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**Principal Area Boundary Review**

Districts of NORTH DORSET  
and PURBECK

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1. In the course of the parish review conducted by North Dorset District Council, suggestions were made by Lower Winterborne Parish Council for changes to the boundary of North Dorset District and the adjoining district of Purbeck, with a view to realigning the boundaries between Winterborne Kingston Parish (North Dorset District) and the parishes of Bere Regis and Bloxworth (Purbeck District).
2. As paragraph 29 of DOE Circular 121/77 explains, recommendations for changes which affect a district or county boundary have no place in a parish review report. North Dorset District Council were therefore advised that if they wished to pursue the matter they should obtain the views of Purbeck District Council, the parish councils whose boundaries would be affected, and Dorset County Council before we could consider their request, under section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
3. We considered the request, as required by that section of the Act, together with the views of the other local authorities involved. We noted that the boundary changes had been initially suggested by Lower Winterborne Parish Council primarily because the residents involved looked towards Winterborne Kingston for most of their services and amenities and the areas were nearer to Winterborne Kingston than to either Bere Regis or Bloxworth. We also noted that the existing boundaries caused an undesirable overlapping of services and that the Parish Council had said that it was motivated solely by a wish to improve the social and administrative situation in the area.
4. There were no objections to the suggested change to the boundary between Winterborne Kingston and Bloxworth, but both Purbeck District Council and Bere Regis Parish Council had objected to the two suggested changes to the boundary between Winterborne Kingston and Bere Regis.

5. We concluded that changes to the present boundaries of North Dorset might be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we decided to issue draft proposals based on the realignments suggested by North Dorset District Council but incorporating technical amendments suggested by the Ordnance Survey, affecting the Parish of Anderson.

6. Our draft proposals were announced on 2 May 1986, in a letter to the two district councils concerned. Copies were sent to Dorset County Council, the parish councils concerned, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the headquarters of the main political parties, local newspapers circulating in the area, local radio and television stations serving the areas and the local government press. The two District Councils were asked to place copies of the draft proposals on deposit for inspection at their main offices, and to display copies of a notice inserted in local newspapers at places where public notices were customarily displayed. Comments were invited by 27 June 1986.

7. In response to our draft proposals we received comments from Purbeck District Council, Bere Regis and Lower Winterborne Parish Councils and a private individual. Dorset County Council confirmed that they had no objections to our draft proposals.

8. Purbeck District Council expressed their agreement with the proposal affecting the boundary between Winterborne Kingston and Bloxworth. However, the District Council, supported by Bere Regis Parish Council, objected to the proposals concerning the boundary of Bere Regis. We also received a letter from the occupier of the property known as "Glencoe" who objected to any proposal that would result in his property being transferred from the Parish of Bere Regis to Winterborne Kingston. This issue was also brought to our attention by Lower Winterborne Parish Council who stated that they had not intended this particular property to be affected. We subsequently established by telephone that North Dorset District Council wished to support the Parish Council on this issue.

9. We have reassessed our draft proposals in the light of the representations received, and have noted that within the area we proposed to transfer from Bere Regis to Winterborne Kingston one property, "Glencoe" was included in error. We therefore decided to rectify this matter when formulating our final proposals. None of the other comments made have altered our view, on which the request for changes and our draft proposals were originally based, that the areas concerned have more affinity with the Parish of Winterborne Kingston than with the Parishes of Bere Regis or Bloxworth, and that it would be in the interests of effective and convenient local government for them to be brought within the boundary of the former.

10. We have decided therefore to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals, amended slightly to rectify the error made at the draft proposals stage regarding the property known as "Glencoe". Details of our proposals are set out in Schedules 1-3 of this report: Schedule 1 specifies the proposed changes in local authority areas and Schedules 2 and 3 the consequential adjustments to the existing district and county electoral arrangements. The proposed boundaries are shown on the large scale map being sent separately to your Department.

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11. A separate letter, enclosing copies of this report and of the large scale map, is being sent to North Dorset District Council and Purbeck District Council asking them to place copies of this report on deposit at their main offices and to put notices to this effect on public notice boards and in the local press. The text of the notices will explain that the Commission have fulfilled their statutory role in the matter and that it now falls to you to make an Order implementing the

proposals, if you think fit, after the expiry of six weeks from the day they are submitted to you. Copies of this report, which includes a small scale plan, are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter, and to those who made comment on our draft proposals.

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Signed: G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

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PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW - FINAL PROPOSALS

DISTRICT OF NORTH DORSET/DISTRICT OF PURBECK

Note: Where a boundary is described as following a road, river, canal or similar feature, it should be understood to follow the centre line of that feature, unless otherwise stated.

Schedule 1

Area A: description of an area proposed to be transferred from Bere Regis CP in Purbeck District to Winterborne Kingston CP in North Dorset District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary crosses the fence forming the western perimeter of the unnamed road leading southwestwards to the A31(T), then southwestwards along that perimeter to the southern perimeter of the unnamed road to the south of East Field Farm; then in a westerly direction along that southern perimeter to and generally northwards along the western perimeter of Muddox Barrow Lane to the southern perimeter of Bagwood Road; then generally westwards along that southern perimeter to National Grid reference SY 8499797016; then in a straight line to the southeastern corner of OS Parcel 7800, as shown on 1960 Microfilm (B) SY 8497; then northwards and westwards along the eastern perimeter of that parcel to the existing District boundary; then generally northeastwards and southeastwards along that District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area B: description of an area proposed to be transferred from Winterborne Kingston CP in North Dorset District to Bere Regis CP in Purbeck District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary crosses the northern perimeter of the A31(T) at the southwestern corner of OS parcel 2952, as shown on 1960 Microfilm (B) SY 8696; then generally eastwards along that northern perimeter to the existing District boundary; then southwards and generally westwards along that District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area C: description of an area proposed to be transferred from Bloxworth CP in Purbeck District to Winterborne Kingston CP in North Dorset District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary crosses the northern perimeter of the A31(T) at the northeastern corner of Area B as described above; then northwards, eastwards, northwards and generally eastwards along that District boundary to a point opposite the northwestern corner of OS parcel 8430, as shown on 1956 Microfilm (A) SY 8797; then southwards, eastwards and northwards along the western, southern and eastern perimeters of that parcel to the northern perimeter of OS parcel 8624; then eastwards along that northern perimeter to the northern perimeter of OS parcel 0025, as shown on 1960 Microfilm (A) SY 8897; then eastwards along that northern perimeter to and generally southwards along the existing District boundary to where it crosses the northern perimeter of the A31(T); then southwards along that northern perimeter to the point of commencement.

Area D: description of an area proposed to be transferred from Anderson CP in North Dorset District to Bloxworth CP in Purbeck District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary crosses the northern perimeter of the A31(T) at the southeastern corner of Area C as described above; then northeastwards along that northern perimeter to the existing District boundary; then southwestwards and northwestwards along that District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area E: description of an area proposed to be transferred from Anderson CP in North Dorset District to Bloxworth CP in Purbeck District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary meets the northern perimeter of the A31(T) at the southeastern corner of OS parcel 1515, as shown on 1960 Microfilm(A) SY8897; then generally northeastwards along that northern perimeter to National Grid reference SY8872397189; then due south to and generally southwestwards along the existing District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area F: description of an area proposed to be transferred from Bloxworth CP in Purbeck District to Anderson CP in North Dorset District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary meets the northeastern corner of Area C, as described above; then westwards, southwards, westwards and northwards along the northern perimeter of that area to the existing District boundary; then eastwards and southwards along that District boundary to the point of commencement.

Area G: description of an area proposed to be transferred from Anderson CP in North Dorset District to Winterborne Kingston CP in North Dorset District.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing District boundary meets the southeastern corner of OS parcel 0025, as shown on 1960 Microfilm(A) SY8897; then northwards along that District boundary to the northern perimeter of that parcel; then eastwards and southwards along the northern and eastern perimeters of that parcel to the point of commencement.

## Schedule 2

Revised District electoral arrangements, consequent upon the proposals described in Schedule 1.

It is proposed that the District Wards, as defined in the District of North Dorset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 and the District of Purbeck (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977, shall be altered as described below.

Areas A, C & F, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Bere Regis Ward of the District of Purbeck to the Lower Winterborne Ward of the District of North Dorset.

Areas B, D & E, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Lower Winterborne Ward of the North Dorset District to the Bere Regis Ward of the Purbeck District.

Schedule 3

Revised County electoral arrangements, consequent upon the proposals as described in Schedule 1.

It is proposed that the County Electoral Divisions, as defined in the County of Dorset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1983, shall be altered as described below.

Areas A, C & F, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Egdon Heath ED to the Winterborne ED.

Areas B, D & E, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Winterborne ED to the Egdon Heath ED.

# PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND  
FINAL PROPOSAL

NORTH DORSET DISTRICT

PURBECK DISTRICT

— EXISTING DISTRICT BOUNDARY  
- - - PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARY

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