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PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESBROUGH IN THE COUNTY OF CLEVELAND

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Middlesbrough, 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 Borough.

2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 13 May 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Middlesbrough Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Cleveland County Council, 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 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. The Middlesbrough 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. The Council had passed a resolution under Section 7(4)(a) of the Local

Government Act 1972 requesting the Secretary of State to provide for a system of whole council elections.

5. On 13 November 1974, the Middlesbrough Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the borough into 25 wards each returning 2 or 3 members to form a council of 60.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council together with the comments which had been made upon it. We considered that the draft scheme failed in some respects to comply with the rule in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 that the ratio of the number of councillors to the number of electors should be as nearly as may be the same in every ward. We concluded that by reducing the size of the council to 53 members a better balance could be achieved and we therefore proposed that the Kader, Brookfield, Beckfield, Gresham, Berwick Hills, Park End and North Ormesby wards should each be represented by 2-members instead of the 3 members proposed by the Council. We carefully considered all the comments and decided to adjust the boundary between the proposed Ayresome and St Hilda's wards to meet objections which we had received. On the advice of Ordnance Survey we proposed some minor realignments to the ward boundaries to secure lines which were more easily defined. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 5 March 1975 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who 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 members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 30 April 1975.

8. The Borough Council objected to our proposals for the Beckfield, North

Ormesby and Park End wards and asked that each of these wards should be represented by 3-members. They provided revised electorate figures for the Park End ward to correct an error in their original submission. We considered that even taking into account the revised figures for the Park End ward, the electorates of these 3 wards were declining and we concluded that in the long term they would each be adequately represented by 2 members.

9. We received objections to our proposals to include the villages of Stainton and Thornton in the proposed South Hemlington ward returning two councillors and it was suggested that these two villages should become a separate district ward with one councillor. We noted that the electorate of the 2 villages was insufficient to form a district ward represented by 1 councillor and concluded that we should not accept this suggestion.

10. We considered a request that, because of their ancient origin, the names of the villages of Stainton and Thornton should be retained as a ward name. We decided to accept this request and to change the name of the Hemlington South ward to Stainton and Thornton. As a consequence, we decided to change the name of Hemlington North ward to Hemlington ward.

11. We also received a request that seven of the ^{other} names published with our draft proposals should be changed to historically associated names. We considered these but decided not to change them.

12. A suggestion was made that the Ayresome ward could be adequately represented by 2 councillors. We considered that since our boundary adjustment had increased the electorate of this ward it would be under-represented with only two councillors and we therefore decided to confirm our draft proposals for this ward.

13. We therefore confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals, subject to the modifications in paragraph 10. Details of these 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

14. 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 the Middlesbrough Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council offices at Middlesbrough. Copies of this report, without maps, are 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.

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Signed

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25 September 1975

SCHEDULE 1

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

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ACKLAM	2
AYRESOME	3
BECKFIELD	2
BEECHWOOD	2
BERWICK HILLS	2
BROOKFIELD	2
EASTERSIDE	2
GRESHAM	2
GROVE HILL	2
HEMLINGTON	2
KADER	2
KIRBY	2
LINTHORPE	2
MARTON	2
NEWHAM	3
NORTH ORMESBY	2
NUNTHORPE	2
PALLISTER	2
PARK	2
PARK END	2
STAINTON AND THORNTON	2
ST HILDA'S	2
SOUTHFIELD	2
THORNTREE	3
WESTBOURNE	2

BOROUGH OF MIDDLESBROUGH: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

NOTE: Where the 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.

STANTON AND THORNTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the district meets Low Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to the proposed Hemlington Road thence southeastwards along said proposed road to Cass House Road thence northeastwards along said road to Viewley Hill Road thence northeastwards along said road to the B1365 thence southeastwards along said B 1365 to a point opposite the southern boundary of parcel number 5118 on OS 1:2500 plan NZ 50/5113 edition 1968 thence westwards to and along said boundary and the southern boundary of the district to the point of commencement.

HEMLINGTON WARD

Commencing at a point where Blue Bell Beck crosses Low Lane thence northeastwards along said lane and Ladgate Lane to the B 1365 thence southeastwards along said B 1365 to the northern boundary of Hemlington South Ward thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said Ward boundary to Low Lane thence northeastwards along said lane to the point of commencement.

BROOKFIELD WARD

Commencing at a point where the northwestern boundary of Hemlington South Ward meets the western boundary of the district thence generally northwards along said western boundary to Blue Bell Beck thence southeastwards along said beck to the northern boundary of Hemlington North Ward thence southwestwards along said Ward boundary and the northwestern boundary of Hemlington South Ward to the point of commencement.

KADER WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Hemlington North

Ward meets the eastern boundary of Brookfield Ward thence northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the western boundary of the district thence northwards along said district boundary to Mandale Road thence eastwards along said road to Levick Crescent thence northeastwards along said crescent to Croft Avenue thence northeastwards along said avenue to Acklam Road thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of Acklam Cemetery thence northeastwards to and along said boundary to the western boundary of parcel number 4100 on OS 1:2500 plan NZ 48/4916 edition 1968 thence northwestwards along said boundary and northeastwards along the northern boundary of said parcel to the unnamed stream that flows into Marton West Beck thence southeastwards along said unnamed stream to Ladgate Lane thence southwestwards along said lane and Low Lane to the point of commencement.

ACKLAM WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Kader Ward meets Green Lane thence northeastwards along said lane to Hatfield Avenue thence southeastwards along said avenue to Ullswater Avenue thence northeastwards along said avenue to St Mary's Walk thence northwards along said walk to a point opposite the northern boundary of Mill Hill Recreation Ground thence northeastwards to and along said recreation ground and the rear boundaries of numbers 5 to 1A Watton Avenue and northwards along the eastern boundary of number 1A Watton Avenue to Watton Avenue thence northeastwards along said avenue to Thackeray Grove thence northwestwards along said grove to Emerson Avenue thence eastwards along said avenue to Marton West Beck thence generally southwards along said beck and the unnamed stream that flows into Marton West Beck to the northern boundary of Kader Ward thence southwestwards and along said boundary to the point of commencement.

KIRBY WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Acklam Ward meets Acklam Road thence northwestwards and northeastwards along said road to Cambridge Road thence northeastwards along said road to Roman Road thence northwestwards along said road to The Crescent thence northeastwards along The Crescent to The Avenue thence southeastwards along The Avenue to Eastbourne Road thence eastwards along said road to Marton West Beck thence generally southwestwards along said beck to the northern boundary of Acklam Ward thence westwards and following said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

PARK WARD

Commencing at a point where Roman Road meets St Barnabus' Road thence eastwards along St Barnabus' Road to Linthorpe Road thence northeastwards along said road to Park Road thence eastwards along said road to Park Road North thence northeastwards and following said road to Park Vale Road thence southwestwards along said road to Valley Road thence southwards along said road to Cumberland Road thence southwestwards along said road to York Road thence southwestwards along said road to the northern boundary of Kirby Ward thence westwards and following said ward boundary to Roman Road thence northwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

LINTHORPE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Kirby Ward meets following Acklam Road thence northeastwards and / said road to Ayresome Street thence eastwards along said street to Linthorpe Road thence southwestwards along said road and southwestwards and following the western boundary of Park Ward to the northern boundary of Kirby Ward thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

AYRESOME WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Kader Ward meets the western boundary of the District, thence northeastwards and following the said District boundary to Tees (Newport) Bridge Approach Road, thence southeastwards along the said road to Newport Road, thence southwestwards along the said road to Heywood Street, thence southeastwards along said street to Ayresome Grange Road, thence southwards and southeastwards along the said road to the northern boundary of Linthorpe Ward, thence southwestwards along the northern and eastern boundaries of the said ward and southwestwards and southeastwards along the western boundary of Kirby Ward and generally westwards along the northern boundary of Kader Ward to the point of commencement.

ST HILDA'S WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Linthorpe Ward meets the eastern boundary of Ayresome Ward thence generally northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the western boundary of the district thence northeastwards and following the district boundary to a point due north of the Entrance Channel thence southwestwards along said channel in . and/prolongation thereof to Scotts Road thence northwestwards along said road to Dock Street, thence southwestwards along said street to a point due north of the northern end of Sealey Street thence due south to Sealey Street thence southeastwards along said street to Cargo Fleet Road then southwestwards along said road to North Ormesby Road thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite Bright Street. thence southwestwards along said street and Abingdon Road to Borough Road thence northwestwards along said road to Union Street thence southwestwards along said street to Parliament Road thence southeastwards along said road to Longford Street thence southwestwards along said street to the northern boundary of Linthorpe Ward thence southwestwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

GRESHAM WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Linthorpe Ward meets the southern boundary of St Hilda's Ward thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to Wentworth Street thence southeastwards along said street to Princes Road thence northeastwards along said road to Aske Road thence southwestwards along said road to Clifton Street thence northwestwards along said street to Athol Street thence southwestwards along said street to Parliament Road thence southeastwards along said road to Linthorpe Road thence southwestwards along said road to Park Road North thence southeastwards along said road to the northern boundary of Park Ward thence southwestwards and following said ward boundary and northwards and westwards along the eastern and northern boundaries of Linthorpe Ward to the point of commencement.

SOUTHFIELD WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Park Ward meets the eastern boundary of Gresham Ward thence northwestwards and northeastwards along said eastern boundary and southwestwards and northwestwards along the northern boundary of Gresham Ward to the southern boundary of St Hilda's Ward thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said southern boundary to Abingdon Road thence southwestwards along said road to Southfield Road thence westwards along said road to Woodlands Road thence Southwards along said road and in prolongation thereof to the northern boundary of Park Ward thence generally southwestwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

WESTBOURNE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Park Ward meets the eastern boundary of Southfield Ward thence northeastwards and following said eastern boundary to Borough Road thence eastwards along said road

to the Esk Valley Railway Line thence southwestwards along said railway line to Longlands Road thence southwestwards along said road to Marton Road thence southwestwards along said road to Clairville Road thence westwards and northwestwards along said road to the northern boundary of Park Ward thence westwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

NORTH ORMESBY WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Westbourne Ward meets the eastern boundary of St Hilda's Ward thence generally north-eastwards along said eastern boundary to the northern boundary of the district thence eastwards along said district boundary and southeastwards and following the eastern boundary of the district to Longlands Road thence southwestwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Westbourne Ward thence northwestwards along said ward boundary and westwards along the northern boundary of Westbourne Ward to the point of commencement.

THORNTREE WARD

Commencing at a point where Cargo Fleet Lane meets the southern boundary of North Ormsby Ward thence northeastwards along said ward boundary to the eastern boundary of the district thence southeastwards along said district boundary to a point being the prolongation of the southern boundary of number 14 Inglewood Close thence southwestwards along said prolongation and said southern boundary to the eastern boundary of number 15 Inglewood Close thence southwards along said eastern boundary and the rear boundaries of numbers 15 - 21 Inglewood Close to the southern most point of number 68 Rowarth Road thence in a straight line to and along the rear boundaries of numbers 70 - 84 Rowarth Road thence southwestwards in a straight line to the rear boundaries of numbers

98 - 150 Rowarth Road thence southwestwards along said rear boundaries, the southern boundary of number 16 Kenmore Road, crossing Kenmore Road to the southern boundary of number 15 Kenmore Road thence southwestwards along said southern boundary and the rear boundaries of numbers 156 - 204 Rowarth Road and in prolongation thereof to Cargo Fleet Lane thence northwestwards along said lane to the point of commencement.

BECKFIELD WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of the district meets Ormesby Road thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of Southlands Secondary School playing fields thence northeastwards to and along said boundary and in continuation in a straight line to the southern boundary of the allotment gardens thence northeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Thorntree Ward thence southeastwards along said boundary and northeastwards along the southern boundary of Thorntree Ward to the eastern boundary of the district thence southeastwards and following said district boundary to the point of commencement.

PALLISTER WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Beckfield Ward meets Ormesby Road thence northwestwards along said road to the southern boundary of North Ormesby Ward thence northeastwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of Thorntree Ward thence southeastwards along said ward boundary to the northern boundary of Beckfield Ward thence southwestwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

PARK END WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of the district meets the Esk Valley Railway thence northwestwards along said railway to a point due

west of the northwestern corner of number 3 Brancepeth Avenue thence due east to the northwestern corner of number 3 Brancepeth Avenue thence north-eastwards and eastwards along the rear boundaries of numbers 3 and 1 Brancepeth Avenue and in prolongation thereof to Overdale Road thence northwestwards along said road to Rossett Walk thence northeastwards along said walk, eastern boundaries of Epworth House, Flaxton House and continuing in a straight line to the eastern boundaries of Garsdale House and Aebden House to Tanhill Walk thence southeastwards along said walk to Penrith Road thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of the playing fields thence northeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Pallister Ward thence southeastwards along said ward boundary and the western boundary of Beckfield Ward to the eastern boundary of the district thence southwestwards along said district boundary to the point of commencement.

BERWICK HILLS WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Park End Ward meets the Esk Valley Railway line thence northwestwards along said railway line to the southern boundary of North Ormesby Ward thence northeastwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of Pallister Ward thence southeastwards along said ward boundary to the northern boundary of Park End Ward thence southwestwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

GROVE HILL WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Kirby Ward meets the eastern boundary of Park Ward thence northeastwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Westbourne Ward thence generally eastwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of Berwick Hills Ward thence generally southeastwards along said ward boundary and

the western boundary of Park End Ward to the footpath leading from the railway to Marton Road passing along the southern boundary of St Luke's Hospital recreation ground thence southwestwards along said footpath to Marton Road thence northwestwards along said road to Marton Burn Road thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said road to the northern boundary of Kirby Ward thence northwestwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

BEECHWOOD WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Acklam Ward meets the eastern boundary of Kirby Ward thence northeastwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Grove Hill Ward thence generally southeastwards along said ward boundary to a point opposite the northern boundary of Parcel No 6931 as shown on OS 1:2500 Plan NZ 5017 Edition 1953; thence southwestwards to and along said northern boundary and the northern boundary of Parcel No 5223 to the path leading to Grassington Road thence northwestwards along said path to Grassington Road thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the rear boundaries of numbers 58 - 70 Freemantle Crescent thence southeastwards to and along said rear boundaries and the western boundary of number 10 Brereton Road crossing Brereton Road to the eastern boundary of numbers 3 and 1 Brereton Road thence southwestwards along said eastern boundaries, the rear boundaries of numbers 82 - 96 Freemantle Crescent crossing Tranter Road to the southern boundary of number 59 Tranter Road thence southwestwards along said southern boundary, the rear boundaries of numbers 25 - 1 Forber Road, numbers 81 - 77 Collin Avenue continuing along the fence and the southern boundary of number 104 Saltersgill Avenue crossing Saltersgill Avenue to the footpath that leads to Marton West Beck thence southwestwards along said footpath to the eastern boundary of Acklam Ward thence generally northwards along

said boundary to the eastern boundary of Kirby Ward and westwards along the northern boundary of Kirby Ward to the point of commencement.

EASTERSIDE WARD

Commencing at a point where Ladgate Lane meets the eastern boundary of Kader Ward thence northwestwards along said ward boundary and the eastern boundary of Acklam Ward to the southern boundary of Beechwood Ward thence generally northeastwards along said ward boundary and the southern boundary of Grove Hill Ward to the western boundary of Park End Ward thence southeastwards along said ward boundary to Ladgate Lane thence southwestwards along said lane to the point of commencement.

MARTON WARD

Commencing at the point where Stokesley Road meets the southern boundary of Easterside Ward thence northeastwards along said ward boundary to the eastern boundary of the district thence southeastwards along said district boundary to the proposed Marton District Distributor Road thence southwestwards along said proposed road to the road known as Dixons Bank thence northwestwards along said road and Stokesley Road to the point of commencement.

NEWHAM WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the district meets the eastern boundary of Hemlington South Ward thence northwestwards along said ward boundary and the eastern boundary of Hemlington North Ward to the southern boundary of Kader Ward thence northeastwards along said ward boundary and the southern boundary of Easterside Ward to the western boundary of Marton Ward thence southeastwards along said ward boundary and continuing along the road known as Dixons Bank to a point opposite the southern boundary of parcel number 1323 and OS 1:2500 plan NZ 52/5314 Edition 1967 which is the western boundary of Nunthorpe CP

thence southwestwards along said CP boundary to/^{the}southern boundary of the district thence northwestwards along said district boundary to the point of commencement.

NUNTHORPE WARD

The parish of Nunthorpe and the area bounded by the line commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Nunthorpe CP meets the eastern boundary of Newham Ward thence northwestwards along said ward boundary, northeastwards along the southern boundary of Marton Ward to the eastern boundary of the district thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said district boundary to the northern boundary of Nunthorpe CP thence southwestwards and following said CP Boundary to the point of commencement.