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

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
CHICHESTER DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF WEST SUSSEX

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Chichester district, 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 district.

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 the Chichester District Council, copies of which were circulated to the West Sussex County Council, parish councils and parish meetings in Chichester 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. The Chichester District 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 consultations 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 Council have passed a resolution under section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting the Secretary of State to provide for a system of whole council elections.

5. On 13 June 1975, Chichester District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the district into 33 wards, each returning from 1 to 3 members to give a total council of 50.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council, and received comments which showed that it was generally acceptable locally. We adopted the draft scheme, subject to suggesting a small boundary adjustment between the East and North wards of the city of Chichester to improve the standard of representation. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly, inviting the Council to consider our modification when reviewing the city for parish council election purposes.

7. On 2 June 1976, we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had made comments. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals, and the accompanying map 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 that any comments should reach us by 28 July 1976.

8. Chichester District Council accepted our draft proposals and we received no adverse comments.

9. The District Council have completed their reviews of the parish electoral arrangements for the successor parish of Chichester and the parish of Selsey, and have made orders to create new parish wards which are coterminous with our proposed new district wards.

10. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of this information and decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

11. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The new wards are defined in Schedule 2 and are illustrated on the attached map.

#### PUBLICATION

12. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and a copy of the map are being sent to Chichester District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council offices at Chichester. Copies of this report, without map, are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter or have subsequently made comments.

Signed

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JOHN M RANKIN (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN)

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NEIL DIGNEY (Secretary)

2 December 1976

## DISTRICT OF CHICHESTER: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BIRDHAM	1
BOSHAM	2
BOXGROVE	1
BURY	1
CHICHESTER EAST	3
CHICHESTER NORTH	3
CHICHESTER SOUTH	3
CHICHESTER WEST	3
DONNINGTON	1
EASEBOURNE	1
EAST WITTERING	1
FERNHURST	2
FUNTINGTON	1
GRAFFHAM	1
HARTING	1
HUNSTON	1
LAVANT	1
LINCHMERE	1
LODSWORTH	1
MIDHURST	2
OVING	1
PETWORTH	2
PLAISTOW	2
ROGATE	1
SELSEY NORTH	2
SELSEY SOUTH	2
SIDLESHAM	1
SOUTHBOURNE	3
STEDHAM	1
STOUGHTON	1
WESTBOURNE	1
WEST WITTERING	1
WISBOROUGH GREEN	1

CHICHESTER DISTRICT - DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARDS

BIRDHAM WARD

The parishes of Birdham

West Itchenor

BOSHAM WARD

The parish of Bosham

BOXGROVE WARD

The parishes of Boxgrove

Eartham

East Dean

Singleton

Upwaltham

BURY WARD

The parishes of Barlavington

Bignor

Bury

Duncton

Sutton

CHICHESTER EAST WARD

The East ward of the parish of Chichester

CHICHESTER NORTH WARD

The North ward of the parish of Chichester



CHICHESTER SOUTH WARD

The South ward of the parish of Chichester

CHICHESTER WEST WARD

The West ward of the parish of Chichester

DONNINGTON WARD

The parishes of Appledram

Donnington

EASEBOURNE WARD

The parish of Easebourne

EAST WITTERING WARD

The parishes of Earnley

East Wittering

FERNHURST WARD

The parish of Fernhurst

FUNTINGTON WARD

The parishes of Chidham

Funtington

GRAFFHAM WARD

The parishes of Bepton

Cocking

East Lavington

Graffham

Heyshott

HARTING WARD

The parishes of Elsted

Harting

Treyford

HUNSTON WARD

The parishes of Hunston

North Mundham

LAVANT WARD

The parishes of Lavant

Westhampnett

LINCHMERE WARD

The parish of Linchmere

LODSWORTH WARD

The parishes of Lodsworth

Lurgashall

Tillington

MIDHURST WARD

The parishes of Midhurst

West Lavington

OVING WARD

The parishes of Oving

Tangmere

PETWORTH WARD

The parishes of Northchapel

Petworth

PLAISTOW WARD

The parishes of Kirdford

Loxwood

Plaistow

ROGATE WARD

The parishes of Rogate

Trotton with Chithurst

SELSEY NORTH WARD

The North ward of the parish of Selsey.

SELSEY SOUTH WARD

The South ward of the parish of Selsey

SIDLESHAM WARD

The parish of Sidlesham

SOUTHBOURNE WARD

The parishes of Southbourne

West Thorney

STEDHAM WARD

The parishes of Linch

Milland

Stedham with Iping

Woolbeding

STOUGHTON WARD

The parishes of Compton

Marden

Stoughton

West Dean

WESTBOURNE WARD

The parish of Westbourne

WEST WITTERING WARD

The parish of West Wittering

WISBOROUGH GREEN WARD

The parishes of Fittleworth

Stopham

Wisborough Green