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PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
BOROUGH OF RUGBY IN THE COUNTY OF WARWICKSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Rugby, 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 Rugby Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to Warwickshire County Council, town councils, parish councils and parish meetings in the district, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of the 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. Rugby 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 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 passed a resolution under Section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, requesting a system of elections by thirds.
5. On 12 June 1975, the Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 19 wards, each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 48 members.
6. We considered the draft scheme together with copies of the correspondence received by the Council during the preparation of the scheme and after its publication, as well as the comments we had received direct. The comments from the parished areas were generally in favour of continuing the existing arrangements although some parish councils had suggested alternative arrangements.
7. We accepted the suggestion of Ryton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council that their parish should become a single-member ward by dividing the proposed Knightlow ward into two wards. The Knightlow ward, returning two councillors, would then comprise the remaining parishes of Birdingbury, Frankton, Bourton and Draycote, Marton, Princethorpe and Stretton-on-Dunsmore.
8. We considered also the submission by Wolvey Parish Council concerning the proposed Fosse ward and decided that the proposed arrangements would be improved by its division into a single-member ward named Wolvey comprising the parishes of Wolvey, Burton Hastings, Withybrook, Copston Magna and Stretton Baskerville, and a two-member ward named Fosse comprising the parishes of Shilton, Ansty, Combe Fields, Brinklow, Stretton under Fosse, Pailton, Monks Kirkby, Willey and Wibtoft.
9. We accepted a number of minor amendments suggested for technical reasons by Ordnance Survey. These included an amendment to the proposed boundary between Admirals and Filton wards so as to improve the shape of the proposed Admirals ward.

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

11. On 1 June 1976 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the Borough Council's draft scheme. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals and the accompanying maps, which illustrated 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 for comments to reach us by 27 July 1976.

12. Rugby Borough Council accepted our draft proposals subject to a minor amendment of the boundary between the proposed Bilton and Overslade wards, and to three small amendments to the textual ward descriptions.

13. Wolston Parish Council objected to the proposed 3-member Earl Craven ward comprising the parishes of Binley Woods, Brandon and Bretford, and Wolston. The parish council wished Wolston to be a separate ward returning one councillor, thus leaving the parish of Binley Woods and the parish of Brandon and Bretford together to form a two-member district ward.

14. Stretton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council, supported by the three borough councillors representing the area, objected to our proposal that the parish of Ryton-on-Dunsmore should be a separate ward returning one councillor, instead of combining with six other parishes to constitute a 3-member ward as at present, and as proposed by the Borough Council. Princethorpe Parish Council opposed the creation of single-member wards.

15. We received suggestions from two private persons for the modification of some of the wards which we had proposed in Rugby Town. We also received a letter bearing some 120 signatures objecting to the areas of the proposed Eastlands, Hillmorton and Paddox wards and offering alternative proposals.

16. A local political association objected to the name "Dunsmore Heath" proposed for this ward and suggested "Dunchurch and Thurlaston".

17. 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 A Usher was appointed an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and to report to us.

18. The Assistant Commissioner held a meeting at Rugby on 24 October 1977. A copy of his report to us of the meeting is attached at Schedule 1 to this report.

19. In the light of discussion at the meeting and his inspection of the areas concerned, the Assistant Commissioner recommended that the boundaries of the proposed Eastlands, Hillmorton and Paddox wards should be varied in accordance with the proposals agreed at the meeting; and that the proposed 3-member Earl Craven ward should be divided into a 2-member ward comprising the parish of Binley Woods and the parish of Brandon and Bretford, to be named Earl Craven, and a single-member ward comprising the parish of Wolston, to be named Wolston.

20. He also recommended a minor boundary alteration between the proposed Bilton and Overslade wards; a minor amendment to the verbal description of the proposed Newbold ward; and the renaming of the proposed Dunsmore Heath ward "Dunchurch and Thurlaston", and the proposed Avon ward "Clifton and Newton".

21. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments we had received and of the report of the Assistant Commissioner. We concluded that the Assistant

Commissioner's recommendations should be accepted and formulated our final proposals accordingly, subject to minor changes to ward boundaries suggested by Ordnance Survey.

22. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 2, 3 and 4 to this report. Schedule 2 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. Schedule 3 gives the order of retirement of councillors. Schedule 4 is a description of the area of the new wards. The boundaries of the new wards are shown on the attached maps.

PUBLICATION

23. In accordance with section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of this report and copies of the maps are being sent to Rugby 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.

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Signed

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14 September 1978

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND.

ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF RUGBY.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

(1) As authorised by the Home Office and as requested by the Commission I held an informal local meeting on 24th October, 1977 to hear views on the Commission's draft proposals. Present at the meeting were:

- Mr. J.A.Thwaites, Chief Executive, Rugby Borough Council.
- Mr. W.H.Bennett, Parish Councillor, Wolstan Parish Council.
- Mr. R. Ravenhall, 4, Brookside, Stretton-on-Dunsmore. Borough Councillor Ward 15.
- Mr. D. Cawser., 32, Church Road, Ryton-on-Dunsmore. Borough Councillor Ward 15.
- Mr. D. Wright, Chairman of Ryton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council.
- Mr. A.J.Turner, Otter Lodge, Clifton-upon-Dunsmore, in personal capacity.
- Mr. R.F.B.Speed, a resident of Hillmorton Ward.
- Mrs. Speed, a County Councillor, a resident of Hillmorton Ward.
- Mrs. Greenwood, a resident of Hillmorton Ward.
- Mr. M.A.Adnitt, 46, Fenwick Drive, Hillmorton in personal capacity.
- Mr. C.F.Gimson, Penvaden, Southam Road, Dunchurch. Councillor.
- Mrs. Miller, a resident of Hillmorton Ward.
- Mr. T. White, Secretary Eastlands Branch of the Labour Party.
- Mr. Morton, a resident of Hillmorton Ward.
- Miss Souter, 1, Cawston Lane, Dunchurch, a Borough Councillor.
- Mrs. Cock, a resident of Paddox Ward.
- Representatives of the Rugby Advertiser and the Coventry Evening Telegraph.

(2) The Borough Council had suggested four amendments to the Commission's draft proposals:

(a) a comparatively minor amendment of the boundary between Bilton Ward and Overslade Ward by making the boundary between the wards the centre of Bawnmore Road from its junction with Overslade Lane as far as Dunchurch Road.

The Council suggested that the undermentioned electors be transferred from Bilton Ward as proposed to Overslade Ward as proposed:

61-67 Bawnmore Road	22
286-300 Dunchurch Road	9
New development in the part of Bawnmore Road between No 77 and the junction with Dunchurch Road	<u>210</u>
	<u>241</u>

Mr. Thwaites explained that this would give a more clearly defined boundary between the wards and that the boundary proposed is in fact the existing boundary.

There was no objection from any source to this proposal. I have inspected the area and recommend that the description of Bilton Ward in the draft proposals should be amended so that it reads as follows:

"Bilton Ward.

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Dunchurch C.P. meets Dunchurch Road thence southwestwards and northwestwards along the said eastern boundary of Admirals Ward thence northeastwards and following the said boundary to a point opposite the rear boundary of No.2.Lytham Road thence southwards and southeastwards to and along the rear boundaries of No.2.to 32, Lytham Road and continuing southeastwards across Epsom Road and along the rear boundaries of,Nos.34 to 144 Lytham Road and Number 40 Overslade Lane

and in prolongation thereof to Overslade Lane, thence southwestwards along the said lane to Bawnmore Road thence southeastwards along the said road to Dunchurch Road thence southwestwards along the said road to the point of commencement."

If this recommendation is accepted no alteration in the description of Overslade Ward will be necessary.

(b) Mr. Thwaites stated that in line 18 of the description of Newbold Ward in the draft proposals "West Street" should read "Corporation Street" and I recommend accordingly

(c) It was suggested that in line 4 of the description of Hillmorton Ward "southeastwards" should read "northeastwards". The desired improvement can best be achieved by inserting in line 5 between "and" and "following" the words "generally northeastwards". I recommend accordingly.

(d) It was suggested that the wording in line 6 of the description of Paddock Ward could be improved. I recommend that the words from "to Hillmorton" in line 6 to "said road" in line 7 be deleted and in their place inserted "and continuing southeastwards along Hillmorton Road".

(3) The Commission had proposed that the Earl Craven Ward should consist of the parishes of Binley Woods, Blandon and Bretford, and Wolstan and return three councillors.

Mr. Bennett on behalf of the Wolstan Parish Council argued that the Wolstan Parish would be better represented as a single-member ward named Wolstan and should be separated from Earl Craven which would become 2-member. He made the following points:

(a) The Commission had shown that it favours single member wards by proposing to split Forse and Knightlow wards so as to leave Earl Craven ward as the only parished area as a three member ward.

(b) Electorate figures justify the Parish Council's proposal both as regards Wolstan and the other parishes concerned. The remaining parishes would constitute a viable two-member ward.

(c) There is no more community of interest between the parishes in Earl Craven ward than in the other wards which have been split.

(d) "Earl Craven" is a name which has no real connection with Wolstan Parish.

(e) Single member wards greatly assist local representation.

The Borough Council had not raised any objection to the Wolstan proposals and I had no information before me to suggest that there was any objection from the Binley Woods Parish or the Blandon and Bretford Parish. If the Wolstan Parish is separated its councillor will serve an electorate of 1663 and the remaining area will have two councillors for an electorate of 2692. I was impressed by the arguments of the Wolstan Council and it is my view that if they desire single representation and there is no objection from any source they should have it. Accordingly I recommend that the draft proposals be modified so as to provide that the proposed Earl Craven Ward is divided into two wards as

follows:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>No. of Councillors.</u>
Wolstan	Parish of Wolstan	1
Earl Craven	Parishes of Binley Woods and Blandon and Bretford	2

4. The Commission had proposed that the Parish of Ryton-on-Dunsmore should be a single member ward instead of combining with six other parishes, viz; Birdingbury, Frankton, Bourton and Draycote, Marton, Princethorpe, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, to constitute a three member ward as originally proposed by the Borough Council. Written representations had been made objecting to the Commission's proposal from the Princethorpe Parish Council, the Stretton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council and from Councillors Ravenhall, Baxter and Cawser. The Stretton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council was not specifically represented at the meeting and Councillor Baxter was not present, but Councillor Ravenhall who said he could speak for the Princethorpe Parish Council as well as in his personal capacity and Councillor Cawser put arguments against the Commission's proposal. In Councillor Ravenhall's view the principal argument against the Commission's proposal was that its effect would be to reduce the quality of representation of the electorate. At present Councillors Ravenhall, Baxter and Cawser attend meetings of the eight parish councils which meet approximately once a month. If Ryton-on-Dunsmore is hived off there will be seven Parish Council meetings to be attended by two councillors instead of eight by three.

Support was given to the contention that quality of representation will suffer by Councillor Cawser who said that originally the Borough Council favoured three member wards and that that view was still held by many councillors. Borough Councillor Miss Souter expressed the view that 3 member wards were preferable because some electors desired to have a choice of councillor to approach if they had a question or a problem.

Mr. Wright as Chairman of the Ryton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council welcomed the decision of the Commission and repeated the arguments which had originally been put in writing by his Council to the Commission.

The points made by Councillors Ravenhall, Cawser and Miss Souter demand respect but I am not convinced that they are strong enough to defeat the claim of Ryton-on-Dunsmore that it should have its own representative. It is interesting to observe that earlier in the meeting Wolstan Parish Council was maintaining that single-member wards greatly assist local representation; now the contention is that three member wards improve the quality of representation.

I am influenced by the fact that the Borough Council has accepted the Commission's draft proposals and that representation against the Ryton proposals have come from only two of the other six parishes concerned. If there were no other way of electors getting their views known and their problems considered than via specific borough councillors my view might well be different.

In the result I do not feel able to recommend any change in the proposal of the Commission to make Ryton-on-Dunsmore a single member ward.

5. Mr. Turner in addition to making the point earlier made by the Borough Council and dealt with in para 2 (b) and suggesting a small adjustment to the proposed New Bilton/Lawford ward boundary which he withdrew on learning that it would involve adding a non-parish area to

a parish area, put forward far-reaching alternative proposals for the areas of the Eastlands, Hillmorton and Paddox wards. In this he was joined by a number of speakers on behalf of some 200 petitioners (I was told that the number of 200 would have been appreciably increased if time and circumstances had permitted) and by Mr. Adnitt acting in his personal capacity. The argument put forward by all those concerned was that the Commission's proposals if implemented will in several instances sever the natural ties of the electorate with schools, churches and shops. By way of illustration they said that the residents south of the Hillmorton Road and west of the disused railway have ties with Eastlands School and St. Peter's Church and therefore have a natural affinity with Eastlands Ward rather than Paddox Ward.

The proposal to divide Hillmorton village along the High Street and Crick Road placing the southern side in the Paddox Ward would, in the opinion of those addressing me, completely break local ties. They informed me that the area south of the village High Street contains the village middle school, the village Catholic Church and school and therefore is an essential part of the village.

Residents in the Paddox area object to the Commission's proposals since they would make the Paddox Wards "long and unweildy".

People living in the wards concerned had met and worked out alternative proposals. They had gone to considerable trouble to work out population figures in support of their case. There is a small discrepancy between the figures supplied by the Council and those supplied by the petitioners but the discrepancy is not material and can be disregarded. I was impressed by the way the petitioners had set about their task. I had some little difficulty in ascertaining how the move to prepare a case had started for there seems to have been spontaneous re-action in a number of places to the publication of the Commission's proposals.

At the same time as the petitioners were busy Mr. Turner and Mr. Adnitt were getting out their own proposals.

I was assured from all sides that there had been no shadow of collusion between the petitioners Mr. Turner and Mr. Adnitt and in fact that none knew what proposals the others were formulating. But the fact is that the three sets of proposals bore many points of similarity and differed only in detail.

Instead of proceeding to consider the Commission's draft proposals and the other three sets of proposals I suggested that Mr. Turner, representatives of the petitioners and Mr. Adnitt should consider together whether they could all agree on one set of proposals. For this purpose I adjourned the meeting for two short periods. At the end of the first adjournment I was told that all concerned were agreed on what they would like to be the boundaries of one of the wards and after the second adjournment the two other wards had been separated to the satisfaction of all those engaged in the exercise. It was understood by all concerned that there was no guarantee that whatever proposals might emanate from the discussions during the adjournment would necessarily be accepted and that they would be examined alongside the Commission's draft proposals. I was grateful to those who took part in the discussions during the adjournment for their attitude of give and take which greatly simplified my task. The agreed proposals can be described as follows:-

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PADDOX WARD.

(a) Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of the district meets the eastern boundary of Caldecott Ward then northwest along the eastern boundary of the said ward to a point opposite the northern boundary of 128 Percival Road then east across Percival Road and continuing east along the northern boundary of 71, Percival Road to the rear of 114, Balcombe Road then east along the rear boundaries of Nos. 114 to 2 Balcombe Road to the southern rear of 32, Fareham Avenue then northwest along the rear of 32 to 2 Fareham Avenue then east along the northern boundary of 2, Fareham Avenue to the centre of the said Avenue then northwest along the said Avenue to its junction with Sidney Road then northeast along Sidney Road across Hillmorton Road and continuing northeast along Stanley Road and Westgate Road to the junction with Langton Road then along Langton Road to Lower Hillmorton Road then east along the said road to a point opposite the Sports Pavilion access then northwest along the access to a point where it joins the rear of 153, Lower Hillmorton Road then southwest along the rear boundaries of No. 153 to 145, Hillmorton Road to the southern rear of 37 Hart Close then northwest along the rear boundaries of 37 to 21, Hart Close then northeast along the footpath to the northern boundary of 91, Fleet Crescent and along the said boundary to the northern boundary of 1, McKinnell Crescent then north east along the rear boundaries of 1 to 49, McKinnell Crescent then east along the footpath to the railway line then south east along the railway line to Clifton Brook then northeast and north along the brook to the drainage line then along the drain to the southern boundary of Clifton-upon-Dunsmore C.P. then south east along the said boundary to the Kent then along the Kent to a point opposite the northern boundary of 113, The Kent then along the said boundary northern boundary and then south along the rears of 113 to 101 The Kent then east along Lower Hillmorton Road then south along the boundary of 356, Hillmorton Road then east along the rear boundaries of 356 to 316 Lower Hillmorton Road then following the Fence Line to the rears of 27, Bromwich Road then generally east along the rear of 27 to 5 Bromwich Road across Phipps Avenue along the southern rear of 28 Phipps Avenue then north along the eastern boundary of 3, Bromwich Road then west along the northern boundaries of 1 and 3 Bromwich Road then south down the western boundary of 1, Bromwich Road then east along Bromwich Road to a point opposite the western boundary of 2 Bromwich Road then along the western boundary to the rear of 2, Bromwich Road then along the southern rear of 2 to 46 Bromwich Road then south along the rears of 40 to 2, Lyndhurst Road then continuing south along the rear boundaries of 43 and 45 Millfield Avenue to the footpath then east along the footpath to the western rear of 54 Hoskyn Close then southwest along the rears of 52 to 20 Hoskyn Close then east along the southern boundaries of Nos. 70, 61, 41, 39, 25, 23, 21 and 19 Hoskyn Close then east along the rear boundary of the Elms, Ashlawn Road to Deerings Road then south along Deerings Road to Ashlawn Road then southwest along Barby Lane to the rear of 11 Ashlawn Rd. then west along the rear boundaries of 11 to 49 Ashlawn Road then south along the eastern boundary of the allotment gardens to the Field Boundary then east along the Field Boundary to the footpath then south east along the footpath to the eastern boundary of the district then west along the eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

(b) EASTLANDS WARD.

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of the Paddock Ward joins the eastern boundary of the Caldecott Ward then northwards along the said eastern boundary to its junction with the southern boundary of Benn Ward then northeast and north along the southern and eastern boundaries of Benn Ward to a point where the old railway crosses the Oxford Canal then southwest down the canal to the junction with the eastern boundary of the Paddock Ward then following the said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

HILLMORTON WARD.

(c)

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of the District joins the eastern boundary of the Paddock Ward then generally north along the said boundary to the junction with the Clifton-upon-Dunsmore C.P. then southwards along the said boundary to the eastern boundary of the District then southwards and following the said boundary to the point of commencement."

These ward descriptions are an attempt to put into words what Mr. Turner, the representatives of the petitioners and Mr. Adnitt had agreed by reference to a map. I am sure that the wording of the descriptions can be improved. By way of example it seems to me that the references to fence lines and field boundaries should be critically examined. Again, the boundary between Hillmorton and Paddock Wards has not been fixed pursuant to the general practice of using roads as dividing lines and it may be that difficulties will arise in practice if the boundary is not carefully checked. But the main point stands. Those negotiating the proposed new lines were more concerned to ensure that what they saw as separate communities should not be split than to haggle over points of detail. Mr. Turner, the representatives of the petitioners and Mr. Adnitt will, I believe, all feel their labours to have been justified if there ensues a re-casting of the Eastlands, Hillmorton and Paddock Wards keeping the three communities intact and will be content to leave to the expert the precise boundary lines. In this context I do not consider myself an expert and recommend that the Commission engage the services of appropriate technical officers to examine the boundary lines in detail.

There was no substantial objection to these new proposals. The Borough Council had envisaged what might be described as radial wards with ward boundary lines running from the centre to the circumference and this had served well in other instances. There was no Council decision against the new proposals (in the way things had developed there could not be) and there could be no valid fundamental objection by the Council or anyone else to the new method of dividing three of the segments. Mr. Wight and Miss Souter saw the possibility of minor difficulties resulting from the fact that some electors will be moved from Eastlands to Paddock Wards, but I think that both accepted that minor anomalies are sometimes the price of removing major anomalies.

I was impressed by the way that the case for a re-casting of the Eastlands, Hillmorton and Paddock Wards had been prepared and presented albeit at first through three different channels.

I am told that numbers of electors in the respective wards as drawn at the meeting are:-

Eastlands	4671	
new development	<u>23</u>	
	4694	4694
Hillmorton	4011	
new development	<u>185</u>	
	4196	4196
Paddock	4328	
new development	<u>100</u>	
	4428	4428

These figures

which are based on the 1975/76 Register of Electors, (as have been

figures for the other wards supplied by the Chief Executive of Rugby Borough Council) I regard as satisfactory. I therefore recommend that the description of three wards in the Commission's draft proposals be replaced by the description of the three wards given by Mr. Turner, the representatives of the petitioners and Mr. Adnitt after consultation and as set out above. This recommendation is, for the reasons I have given, subject to checking by those qualified to do so, of the boundary lines and their descriptions. I would only add that I spent some little time in the area of the three wards before deciding upon my recommendation.

6. Mr. Turner suggested alternatives to some of the ward names proposed by the Commission:-

<u>Draft Proposal</u>	<u>Mr. Turner.</u>
Bilton	Bawnmore.
Hillmorton	Lower Hillmorton
Dunsmore Heath	Dunchurch & Thurlaston
Leam Valley	Upper Leam
Avon	Clifton & Newton.

Mr. Turner considered that his suggestions related more closely to local geography than do those of the Commission.

The Dunchurch Branch of Rugby Conservative Association felt strongly that "Dunsmore Heath" should be replaced by "Dunchurch and Thurlaston."

If the alteration recommended in para 2^(a) of this report is approved the case for changing "Bilton" to "Bawnmore" will be less strong.

The case for changing "Hillmorton" to "Lower Hillmorton" has now in my opinion no validity.

"Dunchurch & Thurlaston" is little more cumbersome than "Dunsmore Heath" and more accurately describes the ward.

I do not think changing Leam Valley to Upper Leam is necessary.

There is a case for changing "Avon" to "Clifton & Newton".

I recommend therefore that "Dunsmore Heath" and "Avon" be respectively re-named "Dunchurch & Thurlaston" and "Clifton & Newton".

These changes were I think generally acceptable.

7. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS OF THE COMMISSION'S DRAFT PROPOSALS.

(1) That the description of Bilton Ward be amended so as to provide for 241 electors to be transferred from Bilton Ward to Overslade Ward as detailed in paragraph 2 (a) above.

(2) That in line 18 of the description of Newbold Ward "West Street" be deleted and "Corporation Street" substituted. (see Para 2 (b)).

(3) That in line 5 of the description of Hillmorton Ward there be inserted between "and" and "following" the words "generally north-eastwards". (see para 2 (c)).

8.

(4) That a minor amendment be made in lines 6 and 7 of the description of Paddox Ward. (see para 2 (d)).

(5) That Earl Craven Ward be divided into two wards as detailed in para 3 above.

(6) That no change be recommended to the proposal of the Commission to make Ryton-on-Dunsmore a single member ward.

(7) That, subject to checking of the proposed boundary lines and descriptions by appropriate technical officers there be a completely new re-casting of the Eastlands, Hillmorton and Paddox Wards as described in detail in para 5 above.

(8) That the proposed "Dunsmore Heath" ward be re-named "Dunchurch and Thurlaston" and that "Avon" ward be re-named "Clifton and Newton".

ARTHUR USHER

Assistant Commissioner.

27th October, 1977.

SCHEDULE 2

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

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ADMIRALS	3
BENN	3
BILTON	3
BROWNSOVER	3
CALDECOTT	3
CLIFTON AND NEWTON	1
DUNCHURCH AND THURLASTON	2
EARL CRAVEN	2
EASTLANDS	3
FOSSE	2
HILLMORTON	3
KNIGHTLOW	2
LAWFORD	1
LEAM VALLEY	1
NEW BILTON	3
NEWBOLD	3
OVERSLADE	3
PADDOX	3
RYTON-ON-DUNSMORE	1
ST MARYS	1
WOLSTON	1
WOLVEY	1

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

ELECTION BY THIRDS

ORDER OF RETIREMENT AND PARISH ELECTIONS

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	1980	1982	1983
ADMIRALS	3	1	1	1
BENN	3	1	1	1
BILTON	3	1	1	1
BROWNSOVER	3	1	1	1
CALDECOTT	3	1	1	1
CLIFTON AND NEWTON	1	-	1 PE	-
DUNCHURCH AND THURLASTON	2	1	-	1 PE
EARL CRAVEN	2	1	-	1 PE
EASTLANDS	3	1	1	1
FOSSE	2	1 PE	1	-
HILLMORTON	3	1	1	1
KNIGHTLOW	2	-	1	1 PE
LAWFORD	1	-	1 PE	-
LEAM VALLEY	1	-	-	1 PE
NEW BILTON	3	1	1	1
NEWBOLD	3	1	1	1
OVERSLADE	3	1	1	1
PADDOX	3	1	1	1
RYTON-ON-DUNSMORE	1	-	-	1 PE
ST MARYS	1	1 PE	-	-
WOLSTON	1	-	1 PE	-
WOLVEY	1	1 PE	-	-
	48	16	16	16

PE = Parish Elections

BOROUGH OF RUGBY: 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.

NEWBOLD WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Cosford CP meets the former Leicester to Rugby railway, thence southeastwards along the said railway to a point where it meets the footbridge and footpath that leads to Park Road, thence southwestwards along the said footbridge and footpath to Park Road, thence southwestwards along the said road crossing Wood Street to Manor Road, thence southeastwards along said road to King Edward Road, thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 1 King Edward Road, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary to the northern boundary of Rugby congregational Church, thence southwestwards along said boundary, the rear boundaries of Nos 69-59 Albert Street and 2-42 Regent Place to the northeastern boundary of the Hall, thence northwestwards along said boundary and the southwestern boundary of No 2 Park Road to Park Road, thence southwestwards along said road to North Street, thence southeastwards along the said street to Market Place, thence southwestwards along Market Place to Chapel Street, thence northwestwards and generally southwestwards along the said street and continuing southwestwards along Corporation Street to Lawford Road, thence northwestwards along the said road to Plowman Street, thence northeastwards along the said street to a point opposite Newbold Footpath, thence northwestwards to and along the said footpath to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 38 - 98 York Street, thence northeastwards to and along the said boundaries to the northeastern boundary of No 98 York Street, thence northwestwards along the said boundary and continuing along the north-end of York Street and the northeastern eastern/boundary of No 101 York Street to the rear boundary of the last mentioned property, thence southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 101-37 York Street to Newbold Footpath, thence northwestwards along the said footpath to the Rugby to Nuneaton railway, thence northwestwards along the said

railway to the southern boundary of Harborough Magna CP, thence northwards along the said southern boundary and the southern boundary of Cosford CP to the point of commencement.

BROWNSOVER WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Newbold Ward meets the southern boundary of Cosford CP, thence northeastwards along the said southern boundary and continuing along the southern boundaries of Churchover CP, Newton and Biggin CP, and the western boundary of Clifton upon Dunsmore CP, to the Oxford Canal, thence northwestwards along the said canal to the River Avon, thence southwestwards along the said river to Boughton Road, thence southeastwards along the said road and continuing southwestwards, southwards and southwestwards along Mill Road and Murray Road, to Craven Road, thence northwestwards along the said road, and continuing southwestwards along Manor Road to the eastern boundary of Newbold Ward, thence northwestwards along the said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

NEW BILTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Harborough Magna CP meets the southwestern boundary of Newbold Ward, thence southeastwards along the said southwestern boundary to Bilton Road, thence southwestwards along the said road to a point opposite Sow Brook (South), thence generally northwestwards to and along Sow Brook (South) and Sow Brook to the Rugby to Royal Leamington Spa railway, thence southwestwards along the said railway to the eastern boundary of Long Lawford CP, thence northwards along the said eastern boundary to Lawford Road, thence eastwards and northeastwards along the said road to Townsend Lane, thence northwards along the said lane to the Coventry to Rugby railway, thence eastwards along the said railway to a point opposite the western / ^{boundary} of parcel No 4390 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 4875 edition of 1958, thence northwards to and along the said boundary to a point opposite the northern boundary of the property known as Loch-na-

gar, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to the unnamed road and footpath that leads to Holbrook Road, thence northwestwards along the said road and footpath to the eastern boundary of Long Lawford CP, thence northwestwards along the said boundary and continuing along the eastern boundary of Little Lawford CP and the southern boundary of Harborough Magna CP to the point of commencement.

BENN WARD

Commencing at a point where Church Street meets the eastern boundary of Newbold Ward, thence northwestwards and generally northeastwards along the said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Brownsver Ward, thence northeastwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of the said ward to the western boundary of Clifton upon Dunsmore CP, thence generally southwards along the said western boundary to the former Leicester to Willoughby railway, thence southwestwards along the said railway to Clifton Road, thence generally westwards along the said road and Church Street to the point of commencement.

EASTLANDS WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Benn Ward meets the southwestern boundary of Clifton upon Dunsmore CP, thence southeastwards along said CP boundary to the northern boundary of Parcel No 7700 as shown on Ordnance Survey/Plan SP 52/5375 edition of 1961, ^{1:2500} thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said boundary to Clifton Brook, thence westwards in a straight line to the northern boundary of Parcel No 5400, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 59 McKinnel Crescent, thence generally southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 59-1 McKinnel Crescent, the northwestern end of Fleet Crescent and the northeastern boundary of No 91 Fleet Crescent to the northwestern boundary of the Playing Field, thence southwestwards along said boundary and southeastwards along the

southwestern boundary of the Playing Field to the rear boundary of No 145 Lower Hillmorton Road, thence northeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 145-153 Lower Hillmorton Road and generally southwards along the eastern boundary of the last mentioned property to the junction of Lower Hillmorton Road and Langton Road, thence generally southwards along Langton Road to Westgate Road, thence eastwards and southwestwards along said road and continuing southwestwards along Stanley Road and Sidney Road to Fareham Avenue, thence southeastwards along Fareham Avenue to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 2 Fareham Avenue, thence generally southwestwards to and along said boundary to the eastern boundary of the Playing Field, thence southwards along the said boundary to the southern boundary of said Playing Field, thence southwestwards along said boundary and continuing southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 94-114 Balcombe Road and the southern boundary of No 69 Percival Road, crossing Percival Road to the northern boundary of No 128 Percival Road, thence westwards along said boundary, the northern boundary of the Allotment Gardens and in prolongation thereof to the former Leicester to Willoughby railway, thence northwards along said railway to the footbridge at the eastern end of Pytchley Road, thence westwards along said footbridge to a point due north of the northeastern corner of Parcel No 5086 as shown on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan SP 50/5173 edition of 1960, thence due southwards to said corner and westwards along the northern boundary of said parcel and continuing northwestwards along the northeastern boundaries of Parcels Nos 1900, 1410, 0815 and 9923 as shown on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan SD 50/5174 edition of 1960 to the northwestern boundary of No 2 Pytchley Road, thence northeastwards along said boundary to Cromwell Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Hillmorton Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the former Leicester to Willoughby railway, thence northwards along said railway to Lower Hillmorton Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the southern boundary of Benn Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary, and northeastwards along the eastern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

ADMIRALS WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Long Lawford CP meets the southern boundary of New Bilton Ward, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along the said southern boundary to Bilton Road, thence southwestwards along the said road and continuing along The Green and Main Street to the eastern boundary of Dunchurch CP, thence generally northwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of Long Lawford CP to the point of commencement.

BILTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Dunchurch CP meets Dunchurch Road, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Admirals Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 2 Lytham Road, thence southwards and southeastwards to and along the rear boundaries of Nos 2-32 Lytham Road and continuing southeastwards across Epsom Road and along the rear boundaries of Nos 34-144 Lytham Road and No 40 Overslade Lane and in prolongation thereof to Overslade Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to Bawnmore Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Dunchurch Road, thence generally southwards along said road to the point of commencement.

OVERSLADE WARD

Commencing at a point where Dunchurch Road meets the eastern boundary of Bilton Ward, thence northwestwards and generally northwards along said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Admirals Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary and the southeastern boundary of New Bilton Ward to a point opposite the southwestern boundary of the Car Park east of Firs Drive, thence southeastwards to and along said boundary to the northern boundary of Bradby Boys Club, thence eastwards along said boundary to the access way to the Recreation Ground, thence southwestwards along said access way and the path through said recreation ground and continuing southwestwards

along the path east of St Maries RC Junior School to Sow Brook (North), thence southeastwards along said brook to Dunchurch Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

CALDECOTT WARD

Commencing at a point where the southeastern boundary of the Borough meets the eastern boundary of Dunchurch CP, thence northwestwards and westwards along said CP boundary to the eastern boundary of Bilton Ward, thence northwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Overslade Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary, the southeastern boundary of New Bilton Ward and the southeastern boundary of Newbold Ward, to the southern boundary of Benn Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the southwestern boundary of Eastlands Ward, thence southeastwards and generally southwards along said boundary and continuing southwards along the former Leicester to Willoughby railway to Ashlawn Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Onley Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to the southeastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

PADDOX WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Eastlands Ward meets the southwestern boundary of Clifton Upon Dunsmore CP, thence southeastwards along said CP boundary to the road known as The Kent, thence generally southwards and southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 113 The Kent, thence westwards to and along said boundary and continuing generally southwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 113-101 The Kent and the western boundary of No 337 Lower Hillmorton Road to Lower Hillmorton Road, thence eastwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 356 Lower Hillmorton Road, thence southwards to and along said boundary to the northern boundary of No 1 Gibson Drive, thence

northwestwards along said boundary to Gibson Drive, thence southwards along said drive to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 105 Gibson Drive, thence generally westwards and southwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 105-69 Gibson Drive, the rear boundaries of Nos 45-27 Dyson Close to the rear boundary of No 19 Perkins Grove, thence westwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 25 Bromwich Road, thence generally westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 25-5 Bromwich Road to the eastern carriageway of Phipps Avenue, thence southwards along said avenue to Bromwich Road, thence westwards along said road to the western carriageway of Phipps Avenue, thence northwards along said avenue to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 28 Phipps Avenue, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to the eastern boundary of No 3 Bromwich Road, thence northwards along said boundary and westwards and southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 3 and 1 Bromwich Road and continuing southwards along the western boundary of No 1 Bromwich Road to Bromwich Road, thence eastwards along said road to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 25 Vere Road, thence southwards to and along the rear boundaries of Nos 25-31 Vere Road to the rear boundary of No 29 Studland Avenue thence eastwards and southwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 29-33 Studland Avenue, the rear boundaries of Nos 50-2 Lyndhurst Road and the rear boundaries of Nos 43 and 45 Millfields Avenue and inprolongation thereof to the rear boundary of No 42 Hoskyn Close, thence northwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 42-54 Hoskyn Close to the western boundary of No 54 Hoskyn Close, thence southwestwards along said boundary, the rear boundary of Nos 54-70 Hoskyn Close to the southern boundary of No 70 Hoskyn Close, thence southeastwards along said boundary, the rear boundaries of Nos 4-8 Walford Place and the northern end of Walford Place to the northern boundary of No 9 Walford Place, thence eastwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 15-19 Elms Drive and the rear boundary of the property

known as The Elms to Deerings Road, thence southwards along said road to High Street, thence westwards along said street to Barby Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to the access road to the rear of the properties on the south side of Ashlawn Road, thence westwards along said access road to the eastern boundary of No 49 Ashlawn Road, thence southwards along said boundary and westwards along the rear boundary of said property to the eastern boundary of the Allotment Gardens, thence southeastwards along said boundary and southwestwards along the southern boundary of the Allotment Gardens to the footpath which runs to the west of Waldins Farm, thence southeastwards along said footpath to the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Caldecott Ward, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Eastlands Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

HILLMORTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of the Borough meets the eastern boundary of Paddock Ward, thence generally northwards along said ward boundary to the southwestern boundary of Clifton Upon Dunsmore CP, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwestwards along said borough boundary to the point of commencement.

CLIFTON AND NEWTON WARD

The parishes of Clifton Upon Dunsmore

Newton and Biggin

DUNCHURCH AND THURLASTON WARD

The parishes of Dunchurch

Thurlaston

EARL CRAVEN WARD

The parishes of Binley Woods

Brandon and Bretford

FOSSE WARD

The parishes of Ansty

Brinklow

Combe Fields

Monks Kirby

Pailton

Shilton

Stretton under Fosse

Wibtoft

Willey

KNIGHTLOW WARD

The parishes of Birdingbury

Bourton and Draycote

Frankton

Marton

Princethorpe

Stretton-on-Dunsmore

LAWFORD WARD

The parishes Little Lawford

Long Lawford

and that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Long Lawford CP meets the western boundary of New Bilton Ward, thence generally northwards, eastwards and northeastwards along said CP boundary to the western boundary of New Bilton Ward, thence generally south-

eastwards and generally southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

LEAM VALLEY WARD

The parishes of Grandborough

Leamington Hastings

Willoughby

Wolfhampcote

RYTON-ON-DUNSMORE WARD

The parish of Ryton-on-Dunsmore

ST MARY'S WARD

The parishes of Church Lawford

Churchover

Cosford

Easenhall

Harborough Magna

Kings Newnham

WOLSTON WARD

The parish of Wolston

WOLVEY WARD

The parishes of Burton Hastings

Copston Magna

Stretton Baskerville

Withybrook

Wolvey