

**Local Government
Boundary Commission
For England
Report No.199**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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To the Rt Hon Merlyn Rees, MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT
OF RUTLAND IN THE COUNTY OF LEICESTERSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Rutland, 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 Rutland District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Leicestershire County Council, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings, 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 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. Rutland 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 before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. The Council had passed a resolution under section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act, 1972 requesting the Secretary of State to provide for a system of whole council elections.

5. On 15 January 1976 Rutland District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed that the district should be divided into 16 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 councillors to form a council of 20 members.

6. We considered the draft scheme and noted that it had met with general local approval. We considered that the draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for future representation of the district and adopted it as our draft proposals without modification.

7. On 4 May 1976 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 showed 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 23 July 1976.

RESPONSE TO DRAFT PROPOSALS

8. Rutland District Council and Leicestershire County Council accepted the Commission's draft proposals.

9. We received one other comment drawing our attention to the fact that the parishes of Gunthorpe and Martinthorpe were allied both socially and geographically with the parish of Manton and that it would be desirable for them to be included in the same ward as Manton, in the proposed Edith Weston ward, rather than in the proposed Braunstone ward as in the draft proposals.

10. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of this comment. We considered that the parishes of Gunthorpe, Martinsthorpe and Manton should not be separated. We concluded that we should transfer the parishes of Gunthorpe and Martinsthorpe to the Edith Weston ward. Subject to this modification we confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

11. Details of these 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 shown on the attached map.

PUBLICATION

12. 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 Rutland District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without map) are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A description of the proposed wards is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

Signed

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EDMUND COMPTON (CHAIRMAN)

JOHN M RANKIN (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN)

MICHAEL CHISHOLM

R R THORNTON

ANDREW WHEATLEY

N DIGNEY (Secretary)

9 December 1976

SCHEDULE 1

MEMORANDUM OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTION OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RUTLAND IN THE COUNTY OF LEICESTERSHIRE

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BARROWDEN	1
BELTON	1
BRAUNSTON	1
CASTERTON	1
COTTESMORE	1
EDITH WESTON	1
EMPINGHAM	1
EXTON	1
KETTON	1
LANGHAM	1
LUFFENHAM	1
OAKHAM EAST	2
OAKHAM WEST	3
RYHALL	1
UPPINGHAM	2
WHISSENDINE	1

The proposed ward boundaries are shown on the map which can be inspected at the Council's offices. For the benefit of those unable to inspect the map, a description of the proposed wards is attached at Schedule 2.

RUTLAND DISTRICT - WARDS

BARROWDEN WARD

The parishes of Barrowden

Caldecott

Lyddington

Seaton

Stoke Dry

Thorpe by Water

BELTON WARD

The parishes of Ayston

Belton

Bisbrooke

Glaston

Preston

Ridlington

Wardley

Wing

BRAUNSTON WARD

The parishes of Ashwell

Braunston

Brooke

Burley

Egleton

Leighfield

CASTERTON WARD

The parishes of Clipsham

Great Casterton

Little Casterton

Pickworth

Tinwell

COTTESMORE WARD

The parishes of Barrow

Cottesmore

EDITH WESTON WARD

The parishes of Edith Weston

Gunthorpe

Lyndon

Manton

Martinsthorpe

Normanton

EMPINGHAM WARD

The parishes of Empingham

Hambleton

Tickencote

Whitwell

EXTON WARD

The parishes of Exton

Greetham

Horn

Stretton

KETTON WARD

The parishes of Ketton

Tixover

LANGHAM WARD

The parishes of Barleythorpe
Langham

LUFFENHAM WARD

The parishes of Morcott
North Luffenham
Pilton
South Luffenham

OAKHAM EAST WARD

The Oakham East ward of the parish of Oakham

OAKHAM WEST WARD

The Oakham West ward of the parish of Oakham

RYHALL WARD

The parishes of Essendine
Ryhall

UPPINGHAM WARD

The parishes of Beaumont Chase
Uppingham

WHISSENDINE WARD

The parishes of Market Overton
Teigh
Thistleton
Whissendine