward meets the western boundary of the District; thence northeastwards following said District boundary to the northwest corner of Nascot Ward; thence southeastwards

along the western boundary of said ward to the western boundary of Central Ward; thence southwestwards along said boundary and continuing along Rickmansworth Road to the northern boundary of Holywell Ward; thence westwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

STANBOROUGH

Commencing at the point where Kingsway North Orbital Road (A405) meets the northern boundary of Leggatts Ward; thence northeastwards and eastwards along the said road to the western boundary of Meriden Ward; thence generally southwards along said ward boundary to the northeastern corner of Leggatts Ward; thence westwards along the northern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

TUDOR

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Central Ward meets the eastern boundary of the District; thence generally westwards along said ward boundary to the southeastern corner of Callowland Ward; thence generally northwards along the eastern boundary of said ward to the eastern boundary of Leggatts Ward; thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southwestern corner of Meriden Ward; thence eastwards and southeastwards along the southern boundary of said ward to the eastern boundary of the District; thence southwestwards following the District boundary to the point of commencement.

VICARAGE

Commencing at the easternmost point of Holywell Ward; thence northwestwards along the eastern boundary of said ward to the southern boundary of Park Ward; thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to the western boundary of Central Ward; thence southeastwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of Oxhey Ward; thence southwestwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

WOODSIDE

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of Stanborough Ward meets the northern boundary of Leggatts Ward; thence westwards along said northern boundary and the northern boundary of Nasoot Ward to the western boundary of the District; thence generally northeastwards following the District boundary to the western boundary of Meriden Ward; thence generally southwestwards along said western boundary to the western boundary of Stanborough Ward; thence generally southwestwards along said western boundary to the point of commencement.