

Macclesfield

**Local Government
Boundary Commission
For England
Report No.191**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

BOUNDARY COMMISSION

FOR ENGLAND

REPORT NO. 191

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

CHAIRMAN

Sir Edmund Compton GCB KBE

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Mr J M Rankin QC

MEMBERS

Lady Bowden

Mr J T Brockbank

Professor Michael Chisholm

Mr R R Thornton CB DL

Sir Andrew Wheatley CBE

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

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
BOROUGH OF MACCLESFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Macclesfield 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 12 August 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Macclesfield Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to Cheshire County Council, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the borough 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. Macclesfield Borough 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)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council have exercised an option for a system of elections by thirds.

5. Macclesfield Borough Council presented part of their draft scheme of representation on 17 June 1975, but the final material to complete the scheme was not received until 31 October 1975. The Council's proposed warding arrangements were exactly the same as those which were currently in existence viz 33 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 councillors to form a council of 62 members.

6. We modified the draft scheme in a number of respects to comply with the statutory requirements in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act, and with our guidelines.

7. First, we reduced the level of representation by one councillor each in the proposed Mobberley, Sutton, Morley and Styal, Macclesfield South and Macclesfield Central wards. Secondly, we created a new single member ward to be known as Macclesfield Ivy. Thirdly, we decided that the proposed Plumley ward might be enlarged to include the parishes of Ollerton, Marthall and Little Warford - which had been placed in the proposed Mobberley ward - and the parish of Great Warford which had been placed in the proposed Nether Alderley ward. We decided, also, that the parish of Bosley might be transferred from the proposed Sutton ward to the proposed Gawsforth ward. In four of the proposed wards we decided to make some transfer of electorate in order to achieve a better standard of representation in the respective wards. Finally we decided to omit the words "Bucklow" and "Macclesfield" from the names of the wards in the rural parts of the borough. We adopted minor boundary modifications, which the Ordnance Survey had suggested.

8. We received two comments on the draft scheme and after consideration,

we decided that there were insufficient grounds for us to accept them.

9. Subject to the modifications referred to in paragraph 7 above, which had the effect of reducing the size of the Council from 62 to 58 members, we considered that the Borough Council's draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements for the borough in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

10. On 7 June 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 the 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 6 August 1976.

11. Macclesfield Borough Council informed us that they reluctantly accepted our draft proposals although they regretted the proposed reduction in the number of councillors from 62 to 58. They also suggested 2 inter-related modifications to the boundaries of our proposed Morley and Styal, Hough and Dean Row wards.

12. Cheshire County Council informed us that they had no observations to make on our draft proposals and the Parish Councils of Mottram St Andrew, Alderley Edge and Bosley either supported or raised no objections to our draft proposals. Two members of the public wrote in support of our draft proposals for the Wilmslow area.

13. A local political party supported our draft proposals but requested 2 modifications to them. Ollerton and Marthall Parish Council and Great Warford Parish Council objected to our proposed warding arrangements for these parishes. One other comment was received from a local councillor disagreeing with the Borough Council's suggestions for the proposed Hough and Morley and Styal wards.

14. In view of these comments we decided that we needed further information to enable us to reach a conclusion. Therefore, in accordance with section 65(2) of the 1972 Act and, at our request, Mr W Byron was appointed as an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and to report to us.

15. The Assistant Commissioner held a meeting at the Council Chambers, Macclesfield on 27 October 1976. A copy (without enclosures) of his report to us of the meeting is attached at Schedule 1 to this report.

16. The Assistant Commissioner recommended that our draft proposals should be varied as follows:-

- a. the Borough Council should consist of 60 elected representatives;
- b. the existing Dean Row ward should be divided into 2 two member wards to be known as Dean Row ward and Lacey Green ward;
- c. the proposed Ivy ward should be absorbed into the proposed Macclesfield Central ward and this ward should return 3 councillors;
- d. the proposed Macclesfield South ward should return 3 councillors instead of 2 councillors;
- e. the parish of Great Warford should be included in the proposed Nether Alderley ward;
- f. the boundaries of the existing Hough and Morley and Styal wards should remain intact.

17. We considered again our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received and of the Assistant Commissioner's report. We considered also 2 letters, received after the local meeting, from members of the public. We concluded that the alterations recommended by the Assistant Commissioner, should be adopted and, subject to those amendments, we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

18. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 2 and 3 to this report and on the attached maps. Schedule 2 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. Schedule 3 shows our proposals for the order of retirement of councillors. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards, as defined on the maps, is set out in Schedule 4 to this report. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps.

PUBLICATION

19. 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 Macclesfield Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without maps) are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

L.S.

Signed

EDMUND COMPTON (Chairman)

JOHN M RANKIN (Deputy Chairman)

PHYLLIS BOWDEN

J T BROCKBANK

MICHAEL CHISHOLM

R R THORNTON

ANDREW WHEATLEY

NEIL DIGNEY (Secretary)

20 January 1977

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND

REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOROUGH
OF MACCLESFIELD

LOCAL MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, MACCLESFIELD ON
27TH OCTOBER 1976.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
MR. W. BYRON

INTRODUCTION

1. The Local Meeting was held in the Council Chamber, commencing at 10.30 a.m. and ended at 1.40 p.m. At 2.00 p.m., the Assistant Commissioner made certain inspections (hereafter referred to) accompanied by Mr. T.W. Briggs, Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Bridge, Assistant to Mr. Briggs, Councillor C.G. Taylor (Mayor of Macclesfield).
2. A list showing the names and addresses of those attending the meeting is attached to this report.
3. At the commencement, the Assistant Commissioner stated that the purpose of the local meeting was in accordance with the Commission's consultative process, after representations had been made on the Commission's proposals for future electoral arrangements for the Borough and such representations had been made in correspondence with the Commission. The Assistant Commissioner stated that these representations had been received from :-

The Macclesfield Borough Council
Alderley Edge Parish Council
Bosley Parish Council
Mottram St. Andrews Parish Council
Ashley Parish Council
Ollerton Parish Council
Great Warford Parish Council
Mrs. D. Lund, 37 Finney Drive, Wilmslow
Macclesfield Labour Party
Councillor J. Herwald Morris, Wilmslow
His Honour Judge G.H. Spafford, Wilmslow
Mr. R.S. Lloyd, Wilmslow.

The Assistant Commissioner informed the meeting that he was prepared to hear representations from any person present at the meeting.

4. The Borough Council's draft scheme of representation submitted to the Commission, maintained the retention of the existing electoral arrangements with a Council membership of 62. The Commission having studied the Council's proposals, considered that the draft scheme was unacceptable in that it offered a very uneven standard of equality of representation and because the proposed size of the Council (i.e. 62) exceeded the Commission's range of sizes for non-metropolitan districts (i.e. 30 - 60).

5. The Commission modified the Council's draft scheme as follows :

(a) The following wards each lost a Councillor -

- Mobberley
- Sutton
- Morley and Styal
- Macclesfield South
- Macclesfield Central.

(b) A new single member Macclesfield Ivy Ward was created from part of the Macclesfield West Ward which, however, retained three members.

(c) The proposed Plumley Ward was enlarged by the addition of the parishes of Ollerton, Marthall and Little Warford from the Mobberley Ward and the parish of Great Warford from the proposed Nether Alderley Ward.

(d) The parish of Bosley (298) was transferred from the proposed Sutton ward to the proposed Gawsforth ward.

(e) The proposed Macclesfield Central ward gained 468 electors from Macclesfield N.W.

(f) The proposed Alderley Edge Ward gained 182 electors from the proposed Hough Ward and 8 electors from the proposed Fulshaw ward.

(g) The proposed Hough Ward gained 419 electors from the proposed Dean Row ward.

(h) The effect on representation of the above proposals was a reduction in membership of the Council from 62 to 58.

6. The Macclesfield Borough Council, in response, resolved that a strong protest be made against the reduction of councillor - representation from 62 to 58, but reluctantly agreed; also that bearing in mind the likelihood of substantial residential development in parts of the Borough, the Council wished to reserve the right to submit proposals at some future date, designed to increase the size of the Council to 60 members. Further, that in lieu of transferring part of Dean Row ward to the Hough ward, a more sensible boundary would be created if part of the Morley ward, comprising the following streets, totalling 411 electors, were transferred to the Hough ward :-

Hawthorn Lane (part)	Hawthorn Park	Gable Avenue
Hawthorn Avenue	Hall Road	Dave Hall Avenue
Hawthorn Walk	Kennerleys Lane	Park Road
		Water Lane (part).

7. (a) The parish councils of Alderley Edge, Bosley, and Mottram St. Andrews conveyed to the Commission approval of the Commission's proposals.
- (b) Ashley Parish Council submitted to the Commission in a letter dated 30th December 1974, their concern in regard to a decrease in rural representation on the existing Council, i.e. 20 representatives for rural areas as against 42 for the urban areas.
- (c) Ollerton & Marthall Parish Councils objected to the Commission's proposals to join them with 7 other parishes to form the Plumley ward; that at present the parishes were joined with Mobberley and Little Warford having two representatives on the Borough Council; that having regard to the influence of the Manchester conurbation to the north of the District (e.g. concern about the proposed Runway extension at Ringway Airport), they wished still to be joined with Mobberley, notwithstanding the loss of one Borough councillor.
- (d) Great Warford Parish Council objected to the Commission's proposal to transfer the parish from Nether Alderley ward

into Plumley ward, and cited the strong associations of parish with Nether Alderley in relation to schools; and that Nether Alderley Church was the Parish Church of Great Warford. Further, the Commission's proposals would result in Plumley ward being too large and scattered for one representative on the Council.

8. (a) Mrs. D. Lund in a letter to the Commission dated 10/2/75 stated her interest in the Dean Row ward, Wilmslow, and noted that the Council had decided on no ward boundary changes in the near future; that while hoping for very little population change in the ward into the distant future, nevertheless she felt that the ward was under-represented making comparison with Macclesfield Central Ward. Mrs. Lund suggested that there be no immediate boundary changes but that Dean Row be entitled to extra representation by a further two councillors.
- (b) Macclesfield District Labour Party supported the Commission's proposals, except that :
- (i) the loss of one councillor for Macclesfield South left the electors under-represented, and that the ward should retain three members, making a total of 59 councillors on the Council.
 - (ii) Great Warford should not be transferred to the new Plumley Ward, as it would result in Plumley becoming one of the largest wards and Nether Alderley one of the smallest.
 - (iii) Great Warford was in the Macclesfield Constituency while the other parishes in the Plumley ward were in the Knutsford Constituency.
- (c) Councillor J. Herwald Morris (Wilmslow) objected to the Borough Council's counter-proposals to the Commission referred to in Paragraph 6 above, and maintained that the Council's counter-proposals were on party political

grounds without regard to the interests of the "transferred" electors; and that the area proposed to be transferred was an integral part of the Morley ward.

(d) His Honour Judge G.H. Spafford (Wilmslow) submitted to the Commission objections to the Borough Council's counter-proposals referred to in paragraph 6 above, and gave support to the Commission's proposals as set out in paragraph 5 (g) above.

(e) Mr. R.S. Lloyd objected to the Borough Council's counter-proposals referred to in paragraph 6 above, stating :-

(i) Hawthorn Park and Hall Road are private streets. There is no vehicular entrance to Hall Road from the public highway except via the private street of Hawthorn Park. These private roads serve a quiet residential area, keeping private the approaches to the Grade I "Listed Building" of Hawthorn Hall.

(ii) The internal public highways of the area proposed for transfer by Macclesfield Borough Council - namely, Hawthorn Avenue, Hawthorn Walk, Gable Avenue, Davenhall Avenue and Park Road - are all cul-de-sacs, again emphasising the residential nature of the area.

(iii) This residential area, with its internal roads that carry only the domestic traffic of its residents should not be included in the Hough ward, with its identification with the central office, shopping and business area of Wilmslow.

(iv) The area selected by the Boundary Commission for inclusion in the Hough ward contains the River Street/Old Road area which was a developed area of the early Township of Wilmslow - an area by the Church and through which the Manchester/Alderley Edge turnpike road passed. The Township of Wilmslow

has historically been based around the Parish Church - believed to be the site of the original "Williams low (or hillock)" - and situated on both sides of the river Bollin. On the north side of the River Bollin was the Church School (until demolished 14 years ago): this would have been one of the central and early amenities of the Township.

(v) The proposals of the Borough Council have no merit. They imply the association of a purely residential area of Wilmslow with the central office and business area, whereas the Proposals of the Boundary Commission have selected an area of more mixed and less private development to be associated with the Town Centre.

9. The foregoing written representations having been submitted to the meeting, the Assistant Commissioner invited observations from any organisations and individuals present at the meeting in support of, or against, the Commission's draft proposals; any alternative proposals, and any new proposals arising from matters raised at the meeting.

LOCAL
MEETING

10. Mr. T.W. Briggs, Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary, on behalf of the Borough Council re-affirmed the Authority's regret at the reduction in membership of the Council from 62 to 58 - but indicated that the Commission's proposals in this regard had been reluctantly accepted, subject to certain reservations. He referred to :-

(a) the Commission's proposal to alter the boundaries of the Dean Row ward and Hough ward involving the transfer of 419 electors from Dean Row to Hough as being unsatisfactory;

(b) the Council's alternative suggestion to allow the Dean Row boundary along the River Bollin to remain, and to increase the electorate of the Hough ward by transfer of 411 electors from the Morley and Styal ward, maintaining

that such a proposal could be achieved satisfactorily with reasonably clearly defined boundaries;

(c) following re-appraisal, of electorate figures, it appeared that approved development in the Dean Row ward indicated an increased electorate in that part of the ward east of the Wilmslow-Stockport railway line by 1980. Planning Permissions for phased development would generate this growth, and the growth would continue into the 1980's;

(d) in Macclesfield South ward the housing clearance programme would inevitably be retarded by reason of financial restrictions, and on re-appraising the position it appeared that the best estimate of electorate for this ward for the purpose of future forecast was 4,900 electors;

(e) in regard to the Commission's proposals for the Plumley ward, while the inclusion of Ollerton and Marthall parishes appeared reasonable, having regard to electoral equality, there was a strong reaction against the inclusion of the parish of Great Warford in Plumley ward. There was a special affinity between Great Warford and the Nether Alderley wards which impressed the Borough Council, and for electoral representation purposes, Plumley (less Great Warford), and Nether Alderley (plus Great Warford) was viable.

11. (a) Councillor R.P. Beresford (Alderley Edge) on behalf of the Council confirmed that what the Chief Administrative Officer had stated above was Council policy; and in relation to Councillor J.H. Morris's letter to the Commission (referred to in Paragraph 8 (c), refuted any suggestion of the Council's alternative suggestions with respect to the Moxley and Styal "transfer" as being politically motivated.
- (b) Councillor J.H. Morris (Wilmslow) submitted observations :
- (i) regretting the decision of the Commission for reduction in electoral representations;
 - (ii) opposing the reduction in representation of the Moxley and Styal ward;

(iii) objected to the Council's proposal for transfer of 411 electors from Morley and Styal into Hough ward;

(iv) suggested consideration be given to transfer of an extra 1,300 electors from Dean Row to Hough ward;

(v) maintained that three member representation was more desirable than two member wards;

(vi) considered that the amalgamation of Central and Ivy wards practicable;

(vii) there was imbalance in size of areas as illustrated on the plan he produced;

(viii) expressed agreement with the written observations to the Commission from His Honour Judge Spafford and Mr. R.S. Lloyd.

(c) The Mayor of the Borough (Councillor C.G. Taylor) maintained that "rural representation" had been cut 10% and 5% in "urban representation" and that some regard should be had to "acreage".

(d) Councillor F.S. Robinson (Ollerton) agreed with the Commission's proposals in regard to Moberley, and did not support the Ollerton and Marthall objections (see paragraph 7 (c)).

(e) Mrs. B. Hague (Great Warford) re-affirmed the written objections made to the Commission's proposals for transfer of Great Warford to the Plumley ward (see paragraph 7 (d)) and was supported by Councillor Taylor (The Mayor).

(f) Mr. J. Taylor (Conservative Party Agent Knutsford Constituency) also supported the Great Warford case on Constituency grounds.

(g) Mrs. D. Lund referred to her letter to the Commission (see paragraph 8 (a)) in regard to Dean Row - and stated that the Commission's proposals in regard to Hough ward to be sensible; she did not accept the Council's figures for Dean Row ward in relation to future development; that the Developer's Brief in this respect was not "hard and fast"; and that phased development to 1980 indicated 545 additional

electorate; further that there should be safeguards and a special review to take account of changing circumstances.

(h) Mr. J.R. Hobson (former President of Macclesfield Division Liberal Association) considered that :

- (i) the Commission's proposals bizarre, and instanced the creation of the proposed new Ivy ward;
- (ii) that in order to achieve a reduction in representation in the Macclesfield area, the commission had proposed 4 wards (3 Councillors) 2 wards (2 Councillors) and 1 (Ivy) ward;
- (iii) that the proposals created unnecessary disturbance in concentrated area;
- (iv) that if Central Ward had too few electorate and West Ward too many, it was better to adjust the boundaries, also that Central and South ward boundaries could be adjusted to provide a total electorate representation of 5 members (3 for Central and 2 for South or vice-versa);
- (v) ideally better to have 6 wards (Central, North East, North West, East, South, and West) each ward having 3 Councillors.

- (i) Mr. R. Clark (representing Macclesfield South Labour Party) referred to the Party's written representations to the Commission (see paragraph 8 (b)) and reaffirmed same.
- (j) Councillor Mrs. K. Dobson (Macclesfield South) in maintaining that Macclesfield South's representation ought to remain at 3 Councillors considered that by 1980 the electorate would be approximately 5,000.
- (k) Councillor Mrs. L.G. Cookson in referring back to Mr. J.R. Hobson's statement indicated that there was no suggestion of amalgamation of wards referred to by him.
- (l) Colonel G.D. Hopley (Parish Councillor - Poynton) stated that there appeared to be an error in electorate projections in regard to Poynton Central ward, in as much as the 1975

electorate was shewn at 4,046, and the 1980 figure 4,246, the 1976 electorate was 4,257.

12. Arising from questions from the Assistant Commissioner in regard to Dean Row, Hough, Morley, Macclesfield Central, Macclesfield South, and Nether Alderley wards, Mr. T.W. Briggs stated that :

(a) there were valid planning permissions in Dean Row ward east of the railway line for 341 plus 60 odd houses - that with other development he estimated an additional 1,135 electorate;

(b) that on re-appraisal, consideration could be given to dividing the ward into two separate wards each having 2 councillors; the boundary to run along the east and west sides of the Stockport/Wilmslow railway line; that a new ward east of the line could be called "Dean Row Ward", and on the west "Lacey Green Ward". This would provide a solution to the obvious Dean Row problem of under-representation;

(c) consideration could be given to the linking up of Central and the proposed Ivy ward;

(d) based on present facts available the estimate of 4,900 for Macclesfield South for the foreseeable future was reasonable;

(e) the growth in the Nether Alderley ward was a reasonably accurate estimate arising from housing development in the parish of Chelford.

13. Mr. Briggs confirmed that the Borough Council had carried out the necessary procedure and passed the requisite resolution for a system of elections by thirds, that is the election of one third or as nearly as may be of the councillors of the district at the ordinary elections of such councillors in any year.

14. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Assistant Commissioner,

stated that he proposed to visit the "transfer areas" proposed by the Commission and the Borough Council affecting the Dean Row, Hough, and Morley and Styal wards. The inspections were then made, the Assistant Commissioner being accompanied as indicated in paragraph number 1. The Assistant Commissioner alone traversed part of the Central ward.

15. REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

- (1) Having taken account of the written representations to the Commission, and the discussion and representations made at the local meeting, I am satisfied that the Council, and Officers concerned, have made every effort to re-appraise the electoral representation as at 1980. I am grateful to Mr. Briggs and his Assistant, Mr. Bridge, for the compilation of revised forecasts and the explanations given to substantiate the re-appraisal exercise.
- (2) No specific objections/^{were}made at the meeting to the Commission's draft proposals affecting the parishes of Alderley Edge, Bosley, Little Warford, Sutton, and Fulshaw wards. Further reference will be made hereafter in this report in respect of Alderley Edge and Fulshaw.
- (3) In regard to the Commission's proposals for the Mobberley Ward, and the objections raised by Ollerton and Marthall parish councils for inclusion in Mobberley even with the loss of one councillor to Mobberley, there was no support at the meeting for the Ollerton-Marthall case. The concern over the proximity of Mobberley, Ollerton-Marthall to the Manchester conurbation, and obvious apprehension in connection with the proposed extension of Ringway Airport does not seem to me a relevant factor in any opposition to "Manchester proposals". There is no reason why such opposition should be weakened merely because Ollerton-Marthall parishes are not included in the Mobberley ward. It is moreover assumed that the Borough Council as a whole will take account of any proposals which they may consider adversely affect any part of their district.
- (4) The affinity between Great Warford and Nether Alderley was stressed at the meeting and general support of the Great Warford case was evident. Housing development in the Nether Alderley ward is taking place which will increase the electorate, but even with the inclusion of Great Warford

in Nether Alderley, the latter ward appears to be acceptable from the electoral representation aspect; and the loss to the proposed Plumley ward of Great Warford would not destroy Plumley's electoral viability. There were no objections made to the inclusion of Little Warford in Plumley ward.

- (5) The Dean Row ward presents the greatest problem in the Borough from the future representation standpoint : further growth of electorate by 1,135 over the next 5 years requires careful consideration in order to ensure adequate representation. The Commission have attempted to deal with the situation by "transfer" of electorate to Hough ward and alteration of Dean Row boundary. The Council maintained that the Dean Row situation, and the strengthening of Hough could be dealt with by a "transfer" to Hough of electorate from Morley and Styal ward. (The Commission had also proposed "transfer" of electorate from Hough to the Alderley Edge and Fulshaw wards).
- (6) It seemed to me that the existing Dean Row ward boundary along the line of the River Bollin should be preserved, and this lead me to raise the question of the division of the existing ward into two wards, which produced a solution referred to in paragraph 12 (b) above. I am of opinion that there is merit in this proposal.
- (7) If indeed this is a solution, then it follows that the Commission's and the Council's respective proposals in respect of the Hough and Morley & Styal wards have to be looked at. I visited the location of the Council's suggested extension of the Hough boundary, and although it appeared a reasonably satisfactory one, there was strong opposition to any such change, and I am of opinion that any such alteration of boundary for bolstering the Hough electorate is unnecessary, provided that the Commission's proposals for "transfer" of electorate from

Hough to Alderley Edge and Fulshaw wards are abandoned. Such abandonment would permit an acceptable electoral entitlement for Hough of 2 councillors - as would also be the case in respect of Morley and Styal ward. In this connection I have taken note of the fact that Hough ward is a large and apparently sparsely populated area. To summarise the foregoing, my conclusions are that there should be no boundary changes in the existing Hough and Morely & Styal wards.

- (8) There was an indication that Macclesfield Central ward was declining electorally, and the Commission's draft proposals involving the transfer of 468 electors from Macclesfield North West ensures a representation of 2 councillors. Bearing in mind what was said at the meeting in regard to Central ward and also the references to the creation of a new Macclesfield Ivy ward, if in fact the proposed Ivy ward was included within Central ward, there would be adequate electoral representation of Central ward with 3 councillors.
- (9) In regard to Macclesfield South ward, it seems clear that the electorate will not decline to any great extent before 1980, in view of the postponement of the full clearance schemes. I am satisfied with the reasonably accurate forecast of 4,900., and on these figures a representation of 3 councillors would appear to be justified.
- (10) The result of my conclusions in this report means a suggested alteration to the Commission's draft proposals by increasing the representation of the Borough from 58 to 60 members.
- (11) Generally, in relation to this review, the impression gained by the Assistant Commissioner from this review is that in a very large area covered by the Borough, there exists a sound and efficient local government unit, and the

difficulties arising from the amalgamation of so many former independent constituent authorities must have been considerable. The Borough represents a unique amalgamation of "town" and "country". To ensure the continuation of adequate representation by 60 councillors seems a reasonable proposition. The rural parts, having elected parish councils, (with adequate powers under the Local Government Act 1972), can be assumed to have a strong voice in the Borough Council's affairs, particularly through their Borough Council representatives.

16. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

- (1) The Borough Council should consist of 60 elected representatives.
- (2) The new Plumley ward should include the Ollerton and Marthall parish councils, but the parish of Great Warford should be excluded therefrom.
- (3) The parish of Great Warford should be included within the Nether Alderley ward.
- (4) The existing Dean Row ward should be divided into two wards to be known respectively as Dean Row ward and Lacey Green ward - each ward returning 2 councillors :-

Dean Row (east of Railway line)

Estimated electorate 2,589

Plus expected
development 1,135

3,724

Lacey Green (west of Railway line)

Estimated electorate 3,684

- (5) The boundaries of the existing Hough ward should remain unaltered.
- (6) The boundaries of the existing Morley and Styal wards should remain unaltered.
- (7) Macclesfield Central ward (in addition to inclusion of 468 electors from Macclesfield NW ward as proposed by the Commission) should be enlarged by the absorption of the proposed Macclesfield Ivy ward, and the boundaries of Central ward altered accordingly. This recommendation would provide for representation by 3 councillors.
- (8) The Macclesfield South ward, on an estimate of 4,900 electors, should be represented by 3 councillors.
- (9) Save and except the foregoing amendments, the draft proposals of the Commission, as set out in paragraph 5 above, be accepted.
- (10) The Appendix "A" attached sets out wards, estimated

electorate, and entitlements on the year 1980 basis;
and Appendix "B" suggests Order of Retirement.

(Signed) 
(W. Byron)
Assistant Commissioner

Date..... 16 November 1976

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

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ALDERLEY EDGE	2
BOLLINGTON CENTRAL	1
BOLLINGTON EAST	1
BOLLINGTON WEST	1
DEAN ROW	2
DISLEY	2
FULSHAW	2
GAWSWORTH	1
HANDFORTH	3
HENBURY	1
HIGH LEGH	1
HOUGH	2
KNUTSFORD NETHER	1
KNUTSFORD OVER	2
KNUTSFORD SOUTH	2
KNUTSFORD WEST	1
LACEY GREEN	2
MACCLESFIELD CENTRAL	3
MACCLESFIELD EAST	3
MACCLESFIELD NORTH EAST	3
MACCLESFIELD NORTH WEST	3
MACCLESFIELD SOUTH	3
MACCLESFIELD WEST	3
MERE	1
MOBBERLEY	1
MORLEY AND STYAL	2
NETHER ALDERLEY	1
PLUMLEY	1
POYNTON CENTRAL	2
POYNTON EAST	1
POYNTON WEST	2
PRESTBURY	2
RAINOW	1
SUTTON	1

BOROUGH OF MACCLESFIELD

ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	1ST YEAR 1980	2ND YEAR 1982	3RD YEAR 1983
ALDERLEY EDGE	2	1	-	1 PE
BOLLINGTON CENTRAL	1	-	-	1 PE
BOLLINGTON EAST	1	-	-	1 PE
BOLLINGTON WEST	1	-	-	1 PE
DEAN ROW	2	1	1	-
DISLEY	2	-	1	1 PE
FULSHAW	2	1	1	-
GAWSWORTH	1	-	-	1 PE
HANDFORTH	3	1	1	1
HENBURY	1	-	1 PE	-
HIGH LEGH	1	-	1 PE	-
HOUGH	2	1	1	-
KNUTSFORD NETHER	1	-	1 PE →	-
KNUTSFORD OVER	2	-	1	1 PE
KNUTSFORD SOUTH	2	-	1	1 PE
KNUTSFORD WEST	1	-	1 PE →	-
LACEY GREEN	2	1	1	-
MACCLESFIELD CENTRAL	3	1	1	1
MACCLESFIELD EAST	3	1	1	1
MACCLESFIELD NORTH EAST	3	1	1	1
MACCLESFIELD NORTH WEST	3	1	1	1
MACCLESFIELD SOUTH	3	1	1	1
MACCLESFIELD WEST	3	1	1	1
MERE	1	-	1 PE	-
MOBBERLEY	1	1 PE	-	-
MORLEY AND STYAL	2	1	1	-
NETHER ALDERLEY	1	-	-	1 PE
PLUMLEY	1	1 PE	-	-
POYNTON CENTRAL	2	1	-	1 PE
POYNTON EAST	1	-	-	1 PE
POYNTON WEST	2	1	-	1 PE
PRESTBURY	2	1	-	1 PE
RAINOW	1	1 PE	-	-
SUTTON	1	1 PE	-	-
	60	20	20	20

PE = PARISH ELECTIONS

BOROUGH OF MACCLESFIELD

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.

HANDFORTH WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of the District meets the River Dean, thence generally northwestwards and following said river to Dobbin Brook, thence northeastwards and following said brook to a point opposite the southernmost corner of No 51 Ullswater Road, thence eastwards to the said corner and northwestwards along the southwestern boundaries of the properties Nos 51 to 59 Ullswater Road, thence northwestwards in a straight line to the southern corner of No 63 Ullswater Road, thence northwestwards along the rear boundaries of the properties Nos 63 to 67 Ullswater Road and continuing along the southwestern boundaries of Nos 78 to 64 Windermere Road to the southwestern boundary of No 81 Clay Lane, thence northwestwards along said boundary to Clay Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to a point opposite the northeastern boundary of Parcel No 0005 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plans SJ 84/8583 and SJ 84/8584 Edition 1969, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to and continuing along the northeastern boundaries of Parcel Nos 8700, 7921 and 6922 to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 6036, thence northwestwards along said boundary and continuing along the eastern boundary of Parcel No 5462 to the northern boundary of the District, thence generally southeastwards and southwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

DEAN ROW WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of the District meets the northwestern boundary of Mottram St Andrew CP, thence southwestwards along said CP boundary to the River Bollin, thence northwestwards and following said river to the Crewe to Stockport railway, thence northeastwards along said

railway to the southern boundary of Handforth Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said boundary to and continuing southeastwards along the northern boundary of the District to the point of commencement.

HOUGH WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of Dean Row Ward meets the northwestern boundary of Mottram St Andrew CP, thence southwestwards along said CP boundary and the northwestern boundary of Over Alderley CP to the northern boundary of Nether Alderley CP, thence generally westwards along said boundary to the northeastern boundary of Alderley Edge CP, thence generally northwestwards along said boundary to Alderley Road, thence northwards along said road to Chapel Lane, thence westwards along said lane to Bourne Street, thence northwards along said street to Altrincham Road, thence generally eastwards along said road and Water Lane to Kennerley's Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to Hawthorne Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 40 Hawthorn Lane, thence northeastwards to and along said eastern boundary to the northern boundaries of Nos 40 to 48 Hawthorn Lane, thence northwestwards along said northern boundaries to the path leading from Hawthorn Lane to Cliff Road, thence generally northeastwards along said path to the River Bollin, thence generally southeastwards along said river to the southwestern boundary of Dean Row Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

FULSHAW WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Mobberley CP meets Moor Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane and Chapel Lane to the western boundary of Hough Ward, thence eastwards and southwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Alderley Edge CP, thence northwestwards along said boundary and the northern boundary of Chorley CP to the eastern boundary of Mobberley CP, thence northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

MORLEY AND STYAL WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Fulshaw Ward meets the eastern boundary of Mobberley CP, thence generally northwards and northwestwards along said CP boundary to the northern boundary of the District, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Handforth Ward, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said boundary to the River Dean, thence generally southwestwards along said river to the River Bollin, thence southeastwards along said river to the western boundary of Hough Ward, thence generally southwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Fulshaw Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

LACEY GREEN WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Morley and Styal Ward meets the southern boundary of Handforth Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said southern boundary to the western boundary of Dean Row Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Hough Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Morley and Styal Ward, thence generally northwestwards and northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

MACCLESFIELD NORTH WEST WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of Prestbury CP meets the Prestbury to Macclesfield railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to the River Bollin, thence eastwards along said river to Beech Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane and the road known as Jordangate to Cumberland Street, thence westwards along said street to Prestbury Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Victoria Road, thence westwards along said road to a point opposite the western boundary of Macclesfield Hospital, thence southwards to and along said boundary and the western boundary of Macclesfield Preparatory School to Chester Road, thence westwards along said road and continuing along the road known as Broken Cross and Chelford Road to the eastern boundary of

Henbury CP, thence generally northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the eastern boundary of Over Alderley CP, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Prestbury CP, thence southeastwards and northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

MACCLESFIELD NORTH EAST WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Macclesfield North West Ward meets the southern boundary of Prestbury CP, thence generally northeastwards along said CP boundary to the southwestern boundary of Bollington CP, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Hurdsfield CP, thence southeastwards along said boundary to Hurdsfield Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Hibel Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the northeastern boundary of Macclesfield North West Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

MACCLESFIELD EAST WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Macclesfield North East Ward meets the western boundary of Hurdsfield CP, thence southwards and eastwards along the western and southern boundaries of said CP to the southern boundary of Rainow CP, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of Macclesfield Forest CP, thence generally southwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Sutton CP, thence westwards along said boundary to Macclesfield Canal, thence northeastwards along said canal to Gunco Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane to its junction with Heapy Street, thence northwards along said street to the road known as Snow Hill, thence generally northwestwards along said road to Old Mill Lane, thence northwards along said lane to Mill Road, thence westwards along said road to High Street, thence northwestwards along said street to Park Street, thence southwestwards along said street to Park Lane, thence northeastwards and northwards along said lane and continuing along Mill Street and through the Market Place to the eastern boundary of Macclesfield North West Ward, thence northwards along said boundary

to the southern boundary of Macclesfield North East Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

MACCLESFIELD SOUTH WARD

Commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of Macclesfield East Ward meets the northern boundary of Sutton CP, thence southwards and following said CP boundary to the northeastern boundary of Gawsorth CP, thence westwards and northwards along said boundary to Congleton Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Park Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to the southwestern boundary of Macclesfield East Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

MACCLESFIELD CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Macclesfield North West Ward meets the western boundary of Macclesfield East Ward, thence southwards along said western boundary to the northwestern boundary of Macclesfield South Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the western boundary of said ward to the northeastern boundary of Gawsorth CP, thence westwards along said boundary to the western boundary of No 4 Hazel Avenue, thence northwards along said boundary, the rear boundary of No 2 Hazel Avenue and the western boundary of No 25 Larch Avenue and in prolongation thereof to the western boundary of No 20 Larch Avenue, thence northwards along said boundary and the western boundary of No 30 Thornton Avenue to Thornton Avenue, thence westwards along said avenue to Valley Road, thence northeastwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 38 Valley Road, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northeastwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 36 to 24 Valley Road to the northern boundary of the last mentioned property, thence southeastwards along said northern boundary to Valley Road, thence northeastwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 22 Valley Road, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of No 4 Shadewood Road, thence northeastwards along said

boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence westwards along said boundary and the rear boundary of No 6 Shadewood Road to the rear boundary of No 6 Grasmere, thence northwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 6 to 16 Grasmere to the rear boundary of No 43 Ivy Lane, thence northwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 43 to 61 Ivy Lane to the western boundary of the last mentioned property, thence northwards along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to Ivy Road, thence northeastwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 122 Ivy Road, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 122 to 110 Ivy Road, to the northern boundary of the last mentioned property, thence southeastwards along said boundary to Ivy Road, thence northeastwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 68 Ivy Road, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 68 to 48 Ivy Road and in prolongation thereof to the southern boundary of No 46 Ivy Road, thence westwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 46 to 36 Ivy Road and in prolongation thereof (crossing Earlsway) to the rear boundary of No 34 Ivy Road, thence northeastwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 32 to 16 Ivy Road and in prolongation thereof (crossing Merebrook Close) to the rear boundaries of Nos 14 to 12 Ivy Road, thence northeastwards along said boundaries and eastwards along the northern boundary of No 12 Ivy Road to the rear boundary of No 10 Ivy Road, thence northeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 10 to 2 Ivy Road and in prolongation thereof to the southern boundary of Macclesfield North West Ward, thence eastwards, northwards and generally eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

MACCLESFIELD WEST WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of Macclesfield Central Ward meets the northeastern boundary of Gawsorth CP, thence generally northwestwards along said CP boundary to the eastern boundary of Henbury CP, thence northwest-

wards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Macclesfield North West Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Macclesfield Central Ward, thence generally southwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ALDERLEY EDGE WARD

The parish of Alderley Edge

BOLLINGTON CENTRAL WARD

The Bollington Central Ward of the parish of Bollington

BOLLINGTON EAST WARD

The Bollington East Ward of the parish of Bollington

BOLLINGTON WEST WARD

The Bollington West Ward of the parish of Bollington

DISLEY WARD

The parish of Disley

GAWSWORTH WARD

The parishes of Bosley

Gawsworth

North Rode

HENBURY WARD

The parishes of Eaton

Henbury

Marton

Siddington

Withington

HIGH LEGH WARD

The parishes of Aston-by-Budworth

High Legh

Pickmere

Tabley Inferior

Tabley Superior

KNUTSFORD NETHER WARD

The Knutsford Nether Ward of the parish of Knutsford.

KNUTSFORD OVER WARD

The Knutsford Over Ward of the parish of Knutsford

KNUTSFORD SOUTH WARD

The Knutsford South Ward of the parish of Knutsford

KNUTSFORD WEST WARD

The Knutsford West Ward of the parish of Knutsford

MERE WARD

The parishes of Agden

Ashley

Little Bollington

Mere

Millington

Rostherne

Tatton

MOBBERLEY WARD

The parish of Mobberley

NETHER ALDERLEY WARD

The parishes of Chelford

Chorley

Great Warford

Nether Alderley

Over Alderley

Snelson

PLUMLEY WARD

The parishes of Bexton

Little Warford

Marthall

Ollerton

Peover Inferior

Peover Superior

Plumley

Toft

POYNTON CENTRAL WARD

The Poynton Central Ward of the parish of Poynton-with-Worth

POYNTON EAST WARD

The Poynton East Ward of the parish of Poynton-with-Worth

POYNTON WEST WARD

The Poynton West Ward of the parish of Poynton-with-Worth

PRESTBURY WARD

The parishes of Adlington

Mottram St Andrew

Prestbury

RAINOW WARD

The parishes of Higher Hurdsfield

Kettleshulme

Lyme Handley

Pott Shrigley

Rainow

SUTTON WARD

The parishes of Macclesfield Forest

Sutton

Wildboarclough

Wincle