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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CARADON DISTRICT OF THE
COUNTY OF CORNWALL

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for Caradon District 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 Caradon District Council, copies of which were circulated to Cornwall County Council, parish councils and parish meetings 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 the 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. Caradon District 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 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 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 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 election of all councillors will be held simultaneously.

5. The District Council presented their draft scheme of representation on 23 June 1975. It provided for 30 wards, 24 of them identical with existing wards and the other 6 resulting from a suggested warding of the successor parishes of Liskeard and Saltash. The wards would return 1, 2 or 3 members to give a total of 41 members, the same number as at present.
6. We considered the draft scheme together with the comments which we had received direct and those which had been sent to us by the District Council.
7. We noted that the draft scheme showed some unevenness in the standard of representation. We considered whether there were modifications which might be made to secure a more even standard. We thought that there would be some advantage, in terms of equality of representation, if the parishes of 10 wards proposed by the District Council could be regrouped into seven new district wards. This involved a reduction in the size of the council, to 37 members.
8. Subject to these modifications and to the abbreviation of ward names by using the name of the parish with the largest electorate, we decided to adopt the District Council's draft scheme as the basis of our draft proposals.
9. In announcing our draft proposals we pointed out that on the basis of the wards proposed by the District Council we had decided it was appropriate to allocate 2 councillors to the Liskeard North ward and one councillor to the Liskeard South ward; if the boundary between the Liskeard wards were to be redrawn it might allow the allocation of 2 councillors to each. In view of this we invited the District Council to consider whether they wished to revise their proposals for warding the successor parish of Liskeard.
10. On 27 February 1976 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter. The District Council were asked to make these 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 the public and interested bodies. We asked for comments to reach us by 23 April 1976.

11. The District Council were concerned at the reduction in the size of the council from 41 to 37. Subject to revised warding arrangements for Liskeard and Saltash, they advocated the adoption of their draft scheme instead. The revised arrangements for Liskeard and Saltash would in themselves justify one additional councillor for each of these areas. For the remainder of the District the Council proposed as their second preference a compromise scheme under which the parishes and parish wards in seven existing single member wards could be regrouped in a way that would improve the standard of representation which we had found unsatisfactory and would justify two further councillors to restore the council to 41 members. The local councils involved in these suggested revisions to the draft scheme had raised no objection to them.

12. Representations against our draft proposals were also received from Cornwall County Council, 9 parish councils, a local political association and one private person, mostly seeking the reinstatement of the arrangements proposed in the District Council's draft scheme. Saltash Town Council requested an additional councillor for our proposed 2-member St Stephen's ward justified by expected development.

13. In view of these comments we decided that we needed further information to enable us to reach a conclusion. Therefore in accordance with Section 65(2) of the 1972 Act and at our request, Mr W O E Bryan was appointed an Assistant Commissioner. He was asked to hold a local meeting and to report to us.

14. The Assistant Commissioner held the meeting at Liskeard on 28 July 1977. A copy of his report to us of the meeting is attached at Schedule 1.

15. In the light of the evidence submitted at the meeting and of his inspection of the area, the Assistant Commissioner recommended a return to the District Council's draft scheme arrangements throughout the district except for the towns of Liskeard and Saltash where he recommended adopting the Council's revised warding proposals.

16. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments we had received and of the Assistant Commissioner's report. We were disposed to accept his

conclusions on the merits of the revised arrangements suggested by the District Council for Liskeard and Saltash. His remaining conclusions were concerned with the size of council; whilst we were inclined to accept his assessment that a council of 41 members was appropriate, we still thought that the standard of representation produced in parts of the District Council's original draft scheme could be improved. We therefore decided to adopt the compromise scheme put forward by the District Council referred to in paragraph 11 above.

17. This would involve the replacement of the Buller, Carminow, Dobwalls and Trewidland, Downderry and St Germans, Lanteglos and St Veep, Menheniot and Quethiock wards as originally proposed by the Caradon District Council by the following seven wards:

<u>Name of Ward</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>No of Councillors</u>
Dobwalls and Trewidland	The parishes of Dobwalls and Trewidland	1
Downderry	The parish of St Martins and the Downderry and Hessenford wards of the parish of St Germans	1
Lanteglos	The parish of Lanteglos	1
Menheniot	The parish of Menheniot and the Bethany ward of the parish of St Germans	1
Morval	The parishes of Duloe, Morval and St Keyne	1
St Germans	The parish of Quethiock and the St Germans and Tideford wards of the parish of St Germans	1
St Veep	The parishes of Boconnoc, Broadoak, St Pinnock, St Veep and St Winnow	1

18. We informed the District Council that we had provisionally accepted the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations on the redrawing of ward boundaries in Liskeard and Saltash, and invited them to finalise the necessary orders under Section 50(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to establish wards that would be co-terminous with our proposed new district wards. The warding orders were made on 30 January 1980.

19. We have accordingly adopted as our final proposals the District Council's draft scheme - amended in relation to Liskeard and Saltash as recommended by the Assistant Commissioner, and in relation to seven wards as indicated in paragraph 17.

20. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 2 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 2 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards, as defined on the map, is set out in Schedule 3.

PUBLICATION

21. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of this report and copies of the map are being sent to Caradon District Council and will be available for inspection at the District Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without the map) are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

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Signed:

NICHOLAS MORRISON (CHAIRMAN)

JOHN M RANKIN (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN)

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14 February 1980

Caradon District of Cornwall

Review of Electoral Arrangements

Report of W.O.E. BRYAN appointed by the Home Secretary as Assistant Commissioner in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 1972 - Local Meeting held at the Council Chamber, Luxtowe House, Liskeard, Cornwall, on Thursday, 28th July 1977 at 10.30 a.m.

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Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the
Caradon District of Cornwall - Local Meeting
held at the Council Chamber, Luxtowe House,
Liskeard on Thursday, 28th July 1977 at 10.30.a.m.

Persons in Attendance

MEMBERS OF THE CARADON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. T.O.S. Sivell	-	Liskeard
Mrs. J. Crabb	-	Liskeard
Mr. S.W.E. Salter	-	Liskeard
Mr. T.C. Ferris	-	Lanteglos/St. Veep
Mr. A.R.R. Perkins	-	Antony/Sheviock
Mr. J.S. Maddever	-	Menheniot
Mr. L.C. Chapman	-	Pelynt/Lanreath
Mr. J.R. Bryant	-	Saltash
Mr. J. Scannell	-	Saltash
Mr. P.B. Blamey	-	Dobwalls, Trewidland and St. Keyne
Mr. C. Edwards	-	St. Germans/Downderry
Mr. C.J. Gillbard	-	Quethiock/Bethany
Mr. J. Mantin	-	Delaware
Mr. W.J. Stephens	-	Duloe/Morval/St.Martin
Mrs. S.M. Bulbeck	-	Boconnoc/Broad oak/St.Pinnock/ St. Winnow
Mr. W.J. Cloake	-	Landulph
Mrs. M. Moon	-	Pillaton/St. Dominick/St. Mellion

OFFICERS OF THE CARADON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. H. Enever	-	Chief Executive Officer and Clerk to the Council
Mr. D. Brown	-	Principal Assistant Planning Officer (Development Planning)
Mr. L.J. Gawley	-	Finance Officer
Mr. A.J. Ball	-	Assistant Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. W.B. Harding
Mr. J.B. Kitson
Hon. R. Eliot

OFFICER OF THE CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. D.B. Gripe	-	Clerk's Department
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Persons in Attendance (Cont'd)

LISKEARD

Mr. R.G. Holmes (Mayor) - Liskeard Town Council
Also Member of District Council

SALTASH

Mr. A.D. Coleman - Saltash Town Council
Miss D. Brent - Liberal Association
Mr. H.R. Avery - Saltash Ratepayers Association

LOOE

Mr. J.W. Brown - Member - Looe Town Council
Mr. A.R. Writer - Looe Resident

DULOE

Mr. D. Vowler - Chairman - Duloe Parish Council
Mr. R. Vivian - Clerk to Duloe Parish Council

MORVAL

Mr. W.S. Buckingham - Member - Morval Parish Council
Mrs. P. Ough - Member - Morval Parish Council

ST. MARTIN

Mr. J.E. Pengelly - Chairman - St. Martin Parish Council

LANREATH/PELYNT

Mr. F.M.H. Milburn - Lanreath Parish Council
Mr. G.P. Maddever - Pelynt Parish Council
Reverend A. Wood - Rector of Lanreath and Vicar of Pelynt - Member - Lanreath Parish Council

BOTUSFLEMING

Mr. J. Marshall - Chairman - Botusfleming Parish Council
Mr. R. Middleton - Member - Botusfleming Parish Council
Mrs. J.M. Jarvis - Member - Botusfleming Parish Council
Mr. W. Denning)
Mrs. E.M. Denning) - Residents of Hatt

LANDULPH

Mrs. B. Best - Member - Landulph Parish Council
Mr. N. Craddick - Member - Landulph Parish Council

LANDRAKE

Mr. P. Tambllyn - Member - Landrake Parish Council

MENHENIOT

Mr. A. Hooper - Member - Menheniot Parish Council

ST. GERMAN'S

Mr. W. Gumb - Member - St. Germans Parish Council

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Persons in Attendance (Cont'd)

ST. PINNOCK

Mr. R.R. Northcott
Mr. N.H. Collings

- Chairman - St. Pinnock Parish Council
- Member - St. Pinnock Parish Council

MEBYON KERNOW

Mr. G.M. Sandercock

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1. The District Council's Draft Scheme and the Commission's Observations thereon

The District Council's draft scheme of representation provided for 30 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to give a total council size of 41 - the same number as at present.

Twenty-four of the proposed wards were coterminous with existing wards and the six new wards resulted from the District Council's proposals to re-ward the successor parishes of Liskeard and Saltash.

The Commission noted that the proposed standard of representation fell short of their interpretation of the requirement in paragraph 3(2)(a) of Schedule II to the Local Government Act 1972, relating to electoral equality. The details of representation by area were as follows:-

<u>Area of Former Authority</u>	<u>Number of Councillors</u>	<u>1975 Entitlement</u>	<u>1980 Entitlement</u>
Liskeard M.B.	4	3.98	4.02
Saltash M.B.	8	7.36 (O)	7.71
Looe U.D.	3	3.10	2.94
Torpoint U.D.	3	3.19	3.22
Urban	18	17.63	17.89
Liskeard R.D.	11	11.56 (U)	11.24
St.Germans R.D.	12	11.84	11.87
	23	23.40	23.11

O = Over-represented : U = Under-represented

The Commission also considered that, at 41 members, the size of council was rather large for a district with a population of 59,000 (1974 mid-year estimate), and as Caradon is well below the original preferred population range for non-metropolitan districts of 75,000 - 100,000, and its council size should, therefore, be at the lower end of the Commission's range of 30 - 60 councillors for non-metropolitan districts.

2. The Commission's Draft Proposals

In view of the shortcomings outlined in paragraph 1, and, in order to achieve a more equitable standard of representation, the Commission decided to make a number of modifications to the draft scheme involving regrouping parishes and parish wards and reducing the number of councillors to 37. Subject to these modifications and to the abbreviation of ward names by using the name of the parish with the largest electorate, the Commission decided to adopt the Council's draft scheme as the basis of their draft proposals.

Comparative numerical details of the Council's draft scheme with the modification introduced by the Commission in their draft proposals are shown below:-

(i) ESSA AND PILL WARDS (Saltash)

District Council's Draft Scheme (41 member council)

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Number of Councillors</u>	<u>1975</u>		<u>1980</u>	
		<u>Electorate</u>	<u>Entitlement</u>	<u>Electorate</u>	<u>Entitlement</u>
Essa	2	2059	1.86	2100	1.76
Pill	2	1906	1.72	1950	1.63
	4	3965	3.58	4050	3.39

Commission's Draft Proposals (37 member council)

Pill & Essa	3	3965	3.39	4050	3.06
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(ii) BURRATON, ST.DOMINICK, LANDRAKE AND QUETHIOCK WARDS

District Council's Draft Scheme (41 member council)

Burraton (Ward of Saltash)	2	1899	1.72	2100	1.76
Landrake (the parishes of Botusfleming, Landrake with St. Erney & Landulph)	1	1172	1.06	1300	1.09
Quethiock (the parish of Quethiock & the Bethany, Hessenford & Tideford wards of the parish of St. Germans)	1	750	0.68	790	0.66
St. Dominick (the parishes of Pillaton, St. Dominick & St. Mellion)	1	958	0.87	1058	0.89
	5	4779	4.33	5248	4.40

Commission's Draft Proposals (37 member council)

Burraton (as above & the parish of Botusfleming)	2	2232	1.91	2454	1.85
Landrake (as the Quethiock ward above plus the parish of Landrake with St. Erney)	1	1270	1.08	1398	1.06
St. Dominick (as above plus the parish of Landulph)	1	1277	1.09	1396	1.05
	4	4779	4.08	5248	3.96

(iii) CARMINOW, TRELAWNY, BULLER AND LOOE WARDS

District Council's Draft Scheme (41 member council)

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Number of Councillors</u>	<u>1975</u>		<u>1980</u>	
		<u>Electorate</u>	<u>Entitlement</u>	<u>Electorate</u>	<u>Entitlement</u>
Carminow (the parishes of Boconnoc, Broadoak, St. Pinnock and St. Winnow)	1	720	0.65	751	0.63
Buller (the parishes of Duloe, St. Martin and Morval)	1	1264	1.14	1308	1.09
Looe (the parish of Looe)	3	3429	3.10	3517	2.94
Trelawny (the parishes of Lanreath and Pelynt)	1	957	0.87	1067	0.89
	6	6370	5.76	6643	5.55

Commission's Draft Proposals (37 member council)

Carminow (as above plus the parish of Lanreath)	1	998	0.85	1079	0.81
Buller (the parishes of Duloe, Morval & Pelynt)	1	1578	1.35	1680	1.27
Looe (as above plus the parish of St. Martin)	3	3794	3.24	3884	2.93
	5	6370	5.44	6643	5.01

(iv) LISKEARD WARDS

District Council's Draft Scheme (41 member council)

Liskeard North	2	2633	2.38	3000	2.51
Liskeard South	2	1716	1.55	1800	1.51
	4	4349	3.93	4800	4.02

Commission's Draft Proposals (37 member council)

Liskeard North	2	2633	2.25	3000	2.27
Liskeard South	1	1716	1.47	1800	1.36
	3	4349	3.72	4800	3.63

The Commission noted that if the proposed Liskeard North/Liskeard South ward boundary were to be redrawn, it might be appropriate to allocate 2 councillors to each of these wards instead of the 2/1 split adopted for the purpose of draft proposals.

In view of this, the Commission invited the District Council to consider whether they wished to revise their proposals for warding the successor parish of Liskeard.

(NOTE: The District Council accepted this invitation and revised their proposals for warding the successor parish of Liskeard and this will be dealt with later in this report).

3. The Local Meeting - The Case advanced against the Commission's Draft Proposals

As will be noted, the attendance at the Local Meeting was considerable and the persons attending represented a wide variety of interests in those areas of the District which are affected particularly by the draft proposals of the Commission.

No speaker, and there were a considerable number, supported the Commission's draft proposals for a reduction in the membership of the Caradon District Council from 41 - 37, in fact they were all totally opposed to it for the reasons set out below.

The District Council, through their Chief Executive and Clerk restated the desirability of the retention of 41 members, and in this connection advanced the following views:-

(a) General

1. The present Warding system has proved satisfactory since the first elections in 1973 and no anomalies appear to have been created.
2. The role of the District Councillor is by necessity becoming more complex and time consuming and to decrease the number of Councillors in an expanding area with many differing problems would be a retrograde step and it is considered that the area represented should also be taken into account as well as the electorate when the matter of representation is under consideration.
3. The requirement of the Local Government Act 1972 for the ratio of the number of local government electors to the number of councillors elected should be, as nearly as possible, the same in every Ward of the District regard being had to any change in the number or distribution of electors in the District which is likely to take place in the following five years. In this connection it was stated that in 1975 it was estimated the electorate in 1980 would be 49,000, which had been amended to 49,646 in correspondence with the Commission. Accordingly, bearing in mind the Home Office accepted an electorate of 1,000 per Councillor, the ratio of one Councillor to 1,200 in 1980 would seem to be appropriate when it is realised that the total electorate is increasing year by year.

(b) Specific

1. LISKEARD

With reference to the Commission's proposals to allocate two Councillors to Liskeard North, and one Councillor to Liskeard South, the District Council considered this proposal with the Liskeard Town Council and both Councils feel that four Members are needed to represent this area

and it would appear from the figures for the electorate that Liskeard can justify an entitlement to four Councillors.

The District Council has amended its original proposals (referred to on page 7 of this report) and has adjusted the internal dividing line to produce two Wards as follows:-

	<u>1976 Electorate</u>	<u>Estimated 1980 Electorate</u>
Liskeard North	2105	2400
Liskeard South	2341	2400
	<u>4446</u>	<u>4800</u>

The representative of the Liskeard Town Council stated that his Council were in complete agreement with the District Council's submission that Liskeard should have an entitlement of four Councillors.

2. SALTASH

The Commission's proposal for the reduction in the number of Councillors from 8 to 7 is a cause of great concern to the District Council, as is the further reduction of one Member by the disbanding of the Botusfleming, Landrake and Landulph Wards.

Saltash is the fastest growing area in the District and, although in the District Council's earlier predictions it was envisaged that the town would grow steadily by something in the region of 218 electors per year, comparable to previous years, it has been established that the rate of house building in the town has increased by some 50% during the last two years and that this trend is likely to continue.

The number of electors for 1976 is 365 more than the total for 1975 and should this figure drop to the District Council's original estimate, the figure previously calculated for 1980 of 9,205 will be surpassed. The District Council's current estimates show that the growth of the town for the next four years cannot be less than 300 electors per year, and for this reason, it is submitted that an additional increase of 441 electors be allowed to the original figure, making a revised 1980 electorate of 9,646. For this revised figure of 9,646 adjustments have been made to the Ward boundaries previously submitted which produces the following:-

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Estimated 1980 Electorate</u>	<u>Number of Councillors</u>
Burraton	2402	2
Pill	2402	2
St. Stephens	2428	2
Essa	2414	2
	<u>9,646</u>	<u>8</u>

The views of the District Council were supported by the representative from Saltash who drew attention to the fact that Saltash is becoming a dormitory for Plymouth as access is facilitated by the bridge over the River Tamar, and with this potential increase in population in

Saltash could be under represented, and in addition it was stated that Plymouth is seeking suitable land in Saltash for the building of Council houses.

3. THE PARISHES OF BOTUSFLEMING, LANDRAKE AND LANDULPH

The Parishes of Botusfleming, Landrake and Landulph are rural in character and have an affinity of interest and it is submitted that to include Botusfleming with Saltash would destroy the community of interest which exists with the neighbouring country area which this small population does not have with Saltash.

A member of the Cornwall County Council, supporting this view, drew attention to the market gardening interests in the Parish of Botusfleming which were completely alien to the urban character of Saltash. The Members of the Botusfleming Parish Council strongly opposed the inclusion of that Parish in Saltash due to its particular rural character and interests and also stressed its complete lack of affinity of interest with Saltash.

4. THE CARMINOW, BULLER, LOOE, TRELAWNY WARDS

As far as the Buller Ward is concerned, the three Parish Councils involved, namely Duloe, St. Martin and Morval, wish to retain the existing warding arrangements. The Parish of St. Martin in particular has no wish to join Looe and it is submitted that from the figures available, it would appear that Looe has already an entitlement to three Councillors both in the Council's and Commission's schemes.

Looe has problems of its own which are not applicable to the surrounding country areas, and the close ties and community of interest which exist between the Parishes of Lanreath and Pelynt cannot be stressed too strongly.

All the representatives of the Parishes concerned strongly supported the views of the District Council and in addition a petition containing 290 signatures was handed in pleading for the retention of the existing warding arrangement of the Parishes of Duloe, Morval and St. Martin, on the grounds that it would be totally undesirable for Looe to encroach on the rural area, where the character of the two districts was distinctly different and there is no comparability.

While it was conceded that the Parishes of Boconnoc, Broadoak, St. Pinnock and St. Winnow have a very low electorate, it is submitted that due regard should be taken to the area involved which is similar in extent to the adjacent Ward of St. Neot and Warleggan on the other side of the River Fowey - these two Wards are comparable in character and should be treated alike.

In the District Council's scheme for the Carminow Ward all the area to be represented lies off the A.390 Liskeard/Lostwithiel road, but the addition of Lanreath to the Parishes of Boconnoc, Broadoak, St. Pinnock and St. Winnow would make the area geographically difficult to administer.

5. THE WARD COMPRISING THE PARISHES OF QUETHIOCK, HESSENTFORD, BETHANY AND TIDEFORD (District Council's Draft Scheme)

The District Council wish to retain this Ward as it is considered that this complex is the best which can be achieved for this area despite the fact that the population is on the low side.

It is stressed that the electorate have come to understand the present

grouping and it is considered unnecessary to change the pattern at this stage, which could only lead to confusion.

Again the representatives of the parishes concerned expressed concern at any proposed change in view of the particular area involved and supported the District Council's scheme for this ward.

6. THE PROPOSED REDUCTION IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Officer Representative of the Cornwall County Council stated that the view of the County Council is that it would be most unwise to reduce the membership of the District Council from 41 - 37 in view of the exacting nature of the duties of Councillors in this area.

THE INSPECTIONS MADE BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

On Wednesday 27th July 1977, I made a comprehensive tour of the areas of the Caradon District Council which were the subject of the differences between local opinion and the Commission's draft proposals. I was accompanied by Mr. A.J. Ball, Assistant Clerk of the District Council.

A map is enclosed showing the areas visited.

THE ARGUMENTS ADVANCED AT THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH JULY 1977 - AN ASSESSMENT

The attendance at the meeting gave a good indication of the interest shown by all sections of the local residents in the future of the Caradon District, and, the conviction with which they made their observations indicated quite clearly their deep concern in wishing the status quo to be preserved, and, in stressing the need for no change in any particular in the District, their attitude was not one of parochialism but for the future benefit of the District as a whole.

The arguments were sound, based on fact, and a good case was made out for the confirmation of the existing Warding arrangements with the exception of Liskeard (to be divided into two Wards) and Saltash (to be divided into four Wards) each Ward returning two Members.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

The Draft Proposals of the Commission to reduce the number of District Councillors to 37 from the District Council's Draft Proposals for 41 is based on the following reductions:-

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1. Liskeard	4	3
2. Saltash	8	7
and by the re-distribution of parishes		
3. Burraton, St. Dominick, Landrake and Quethiack Wards	5	4
4. Carminow, Trelawny, Buller and Loce Wards	6	5

and following an inspection of these areas combined with the representations made both in writing and at the Local Meeting, the following conclusions are drawn:-

1. LISKEARD

At the present time Liskeard is represented by four Councillors, and in order to preserve this representation the District Council resolved to split the Town into two Wards - North and South each returning two Councillors. The Commission in their draft proposals provided for a reduction of one Councillor by reducing the South Ward entitlement from two to one, but, at the same time, noted that were the boundary to be withdrawn it might be appropriate to allocate two Councillors to each Ward, and the District Council were invited to consider whether they wished to revise their warding proposals.

This the District Council did, and produced proposals by re-drawing the internal line boundary further north to provide two Wards as follows:-

	<u>1976 Electorate</u>	<u>1980 Estimated Electorate</u>
Liskeard North	2105	2400
Liskeard South	2341	2400
	<u>4446</u>	<u>4800</u>

The new boundary line appears to give an equitable distribution of the electorate, particularly in view of the fact that the sites for likely development are situate in the North Ward.

In addition Liskeard is an area which needs a representation of four Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

Liskeard be divided into two Wards, North and South, on the revised internal boundary line, each Ward returning two Councillors.

2. SALTASH

In the light of further research, the District Council revised its warding proposals for Saltash to provide four Wards as follows:-

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Estimated 1980 Electorate</u>	<u>No. of Councillors</u>
Burraton	2402	2
Pill	2402	2
St. Stephens	2428	2
Essa	2414	2
	<u>9646</u>	<u>8</u>

From a detailed inspection of this area, it was found to be the most urbanised part of the District - a quite heavily populated area for its size and is a fast growing district no doubt, in part, due to its close proximity to Plymouth and since the construction of the bridge over the River Tamar giving a direct connection with Plymouth is becoming a dormitory for that city, and should Plymouth eventually succeed in finding suitable sites for their Council house development in Saltash, the natural growth of the area would be substantially increased. The Commission's proposal to include the parish of Botusfleming in this area would add a parish, truly rural in character with extensive market gardening interests, to an urban area and there would be, accordingly, little or no community of interest, and such addition is therefore not recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

Saltash be divided into the Wards of Burraton, Pill, St. Stephens and Essa, each Ward returning two Councillors - the revised boundaries as shown in blue on the plan enclosed with the letter from the Caradon District Council to the Commission dated 16th July 1976, and that the parish of Botusfleming be not included.

3. The Wards of Burraton, St. Dominick, Landrake and Quethiock.
4. The Wards of Carminow, Trelawny, Buller and Looe

An examination of a plan of the district administered by the Caradon District Council shows that apart from the 'urban pockets' of Liskeard, Saltash, Torpoint and Looe, the remainder of the District comprises considerable tracts of rural area, divided into parishes, much the same in character and environment, and grouped with their pockets of population and variety (in size) of scattered farms, the parishes each linked within their own groups by agriculture and allied small industries, with their communities of interest, their churches and community and/or parish halls. The residents have become used to their present groupings and environments.

While it is appreciated that the size of the Council is somewhat large when considered in regard to population, and that Caradon is well below the original preferred population range of 75,000 - 100,000 for non-metropolitan districts, regard should be had to the type of district, the geographical position and the remoteness of some of the parishes and any reduction in the number of Councillors for these areas by the re-grouping of parishes would place a heavy burden on what, of necessity, must be now an exacting form of public service, and would constitute a dis-service to these local residents.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

The Wards in the above mentioned paragraphs (3 & 4) remain unaltered.

OVERALL RECOMMENDATION

THAT

The draft proposals of the Caradon District Council to provide 41 Councillors in the Wards as set out hereunder be adopted.

<u>Area of Ward</u>	<u>Number of Councillors</u>
Liskeard { Liskeard North	2
{ Liskeard South	2
Saltash { Pill	2
{ Burraton	2
{ St. Stephens	2
{ Essa	2
Looe	3
Torpoint	3
Parish of St. Cleer	1
Parish of St. Ive	1
Parish of Menheniot	1
Parish of Lansallos	1
Parishes of St. Neot & Warleggan	1
Parishes of Linkinhorne and South Hill	1
Parishes of Dobwalls & Trewidland & St. Keyne	1
Parishes of Duloe, St. Martin & Morval	1
Parishes of Lanreath and Pelynt	1
Parishes of Lanteglos and St. Veep	1
Parishes of Boconnoc, Broadoak, St. Pinnock & St. Winnow	1
Parish of Callington	2
Parish of Millbrook	1
Parish of Maker with Rame	1
Parishes of Pillaton, St. Dominick & St. Mellion	1
Parishes of Antony, St. John & Shevioc	1
Parishes of Botusfleming, Landrake with St. Erney and Landulph	1
The Calstock & Harrowbarrow Wards of the Parish of Calstock	1
The Chilsworthy & Delaware Wards of the Parish of Calstock	1
The Gunnislake Ward of the Parish of Calstock	1
Parish of Quethiock & the Bethany, Hessenford & Tideford Wards of the Parish of St. Germans	1
The Dowderry & St. Germans Wards of the Parish of St. Germans.	1



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26th August 1977

DISTRICT OF CARADON : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
Burraton	2
Callington	2
Calstock and Harrow Barrow	1
Chilsworthy and Delaware	1
Dobwalls and Trewidland	1
Downderry	1
Essa	2
Gunnislake	1
Landrake	1
Lansallos	1
Lanteglos	1
Liskeard North	2
Liskeard South	2
Loce	3
Lynher	1
Maker	1
Menheniot	1
Millbrook	1
Morval	1
Pill	2
Sheviock	1
St Cleer	1
St Dominick	1
St Germans	1
St Ive	1
St Neot and Warleggan	1
St Stephens	2
St Veep	1
Torpoint	3
Trelawny	1

DISTRICT OF CARADON - DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

Note: Where a 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.

BURRATON WARD

The Burraton ward of the parish of Saltash

CALLINGTON WARD

The parish of Callington

CALSTOCK AND HARROWBARROW WARD

The Calstock and Harrowbarrow wards of the parish of Calstock

CHILSWORTHY AND DELAWARE WARD

The Chilsworthy and Delaware wards of the parish of Calstock

DOBWALLS AND TREWIDLAND WARD

The parishes of Dobwalls and Trewidland

DOWNDERRY WARD

The parish of St Martin and the Downderry and Hessenford wards of the parish of St Germans

ESSA WARD

The Essa ward of the parish of Saltash

GUNNISLAKE WARD

The Gunnislake ward of the parish of Calstock

LANDRAKE WARD

The Parishes of Botusfleming, Landrake with St Erney and Landulph

LANSALLOS WARD

The parish of Lansallos

LANTEGLOS WARD

The parish of Lanteglos

LISKEARD NORTH WARD

The Liskeard North ward of the parish of Liskeard

LISKEARD SOUTH WARD

The Liskeard South ward of the parish of Liskeard

LOOE WARD

The parish of Looe (which includes St George's or Looe Island)

LYNHER WARD

The parishes of Linkinhorne

South Hill

MAKER WARD

The parish of Maker-with-Rame

MENHENIOT WARD

The parish of Menheniot and the Bethany ward of the parish of St Germans

MILLBROOK WARD

The parish of Millbrook

MORVAL WARD

The parishes of Duloe

Morval

St Keyne

PILL WARD

The Pill ward of the parish of Saltash

ST CLEER WARD

The parish of St Cleer

ST DOMINICK WARD

The parishes of Pillaton

St Dominick

St Mellion

ST GERMAN'S WARD

The parish of Quethiock and the St Germans and Tideford wards of the parish of St Germans

ST IVE WARD

The parish of St Ive

ST NEOT AND WARLEGGAN WARD

The parishes of St Neot

Warleggan

ST STEPHENS WARD

The St Stephens ward of the parish of Saltash

ST VEEP WARD

The parishes of Boconnoc

Broadoak

St Pinnock

St Winnow

St Veep

SHEVIOCK WARD

The parishes of Antony

St John

Sheviock

TORPOINT WARD

The parish of Torpoint

TRELAWNY WARD

The parishes of Lanreath and Pelynt