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

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, in accordance with the requirements of Section 50(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that borough.
2. In accordance with the procedure prescribed in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 10 June 1975 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the London Boroughs Association, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the headquarters of the main political parties and the Greater London Regional Council of the Labour Party. 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 any interested bodies.
3. The Borough Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. In 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 letter of 10 June 1975 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 six weeks before they submitted their draft scheme

to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. On 6 November 1975, the Borough Council submitted their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the borough into 21 wards, each returning 2 or 3 councillors, to give a council of 55 members. We noted that nineteen of the wards proposed by the Council were coterminous with existing wards.

5. We considered the draft scheme, the comments which had been made upon it and two alternative schemes which were submitted by local political parties in respect of the wards in the Chelsea parliamentary constituency. We concluded that the draft scheme failed to comply with the rules in paragraph 3(2)(a) and (b) of Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and that it did not, therefore, provide a satisfactory basis for draft proposals. Similarly, we concluded that neither of the schemes which covered the wards in the Chelsea constituency, provided a satisfactory basis for draft proposals for the borough as a whole.

6. We decided to invite the Borough Council to reconsider their draft scheme and to submit a revised scheme which took account of the rules laid down in the Act.

7. On 23 August 1976, the Borough Council submitted their revised draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the borough into 22 wards, comprising eleven 3-member wards and eleven 2-member wards, to form a council of 55 members. We noted that the Council had proposed changes to all but 7 of the wards in their original scheme and that they had substantially revised their projected electorate figures.

8. The local political parties which had previously submitted schemes for a part of the borough only, took the opportunity to submit alternative proposals for the whole of the borough. We also received comments from a number of individuals in connection with the Abingdon, Queens Gate East, Queens Gate West, and

Royal Hospital ward boundaries proposed in the Council's revised draft scheme.

9. We considered the revised draft scheme submitted by the Council, together with the comments which had been made upon it and the other two revised schemes which we had received. We noted that the Council's revised draft scheme generally complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines. We decided, however, that a more equitable standard of representation would be achieved by transferring an area bordering Kensington High Street, from the proposed Campden ward to the proposed Holland ward. In response to criticisms of the boundary between the Council's proposed Abingdon and Queens Gate West wards, and of the boundaries of the proposed Royal Hospital ward, we decided to make the following further modifications:

(i) to replace the Council's proposed 2-member wards named Abingdon, Queens Gate West, and Queens Gate East by the two 3-member wards, named Abingdon and Queens Gate, which were suggested in one of the alternative schemes;

(ii) to adopt the existing Royal Hospital, Cheyne, and South Stanley wards, as proposed in the other alternative scheme, in place of the new wards of the same names, proposed in the Council's revised draft scheme. The number of councillors assigned to the ^{CHEYNE} ~~Royal Hospital~~ ward was thereby reduced from 3 to 2.

10. Subject to the modifications referred to in paragraph 9 above, involving a reduction by 1 councillor in the proposed size of the council, we adopted the Borough Council's revised draft scheme as the basis of our draft proposals. We formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

11. On 16 November 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 revised 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 other members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 11 January 1977.

12. The Borough Council accepted our draft proposals but expressed disappointment with the modifications we had made to their revised draft scheme. Letters expressing support for the draft proposals were received from two individuals, both of whom sought a minor modification to the boundary between the proposed Abingdon and Queens Gate wards.

13. Objections to the draft proposals, in respect of 6 of the wards in the Chelsea parliamentary constituency, were received from one of the local political parties which had previously submitted an alternative scheme.

14. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received. In accordance with local wishes, we decided to modify the boundary between the proposed Abingdon and Queens Gate wards, so as to include all the properties in Cornwall Gardens within the Queens Gate ward. We noted that the representations from the local political party reiterated their earlier comments and proposals which we had fully considered, and partly adopted, when formulating our draft proposals. It seemed clear to us that no new factor had come to light. Subject to the modification to the Abingdon/Queens Gate ward boundary mentioned above, we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

15. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. Schedule 2 is a description of the areas of the new wards. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the attached map.

PUBLICATION

16. 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 the Borough 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.

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Signed

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10 March 1977.

SCHEDULE 1

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA :
NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ABINGDON	3
AVONDALE	3
BROMPTON	2
CAMPDEN	3
CHEYNE	2
CHURCH	2
COLVILLE	3
COURTFIELD	3
EARLS COURT	3
GOLBORNE	3
HANS TOWN	3
HOLLAND	3
KELFIELD	2
NORLAND	2
NORTH STANLEY	2
PEMBRIDGE	3
QUEEN'S GATE	3
REDCLIFFE	3
ROYAL HOSPITAL	2
ST CHARLES	2
SOUTH STANLEY	2

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

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.

ST CHARLES WARD

Commencing at the point at which the western boundary of the borough meets North Pole Road, thence generally northwards and eastwards along the western and northern boundaries of the borough to Ladbroke Grove, thence southeastwards along the said grove to the southern roadway of St Charles Square, thence southwestwards along the said Square to St Mark's Road, thence southeastwards along the said road to St Quintin Avenue, thence northwestwards along the said avenue to North Pole Road, thence southwestwards along the said road to the point of commencement.

GOLBORNE WARD

Commencing at the point at which Ladbroke Grove meets the Metropolitan railway, opposite Ladbroke Grove Station, thence northwestwards along the said grove to the eastern boundary of St Charles Ward, thence continuing northwestwards along the said boundary to the northern boundary of the borough, thence generally eastwards and southwards along the northern and eastern boundaries of the borough to the Metropolitan railway, thence southwestwards along the said railway to the point of commencement.

KELFIELD WARD

Commencing at the point at which the western boundary of the borough meets the Metropolitan railway: at Latimer Road Station, thence generally northwestwards along the said Borough boundary to the southern boundary of St Charles Ward, thence generally eastwards along the said southern boundary to the western boundary of Golborne ward, thence generally southeastwards along the said western boundary to the Metropolitan railway, thence southwestwards along the said railway to the point of commencement.

AVONDALE WARD

Commencing at a point in St Ann's Road opposite Darnley Terrace on the western boundary of the borough, thence generally northwards along the said boundary to the southern boundary of Kelfield Ward, thence generally north-eastwards along the said southern boundary to Ladbroke Grove, thence south-eastwards along the said grove to Elgin Crescent, thence southwestwards along the said crescent to Clarendon Road, thence southeastwards along the said road to the road known as Clarendon Cross, thence southwestwards along Clarendon Cross and Hippodrome Place to and crossing Walmer Road, to Princedale Road, thence southeastwards along the said road to Penzance Place, thence southwestwards along the said place, the northern roadway of St James's Gardens and Darnley Terrace/^{and in prolongation thereof} to the point of commencement.

COLVILLE WARD

Commencing at the point at which Ladbroke Gardens meets Ladbroke Grove, thence northwestwards along the said grove and the eastern boundary of Avondale Ward to the southern boundary of Golborne Ward, thence generally northeastwards along the said southern boundary to the eastern boundary of the borough, thence generally southeastwards along the said eastern boundary to Westbourne Grove, thence southwestwards along the said grove and Ladbroke Gardens to the point of commencement.

NORLAND WARD

Commencing at the point at which the western boundary of the borough meets Holland Park Avenue, thence generally northwards along the said borough boundary to the southern boundary of Avondale Ward, thence generally north-eastwards along the said southern boundary to the western boundary of Colville Ward, thence southeastwards along the said boundary and Ladbroke Grove to Holland Park Avenue, thence southwestwards along the said avenue to the point of commencement.

PEMBRIDGE WARD

Commencing at the point at which Holland Park Avenue meets the eastern boundary of Norland Ward, thence northwestwards along the said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Colville Ward, thence northeastwards along the said southern boundary to the eastern boundary of the borough, thence generally eastwards and southwards along the said eastern boundary to Notting Hill Gate, thence southwestwards along Notting Hill Gate and Holland Park Avenue to the point of commencement.

HOLLAND WARD

Commencing at the point at which Kensington High Street meets the western boundary of the borough, thence northwestwards along said borough boundary to the southern boundary of Norland Ward, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to Holland Walk, thence southeastwards along said walk to the road known as Duchess of Bedford's Walk, thence eastwards along said road to Campden Hill Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Kensington High Street, thence southwestwards along said street to the point of commencement.

CAMPDEN WARD

Commencing at the point where Kensington High Street meets the eastern boundary of Holland Ward, thence generally northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Norland Ward, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary and the southern boundary of Pembridge Ward to the eastern boundary of the borough, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said eastern boundary to Kensington Road, thence northwestwards along said road and continuing westwards and southwestwards along Kensington High Street to the point of commencement.

QUEENS GATE WARD

Commencing at the point where Wright's Lane meets the southern boundary of Campden Ward, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said southern boundary to the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southeastwards along said Borough boundary and continuing southeastwards along the road known as Queen's Gate to Cromwell Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point being in prolongation of the eastern boundary of No 158 Cromwell Road, thence northeastwards along said prolongation and said eastern boundary and continuing northeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 2 to 38 Lexham Gardens, the eastern boundary of No 5 Lexham Gardens Mews, the eastern boundary of said mews and the eastern boundary of No 4 in said mews to the rear boundary of said property, thence westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 4 to 1 Lexham Gardens Mews to the rear boundary of No 40 Lexham Gardens, thence northwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 40 to 44 Lexham Gardens, thence northwestwards in a straight line to the southeastern corner of St Mary Abbots Hospital, thence northwards along the eastern boundary and westwards along the northern boundary of said hospital to the eastern boundary of the Kensington Close Hotel, thence northwestwards along said eastern boundary and southwestwards along the northern boundary of said hotel to a point being in prolongation of Wright's Lane, thence northwestwards along said prolongation and said lane to the point of commencement.

ABINGDON WARD

Commencing at the point where West Cromwell Road meets the western boundary of the Borough, thence northwestwards along said Borough boundary to the southern boundary of Holland Ward, thence northeastwards along said ward boundary and the southern boundary of Campden Ward to the western boundary of Queen's Gate Ward, thence generally southeastwards and southwestwards along said western boundary to Cromwell Road, thence westwards along said road and southwestwards along West Cromwell Road to the point of commencement.

EARLS COURT WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the borough meets Old Brompton Road at Lillie Bridge, thence generally northwestwards along the said borough boundary to the southern boundary of Abingdon Ward, thence generally northeastwards and eastwards along the said southern boundary to Knaresborough Place, thence southwards and southeastwards along the said place, Courtfield Gardens, Leverton Place and Collingham Gardens to Bolton Gardens, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along Bolton Gardens to Old Brompton Road, thence southwestwards along the said road to the point of commencement.

COURTFIELD WARD

Commencing at the point where Fulham Road meets Dravton Gardens, thence northwestwards along Drayton Gardens to Old Brompton Road, thence westwards along the said road to the eastern boundary of Earls Court Ward, thence generally northwestwards along the said boundary to the southern boundary of Abingdon Ward, thence generally eastwards along the said southern boundary and the southern boundary of Queens Gate Ward to the road known as Queen's Gate, thence southwards along said road, the central roadway of Onslow Gardens and the centre of the roadway between Neville Terrace and Selwood Terrace to Fulham Road, thence southwestwards along the said road to the point of commencement.

REDCLIFFE WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the borough meets Fulham Road at Stamford Bridge, thence generally northwestwards along said borough boundary to the southern boundary of Earls Court Ward, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to the western boundary of Courtfield Ward, thence generally southeastwards along the said western boundary to

Fulham Road, thence southwestwards along the said road to the point of commencement.

BROMPTON WARD

Commencing at the point at which Fulham Road meets the eastern boundary of Courtfield Ward, thence generally northwards along the said boundary and the eastern boundary of Queens Gate Ward, to the eastern boundary of the borough, thence generally eastwards along the said borough boundary to Brompton Road, thence generally southwestwards along the said road and Fulham Road to the point of commencement.

NORTH STANLEY WARD

Commencing at the point at which the western boundary of the borough meets King's Road, at Stanley Bridge, thence generally northwestwards along the said borough boundary to the southern boundary of Redcliffe Ward, thence northeastwards along the said southern boundary and the southern boundaries of Courtfield Ward and Brompton Ward to Dovehouse Street, thence southeastwards along the said street to South Parade, thence southwestwards along the said parade to the eastern roadway of Chelsea Square, thence southeastwards along the said square and Manresa Road to King's Road, thence southwestwards along the said road to the point of commencement.

CHURCH WARD

Commencing at the point at which King's Road meets the eastern boundary of North Stanley Ward, thence generally northwestwards along the said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Brompton Ward, thence generally northeastwards along the said southern boundary to Draycott Avenue, thence southeastwards along the said avenue to Whitehead's Grove, thence southwestwards along the said grove to Elystan Street, thence southwestwards along the said street to Cale Street, thence eastwards along the said street to

Markham Street, thence southeastwards along the said street to King's Road, thence southwestwards along the said road to the point of commencement.

HANS TOWN WARD

Commencing at a point in Draycott Avenue opposite Cadogan Street on the eastern boundary of Church Ward, thence generally northwestwards along the said eastern boundary to the southeastern boundary of Brompton Ward, thence generally northwards and northeastwards along the said ward boundary to the eastern boundary of the borough, thence generally northeastwards and southwards along the said borough boundary to a point in West Eaton Place opposite the cul-de-sac fronting West Eaton House (15/17 West Eaton Place), thence generally southwestwards through and along the said cul-de-sac to a point opposite the southern boundary of 17 West Eaton Place, thence northwestwards to and along the said southern boundary and southwestwards along the western boundary of 19 West Eaton Place to the northern boundary of Sloane Gate Mansions, thence northwestwards along the said northern boundary and continuing in a straight line to D'Oyley Street, thence southwestwards along the said street to Ellis Street, thence westwards along the said street to Sloane Street, ^{thence southeastwards along said street} to Cadogan Gardens, thence southwestwards along the said gardens and Cadogan Street to the point of commencement.

SOUTH STANLEY WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the borough meets the southern boundary of North Stanley Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said ward boundary to Old Church Street, thence southeastwards along said street to its junction with the road known as Chelsea Embankment at National Grid Reference TQ 2708877559, thence due southeastwards from said point to the southern boundary of the borough, thence generally southwestwards along said borough boundary and northwestwards along the western boundary of the borough to the point of commencement.

CHEYNE WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of the borough meets the eastern boundary of South Stanley Ward, thence northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of North Stanley Ward, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary, the southern boundary of Church Ward and continuing northeastwards along King's Road to Smith Street, thence southeastwards along said street, the road known as Ormonde Gate, West Road and continuing southeastwards along the private road within the Royal Hospital and in prolongation thereof to the southern boundary of the borough, thence southwestwards along said borough boundary to the point of commencement.

ROYAL HOSPITAL WARD

Commencing at the point at which the southern boundary of the borough meets the eastern boundary of Cheyne Ward thence northwestwards and southwestwards along the eastern and northern boundaries of the said ward to the eastern boundary of Church Ward, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along the said boundary to the southern boundary of Hans Town Ward thence generally northeastwards along the said boundary to the eastern boundary of the borough, thence generally southwards along the said eastern boundary and westwards along the southern boundary of the borough to the point of commencement.