

Local Government  
Boundary Commission  
For England  
Report No.13

LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
BOUNDARY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND

REPORT NO 13

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

CHAIRMAN

Sir Edmund Compton, GCB, KBE

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Mr J M Rankin, QC

MEMBERS

The Countess of Albemarle, DBE

Mr T C Benfield

Professor Michael Chisholm

Sir Andrew Wheatley, CBE

Mr F B Young, CBE

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

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF  
TAMWORTH IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORDSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Tamworth in accordance with the requirements of section 63 and Schedule 9 to the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that borough.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 5 February 1974, that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Tamworth Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Staffordshire County Council, 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 to 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 Tamworth Borough 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. On 21 June 1974 the Tamworth Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. In accordance with section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, they had exercised an option for elections by thirds and they proposed to divide the area of the borough into 9 wards each returning 3 members to form a council of 27, 3 more than the existing Council.

5. Following publication of their provisional proposals, a few comments were submitted either directly to us or through the Council. We received one scheme as an alternative to the Council's draft scheme of representation. This alternative scheme showed some similarities with the draft scheme but produced a different solution for the southern part of the borough. The other comments related to the arrangements for particular areas of the borough.

6. We considered the Council's draft scheme, together with the alternative scheme and the other comments which we had received. We decided that it might be possible to modify the draft scheme so as to secure greater equality of representation and more regard for local ties. We pursued this further but found adjustments to boundaries in one part of the borough had consequential effects which produce greater inequality or broke other local ties elsewhere in the town. Having regard to the rules in Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 1972/<sup>and</sup> to our own guidelines, we considered that the Council's draft scheme provided as satisfactory a basis for representation in the Borough as was possible in the circumstances. After consulting Ordnance Survey, we made some minor adjustments to

the alignment of some of the boundaries in order to secure improved boundary lines. We decided to adopt the ward names suggested by the Council. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 6 August 1974 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 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 18 October.

9. We received no further comments and we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

8. 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. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the attached map.

#### PUBLICATION

9. 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 Tamworth Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's offices at Tamworth, Staffordshire. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to 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.

L.S.

Signed

EDMUND COMPTON (CHAIRMAN)

JOHN M RANKIN (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN)

DIANA ALBEMARLE

T C BENFIELD

MICHAEL CHISHOLM

ANDREW WHEATLEY

F B YOUNG

DAVID R SMITH (Secretary)

DECEMBER 1974.

BOROUGH OF TAMWORTH : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND  
NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
Amington	3
Belgrave	3
Bolehall	3
Castle	3
Glascote	3
Mercian	3
Spital	3
Trinity	3
Wilnecote	3



## BOROUGH OF TAMWORTH: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

## MERCIAN WARD

Commencing at the point where Upper Gungate meets the Stafford-Rugby Railway; thence generally northwestwards along said railway to the northern boundary of the District; thence eastwards along said northern boundary to a point opposite Claremont Road, being Grid Reference SK 1974405895; thence southwards to and generally southeastwards along said road to Clifton Avenue; thence northeastwards along said avenue to Masefield Drive; thence generally southwards along said drive to Thackeray Drive; thence eastwards along said drive to Comberford Road; thence southeastwards along said road to Upper Gungate; thence southwestwards along said Upper Gungate to the point of commencement.

## SPITAL WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Mercian Ward meets the Stafford-Rugby Railway; thence generally northwestwards along said ward boundary to the northern boundary of the District; thence eastwards and southeastwards along the northern and eastern boundary of the District to the River Anker; thence generally westwards along said river to the Stafford-Rugby Railway; thence westwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

## CASTLE WARD

Commencing at the point where the River Tame meets the western boundary of the District; thence generally northwestwards following said district boundary to the western boundary of Mercian Ward; thence generally southeastwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of Spital Ward to the River Anker; thence generally southwards and westwards along said River Anker to the River Tame; thence generally southwards along said River Tame to the point of commencement.

#### AMINGTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Spital Ward meets the Stafford-Rugby Railway; thence generally northeastwards and eastwards along said Spital Ward boundary to the eastern boundary of the District; thence generally southwards along said District boundary to Main Road Glascote; thence northwestwards along said road to Coventry Canal; thence northeastwards along said canal to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 46 June Crescent; thence northwestwards to and along said northern boundary and the northern boundary of Nos 44 to 30 June Crescent to the drain leading to the south east corner of Bolehall Sports Ground; thence northeastwards along said drain to the southernmost corner of Parcel No 4236 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SK22/2304 Edition of 1971; thence northeastwards along the boundary of said parcel and the southern and eastern boundary of Parcel No 4842 and continuing northwestwards along the western boundary of Parcel No 6249 and in prolongation thereof to the Stafford-Rugby Railway; thence westwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

#### GLASCOTE WARD

Commencing at the point where the Derby-Birmingham Railway meets the Coventry Canal; thence northeastwards along said canal to the southern boundary of Amington Ward; thence southeastwards along said ward boundary to a point opposite the eastern boundary of Parcel No 5372 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SK2302 Edition of 1958; thence southwestwards to and along said eastern boundary and the eastern boundary of Parcel Nos 4954, 4750, 3847, 4338, 3538, 3229, 4224, 2921, 2009 and continuing southwestwards along the eastern boundaries of Parcel Nos 1395, 1185, 0680 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SK2301 Edition of 1956 and continuing northwestwards along the southern boundaries of Parcel Nos 9982 and 9688 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SK2201 Edition of 1956 to Kettle Brook; thence generally northwestwards along said brook to the Derby-Birmingham Railway; thence northwestwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

#### BELGRAVE WARD

Commencing at the point where Watling Street meets the western boundary of the District; thence northwards along said District boundary to the Coventry Canal; thence northeastwards along said canal to the proposed A51 Diversion Road; thence generally eastwards along said road to Tamworth Road Two Gates; thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 152 Tamworth Road; thence to and along said northern boundary and the northern boundaries of No 2 and Nos 1 to 5 Highcliffe Road and the prolongation thereof to the Derby-Birmingham Railway; thence northwards along said railway to the Southern boundary of Glascote Ward; thence southeastwards along said ward boundary to Glascote Road; thence southwestwards along said road to Watling Street; thence northwestwards along said street to the point of commencement.

#### BOLEHALL WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Castle Ward meets the western boundary of the District; thence generally northwestwards and north-eastwards along said Castle Ward boundary to the western boundary of Amington Ward; thence eastwards and generally southwestwards along said Amington ward boundary and the western boundaries of Glascote Ward and Belgrave Ward and thence generally westwards along the north western boundary of Belgrave ward to the point of commencement.

#### WILNECOTE WARD

Commencing at the point where Hedging Lane meets the Derby-Birmingham Railway; thence northwards along said railway to the southern boundary of Belgrave Ward; thence southeastwards and northeastwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of said ward and continuing generally northeastwards along the eastern boundary of Glascote Ward; thence generally southeastwards along the southern boundary of Amington Ward to the eastern boundary of the District; thence generally southwestwards along said District boundary to Freasley Lane; thence westwards

and northwestwards along said lane to Tinkers Green Road; thence southwards along said road to Overwoods Road; thence westwards along said road to Hockley Road; thence southwestwards along said road to Hedging Lane; thence generally westwards along said lane to the point of commencement.

TRINITY WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the District meets the southern boundary of Belgrave Ward; thence southeastwards along said southern boundary and southwards along the western boundary of Wilnecote Ward and generally eastwards and southeastwards along the southern boundary of said ward to the southern boundary of the District; thence generally westwards along the said southern boundary and generally northwards along the western boundary of the District to the point of commencement.