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PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT OF  
MALVERN HILLS IN THE COUNTY OF HEREFORD AND WORCESTER

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Malvern Hills in accordance with the requirement 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 the 31 December 1974, that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Malvern Hills District Council, Hereford and Worcester County Council, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the district and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of 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. Malvern Hills District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. In 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 asked also 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. In accordance with section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council have exercised an option for a system of whole council elections.
5. On 6 June 1975 Malvern Hills District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area into 33 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 councillors, to form a council of 51 members.
6. The Council's submission included copies of the correspondence received by them during their local consultations and we noted that in a number of instances the District Council had not been able to adopt the suggestions which had been made to them and incorporate them in their draft scheme. We reviewed all these suggestions during our examination of the Council's proposals together with a number of other comments which had been sent direct to us by local interests.
7. Among the comments was a suggestion from the North Bromyard Group Parish Council that the parish of Saltmarshes should be included in the proposed Butterley ward instead of in the proposed Bringsty ward as proposed by the District Council. We considered that this was an improvement and we agreed that the draft scheme should be modified accordingly. We also decided to adopt a suggestion from the Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council that the parishes of Cotheridge and Broadwas should be in the same district ward and to this end we decided to include the parish of Broadwas in the proposed Laughern Hill ward instead of in the proposed Temeside ward. On the evidence before us we could find no strong grounds to modify the District Council's proposals in response to the other representations which had been made and we resolved to reject them.
8. We then examined the scheme to see whether there were any other modifications which could be made either to improve the standard of equality of representation or to secure improved boundaries. We concluded that there were no changes in the first category which could sensibly be made but on the recommendation of

the Ordnance Survey we decided to make a number of minor modifications to the proposed wards in Malvern in order to secure boundary lines which were more readily identifiable on the ground. We also decided to remedy the position of the parish of Donnington, which, in the District Council's scheme, was a detached part of the proposed Ledbury ward. This was in accordance with our objection in principle to detached parts. We therefore decided to incorporate the parish of Donnington in the proposed Leadon Vale ward.

9. Subject to the changes referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 above we decided that the draft scheme submitted by the District Council provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements of the district, in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines, and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

10. On 16 January 1976 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 maps, 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 19 March 1976.

11. Malvern Hills District Council and Castlemorton Parish Council both informed us that they approved our draft proposals while the Bromyard and Winslow Parish Council wrote reiterating their view, that the proposed Bromyard ward should be represented by two councillors, as we had proposed.

12. We received and noted comments from the Hereford and Worcester County Council which appeared to indicate that if their view of the future county electoral

arrangements prevails it might not everywhere be possible, in our county electoral review, to establish county electoral divisions comprising a whole ward or wards of the district. The County Council thought that this might result in confusion to the electorate in electing county councillors. The County Council's letter evoked comments from the District Council who pointed out that the boundaries of the present county electoral divisions in the district did not in all cases coincide with the boundaries of the present district wards and that this had caused little confusion to the electorate. They could see no reason why there should be confusion in the future. They hoped that the present district electoral proposals would lead to the elimination of most, if not all, the present difficulties. In considering these comments we noted that, pending our county electoral review, there remained major uncertainties about the future shape of the county electoral arrangements. Thus, while as a matter of policy we regard it as important, wherever there is a local desire for it, to try and achieve compatibility between district and county electoral arrangements, we concluded in this case that there were now no steps which could reasonably be taken to that end.

13. We received a letter from the Eastnor and Donnington Parish Council asking us to reconsider our decision to include the parish of Donnington in the proposed Leadon Vale ward. The parish council pointed out that the two parishes had only recently been grouped under a common parish council and, if approved, the draft proposals would place them in different district wards. We considered the matter again and concluded, in the light of the comments which the parish council had submitted, that our draft proposals might tend to upset established ties between the two parishes. We decided therefore that it would be appropriate to revert to the District Council's proposals and include the parish of Donnington in the proposed Ledbury ward. Subject to this amendment we decided that our draft proposals should be confirmed and we formulated our final proposals accordingly.

14. Subject to the above amendment we agreed to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

15. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report and on the attached maps. 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 maps.

#### 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 maps are being sent to Malvern Hills District Council and will be available for inspection at the Council's main offices. 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 maps, is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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24 June 1976

SCHEDULE 1

DISTRICT OF MALVERN HILLS - NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS  
AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

| <u>NAME OF WARD</u> | <u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| BALDWIN             | 1                        |
| BRINGSTY            | 1                        |
| BROADHEATH          | 1                        |
| BROMYARD            | 2                        |
| BUTTERLEY           | 1                        |
| CHASE               | 3                        |
| CRADLEY             | 1                        |
| FROME               | 1                        |
| FROME VALE          | 1                        |
| HALLOW              | 1                        |
| HEGDON              | 1                        |
| HOPE END            | 2                        |
| KEMPSEY             | 2                        |
| LANGLAND            | 3                        |
| LAUGHERN HILL       | 1                        |
| LEADON VALE         | 1                        |
| LEDBURY             | 3                        |
| LEIGH AND BRANSFORD | 1                        |
| LINK                | 3                        |
| LONGDON             | 1                        |
| MARCLE RIDGE        | 1                        |
| MARTLEY             | 1                        |
| MORTON              | 1                        |
| POWYKE              | 2                        |
| PRIORY              | 2                        |
| RIPPLE              | 1                        |
| TEMESIDE            | 1                        |
| THE HANLEYS         | 1                        |
| TRINITY             | 3                        |
| UPTON UPON SEVERN   | 2                        |
| WELLS               | 2                        |
| WEST                | 2                        |
| WOODBURY            | 1                        |

## MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT

## WELLS WARD

The parish of Little Malvern and that area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Little Malvern CP meets the eastern boundary of Colwall CP, thence northwards and following said eastern boundary to Grid Reference SO 7692144176, thence northwards in a straight line to Grid Reference SO 7688245218 being the summit of Worcestershire Beacon, thence northeastwards in a straight line to Grid Reference SO 7752445288 being a point on Wells Road, thence southeastwards in a straight line to the junction of Abbey Road and College Road, thence southwards along College Road to Thirlstane Road, thence southeastwards and following said road to the Worcester to Hereford railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to Peachfield Road, thence eastwards and following along said road to Blackmore Park Road thence southwards along the said road to a point opposite the northwestern corner of Parcel No 8200 as shown on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan SO 7844/7944 Edition 1972 being the western boundary of Hanley Castle CP, thence eastwards to and southeastwards along said CP boundary to the northwestern boundary of Welland CP, thence southwestwards along said CP boundary to the northern boundary of Little Malvern CP, thence northwards and following said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

## WEST WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of Wells Ward meets the eastern boundary of Colwall CP, thence northwards and following said CP boundary to the eastern boundary of the fireplace factory, thence northwestwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of the property known as "Hannakin", to the northern boundary of said property, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Mathon Rural CP, thence

northwestwards and following said CP boundary and the eastern boundary of Cradley CP to the northeastern corner of Mill Coppice, thence southwestwards in a straight line to a point being the junction of Belmont Road and Sayers Avenue, thence northeastwards along said avenue to Leigh Sinton Road, thence southwards along said road and Newtown Road to Hornyold Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to Cowleigh Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Pump Street, thence southwestwards along said street to its junction with North Malvern Road, thence southwestwards in a straight line to Grid Reference SO 7693246360, being the summit of North Hill, thence southwards in a straight line to the western boundary of Wells Ward, thence southwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

#### TRINITY WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of West Ward meets the eastern boundary of Cradley CP, thence northwestwards and following said CP boundary to the southern boundary of Leigh CP, thence northeastwards and following said CP boundary to Leigh Sinton Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Grit Lane, thence southeastwards and southwards along said lane to Tanhouse Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane and southwards along Upper Howsell Road to Church Road, thence eastwards along said road to the Worcester to Hereford railway, thence southwards along the railway to Sling Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to Clerkenwell Crescent, thence northwestwards along said crescent to Cockshot Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Albert Road North, thence northwestwards along said road, crossing Graham Road, to Hill Walk, thence southwestwards along said walk to Worcester Road, thence southwards along said road to Grid Reference SO 7759546596, thence due westwards in a straight line to the eastern boundary of the property known as Hill House, thence northwards along the eastern boundary and westwards along the northern boundary of said property and continuing along the northern boundary of the property known as 'Fionnay'

to the southern boundary of No 14 Lodge Drive, thence southwestwards along said boundary to its end, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the summit of North Hill, being a point on the eastern boundary of West Ward, thence northeastwards and following said eastern boundary and southwestwards and northwestwards along the northern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

#### LINK WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Trinity Ward meets the southern boundary of Leigh CP, thence southeastwards and following said CP boundary to the southern boundary of Bransfold CP thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said CP boundary to the western boundary of Newland CP thence southeastwards along the said CP boundary to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of White House, thence southwestwards along the said boundary and continuing along the northwestern boundary of Parcel No 4270 to the northeastern boundary of Parcel No 3562 on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan SO 78/7949 Edition 1972 thence southeastwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Parcel No 4552, thence southwards in a straight line to the southernmost point of said parcel, thence southeastwards along the eastern boundaries of Parcel Nos 4435 and 4529 to the northern boundary of Parcel No 4922, thence northeastwards, southeastwards and northeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Newland CP, thence southwards along said CP boundary to the southern boundary of Parcel No 5174 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SO 78-7948 Edition 1972, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of Parcel No 3570 to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 4260, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Newland CP, thence westwards and following said CP boundary and the western boundary of Madresfield CP to a point the Grid reference of which is SO 79701/47372 thence westwards in a straight line to the northern boundary of Parcel No 4729 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan No SO 78-7947 Edition of 1972, thence westwards and southwestwards along said northern boundary and

southwestwards along the northern boundary of Parcel No 2118 to the western boundary of Parcel No 0335, thence northwestwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of No 23 Charles Way, thence southwestwards along said northern boundary and the northern boundaries of Nos 21-17 Charles Way and of the Factory situated north of Charles Way, to Pickersleigh Road, thence southeastwards and following said road to Pickerleigh Grove, thence southwestwards along said Grove to a point opposite the southern boundary of Grove School Bungalow, thence southwestwards to and along said southern boundary and in prolongation thereof to the footpath that leads to the Worcester to Hereford railway thence northwestwards along the said footpath to the eastern boundary of Trinity Ward thence northwards and following the said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### LANGLIAND WARD

Commencing at the point where Barnard's Green Road meets the Worcester to Hereford railway, thence northwards along said railway to the southern boundary of Link Ward, thence northeastwards and following said ward boundary to the western boundary of Madresfield CP, thence southeastwards and following said CP boundary and the western boundary of Guarlford CP to Madresfield Brook, thence southwestwards and following said brook to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 7881 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SO 78-7945 Edition of 1967, thence northwards along said boundary, and westwards and following the northern boundary of said parcel to the path that leads to Wedderburn Road, thence northwards and southwestwards along said path to said road, thence southwestwards along said road to Pound Bank Road, thence northwards along said road to Lower Chase Road, thence southwestwards along said road and Pickersleigh Road to Barnard's Green Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

## CHASE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Hanley Castle CP meets the northeastern boundary of Wells Ward, thence westwards and north-eastwards along said ward boundary and continuing northeastwards along the Worcester to Hereford railway to the southern boundary of Langland Ward, thence southeastwards and following said Ward boundary to the western boundary of Guarlford CP, thence southwards and following said CP boundary to the northern boundary of Hanley Castle CP, thence southwestwards along said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

## PRIORY WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Wells Ward meets the eastern boundary of West Ward, thence northwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Trinity Ward, thence northeastwards and following said Ward boundary to the western boundary of Langland Ward, thence southwards along said boundary and southwestwards along the western boundary of Chase Ward to the northern boundary of Wells Ward, thence southwestwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

## BUTTERLEY WARD

The parishes of Bredenbury

Collington

Edvin Loach

Edwyn Ralph

Grendon Bishop

Hampton Charles

Lower Sapey

Tedstone Delamere

Tedstone Wafer

Thornbury

Upper Sapey

Wacton

Wolferlow  
Saltmarsh

## BROMYARD WARD

The parishes of Bromyard

Winslow

## BRINGSTY WARD

The parishes of Brockhampton

Linton

Norton

Whitbourne

## HEGDON WARD

The parishes of Felton

Little Cowarne

Moreton Jeffries

Ocle Pychard

Pencombe with Grendon Warren

Stoke Lacy

Ullingswick

## FROME VALE WARD

The parishes of Acton Beauchamp

Avenbury

Bishop's Frome

Evesbatch

Much Cowarne

Stanford Bishop

## CRADLEY WARD

The parish of Cradley

## FROME WARD

The parishes of Ashperton

Canon Frome  
 Castle Frome  
 Eggleton  
 Stretton Grandison  
 Tarrington  
 Yarkhill

## MARCLE RIDGE WARD

The parishes of Aylton

Little Marcle  
 Much Marcle  
 Munsley  
 Pixley  
 Putley  
 Woolhope

## LEADON VALE WARD

The parishes of Bosbury

Ledbury Rural

## HOPE END WARD

The parishes of Coddington

Colwall  
 Mathon Rural  
 Wellington Heath

and that area bounded by a line commencing at the southeast corner of Mathon Rural CP, thence northwestwards along the eastern boundary of said CP to the southwestern boundary of West Ward, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said ward boundary to the northern boundary of Colwall CP, thence southwestwards along said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

## LEDBURY WARD

The parishes of Donnington

Eastnor

Ledbury Town

## WOODBURY WARD

The parishes of Abberley

Great Witley

Hillhampton

Little Witley

Shelsley Beauchamp

Shelsley Kings

Shelsley Walsh

## BALDWIN WARD

The parishes of Astley

Holt

Shrawley

## MARTLEY WARD

The parishes of Clifton upon Teme

Martley

## LAUGHERN HILL WARD

The parishes of Cotheridge

Kenswick

Rushwick

Wichenford

Broadwas

## HALLOW WARD

The parishes of Grimley

Hallow

## BROADHEATH WARD

The parish of Broadheath

## LEIGH AND BRANSFORD WARD

The parishes of Bransford

Leigh

## TEMESIDE WARD

The parishes of Alfrick

Doddenham

Knightwick

Lulsley

Suckley

## POWYKE WARD

The parishes of Madresfield

Newland

Powick

and the areas bounded by

1. a line commencing at Grid Reference SO 7955249264 being a point where the western boundary of Newland CP meets the eastern boundary of Link Ward, thence southwestwards and generally northwards along said Ward boundary to the western boundary of Newland CP, thence generally southwards along said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

2. a line commencing at Grid Reference SO 7951748554 being a point where the western boundary of Newland CP meets the eastern boundary of Link Ward, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along said Ward boundary to the western boundary of Newland CP, thence southwestwards and following said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

## KEMPSEY WARD

The parishes of Croome D'Abitot

Kempsey

Severn Stoke

## THE HANLEYS WARD

The parishes of Guarlford

Hanley Castle

## LONGDON WARD

The parishes of Berrow

Bushley

Eldersfield

Holdfast

Longdon

Pendock

Queenhill

## MORTON WARD

The parishes of Birtsmorton

Castlemorton

Welland

## UPTON UPON SEVERN WARD

The parish of Upton upon Severn

## RIPPLE WARD

The parishes of Earl's Croome

Hill Croome

Ripple