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

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE BOROUGH OF ST EDMUNDSBURY, SUFFOLK

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of St Edmundsbury 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 31 December 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to St Edmundsbury Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to Suffolk County Council, parish councils and parish meetings in the borough, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of local newspapers circulating in the area and of the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.
3. St Edmundsbury Borough Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were also asked to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. The Borough Council have not passed a resolution under section 7(4) of the Local Government Act 1972. The provisions of section 7(6) will therefore apply and the elections of all borough councillors will be held simultaneously.
5. On 6 June 1975 St. Edmundsbury Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the borough into 32 wards each returning 1 or 2 councillors to give a council of 45 members.
6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Borough Council, together with comments which had been made on it. In order to achieve a better standard of representation, we transferred the parishes of Ampton and Little Livermere from the proposed Fornham ward to the proposed Pakenham ward. In view of doubts about some of the increases in electorate forecast by the Borough Council we reduced the representation of the proposed Castle ward from 2 members to 1, thus reducing the size of council to 44. Subject to these modifications we adopted the Council's draft scheme as our draft proposals.
7. On 14 July 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 Borough 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 members of the public and interested bodies. We asked for comments to reach us by 7 September 1976.
8. Comments submitted by the Borough Council and two borough councillors objected to the proposed Fornham, Pakenham and Ixworth wards. The Council pointed out that the parishes of Ampton and Little Livermere in our proposed Pakenham ward and the parish of Timworth in our proposed Fornham ward had close local ties and the

three parishes were grouped under a common parish council. The Borough Council accepted, with reluctance, the reduction in representation of the proposed Castle ward. A local political organisation submitted alternative proposals for wards in the Haverhill area which they claimed offered a better standard of electoral equality. One parish council wrote in support of our proposals.

9. In view of these comments, we felt we needed more information to enable us to reach a conclusion. Therefore, in accordance with section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, and at our request, Mr J V Cowan was appointed an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and report to us.

10. Notice of the meeting was sent to all who had received our draft proposals or had commented on them, and was published locally.

11. The Assistant Commissioner held the meeting at the Borough Offices, Bury St Edmunds on 31 August 1977 and visited the areas which were the subject of comment. A copy of his report to us is at Schedule 1 to this report.

12. In the light of the discussion at the meeting and his inspections, the Assistant Commissioner recommended that our draft proposals should be confirmed subject to the transfer of the parish of Timworth from the proposed Fornham ward to the proposed Pakenham ward.

13. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received and of the Assistant Commissioner's report. We concluded that the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations should be accepted and we formulated our final proposals accordingly.

14. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 2 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. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps. A detailed description of the proposed ward boundaries is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

PUBLICATION

15. 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 St Edmundsbury Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without maps) are 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

N DIGNEY (Secretary)

17 November 1977

To the
Local Government Boundary Commission for England

SIRS,

I have the honour to report that pursuant to your letter of 25th. July, 1977 and, in accordance with the terms of my appointment as an Assistant Commissioner by the Secretary of State, I attended at the Borough Offices, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk on Wednesday, 31st. August, 1977 for the purpose of holding a local meeting in connection with the review of electoral arrangements for the Borough of St. Edmundsbury.

1. Attendances

A list of those present at the meeting is attached (Appendix A)

2. Commission's Proposals

The Commission's draft proposals were issued on 14th. July, 1976 (Appendix B) and were based on the draft scheme submitted by the Borough Council on 6th. June, 1975 with two variations, namely (a) the reduction in representation of the Castle ward, Haverhill from 2 Councillors to 1 Councillor, and (b) the transfer of the parishes of Ampton and Little Livermere from the proposed Fornham ward to the proposed Pakenham ward.

Objections:-

(a) The Borough Council did not object to the reduction in the number of Councillors for Castle ward but asked for an assurance that should circumstances before 1979 change more rapidly and more fundamentally than previously envisaged, the Council would have the opportunity of effecting an adjustment in the electoral arrangements with a view to the possible restoration of the additional member for the ward.

(b) The Borough Council, Councillor N. R. Whitwell and Councillor A. H. J. Ruffles objected to the Commission's draft proposals for the Fornham, Pakenham and Ixworth wards.

(i) The Borough Council suggested that, as the parishes of Ampton, Little Livermere and Timworth are grouped under a common parish council, the parish of Timworth should be transferred to the proposed Pakenham ward.

(ii) Councillor Whitwell, who represents a ward comprising the parishes of Great Livermere and Pakenham objected on the ground that Pakenham has no natural affinity with any of the other parishes in the proposed new Pakenham ward. He contended that because of Pakenham's geographical position it had as great an affinity with Thurston (a parish in the area of Mid-Suffolk district) as it had with the other parishes in the proposed new ward and he asked for a deferment of the decision in respect of Pakenham ward pending the review of parish boundaries in the hope that Thurston might then be

transferred to St. Edmundsbury borough.

(iii) Councillor Ruffles wanted the existing ward arrangements, particularly in respect of the parishes of Bardwell, Ixworth, Thorpe and Troston (which together comprise the existing Ward No.21) to remain as it is made up of villages of similar size and problems.

(c) The Bury St. Edmunds Constituency Labour Party suggested amendments to the boundaries of Cangle, Clements and St. Mary's and Helions wards at Haverhill (Appendix C) which they claimed would improve the electoral balance by transferring electorate from Cangle ward to the other two wards.

3. Arguments advanced at the local meeting

(i) CASTLE WARD

The Borough Council accepted that it would not be possible to review the matter further before 1979 and stated that they had no evidence as to the possibility of a rapid rise in population which would increase the electorate sufficiently to justify two councillors for Castle ward.

(ii) FORNHAM, PAKENHAM and IXWORTH WARDS

(a) The Borough Council accepted that it is not a statutory requirement that every parish under a common parish council should be in the same District ward. They confirmed that they could make suitable polling arrangements in respect of the Commission's proposed wards. However, they would prefer to adhere to their proposal to transfer the parish of Timworth to the proposed Pakenham ward. They confirmed that the small area of Timworth parish which lies between Ingham parish and Fornham St. Genevieve parish was uninhabited agricultural land which could be added to either Ingham parish or Fornham St. Genevieve parish in the course of the forthcoming review of parish boundaries. If their proposal could not be accepted, they would support the Commission's draft proposals. Failing the acceptance of either of these alternatives they would urge the implementation of their original draft scheme.

(b) The County Council and Councillor Ruffles did not oppose the Borough Council's views.

(c) Councillor Ruffles submitted that Ixworth is a growth parish and the proposed Ixworth ward would be one of the largest wards in the Borough and would soon justify two Councillors. Bardwell and Troston parishes were communities with much in common. Troston parish should not be in the Pakenham ward which was much too large. It was too early in the life of the local authority to alter the warding arrangements.

(d) The Borough Council did not accept that it was too early to

change the wards. There were bound to be problems wherever the boundaries were drawn. They pointed out that Risby, Withersfield, and Wickhambrook wards were larger than the proposed Pakenham ward. The future expansion of Ixworth was limited in both scope and timing by the capacity of the sewage works at Stanton, which it was understood the Anglian Water Authority had no immediate plans to extend.

(e) Councillor Whitwell sent a telephone message to the effect that he would not be attending the meeting but his objection was noted and it was stated that the review of District boundaries was not likely to take place before 1980 and therefore the decision on the Pakenham ward could not be deferred.

(iii) CANGLE, CLEMENTS, and ST. MARY'S and HELIONS WARDS

It was ascertained that no representative of the Labour Party would be attending to present their case at the local meeting.

(a) The Borough Council objected to the proposed amendments on the grounds that the Commission's draft proposals were based on logical and readily identifiable boundaries. The area in question was part of the old centre of Haverhill and it had little potential for growth. In particular they did not accept the figures of electorates given by the Labour Party (see Appendix C)

(b) The County Council had no comments to make on the matter.

(c) Mr. Gribble submitted that the proposed alterations were politically motivated and should not be supported.

4. INSPECTIONS

Prior to the local meeting I inspected the areas of Fornham, Pakenham and Ixworth wards and following the meeting I inspected the Haverhill area.

5. Assessment of the weight of arguments advanced

The cases put forward by the Borough Council, which were supported in all respects by the County Council and Mr. Gribble were soundly based and argued and, in my view merit support. Councillor Ruffles, the only other objector to attend did not dispute the contrary views and facts put forward at the meeting against his objections.

RECOMMENDATIONS (with supporting reasons)

(i) I recommend that the following objection to the Commission's proposals be accepted:-

The proposed transfer of the parish of Timworth from the proposed Fornham ward to the proposed Pakenham ward

My reasons for this recommendation are as follows:-

In my view it is administratively desirable that the constituent parishes of a common parish council should be in the same ward although it is not a statutory requirement. In this case any question of the isolation of one parish from the remainder of the ward is capable of early and simple clarification and the implementation of the recommendation would not involve any transfer of electorate.

(ii) I recommend that the following objections to the Commission's proposals be rejected:-

The amendment of the representation of Castle ward from one councillor to two councillors.

My reasons for this recommendation are as follows:-

I was not provided with any evidence as to an imminent and rapid rise of population and electorate which would justify such an amendment and in the absence of this a departure from the guidelines laid down by the Commission could not be recommended.

(iii) The proposal to leave the existing electoral arrangements unaltered, particularly in respect of the parishes of Bardwell, Ixworth, Thorpe and Troston.

My reasons for this recommendation are as follows:-

The acceptance of this proposal would involve the disregard of the requirements laid down in the Local Government Act 1972 and would cut right across the rules laid down in Schedule II to the Act.

(iv) The proposal that a decision on Pakenham ward be deferred pending the review of district boundaries.

My reasons for this recommendation are as follows:-

The review of District boundaries is not likely to take place for some years and it is neither feasible nor possible to defer a decision in respect of one ward in isolation.

(v) The amendments to the boundaries of Cangle, Clements and St. Mary's and Helions wards.

My reasons for this recommendation are as follows:-

The ward boundaries proposed by the objectors would be far less preferable than those proposed by the Borough Council and the Commission. In particular, Camps Road, which is a bus route, contains mixed development and has a large frontage occupied by

a recreation ground. This provides a natural barrier. There seemed no advantage to be gained by the amendments which would provide better electoral arrangements. In the absence of any additional supporting argument at local meeting, the proposals must fall.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that the description of proposed ward boundaries in Appendix B be amended by the deletion of 'Timworth' from FORNHAM WARD and the insertion of 'Timworth' between 'Pakenham' and 'Troston' under PAKENHAM WARD.

7th. September, 1977.

J. V. COWAN

APPENDIX A

BOROUGH OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY - ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS
LOCAL MEETING - 10a.m. 31st. AUGUST, 1977

ATTENDANCES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
D. J. DICKENS	SUFFOLK C. C.
J. E. VAUGHAN	ST. EDMUNDSBURY B. C.
N. C. MARTIN	"
J. L. WILBY	"
A. R. JOHNSON	"
A. H. J. RUFFLES	Councillor, ST. EDMUNDSBURY B. C.
P. GRIBBLE	BURY ST. EDMUNDS CONSERVATIVE ASSN.

APPENDIX B

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S DRAFT PROPOSALS

MEMORANDUM OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTION OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS
FOR THE BOROUGH OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ABBEYGATE	2
BARNINGHAM	1
BARROW	1
CANGLE	2
CASTLE	1
CAVENDISH	1
CHALKSTONE	2
CHEVINGTON	1
CLARE	1
CLEMENTS	2
EASTGATE	2
FORNHAM	1
GT. BARTON	1
HOMINGTON	1
HORRINGER	2
HUNDON	1
IXWORTH	1
KEDINGTON	1
NORTHGATE	2
PAKENHAM	1
RISBY	1
RISBYGATE	2
ROUGHAM	1
ST. MARY'S AND HELIONS	1
ST. CLAVES	2
SEXTONS	2
SOUTHGATE	2
STANTON	1
WESTGATE	2
WHELNETHAM	1
WICKHAMBROOK	1
WITHERSFIELD	1

BOROUGH OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY 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.

CLEMENTS WARD

Commencing at a point where the southwestern boundary of the District meets the unnamed road leading from Nosterfield End to Haverhill, thence northeastwards and following said unnamed road, the road known as Burton End and Camps Road to Chantry Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the unnamed path running along the eastern boundary of the Recreation Ground, thence continuing southeastwards along said path and crossing Recreation Road to and along Mill Hill to Duddery Hill, thence northeastwards along said Duddery Hill to Hollands Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Bumpstead Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the southern boundary of the District, thence southeastwards and following said southern boundary and the southwestern boundary of the District to the point of commencement.

ST. MARY'S AND HELIONS WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the District meets the northeastern boundary of Clements Ward, thence northeastwards and following said northeastern boundary to Camps Road, thence northeastwards along said road and Swan Lane to Lord's Croft Lane being the A604, thence southeastwards along said lane, the unnamed section of the A604, and that part of the A604 known as Hamlet Road to that part of the A604 known as Sturmer Road, thence southeastwards along said Road to its junction with the southern boundary of the District, thence southwards and following said southern boundary to the point of commencement.

CHALKSTONE WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the District meets the northeastern boundary of St. Mary's and Helions Ward, thence northwestwards and following said northeastern boundary to and continuing along the road known as The Pightle to Wrattling Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the southwestern boundary of Little Wrattling CP, thence northeastwards and following said southwestern boundary and the southwestern boundary of Kedington CP to the southern boundary of the District, thence southwestwards and following said southern boundary to the point of commencement.

CASTLE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northwestern boundary of Clements Ward meets the southwestern boundary of the District, thence northwestwards and following said southwestern boundary to the southern boundary of Withersfield CP, thence northeastwards and following said southern boundary to the path leading from Withersfield to Withersfield Road, northeast of No.6 The Cillas, thence southwestwards along said path to Withersfield Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the path which runs northwest of the property known as William Blake Court and continues to and along the northwestern boundary of the Castle Manor Upper School playing fields, thence southwestwards to and along the said path to the said northwestern boundary of the playing fields, thence southwestwards and following the northwestern and southwestern boundaries of the said playing fields and continuing southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of the Castle Manor Upper School and the rear boundaries of Nos. 5 to 1 Allington Walk to North Avenue, thence generally southwards along said Avenue to the northern boundary of Clements Ward, thence westwards and following said northern boundary and the northwestern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

CANGLE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Clements Ward meets the eastern boundary of Castle Ward, thence northwards and following said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Withersfield CP, thence southeastwards and following said southern boundary and the southwestern boundary of Little Wratting CP to the northwestern boundary of Chalkstone Ward, thence southwestwards and following said northwestern boundary and continuing southwestwards along the northern boundaries of St. Mary's and Helions Ward and Clements Ward to the point of commencement.

WESTGATE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of Horringer CP meets the prolongation southwestwards of Winthrop Road, thence northeastwards along said prolongation to Winthrop Road at a point opposite the southern boundary of No. 93 Winthrop Road, thence northeastwards along said Road to Abbot Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Cadogan Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Park Road, thence southeastwards and eastwards along said road to Highbury Road, thence southwards along said road to Prior's Road, thence eastwards along said road to Boyne Road, thence southwards along said road to Abbot Road, thence eastwards along said road to Hospital Road, thence

continuing eastwards along said road to Petticoat Lane, thence southeastwards along said road and southwestwards along the road known as Out Westgate to the River Linnet at Stamford Bridge, thence eastwards along River Linnet to Cullum Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the Path leading from Friar's Lane across Cullum Road to Baron's Road, running east of Boon Close thence southwestwards and following said path to Barons Road, thence northwestwards and following said road to Vinery Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Hardwick Lane, thence northwestwards and following said lane to Horsecroft Road, thence southwards along said road to the northeastern boundary of Horringer CP, thence westwards and following said northeastern boundary to the point of commencement.

SOUTHGATE WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Horringer CP meets the southeastern boundary of Westgate Ward, thence northwards and following said southeastern boundary to Cullum Road, thence southeastwards and following said road to the Southgate Green roundabout, thence across the roundabout to Rougham Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the Bury St. Edmunds By-pass(A45), thence southeastwards and following said by-pass to the western boundary of Rougham CP, thence southwards and following said western boundary and the northern boundaries of Rushbrook CP, Nowton CP and Hardwick CP to the eastern boundary of Horringer CP, thence northwards and following said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

SEXTONS WARD

Commencing at a point where the northwestern boundary of Westgate Ward meets the eastern boundary of Horringer CP, thence northwestwards and following said eastern boundary and the eastern boundary of Westley CP to the Bury St. Edmunds By-pass, thence southeastwards and following said by-pass to Beeton's Way, thence southwestwards and following said Beeton's Way and Western Way to a point opposite the eastern boundary of the Factory, thence southwards to and along said eastern boundary and continuing along the eastern boundaries of the area to the south of the factory, the Electricity Sub-station and number 4 and 2 Newmarket Road to Newmarket Road, thence eastwards along said road to Westley Road, thence southwestwards along said road to West Road, thence southeastwards and southwards along said road to the northern boundary of Westgate Ward, thence westwards and following said northern boundary and the northwestern boundary of the said ward to the point of commencement.

ABBEYGATE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Westgate Ward meets the eastern boundary of Sextons Ward, thence northwards along said eastern boundary to a point opposite the northern boundary of Bury St. Edmunds Cemetery, thence to and along said northern boundary to King's Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Albert Crescent, thence northwestwards and following said crescent and Albert Street to the road known as Out Risbygate, thence eastwards and following said road, Risbygate Street, Brentgovel Street and Looms Lane to Northgate Street, thence southwards along said street to Mustow Street, thence northeastwards along said street and Eastgate Street to the River Lark, thence southeastwards, southwestwards and following said river to the northern boundary of Southgate Ward, thence southwestwards and following said northern boundary and the northern boundary of Westgate Ward to the point of commencement.

ST. OLAVES WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Sextons Ward meets the eastern boundary of Westley CP, thence northeastwards along said eastern boundary and continuing along the southeastern boundary of Fornham All Saints CP to Baldwin Avenue, thence southeastwards along said avenue to the unnamed Path leading from said road to Northumberland Avenue, thence southwestwards to and along said path to Northumberland Avenue, thence southeastwards along said avenue to the unnamed path leading from said avenue to Tollgate Lane, thence southeastwards to and along said path to Tollgate Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane and Beetons Way to the northern boundary of Sextons Ward, thence southwestwards and following said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

RISBYGATE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Abbeygate Ward meets the eastern boundary of Sextons Ward, thence northwards and following said eastern boundary to the road known as Klondyke, thence eastwards and northeastwards along said road to Northgate Avenue, thence northwestwards along said avenue to the access road running to the rear of the properties in Avenue Approach, thence northeastwards along said access road to Fornham Road (A134), thence northwards and following said road to the southwestern boundary of Fornham St. Martin CP, thence southeastwards and following said southwestern boundary and continuing generally southwestwards along the River Lark to the unnamed road joining the Bury St. Edmunds By-pass to the roundabout at the junction with Tayfen Road, thence southwards and following said access road

and crossing the roundabout to Tayfen Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Ipswich Street, thence southwards along said street to St. John's Street, thence southwestwards and following said street to the northern boundary of Abbeygate Ward, thence northwestwards and following said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

NORTHGATE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Risbygate Ward meets the eastern boundary of St. Olaves Ward, thence northeastwards and following said eastern boundary and the northeastern boundary of said ward to the southeastern boundary of Fornham All Saints CP, thence northeastwards and following said southeastern boundary to the western boundary of Fornham St. Martin CP, thence southeastwards and following said western boundary to the northern boundary of Risbygate Ward, thence southwards and following said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

EASTGATE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Abbeygate Ward meets the eastern boundary of Risbygate Ward, thence northwards and following said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Fornham St. Martin CP, thence eastwards and following said southern boundary to the southwestern boundary of Great Barton CP, thence southeastwards and following said southwestern boundary and the western boundary of Rougham CP to the northern boundary of Southgate Ward, thence westwards and following said northern boundary to the northeastern boundary of Abbeygate Ward, thence northeastwards and following said northeastern boundary and the northern boundary of the said ward to the point of commencement.

BARROW WARD

The parishes of Barrow
Denham
Hargrave

BARNINGHAM WARD

The parishes of Barningham
Coney Weston
Hopton
Knettishall
Market Weston
Thelnetham

CAVENDISH WARD

The parishes of Cavendish

Denston

Hawkedon

Poslingford

Stansfield

CHEVINGTON WARD

The parishes of Brockley

Chedburgh

Chevington

Rede

Whepstead

CLARE WARD

The parish of Clare

FORNHAM WARD

The parishes of Fornham All Saints

Fornham St. Genevieve

Fornham St. Martin

Ingham

Timworth

GREAT BARTON WARD

The parish of Great Barton

HONINGTON WARD

The parishes of Barnham

Euston

Fakenham Magna

Honington

Sapiston

HORRINGER WARD

The parishes of Horringer

Ickworth

Great Saxham

Little Saxham

Westley

HUNDON WARD

The parishes of Hundon

Stoke-by-Clare
Stradishall
Wixhoe

IXWORTH WARD

The parishes of Bardwell
Ixworth
Ixworth Thorpe

KEDDINGTON WARD

The parish of Keddington

PAKENHAM WARD

The parishes of Ampton
Great Livermere
Little Livermere
Pakenham
Troston

RISBY WARD

The parishes of Culford
Flempton
Hengrave
Lackford
Risby
West Stow
Wordwell

ROUGHAM WARD

The parishes of Bradfield Combust
Bradfield St. Clare
Bradfield St. George
Rougham
Rushbrooke

STANTON WARD

The parishes of Hepworth
Stanton

WHELNETHAM WARD

The parishes of Hardwick
Hawstead
Nowton
Stanningfield
Great Whelnetham
Little Whelnetham

WICKHAMBROOK WARD

The parishes of Cowlinge
Depden
Lidgate
Ousden
Wickhambrook

WITHERSFIELD WARD

The parishes of Barnardiston
Monks Risbridge
Great Bradley
Little Bradley
Great Thurlow
Little Thurlow
Withersfield
Great Wratting
Little Wratting

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE BURY ST. EDMUNDS CONSTITUENCY LABOUR PARTY

These amendments were shown on a map which was attached to their letter of objection and may be summarised as follows:-

- A. Transfer an area of CANGLE ward bounded by Crowland Road, Withersfield Road, The Pightle and Camps Road to St. Mary's and Helions ward.
- B. Transfer an area of St. Mary's and Helions ward bounded by Recreation Road, Helions road and Duddery Hill to Clements ward.

The objectors stated that the approximate electorate of the area as at 1975 were A. 357 and B. 164.

N. B. The Borough Council stated at the meeting that the correct figures for the 1975 electorates were area A 372 and area B. 190.

BOROUGH OF ST EDMUNDSBURY: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ABBEYGATE	2
BARNINGHAM	1
BARROW	1
CANGLE	2
CASTLE	1
CAVENDISH	1
CHALKSTONE	2
CHEVINGTON	1
CLARE	1
CLEMENTS	2
EASTGATE	2
FORNHAM	1
GREAT BARTON	1
HONINGTON	1
HORRINGER	2
HUNDON	1
IXWORTH	1
KEDINGTON	1
NORTHGATE	2
PAKENHAM	1
RISBY	1
RISBYGATE	2
ROUGHAM	1
ST MARY'S AND HELIONS	1
ST OLAVES	2
SEXTONS	2
SOUTHGATE	2
STANTON	1
WESTGATE	2
WHELNETHAM	1
WICKHAMBROOK	1
WITHERSFIELD	1

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CLEMENTS WARD

Commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of the Borough meets the unnamed road leading from Nosterfield End to Haverhill, thence north-eastwards along said unnamed road, the road known as Burton End and Camps Road to Chantry Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the unnamed path adjacent to the eastern boundary of the Recreation Ground, thence continuing southeastwards along said path and crossing Recreation Road to and along the road known as Mill Hill to the road known as Duddery Hill, thence northeastwards along said road to Hollands Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Bumpstead Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the southern boundary of the Borough, thence generally southwestwards along said southern boundary and northeastwards and northwestwards along the southwestern boundary of the Borough to the point of commencement.

ST MARY'S AND HELIONS WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of the Borough meets the northeastern boundary of Clements Ward, thence northeastwards and northwestwards along said northeastern boundary to Camps Road, thence northeastwards along said road and Swan Lane to Lord's Croft Lane being the A604, thence southeastwards along said lane, the unnamed section of the A604, and that part of the A604 known as Sturner Road to the southern boundary of the Borough, thence generally southwards, westwards and northwards along said southern boundary to the point of commencement.

CHALKSTONE WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of the Borough meets the northeastern boundary of St Mary's and Helions Ward, thence northwest-

wards along said northeastern boundary to and continuing along the road known as The Pightle to Wratting Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the southwestern boundary of Little Wratting CP, thence generally eastwards and southwards along said southwestern boundary to and generally southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of Kedington CP to the southern boundary of the Borough, thence generally southwestwards along said southern boundary to the point of commencement.

CASTLE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northwestern boundary of Clements Ward meets the southwestern boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwestwards along said southwestern boundary to the southern boundary of Withersfield CP, thence generally northeastwards and eastwards along said southern boundary to the path leading from Withersfield to Withersfield Road, northeast of No 6 The Villas, thence southwestwards along said path to Withersfield Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the path adjacent to the northwestern boundary of No 25 Withersfield Road, thence southwestwards to and southwestwards and southeastwards along said path and in prolongation thereof to the northwestern boundary of Castle Manor Upper School playing fields, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary to the southwestern boundary of the said playing fields, thence southeastwards along said boundary and the southwestern boundary of Castle Manor Upper School to and northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of said school to the rear boundary of No 5 Allington Walk thence southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 5 to 1 Allington Walk to North Avenue, thence generally southwards along said avenue to the northwestern boundary of Clements Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

CANGLE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northwestern boundary of Clements Ward

meets the eastern boundary of Castle Ward, thence northwards, northwestwards and generally northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Withersfield CP, thence southeastwards, northeastwards and generally eastwards along said southern boundary and generally southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of Little Wrattling CP to the northwestern boundary of Chalkstone Ward, thence southwestwards along said northwestern boundary and southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of said ward to and southwestwards along the northwestern boundaries of St Mary's and Helions Ward and Clements Ward to the point of commencement.

WESTGATE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Horringer CP meets the prolongation southwestwards of Winthrop Road, thence northeastwards along said prolongation and said road to Abbot Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Cadogan Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Park Road, thence eastwards along said road to Highbury Road, thence southwards along said road to Prior's Road, thence eastwards along said road to Boyne Road, thence southwards along said road to Abbot Road, thence eastwards along said road to Hospital Road, thence continuing eastwards along said road to Petticoat Lane, thence southeastwards along said road and southwestwards along the road known as Out Westgate to the River Linnet at Stamford Bridge, thence eastwards along said river to Cullum Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the path leading from Friar's Lane (path) across Cullum Road to Barons Road, thence generally southwestwards along said path to Barons Road, thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said road to Vinery Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Hardwick Lane, thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said lane to Horsecroft Road, thence southwards along said road to the northeastern boundary of Horringer CP, thence westwards and generally northwestwards along said northeastern boundary to the point of commencement.

SOUTHGATE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Horringer CP meets the southeastern boundary of Westgate Ward, thence northwards and generally southeastwards along said southeastern boundary to Cullum Road, thence southeastwards and northeastwards along said road to the Southgate Green roundabout, thence northeastwards across said roundabout to Rougham Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the Bury St Edmunds By-Pass(A45), thence southeastwards along said by-pass to the western boundary of Rougham CP, thence generally southwards along said western boundary and generally westwards along the northern boundaries of Rushbrook CP, Nowton CP and Hardwick CP to the northeastern boundary of Horringer CP, thence northwards along said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

SEXTONS WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Westgate Ward meets the eastern boundary of Horringer CP, thence northwestwards along said eastern boundary and northeastwards along the eastern boundary of Westley CP to the Bury St Edmunds By-pass, thence southeastwards and northeastwards along said by-pass to Beetons Way, thence southwestwards along Beetons Way and Western Way to a point opposite the eastern boundary of the Factory, situated east of the Sports Ground, thence southwards to and southwestwards along said eastern boundary and continuing along the eastern boundaries of the unnamed area to the south of the factory, the Electricity Sub-station and Nos 4 and 2 Newmarket Road to Newmarket Road, thence eastwards along said road to Westley Road, thence southwestwards along said road to West Road, thence southeastwards and southwards along said road to the northern boundary of Westgate Ward, thence westwards and generally northwards, westwards and southwestwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

ABBEYGATE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Westgate Ward meets the eastern boundary of Sextons Ward, thence northwards along said eastern boundary to a point opposite the northern boundary of Bury St Edmunds Cemetery, thence northeastwards to and along said northern boundary to King's Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Albert Crescent, thence generally northwards along said crescent and Albert Street to the road known as Out Risbygate, thence eastwards along said road, Risbygate Street, Brentgovel Street and Looms Lane to Northgate Street, thence southwards along said street to Mustow Street, thence northeastwards along said street and Eastgate Street to the River Lark, thence southeastwards, southwestwards and again southeastwards along said river to the northern boundary of Southgate Ward, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said northern boundary and generally northwestwards along the northern boundary of Westgate Ward to the point of commencement.

ST OLAVES WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Sextons Ward meets the eastern boundary of Westley CP, thence northeastwards along said eastern boundary and continuing northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of Fornham All Saints CP to Baldwin Avenue, thence southeastwards along said avenue to a point opposite the unnamed path leading from said avenue to Northumberland Avenue, thence southwestwards to and along said path to Northumberland Avenue, thence southeastwards along said avenue to a point opposite the unnamed path leading from said avenue to Tollgate Lane, thence southeastwards to and along said path to Tollgate Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane and Beetons Way to the northern boundary of Sextons Ward, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

RISBYGATE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Abbeygate Ward meets the eastern boundary of Sextons Ward, thence generally northwards along said eastern boundary to the road known as Klondyke, thence eastwards and north-eastwards along said road to Northgate Avenue, thence northwestwards along said avenue to the unnamed access road running to the rear of the properties in Avenue Approach, thence northeastwards along said access road to Fornham Road (A134), thence northwards along said road to the southwestern boundary of Fornham St Martin CP, thence southeastwards along said southwestern boundary and continuing generally southeastwards along the River Lark to the unnamed road joining the Bury St Edmunds By-pass to the roundabout at the junction with Tayfen Road, thence southwards and southwestwards along said unnamed road and crossing the roundabout to Tayfen Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Ipswich Street, thence southeastwards along said street to St John's Street, thence southwestwards and southwards along said street to the northern boundary of Abbeygate Ward, thence generally westwards, southwards and southwestwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

NORTHGATE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Risbygate Ward meets the eastern boundary of St Olaves Ward, thence generally northwards along said eastern boundary and northwestwards along the northeastern boundary of said ward to the southeastern boundary of Fornham All Saints CP, thence northeastwards and generally northwards along said southeastern boundary to the western boundary of Fornham St Martin CP, thence southeastwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of Risbygate Ward, thence southwards and generally southwestwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

EASTGATE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Abbeygate Ward meets the eastern boundary of Risbygate Ward, thence generally northwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Fornham St Martin CP, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to the southwestern boundary of Great Barton CP, thence southeastwards along said southwestern boundary to and generally southwards along the western boundary of Rougham CP to the northern boundary of Southgate Ward, thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said northern boundary to the eastern boundary of Abbeygate Ward, thence generally northwestwards along said eastern boundary and westwards along the northern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

BARROW WARD

The parishes of Barrow

Denham

Hargrave

BARNINGHAM WARD

The parishes of Barningham

Coney Weston

Hopton

Knettishall

Market Weston

Thelnetham

CAVENDISH WARD

The parishes of Cavendish

Denston

Hawkedon

Poslingford

Stansfield

CHEVINGTON WARD

The parishes of Brockley

Chedburgh

Chevington

Rede

Whepstead

CLARE WARD

The parish of Clare

FORNHAM WARD

The parishes of Fornham All Saints

Fornham St Genevieve

Fornham St Martin

Ingham

GREAT BARTON

The parish of Great Barton

HONINGTON WARD

The parishes of Barnham

Euston

Fakenham Magna

Honington

Sapiston

HORRINGER WARD

The parishes of Great Saxham

Horringer

Ickworth

Little Saxham

Westley

HUNDON WARD

The parishes of Hundon

Stoke-by-Clare

Stradishall

Wixoe

IXWORTH WARD

The parishes of Bardwell

Ixworth

Ixworth Thorpe

KEDINGTON WARD

The parish of Kedington

PAKENHAM WARD

The parishes of Ampton

Great Livermere

Little Livermere

Pakenham

Timworth

Troston

RISBY WARD

The parishes of Culford

Flempton

Hengrave

Lackford

Risby

West Stow

Wordwell

ROUGHAM WARD

The parishes of Bradfield Combust

Bradfield St Clare

Bradfield St George

Rougham

Rushbrooke

STANTON WARD

The parishes of Hepworth

Stanton

WHELNETHAM WARD

The parishes of Great Whelnetham

Hardwick

Hawstead

Little Whelnetham

Nowton

Stanningfield

WICKHAMBROOK WARD

The parishes of Cowlinge

Depden

Lidgate

Ousden

Wickhambrook

WITHERSFIELD WARD

The parishes of Barnardiston

Great Bradley

Great Thurlow

Great Wrattling

Little Bradley

Little Thurlow

Little Wratting

Monks Risbridge

Withersfield

