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PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
DARTFORD DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF KENT

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out the initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Dartford 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 district.

2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on the 10 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Dartford District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Kent County Council, the clerks of parish councils in the district, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of local newspapers circulating in the area and 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 body.

3. The Dartford 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 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. The Council have not passed a resolution under Section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The provisions of section 7(6) will therefore apply and the elections of all district councillors will be held simultaneously.

5. On 25 November 1974 the Dartford District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 20 wards, each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 45.

6. Comments were received suggesting alternative proposals in the area of the parishes of Stone and Wilmington.

7. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the council and all the comments which had been made upon it. We noted that the draft scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act and our own guidelines and we considered that it provided a satisfactory basis of representation for the district. We carefully considered the comments received and decided to propose dividing the Stone South ward into 2 single-member wards, and the parish of Wilmington into three district wards based on the existing parish wards. After consulting Ordnance Survey we made some minor adjustments to the alignment of some of the boundaries proposed by the Council. These changes were made to secure boundary lines which were more readily identifiable on the ground. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

8. On 16 January 1975 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter and who had commented on the draft scheme. The Council were asked to make those 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 that any comments should reach us by 13 March 1975.

9. The District Council accepted our draft proposals which were also supported by all who made representations to us. No comments opposing the draft proposals were received.

10. We have reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we received and have confirmed them as our final proposals.

11. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report and on the attached maps. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each ward. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps.

PUBLICATION

12. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and copies of the maps are being sent to Dartford District Council and will be made available for public inspection at the Council's offices, High Street, Dartford. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the maps is set out in Schedule 2

to this report.

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Signed

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20 March 1975

SCHEDULE I

BARTFORD DISTRICT: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
BEAN	1
BRENT	3
DARENTH	2
GALLEY HILL	2
GREENHITHE	2
GUNDULF	3
HEATH	3
HORNS CROSS	1
JOYCE GREEN	2
LITTLEBROOK	2
MAYPOLE	2
MISKIN	2
NEWTOWN	3
PRINCES	3
PRIORY	1
SOUTHFLEET	2
STONE	3
SUTTON AT HONE AND HAWLEY	2
SWANSCOMBE	2
WILMINGTON CENTRAL	1
WILMINGTON EAST	1
WILMINGTON WEST	2

DARTFORD DISTRICT: 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.

PRIORY WARD

Commencing at a point where the Dartford to Erith Railway meets the western boundary of the District; thence northeastwards and following the said western boundary to the River Darent; thence southeastwards and following the said river to the Dartford to Erith Railway; thence northwestwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

JOYCE GREEN WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Priory Ward meets the western boundary of the District; thence northwards and following the said western and northern boundary of the District to the western boundary of Stone CP; thence southwestwards and following the said boundary to a point opposite the northern of the property No 13 Wordsworth Way; thence due southwards to the footpath that is adjacent to the northern boundaries of Nos 13 to 7 Wordsworth Way; thence westwards and following said footpath and continuing along the footpath adjacent to the northern boundaries of the properties Nos 4 and 8 Hardy Grove and No 5 Marsh Street to Marsh Street; thence southwards along the said street and southeastwards across St Edmunds Road to the eastern boundary of Temple Hill County Primary School; thence southeastwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of St Anselm's Catholic Primary School to Littlebrook Manor Way; thence southwestwards along the said way to Temple Hill; thence southwestwards along Temple Hill and continuing due southwards to the Gravesend to Dartford Railway; thence westwards along the said railway to the eastern boundary of Priory Ward; thence northwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

LITTLEBROOK WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Stone CP meets the Gravesend to Dartford Railway; thence southwestwards and following the said railway to the eastern boundary of Joyce Green Ward; thence northeastwards and following the said eastern boundary to the western boundary of Stone CP; thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

GUNDULF WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of the District meets the southern boundary of Priory Ward; thence southeastwards along the said southern boundary to the River Darent; thence southwards and following the said river to High Street; thence northwestwards along the said street, Spital Street, West Hill and Dartford Road to the western boundary of the District; thence northeastwards and following the said boundary to the point of commencement.

NEWTOWN WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Gundulf Ward meets the southern boundary of Joyce Green Ward; thence eastwards and northeastwards along the said southern boundary and the southern boundary of Littlebrook Ward to the western boundary of Stone CP; thence southeastwards along the said boundary to Watling Street; thence northwestwards along said street, East Hill and Overy Liberty to the eastern boundary of Gundulf Ward; thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

HEATH WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of the District meets the southern boundary of Gundulf Ward; thence southeastwards along the said southern boundary to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 135 Dartford Road; thence southwestwards to and along the said southern boundary and continuing along the rear boundaries of Nos 121 to 45 Havelock Road and thence southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 30 to 1 Gloucester Road and Nos 98 to 102 Shepher^ds Lane to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 108 to 118 Shepher^ds Lane; thence southwestwards to and along the said boundaries to Havelock Road; thence southeastwards along the said road to Shepher^ds Lane; thence southwestwards along the said lane to Princes Road; thence southeastwards along the said road to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of No 241 Princes Road; thence northeastwards to and along the said boundary to the rear boundaries of Nos 241 to 299 Princes Road; thence southeastwards along the said boundaries

to the eastern boundary of No 299 Princes Road; thence southeastwards along the said boundary and in prolongation thereof to ~~the~~ Princes Road; thence southwestwards along the said road to Heath Lane; thence southwestwards and southwards along the said lane to the A2 Dartford Diversion; thence northwestwards along the said diversion to the western boundary of the District; thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

MISKIN WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Heath Ward meets the southern boundary of Gundulf Ward; thence southeastwards along said southern boundary to Lowfield Street; thence southwestwards along said street to Heath Street; thence southwestwards along said street and Heath Lane to the eastern boundary of Heath Ward; thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

PRINCES WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Heath Ward meets the southern boundary of Miskin Ward; thence northeastwards and following said southern boundary to the southern boundary of Gundulf Ward; thence southeastwards along said boundary to the River Darent; thence southwestwards and following said river to the northern boundary of Wilmington CP; thence southwestwards and following said boundary to the A2 Dartford Diversion; thence northwestwards along the said diversion to the southeastern boundary of Heath Ward; thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

BRENT WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Princes Ward meets the southern boundary of Gundulf Ward; thence northeastwards and following said southern boundary and the southern boundary of Newtown Ward to the western boundary of Stone CP; thence southeastwards and following the said western boundary to the northern boundary of Darenth CP; thence southwestwards and following the said boundary to the eastern boundary of Wilmington CP;

thence northwestwards and following the said boundary to the eastern boundary of Princes Ward; thence northwestwards and following the said boundary to the point of commencement.

WILMINGTON CENTRAL WARD

The Central Ward of Wilmington CP and that area bounded by the line commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Wilmington CP meets the eastern boundary of Leyton Cross Road; thence due northeastwards to the southern boundary of Heath Ward; thence southeastwards and following said southern boundary and the southern boundary of Princes Ward to the northern boundary of Wilmington CP; thence southwestwards and following the said boundary to the point of commencement.

MAYPOLE WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of the District meets the southern boundary of Heath Ward; thence southeastwards along the said southern boundary to the northwestern boundary of Wilmington Central Ward; thence southwestwards and following the said boundary to the southern boundary of the District; thence westwards and northwards along the said boundary and the western boundary of the District to the point of commencement.

DARENTH WARD

Darenth CP

SUTTON-AT-HONE AND HAWLEY WARD

Sutton-at-Hone CP

WILMINGTON WEST WARD

The West Ward of Wilmington CP

WILMINGTON EAST WARD

The East Ward of Wilmington CP

STONE WARD

The East Ward and the West Ward of Stone CP

BEAN WARD

The Bean Ward of Stone CP

HORNS CROSS WARD

The Central Ward of Stone CP

GREENHITHE WARD

The Greenhithe Ward of Swanscombe CP

GALLEY HILL WARD

The Galley Hill Ward of Swanscombe CP

SWANSCOMBE WARD

The Swanscombe Ward of Swanscombe CP

SOUTHFLEET WARD

Southfleet CP