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

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
BROADLAND DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Broadland 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 30 April 1975 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Broadland District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Norfolk County Council, parish councils and parish meetings in Broadland district, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of the local newspaper 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. The Broadland 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 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)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting the Secretary of State to provide for a system of elections by thirds.

5. On 4 November 1975 the Broadland District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the district into 36 wards, each returning from 1 to 3 members to give a council of 50.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council together with the comments we had received about it. We noted that the scheme had local support but we considered that certain wards on the western side of the district were too generously represented and that by regrouping the parishes a better standard of representation could be achieved. We decided to add the parishes in the proposed Felthorpe ward to adjacent wards and thus reduced the number of wards to 35 and the number of councillors to 49.

7. The District Council had proposed that the order of retirement of councillors returned by wards electing other than 3 members should be arranged so that, in those wards returning 2 members, both members should be elected in the same year. We consider that in a system of elections by thirds the councillors for 2-member wards should be elected in different years.

This is consistent with the requirement in section 7(9)(c) of the 1972 Act that one third of the whole number of councillors in each ward returning a number of councillors which is divisible by 3 shall retire in every ordinary year of election, ie that it is not possible for all 3 members of a 3-member ward to be elected in the same year. In our draft proposals we put forward

an alternative table of retirements so that as many parish elections as possible would be held in the normal parish election year, but ensuring that in 2-member wards, the councillors would be elected in different years.

8. On 12 February 1976 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter and to those who had made comments. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals, and the accompanying map, 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 8 April 1976.

9. The District Council made no observations on our draft proposals, apart from a reaffirmation of their earlier request for the simultaneous retirement of councillors in 2-member district wards. They were supported in their request by a Member of Parliament, parish councils and members of the public. The District Council asked that if their original plan could not be adopted, the Commission would consider a different order of retirement table, which would provide for district councillors for a ward to be elected in separate years and would allow for the number of parish elections to be spread evenly among the three district election years for administrative convenience.

10. Norfolk County Council found our draft proposals acceptable.

11. One parish council indicated a preference for a different name for their ward.

12. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments we had received. We noted the local views about the simultaneous retirement of councillors in 2-member wards, but did not feel able to accede to local wishes in this respect. We regard an option for retirement by thirds as implying annual elections, as

would be the case if all wards returned 3 councillors, and we reaffirm our earlier decision to require elections to be held, in 2 out of the 3 years in 2-member wards. We decided, however, to adopt the District Council's suggested order of retirement table which provided for a roughly equal number of parish elections to be held in each of the three district election years.

13. We noted the request that the name of the Burlingham ward, comprising the parishes of Burlingham and Strumpshaw, might be changed to Lingwood, but we decided to retain the name of Burlingham, as in our draft proposals.

14. Subject to the substitution of a revised order of retirement table, we 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 and on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. Schedule 2 shows the order of retirement of councillors. The boundaries of the new wards are shown on the 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 Broadland District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council offices at Thorpe Lodge, Yarmouth Road, Norwich. Copies of this report (without map) are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those

who made comments. A detailed description of the proposed wards is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

Signed

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16 December 1976

DISTRICT OF BROADLAND : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ACLE	1
AYLSHAM	3
BLOFIELD	2
BRUNDALL	2
BURLINGHAM	1
BUXTON	1
CATTON	2
CAWSTON	1
COLFISHALL	1
DRAYTON	1
FOULSHAM	1
FRESHORPE	1
GREAT WITCHINGHAM	1
HAINFORD	1
HELLESDON NORTH	2
HELLESDON SOUTHEAST	2
HELLESDON WEST	2
HEVINGHAM	1
HORSFORD	1
PLUMSTEAD	1
RACKHEATH	1
REEDHAM	1
REEPHAM	1
ST FAITHS	1
SOUTH WALSHAM	1
SPLXWORTH	1
SPROWSTON CENTRAL	2
SPROWSTON EAST	2
SPROWSTON SOUTH	2
SPROWSTON WEST	1
TAVERHAM	2
THORPE ST ANDREW NORTHEAST	2
THORPE ST ANDREW NORTHWEST	2
THORPE ST ANDREW SOUTH	1
WROXHAM	1

BROADLAND DISTRICT

ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS - ELECTION BY THIRDS

	NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	1ST YEAR 1980	2ND YEAR 1982	3RD YEAR 1983
ACLE	ONE	-	-	1 PE
AYLSHAM	THREE	1	1 PE	1
BLOFIELD	TWO	-	1 PE	1
BRUNDALL	TWO	1 PE	1	-
BURLINGHAM	ONE	-	-	1 PE
BUXTON	ONE	-	-	1 PE
CATTON	TWO	1 PE	1	-
CAWSTON	ONE	-	1 PE	-
COLTISHALL	ONE	1 PE	-	-
DRAYTON	ONE	-	1 PE	-
FOULSHAM	ONE	1 PE	-	-
FREETHORPE	ONE	-	-	1 PE
GREAT WITCHINGHAM	ONE	1 PE	-	-
HAINFORD	ONE	-	-	1 PE
HELLESDON NORTH	TWO	1 PE	1	-
HELLESDON SOUTHEAST	TWO	1 PE	1	-
HELLESDON WEST	TWO	1 PE	1	-
HEVINGHAM	ONE	-	1 PE	-
HORSFORD	ONE	-	-	1 PE
PLUMSTEAD	ONE	1 PE	-	-
RACKHEATH	ONE	-	1 PE	-
REEDHAM	ONE	1 PE	-	-
REEPHAM	ONE	1 PE	-	-
ST FAITHS	ONE	-	1 PE	-
SOUTH WALSHAM	ONE	-	-	1 PE
SPLXWORTH	ONE	-	1 PE	-
SPROWSTON CENTRAL	TWO	1	-	1 PE
SPROWSTON EAST	TWO	1	-	1 PE
SPROWSTON SOUTH	TWO	1	-	1 PE
SPROWSTON WEST	ONE	-	-	1 PE
TAVERHAM	TWO	1	-	1 PE
THORPE ST ANDREW NORTHEAST	TWO	-	1 PE	1
THORPE ST ANDREW NORTHWEST	TWO	-	1 PE	1
THORPE ST ANDREW SOUTH	ONE	-	1 PE	-
WROXHAM	ONE	-	1 PE	-
		16	17	16

PE denotes parish election year

DISTRICT OF BROADLAND - DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARDS

ACLE WARD

The parish of Acle

AYLSHAM WARD

The parishes of Aylsham
Blickling
Oulton

BLOFIELD WARD

The parishes of Blofield
Hemblington

BRUNDALL WARD

The parishes of Brundall
Postwick

BURLINGHAM WARD

The parishes of Burlingham
Strumpshaw

BUXTON WARD

The parishes of Brampton
Buxton with Lammas
Tuttington

CATTON WARD

The parish of Catton

CAWSTON WARD

The parishes of Brandiston
Cawston
Felthorpe
Haveringland

COLTISHALL WARD

The parishes of Coltishall
 Horstead with Stanninghall

DRAYTON WARD

The parish of Drayton

FOULSHAM WARD

The parishes of Foulsham
 Guestwick
 Heydon
 Sall
 Themelthorpe
 Wood Dalling

FREETHORPE WARD

The parishes of Beighton
 Freethorpe
 Halvergate

GREAT WITCHINGHAM WARD

The parishes of Alderford
 Attlebridge
 Great Witchingham
 Honingham
 Little Witchingham
 Morton on the Hill
 Ringland
 Swannington
 Weston Longville

HAINFORD WARD

The parishes of Crostwick
 Frettenham
 Hainford

HELLESDON NORTH WARD

The North Ward of the parish of Hellesdon

HELLESDON SOUTHEAST WARD

The Southeast Ward of the parish of Hellesdon

HELLESDON WEST WARD

The West Ward of the parish of Hellesdon

HEVINGHAM WARD

The parishes of Hevingham

Marsham

Stratton Strawless

HORSFORD WARD

The parish of Horsford

PLUMSTEAD WARD

The parish of Great and Little Plumstead

RACKHEATH WARD

The parishes of Rackheath

Salhouse

REEDHAM WARD

The parishes of Cantley

Reedham

REEPHAM WARD

The parishes of Booton

Reepham

ST FAITHS WARD

The parish of Horsham St Faith and Newton St Faith

SOUTH WALSHAM WARD

The parishes of South Walsham

Upton with Fishley

Woodbastwick

SPIXWORTH WARD

The parishes of Beeston St Andrew
Spixworth

SPROWSTON CENTRAL WARD

The Central Ward of the parish of Sprowston

SPROWSTON EAST WARD

The East Ward of the parish of Sprowston

SPROWSTON SOUTH WARD

The South Ward of the parish of Sprowston

SPROWSTON WEST WARD

The West Ward of the parish of Sprowston

TAVERHAM WARD

The parish of Taverham

THORPE ST ANDREW NORTHEAST WARD

The Northeast Ward of the parish of Thorpe St Andrew

THORPE ST ANDREW NORTHWEST WARD

The Northwest Ward of the parish of Thorpe St Andrew

THORPE ST ANDREW SOUTH WARD

The South Ward of the parish of Thorpe St Andrew

WROXHAM WARD

The parishes of Belaugh
Wroxham