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Review of Electoral Arrangements

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To the Rt. Hon. Leon Brittan QC MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSAL FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF TAUNTON DEANE
IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

1. The present electoral arrangements for the Borough of Taunton Deane date from 3 May 1979 when the Taunton Deane (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976, giving effect to the proposals contained in our Report No. 111, came into force.
2. In July 1978 Taunton Deane Borough Council commenced a review of the parish pattern of the whole of their district. They submitted their review report to us on 12 February 1981, which recommended (i) alterations to the boundaries of 28 parishes (ii) the constitution of a new parish of Comeytrove and (iii) a number of changes to district and county electoral arrangements consequent upon the provisions of recommendations (i) and (ii).
3. We were satisfied that the recommendations affecting the parish pattern of the borough were in the interest of effective and convenient local government. However, we were concerned about the standard of representation which would have resulted from the recommendations for consequential changes to the borough and county electoral arrangements, in particular those affecting the former. We were also doubtful whether or not certain of the Borough Council's recommendations were in fact consequential on the recommended transfers of area. We therefore decided to conduct a review of the borough electoral arrangements in accordance with the provisions of Section 50(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, taking account of the proposed new parish boundaries.

4. We announced the start of our review on 15 October 1982 by means of a letter to the Borough Council. Copies of the letter were also sent for information to Somerset County Council, all the parish councils in the borough, the Member of Parliament for Taunton, the headquarters of the main political parties, local newspapers and the local government press. The start of the review was also announced by public notice.

5. The Borough Council were asked to submit a draft scheme to us by 29 April 1983, but in October 1983 they requested an extension of time to submit their scheme. We agreed, and the Council eventually submitted their draft scheme on 17 January 1984. The draft scheme provided for 30 wards, seven returning three members, nine returning two members and fourteen returning one member, giving a revised council size of 53. Only one ward, Wiveliscombe, was co-terminous with an existing ward, although the names of the majority of the existing wards were retained.

6. The draft scheme had been advertised locally prior to its submission to us. The Council forwarded three comments received in response to their published draft scheme, from Kingston St. Mary Parish Council, Priory Community Association and a private individual. The Parish Council supported the Borough Council's proposals as they affected their parish, and the Community Association substantially supported the Borough Council's proposals. The only objection was from the private individual, who opposed the joining in one two-member ward of the parishes of Ruishton and Thornfalcon with Creech St. Michael. He wished Creech St. Michael to have one member, and Ruishton and Thornfalcon to have one member.

7. We considered the draft scheme together with the representations received and on 11 March 1985 we issued our draft proposals, details of which were sent to everyone who had received our consultation letter or had been involved in the preparation of the draft scheme. Notices were also inserted in the local press announcing that the draft proposals had been issued and could be inspected at the Borough Council's offices.

8. Our draft proposals were based essentially upon the Borough Council's draft scheme. Some minor adjustments of a technical nature were made in order to obtain better defined boundaries, but these had previously been agreed in principle by the Borough Council.

9. We received five letters in response to our draft proposals, one from Cheddōn Fitzpaine Parish Council, three separate ones from Ruishton and Thornfalcon Parish Council, and one from a private individual.

10. Cheddōn Fitzpaine Parish Council supported our draft proposals to include their parish in a ward with the Parishes of Kingston St. Mary and Staplegrave.

11. The Ruishton and Thornfalcon Parish Council objected to our draft proposal to join their parishes with Creech St. Michael. They preferred to have their own Councillor on the Borough Council. In addition, the private individual also objected to the proposal to join Ruishton and Thornfalcon with Creech St. Michael. He too suggested the retention of the existing parishes with their own representative.

12. As required by section 60(2)(d) of the 1972 Act, we have considered the representations made to us by the Ruishton and Thornfalcon Parish Councils and the private individual. We accept that at some point in the future the two representatives for Ruishton, Thornfalcon and Creech St. Michael may well come from Creech St. Michael, but if we were to agree to the changes suggested, it would leave Creech St. Michael severely under represented. The terms of the Act require us to have regard to changes in the number or distribution of local government electors over the next five years. On that basis we are satisfied that our draft proposals provide an acceptably even standard of representation for the borough. We have therefore decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

13. Details of our final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report. A map illustrating the proposed ward boundaries will be submitted with this report. A detailed description of these boundaries is attached as Schedule 2.

PUBLICATION

14. In accordance with section 60(5)(b) of the 1972 Act, a copy of this report, together with a copy of the map, is being sent to Taunton Deane Borough Council and will be available for inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report are also being sent to everyone else who received the consultation letter.

Signed : G J ELLERTON CMG MBE (Chairman)

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6 June 1985

BOROUGH OF TAUNTON DEANE : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
Bishop's Hull	2
Bishop's Lydeard	2
Blackdown	1
Bradford-on-Tone	1
Comeytrove	3
Milverton	1
Monument	1
Neroche	1
North Curry	1
North Deane	1
Norton Fitzwarren	1
Ruishton and Creech	2
Stanlegrove	2
Stoke St. Gregory	1
Taunton - Fairwater	3
Taunton - Halcon	3
Taunton - Holway	2
Taunton - Lyngford	3
Taunton - Manor	2
Taunton - Priory and Wilton	3
Taunton - Pyrland	2
Taunton - Rowbarton	2
Taunton - Trinity	3
Trull	1
Wellington North	2
Wellington Rockwall Green	1
Wellington South	3
West Deane	1
West Monkton	1
Wiveliscombe	1

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BOROUGH OF TAUNTON DEANE - ELECTORAL REVIEW
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED BOROUGH WARDS

NOTE: 1. Where the boundary is described as following a road, railway, river, canal or similar feature, it shall be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature, unless otherwise stated.

2. The Unparished Area, Parishes and Parish Wards referred to in this description are those recommended to LGBC(E) by Taunton Deane Borough Council in their Parish Review Report and which LGBC(E) subsequently proposed to the Secretary of State for the Environment.

TAUNTON MANOR WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Comeytrove CP meets the eastern boundary of Bishop's Hull CP, thence generally north-eastwards along said eastern boundary to Musgrove Road, thence south-eastwards along said road to and southwards along the access road to Nos 35 and 36 Musgrove Road to the access road between Nos 34 and 35 Musgrove Road, thence southeastwards along said access road to the rear curtilage of No 34 Musgrove Road, thence northeastwards along said rear curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 33-5 Musgrove Road to the access road to Musgrove Park Hospital, thence northwards along said access road to Wellington Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Bishop's Hull Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Bishop's Hull CP, thence northeastwards, eastwards and northwards along said CP boundary to the River Tone, thence southeastwards along said river to the road known as The Bridge, thence southeastwards along said road and southwards along North Street and the western carriageway of Fore Street to Corporation Street, thence westwards along said street to Park Street, thence southwestwards along said street to the road known as Cann Hill (LA name), thence southwards along said road, westwards along the road known as Compass Hill and southwards along Trull Road to the northern boundary of Comeytrove CP, thence westwards along said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

TAUNTON FAIRWATER WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Taunton Manor Ward meets the eastern boundary of Bishop's Hull CP, thence generally northwestwards along said CP boundary and generally northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of Staplegrove CP to Mill Lease Stream, thence southwards along said stream to Greenway Road, thence eastwards along said road to the path leading from Greenway Road to Turner Road, thence northwards along said path to the northern curtilage of No 17 Greenway Crescent, thence eastwards along said northern curtilage and continuing eastwards along the southern boundary of Bishop Fox's Girls School and the southern curtilage of No 137 Kingston Road to Kingston Road, thence southwards along said road and southwestwards along Station Road to Bridge Street, thence southeastwards along said street and the road known as The Bridge to the northern boundary of Taunton Manor Ward, thence generally westwards along said Ward boundary to the point of commencement.

TAUNTON LYNDFORD WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Taunton Manor Ward meets the eastern boundary of Taunton Fairwater Ward, thence generally northwards along said eastern boundary to Cheddon Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Eastwick Road, thence northeastwards and eastwards along said road to Dorchester Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Lyngford Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to the southern curtilage of Lyngford House at the northern boundary of Selworthy School, thence eastwards along said southern curtilage and northwards along the eastern curtilage of Lyngford House to the northern boundary of the properties in Bossington Drive, thence eastwards along said northern boundary and the northern boundary of the properties in Leigh Road to the southwestern boundary of Cheddon Fitzpaine CP, thence generally southwards along said CP boundary to the River Tone, thence generally southwestwards along said river to the eastern boundary of Taunton Fairwater Ward, thence generally northwards along said Ward boundary to the point of commencement.

TAUNTON ROWBARTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the northwestern boundary of Taunton Lyngford Ward meets the eastern boundary of Taunton Fairwater Ward, thence northwards along said eastern boundary and westwards, southwards, westwards and northwards along the northern boundary of Taunton Fairwater Ward to the southeastern boundary of Staplegrove CP, thence northwards, eastwards and northwards along said CP boundary and eastwards, northeastwards and southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of Cheddon Fitzpaine CP to Cheddon Road, thence southwards along said road and southwestwards along the northwestern boundary of Taunton Lyngford Ward to the point of commencement.

TAUNTON PYRLAND WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Taunton Lyngford Ward meets the eastern boundary of Taunton Rowbarton Ward, thence northwards along said eastern boundary to the southwestern boundary of Cheddon Fitzpaine CP, thence generally eastwards and southwards along said CP boundary to the northern boundary of Taunton Lyngford Ward, thence generally southwestwards along said Ward boundary to the point of commencement.

TAUNTON PRIORY AND WILTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Taunton Manor Ward meets the southern boundary of Taunton Lyngford Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said southern boundary to the Eastern Relief Road, thence southwards along said road to the road known as East Reach, thence southwestwards along said road to South Street, thence southeastwards along said street and southwestwards along Alma Street to Silver Street, thence southeastwards along said street to Gwynne Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to the culvert of Stockwell Stream, thence southeastwards and southwards along said stream to the field boundary leading westwards to the eastern boundary of Ash Meadows Sports Ground, thence westwards along said field boundary and southwards along the Drain forming the eastern boundary of said sports ground and its continuation southwards as a field boundary to the field boundary at NG ref: ST 2304223326, as shown on OS 1:1250 Microfilm (A*) ST 2323 SW, date of publication 1960, thence westwards along said field boundary to the path leading southwestwards to Sherford Bridge, thence southwestwards along said Path and the road leading southwards from said bridge to the Path leading from Sherford Bridge Farm to Cotlake Hill, thence southwestwards along said Path to the northern boundary of Trull CP, thence southwestwards and generally northwestwards along said CP boundary to the eastern boundary of Comeytrowe CP, thence northeastwards along said CP boundary and continuing northeastwards and northwards along the eastern boundary of Taunton Manor Ward to the point of commencement.

TAUNTON HALCON WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Taunton Priory and Wilton Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Taunton Lyngford Ward, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary to the southern boundary of Cheddon Fitzpaine CP, thence eastwards along said CP boundary and continuing eastwards and southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of West Monkton CP to a point due east of the eastern end of Ilminster Road at the junction of the M5 Motorway and the A358 road, thence due westwards to and westwards along Ilminster Road to a point opposite the eastern curtilage of No 23 Ilminster Road, thence southwards to and along said eastern curtilage to the rear curtilage of said property, thence westwards along said rear curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 21-3 Ilminster Road and Nos 94-72 Hamilton Road to the Path forming the eastern boundary of Hamilton Road Allotment Gardens, thence southwards along said Path and westwards along the southern boundary of said Allotment Gardens to the drain leading southwards to Black Brook, thence southwards along said drain to Black Brook, thence westwards along said brook to Wordsworth Drive, thence westwards and northwards along said drive to the road known as East Reach, thence southwestwards along said road to the northeastern boundary of Taunton Priory and Wilton Ward, thence northwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

TAUNTON TRINITY WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Taunton Priory and Wilton Ward meets the southern boundary of Taunton Halcon Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to the junction of Lisieux Way and Wordsworth Drive, thence southeastwards and southwards along said drive to Holway Road, thence southeastwards along said road and Upper Holway Road to Chestnut Drive, thence southwestwards along said drive to the path leading southeastwards from said drive, along the rears of Nos 83-89 Stoke Road, thence southeastwards, northeastwards and southeastwards along said path to the path leading northeastwards along the rears of Nos 23-9 Holly Close, thence northeastwards along said path to the eastern boundary of the Allotment Gardens, thence southeastwards along said eastern boundary and in prolongation thereof to the northwestern boundary of Stoke St Mary CP, thence southwestwards along said CP boundary to the northern boundary of Trull CP, thence generally westwards along said CP boundary to the eastern boundary of Taunton Priory and Wilton Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

TAUNTON HOLWAY WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Taunton Trinity Ward meets the southern boundary of Taunton Halcon Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to the southwestern boundary of West Monkton CP, thence southwards along said CP boundary and southwestwards along the western boundary of Stoke St Mary CP to the eastern boundary of Taunton Trinity Ward, thence generally northwestwards and northwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

BISHOP'S HULL WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of Bishop's Hull CP meets the western boundary of Taunton Manor Ward at the junction of Mountway Road and Bishop's Hull Road, thence southeastwards, southwestwards and westwards along the western boundary of Taunton Manor Ward to the southeastern boundary of Bishop's Hull CP, thence northeastwards along said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

and the parish of Bishop's Hull

BISHOP'S LYDEARD WARD

The parishes of Bishop's Lydeard

Cothelstone

BLACKDOWN WARD

The parishes of Churchstanton

Otterford

Pitminster

BRADFORD-ON-TONE WARD

The parishes of Bradford-on-Tone

Nynehead

Oake

COMEYTROWE WARD

The parish of Comeytrowe

MILVERTON WARD

The parishes of Fitzhead

Milverton

MONUMENT WARD

The parishes of Sampford Arundel

Wellington Without

West Buckland

NEROCHE WARD

The parishes of Bickenhall

Corfe

Curland

Hatch Beauchamp

Orchard Portman

Staple Fitzpaine

Stoke St Mary

West Hatch

NORTH CURRY WARD

The parishes of Durston

North Curry

NORTH DEANE WARD

The parishes of Ash Priors

Combe Florey

Halse

Lydeard St Lawrence

Tolland

West Bagborough

NORTON FITZWARREN WARD

The parish of Norton Fitzwarren

RUISHTON AND CREECH WARD

The parishes of Creech St Michael

Ruishton

Thornfalcon

STAPLEGROVE WARD

The parishes of Cheddon Fitzpaine

Kingston St Mary

Staplegrove

STOKE ST GREGORY WARD

The parish of Stoke St Gregory

and the parish of Burrowbridge, as created by SI (1984) No 1793 (operative 1 4 85); the Sedgemoor and Taunton Deane (Areas) Order 1984.

TRULL WARD

The parish of Trull

WELLINGTON NORTH WARD

The Wellington North Ward of the parish of Wellington

WELLINGTON ROCKWELL GREEN WARD

The Rockwell Green Ward of the parish of Wellington

WELLINGTON SOUTH WARD

The Wellington South Ward of the parish of Wellington

WEST DEANE WARD

The parishes of Ashbrittle

Bathealton

Chipstable

Langford Budville

Stawley

WEST MONKTON WARD

The parish of West Monkton

WIVELISCOMBE WARD

The parishes of Wiveliscombe

Wiveliscombe Without