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**Principal Area Boundary Review**

DISTRICT OF ASHFIELD /

BOROUGH OF GEDLING

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PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN THE BOUNDARY OF THE BOROUGH OF GEDLING WITH  
THE DISTRICT OF ASHFIELD

BACKGROUND

1. On 28 April 1983 Gedling Borough Council wrote to us suggesting a number of alterations to their boundary with the district of Ashfield (both districts being in the non-metropolitan county of Nottinghamshire). It was not clear at that time whether the Borough Council had consulted the other local authorities and residents involved. We therefore asked Gedling Borough Council to consult these authorities and to indicate the extent of the agreement reached before we decided whether or not to conduct a review. After consideration within Ashfield District Council these consultations were finally completed in December 1984.
2. After taking into account the views of all the local authorities concerned, and having regard to DOE Circular 33/78 and our own Report No. 287, we decided to accede to Gedling Borough Council's request and undertake a review.

THE DRAFT SCHEME

3. Gedling Borough Council's request was made in the main on the grounds that administrative difficulties were caused by development straddling the present boundary. The changes sought affected three areas as follows:-

- (a) the transfer of that part of Christine Close and Devitt Drive currently in the parish of Linby in the borough of Gedling into the unparished Hucknall area of the district of Ashfield;

- (b) the transfer of the properties on the eastern side of Moor Road in the unparished Hucknall area of the district of Ashfield to the parish of Papplewick in the borough of Gedling; and
- (c) the transfer of land to the south-western side of Annesley Road in the parish of Linby in the borough of Gedling to the unparished Hucknall area of the district of Ashfield.

#### COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCHEME

4. We considered the request as required by section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, together with the letters we had received. Nottinghamshire County Council had no objections to the changes being sought. Ashfield District Council agreed that there should be a review of the areas outlined by Gedling Borough Council but did not comment on the suggestions in any detail at that stage. Papplewick Parish Council had no objections to the proposed boundary alterations but suggested that a building on the north side of Papplewick Lane marked on the map as a former Methodist Church, and now known as Warp Mill and Warp Mill Cottages, should also be included in the district of Ashfield. Ordnance Survey suggested some minor technical amendments to the proposed changes to make for a better defined boundary.

5. The only objection to Gedling Borough Council's request came from Linby Parish Council, who opposed all the suggested changes, adding that if the transfer of land were to take place in spite of their objections, they would seek to obtain the transfer of an area of land containing Linby Colliery from Ashfield in compensation. They also referred to the reduction of their population that would result from the proposed changes and the consequent fall in their rateable value.

#### OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS

6. On the basis of the information before us, we concluded that the changes sought by Gedling Borough Council appeared to be in the interests of effective and convenient local government. We therefore decided to issue draft proposals based on their realignments but incorporating both the technical suggestions made by Ordnance Survey and the additional transfer of the former Methodist Church suggested by Papplewick Parish Council. In reaching our conclusions we were fully aware of the opposition of Linby Parish Council to any changes in their parish boundaries at that time. However, we took the view that the issues involved were relatively straightforward and could be considered in the light of comments made to us when we issued draft proposals.

7. Our draft proposals were published on 23 May 1985 in a letter to the two district councils. Copies were sent to Nottinghamshire County Council, the parish councils involved, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, the Central Nottinghamshire and Nottingham District Health Authorities and the Severn-Trent Water Authority. Copies were also sent to the headquarters of the main political parties, editors of local newspapers circulating in the area, local radio and television stations serving the area 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 the notice in local newspapers and at places where public notices are customarily displayed. Comments were invited by 19 July 1985.

#### RESPONSE TO OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS

8. In response to our draft proposals we received comments from Nottinghamshire County Council, Ashfield District Council, Gedling Borough Council, Linby Parish Council, Newstead Parish Council, Papplewick Parish Council, Mr Andy Stewart M.P. and five private individuals.

9. Linby Parish Council criticised our decision to announce the review of the district boundary at the same time as we published our draft proposals. They also claimed that as the persons affected by the changes envisaged had not been notified individually, and that as no notices had appeared in the Hucknall Dispatch newspaper or had been displayed in a prominent place locally, there had been insufficient publicity for our draft proposals.

10. With the exception of the suggestions affecting Warp Mill and Warp Mill Cottages our draft proposals were supported by Nottinghamshire County Council, Ashfield District Council and Gedling Borough Council. The residents of these properties objected to the proposed transfer and their views were endorsed by Linby Parish Council and by Mr Andy Stewart MP who suggested that the River Leen formed the natural boundary in the area. Neither district council supported the suggestion to transfer the properties, and Papplewick Council no longer favoured the idea.

11. Gedling Borough Council, in conjunction with the other authorities involved, had produced a fresh suggestion to revise the boundary in the vicinity of Linby Colliery at Church Lane and Wighay Road, which, it was claimed, would protect the parish of Linby from future encroachment by the Hucknall urban area of Ashfield. Newstead Parish Council suggested that whilst the boundary was being reviewed an opportunity should be taken to transfer Newstead Cemetery to their area from the Annesley parish of the district of Ashfield.

## DUR FINAL PROPOSALS

12 We noted the criticism of Linby Parish Council regarding the publicity accorded to our draft proposals. It is not our usual practice to write individually to all persons affected by a proposed change. This, to our mind, would be far too cumbersome and expensive a procedure. We normally advertise our draft proposals by way of press notices and this is the procedure we adopted in this case. Although the local authorities had neglected to place the usual press notices in one local newspaper our draft proposals had been advertised in the Nottingham Evening Post. We have informally drawn the local authorities' attention to these omissions so that the proper procedures will take place in any future reviews. We are satisfied, nevertheless, that, in this particular case, it was unlikely that anyone's interest had, in practice, been prejudiced by the local authorities' failure to place press notices in all the local newspapers or on a local notice board in Linby.

13. We re-assessed our draft proposals in the light of the representations we had received. We concluded that, in view of the opposition to the transfer of Warp Mill and Warp Mill Cottages, we would not proceed with that part of our draft proposals. However, we noted that our other draft proposals had not evoked any opposition. We therefore decided to confirm our draft proposals affecting Christine Close/Devitt Drive, Moor Road and Annesley Road as our final proposals for these areas.

14. We took the view that the boundary suggested by the local authorities in the vicinity of Linby Colliery provided a clearly defined break between the communities of Linby village and Hucknall. It would at the same time permit the future provision of services in the area to be carried out by one local authority rather than two. Such a boundary would therefore accord with the guidelines given to us in DOE Circular 33/78.

15. We ascertained that the owners and residents of those properties affected by the scheme had no objections to the suggestions. We therefore decided to include

the local authorities' fresh scheme in our final proposals for the area.

16. We did not consider, in respect of Newstead Cemetery, that the Parish Council had made out a sufficiently strong case, in terms of practical difficulties encountered under the present arrangements, to justify its transfer. We therefore decided to reject their suggestion.

17. In the light of all these various considerations we have come to the conclusion that the changes we had in mind, subject to the agreed adjustment concerning certain properties in the vicinity of Linby Colliery at Church Lane and Wighay Road referred to in paragraphs 14-15 above, are desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government. We have accordingly decided to confirm our draft proposals as set out in paragraph 6 above, as amended in paragraphs 13-15 above, as our final proposals. Details of the proposals are set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of this report. Schedule 1 specifies the proposed changes in local authority areas and Schedules 2 and 3 specify the consequential adjustments to the existing electoral arrangements. The proposed boundaries are illustrated on a large-scale map which is being sent separately to your Department.

#### PUBLICATION

18. Separate letters are being sent with copies of this report and of the map to Ashfield District Council and Gedling Borough Council asking them to place copies of the 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 it now falls to you to make an Order implementing the proposals, if you think fit, after the expiry of six weeks from the date they are submitted

to you. Copies of the report, which includes small scale sketch plans, are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to all those who made comments on our draft proposals.

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Signed: G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

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20 November 1986

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

## PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW - FINAL PROPOSALS

## GEDLING BOROUGH/ASHFIELD DISTRICT

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

## SCHEDULE 1

Proposed transfers between the Borough of Gedling and the District of Ashfield.

AREA A: description of an area proposed to be transferred from Linby CP in the Borough of Gedling to the non-parished area in the District of Ashfield.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the existing boundary between Gedling Borough and Ashfield District crosses the southwestern boundary of Annesley Road (A 611), then southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of that road to the afore-mentioned Borough boundary, then southwestwards and generally northwestwards along that Borough boundary to the point of commencement.

AREA B: description of an area proposed to be transferred from Linby CP in the Borough of Gedling to the non-parished area in the District of Ashfield.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the northeastern corner of Area A as described above meets the existing Borough boundary; then northeastwards in a straight line to the northeastern perimeter of Annesley Road; then southeastwards along that perimeter to the northern perimeter of Wighay Road; then northeastwards along that perimeter to the northwestern perimeter of the dismantled railway, to the north of Wighay Road; then southwestwards in a straight line to rejoin the existing Borough boundary; then southwestwards along that boundary to the point of commencement.

AREA C: description of an area proposed to be transferred from the non-parished area in the District of Ashfield to Linby CP in the Borough of Gedling.

That area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the southwestern curtilage of the property known as Cotswold meets the existing Borough boundary; then generally northeastwards and southeastwards along that existing boundary to the rear curtilage of 5 Dorothy Avenue; then southwestwards along that curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 3 and 1 Dorothy Avenue to and along the rear and western curtilage of No 72 Hayden Lane to the fence forming the eastern perimeter of Haydon Lane; then northwestwards and southwestwards along that perimeter to a point opposite the fence forming the southern perimeter of an area of land north of Harwyn House; then southwestwards along that perimeter to the southern curtilage of Harwyn House; then continuing southwestwards along that curtilage to the eastern perimeter of Church Lane; then northwards along that perimeter to the southern curtilage of Hayden Villa; then westwards in a straight line to the western perimeter of Church Lane; then southwestwards along that perimeter and its continuation as the southeastern perimeter of the Cricket Ground west of Church Lane, to the northeastern perimeter fence of Linby Colliery; then southeastwards along that perimeter to the Footbridge over the conveyor running parallel with that perimeter fence; then southwestwards along that footbridge to its end; then due westwards in a straight line to the southwestern perimeter fence of Linby Colliery; then northwestwards along that perimeter to a point opposite the southern curtilage of Station House; then southwestwards in a straight line to and continuing southwestwards along that curtilage and the southern curtilage of Cotswold to the southwestern curtilage of the last mentioned property; then northwestwards along that curtilage to the point of commencement.

AREA D: description of an area proposed to be transferred from Linby CP in the Borough of Gedling to the non-parished area in the District of Ashfield.

That area bounded by a line commencing on the existing boundary between Gedling Borough and Ashfield District, where it crosses the rear curtilage of No 9 Devitt

Drive, thence northeastwards along said curtilage and continuing northeastwards along the rear curtilages of Nos 11-39 Devitt Drive to the eastern curtilage of No 39 Devitt Drive, thence southeastwards along said curtilage and continuing southeastwards along the eastern curtilage of No 20 Devitt Drive to the rear curtilage of said property, thence southwestwards along said rear curtilage and the rear curtilage of No 18 Devitt Drive to the rear curtilage of No 16 Devitt Drive, thence southwestwards and southeastwards along said rear curtilage to and continuing southeastwards along the rear curtilages of Nos 2-6 Christine Close to the aforementioned Borough boundary, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said Borough boundary to the point of commencement.

AREA E: description of an area proposed to be transferred from the non-parished area in the District of Ashfield to Linby CP in the Borough of Gedling.

That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the southeastern corner of Area B meets the existing boundary between Gedling Borough and Ashfield District, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along that Borough boundary to a point being the prolongation northeastwards of the rear curtilages of Nos 157-229 Papplewick Lane, then southwestwards along that prolongation to the rear curtilage of No 229 Papplewick Lane and continuing southwestwards along the last-mentioned rear curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 227-157 Papplewick Lane to the rear curtilage of No 6 Christine Close, then northwestwards along that rear curtilage to the point of commencement.

AREA F: description of an area proposed to be transferred from the non-parished area of the District of Ashfield to Papplewick CP in the Borough of Gedling.

That area bounded by a line commencing on the existing boundary between Gedling Borough and Ashfield District where it crosses the eastern boundary of Moor Road

(B 683), then generally northwestwards along the eastern boundary of that road to the aforementioned Borough boundary, then eastwards, generally southeastwards and southwestwards along that Borough boundary to the point of commencement.

## SCHEDULE 2

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

It is proposed that the District Wards, as defined in the District of Ashfield (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976 and the Borough of Gedling (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1975 shall be altered as described below.

Area A, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Newstead Ward of the Borough of Gedling to the Hucknall West Ward of the District of Ashfield.

AREA B and AREA D, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Newstead Ward of the Borough of Gedling to the Hucknall North Ward of the District of Ashfield.

AREA C and AREA E, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Hucknall North Ward of the District of Ashfield to the Newstead Ward of the Borough of Gedling.

AREA F, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Hucknall East Ward of the District of Ashfield to the Newstead Ward of the Borough of Gedling.

## SCHEDULE 3

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

It is proposed that the County Electoral Divisions, as defined in the County of Nottinghamshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980, shall be altered as described below.

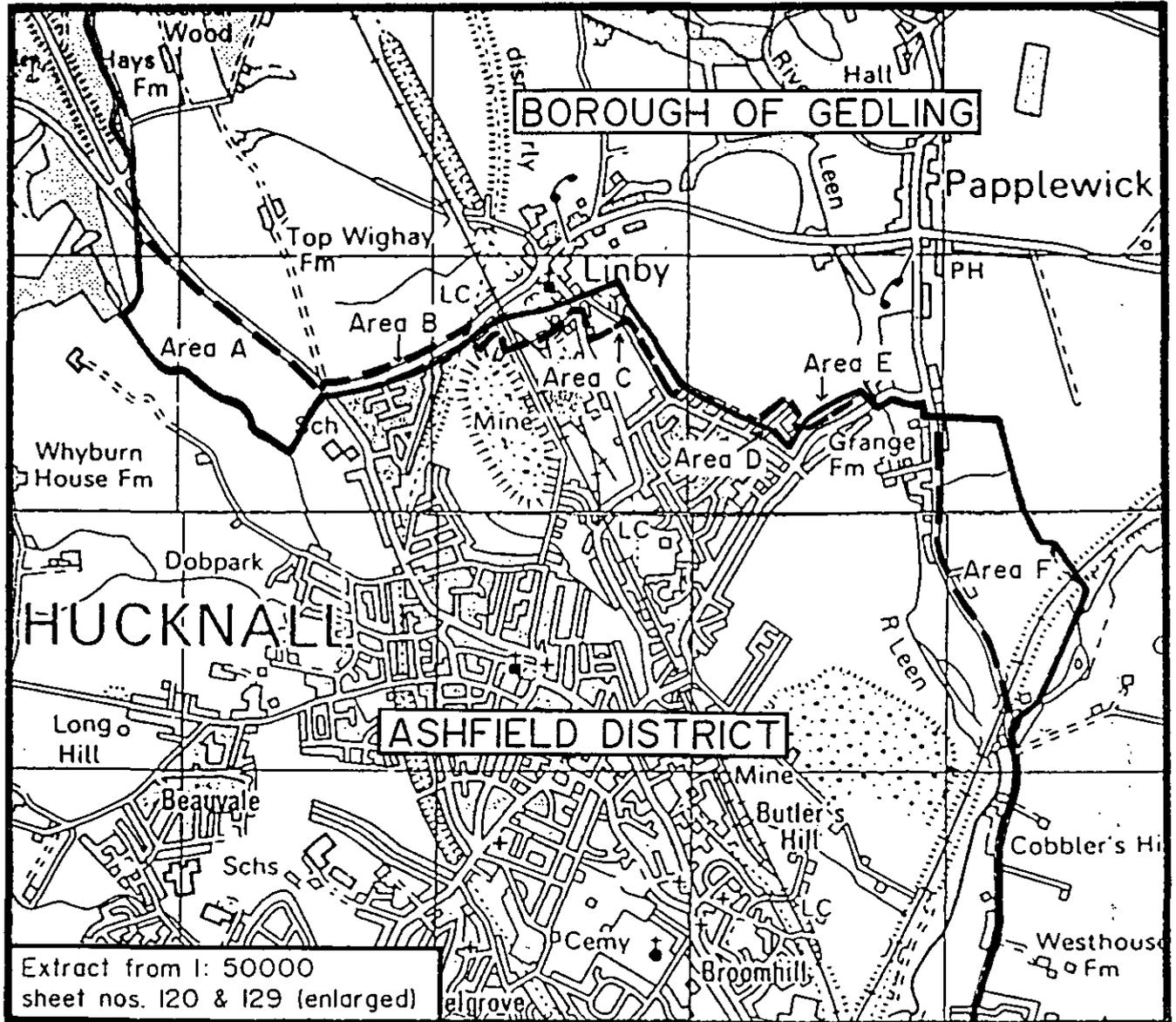
AREA A, AREA B and AREA D as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Gedling North ED to the Hucknall West ED.

AREA C AND AREA E, as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Hucknall West ED to the Gedling North ED.

AREA F as described in Schedule 1, shall be transferred from the Hucknall East ED to the Gedling North ED.

# PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW

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