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To the Rt Hon Roy Jenkins MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT
OF SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of South Northamptonshire 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 of that district.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 12 August 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the South Northamptonshire District Council, copies of which were circulated to Northamptonshire 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 any interested bodies.
3. The South Northamptonshire 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 passed a resolution under section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting a system of whole council elections.

5. On 31 December 1974, the South Northamptonshire District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 31 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members, to form a council of 39.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council. We noted that, in general, the scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and our own guidelines. We considered however, that the proposed Cromwell ward, comprising the parishes of Kislingbury, Milton Malsor and Rothersthorpe, would be under-represented with 1 councillor and we proposed that this ward should be represented by 2 councillors. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 24 February 1975 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 those 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 members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 21 April 1975.

8. There was general acceptance of our draft proposals, including the additional representative for the Cromwell ward and the consequent increase in the size of the council to 40 members. It was suggested, however, that the proposed 2-member Cromwell ward could be divided to form 2 single member

wards. We considered this suggestion and decided to adopt it. We therefore propose that the parish of Kislingbury should form a separate single member ward known as Kislingbury and that the parishes of Milton Malsor and Rothersthorpe should be combined to form a single member ward known as Milton.

9. We received a request that the parish of Woodend might be included in the proposed Blakesley ward, rather than in the proposed Slapton ward, because of the close community ties between the parishes of Woodend and Blakesley. We noted that the transfer of Woodend parish from the Slapton ward to the Blakesley ward would result in some imbalance of representation between the 2 wards but, in view of the close ties between the Woodend and Blakesley parishes, we decided to agree to the transfer.

10. A suggestion was made that the proposed Danvers ward should be renamed "Culworth". We noted that this was the name of one of the constituent parishes and that it was not the one with the largest electorate. We preferred to retain the neutral name of Danvers.

11. We formulated our final proposals accordingly.

12. Details of these final 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 ward. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the map.

PUBLICATION

13. In accordance with section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and a copy of the map is being sent to South Northamptonshire District Council and will be made available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without map) are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and

those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the map. is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS
AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ASTWELL	1
BLAKESLEY	1
BLISWORTH	1
BRACKLEY EAST	2
BRACKLEY WEST	2
BRAFIELD	1
BUGBROOKE	2
COGENHOE	1
COSGROVE	1
DANVERS	1
DEANSHANGER	2
FOREST	1
GAYTON	1
GRAFTON	1
GREATWORTH	1
HACKLETON	1
HARPOLE	1
HEYFORD	1
KING'S SUTTON	1
KINGTHORN	1
KISLINGBURY	1
MIDDLETON CHENEY	2
MILTON	1
POTTERS PURY	1
RAINSBOROUGH	1
ROADE	2
SALCEY	1
SLAPTON	1
TOVE	1
TOWCESTER	3
WARDOUN	1
YARDLEY	1

DESCRIPTION OF WARDS: SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT

NOTE: Where the boundary is described as following a road, railway, river, canal or other feature, it should be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature unless otherwise stated.

ASTWELL WARD

The parishes of Helmdon, Radstone, Syresham and Whitfield

BLAKESLEY WARD

The parishes of Adstone, Blakesley, Cold Higham, Litchborough, Maidford and Woodend

BLISWORTH WARD

The parish of Blisworth

BRACKLEY EAST WARD

The East ward of the parish of Brackley

BRACKLEY WEST WARD

The West ward of the parish of Brackley

BRAFIELD WARD

The parishes of Brafield-on-the-Green and Little Houghton

BUGBROOKE WARD

The parish of Bugbrooke

COGENHOE WARD

The parish of Cogenhoe

COSGROVE WARD

The parishes of Cosgrove and Old Stratford

DANVERS WARD

The parishes of Culworth, Chacombe, Moreton Pinkney, Sulgrave and Thorpe Mandeville

DEANSHANGER WARD

The parishes of Deanshanger and Wicken

FOREST WARD

The parishes of Silverstone and Whittlebury

GAYTON WARD

The parishes of Gayton, Pattishall and Tiffield

GRAFTON WARD

The parishes of Grafton Regis and Yardley Gobion

GREATWORTH WARD

The parishes of Farthinghoe, Greatworth, Hinton-in-the-Hedges, Marston
St Lawrence and Thenford

HACKLETON WARD

The parish of Hackleton

HARPOLE WARD

The parish of Harpole

HEYFORD WARD

The parishes of Upper Heyford and Nether Heyford

KING'S SUTTON WARD

The parish of King's Sutton

KINGTHORN WARD

The parishes of Greens Norton and Bradden

KISLINGBURY WARD

The parish of Kislingbury

MIDDLETON CHENEY WARD

The parishes of Middleton Cheney and Warkworth

MILTON WARD

The parishes of Milton Malsor and Rothersthorpe

POTTERS PURY WARD

The parish of Potterspury

RAINSBOROUGH WARD

The parishes of ~~Aynho~~, Croughton, Evenley and Newbottle

ROADE WARD

The parishes of Courteenhall, Quinton and Roade

SALCEY WARD

The parishes of Ashton and Hartwell

SLAPTON WARD

The parishes of Abthorpe, Slapton, Wappenham and Weston & Weedon

TOVE WARD

The parishes of Easton Neston, Paulerspury, Shutlanger and Stoke Bruerne

TOWCESTER WARD

The parish of Towcester

WARDOUN WARD

The parishes of Aston le Walls, Boddington, Chipping Warden, Edgcote and Eydon

YARDLEY WARD

The parishes of Castle Ashby, Denton and Yardley Hastings