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

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
BOROUGH OF GOSPORT IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Borough of Gosport 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 3 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Gosport Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Hampshire County Council, 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 any interested bodies.
3. Gosport Borough Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. In doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No. 6 about the proposed size of the Council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were asked also to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. In accordance with section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council have exercised an option for a system of elections by thirds.

5. On 31 October 1974 the Gosport Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area into 11 wards each returning 3 members to form a council of 33 members.

6. We considered the draft scheme together with alternative proposals from two local political parties and comments made upon the draft scheme by several individuals. We recognised that the geography of the borough made it difficult to draw up an entirely equitable scheme, but felt that the draft scheme did not provide as satisfactory a standard of equality of representation as was possible. Neither of the other two schemes offered an acceptable alternative. We decided, therefore, that the draft scheme should be referred back to the Borough Council with a request that it should be redrawn to secure greater equality of representation, better boundaries and compatibility with county electoral divisions.

7. The Gosport Borough Council submitted their revised draft scheme on 24 November 1975. The Council proposed to divide the borough into ten wards each returning three members to form a council of 30.

8. We considered this scheme together with a number of substantial modifications suggested by one of the local political parties who had previously submitted alternative proposals. The Borough Council's revised scheme met our principal objections to their original scheme in that it offered both a good standard of representation and potential compatibility. We decided to adopt their revised draft scheme as our draft proposals subject to a number of minor technical modifications recommended by the Ordnance Survey in the interests of good boundaries.

9. We issued our draft proposals on 4 May 1976 and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or who had commented on the Council's draft schemes. 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 other members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 5 July 1976.

10. The local political party who had twice earlier made representations were now in control of the Council and wrote again withdrawing all their previous comments and submitting a further set of warding alternatives.

11. The Gosport Borough Council subsequently wrote informing us that they accepted these latest proposals.

12. In view of these comments, we considered 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 T Foord was appointed as an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and report to us.

13. The Assistant Commissioner held a meeting at the Town Hall, Gosport on 19 October 1976. A copy of his report to us of the meeting is attached at Schedule 1 to this Report.

14. The Assistant Commissioner recommended that we should adopt the latest proposals of the Borough Council instead of our draft proposals, subject to the proposed Alverstoke East and Alverstoke West wards being renamed "Anglesey ward" and "Alverstoke ward" respectively and to any boundary alterations which may be made on the advice of the Ordnance Survey, in the interests of good boundaries.

15. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received and of the Assistant Commissioner's report. We decided to accept the recommendations of the Assistant Commissioner and we formulated our final proposals accordingly.

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

PUBLICATION

17. 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 Gosport Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report without the map are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards, as defined on the map, is set out in Schedule 3 to this Report.

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Dear Sir,

REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT

1. I have to report on the local meeting held at Gosport Town Hall on Tuesday, 19th October 1976, in connection with the review of the electoral arrangements for the Borough of Gosport, following the representations which had been made on the draft proposals for the Borough published by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. A list is attached showing the persons who attended the meeting, with their addresses and the interests they represented.
2. The Borough Council had originally submitted to the Boundary Commission an 11 ward scheme for the Borough, but as this scheme proved unacceptable the Council submitted a revised draft scheme, providing for the division of the Borough into 10 wards.
3. The Local Government Boundary Commission's draft proposals are based substantially on the Borough Council's revised scheme, and provide for the Borough to be divided into 10 wards returning a total of 30 councillors, as follows.

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ALVERSTOKE	3
BRIDGEMARY	3
BROCKHURST	3
ELSON	3
FORTON	3
LEE	3
LEESLAND	3
PRIVETT	3
ROWNER	3
TOWN	3

4. When the Borough Council's revised draft scheme was submitted to the Boundary Commission the Gosport Conservative Association wrote to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive of Gosport indicating that they intended to submit alternative proposals to the Boundary Commission, and a copy of this letter, dated 18th November 1975, was sent by the Town Clerk to the Commission. Following the publication of the Commission's draft proposals the Gosport Conservative Association wrote to the Commission on the 29th July 1976, submitting an alternative 10 ward scheme for the Borough, and I was handed a plan at the meeting detailing the boundaries of the wards proposed. This plan, marked "Alternative Proposals prepared by Gosport Conservative Association", is enclosed herewith.

5. At the outset of the meeting two technical points were taken. The first point was that the meeting should be restricted to considering the Boundary Commission's draft proposals and not the alternative proposals submitted by the Gosport Conservative Association. I explained that I was not so restricted and that I was there to listen to all the representations that might be made by those present at the meeting. The second point was that a decision to

support the proposals of the Gosport Conservative Association had been taken by the Policy and Resources Committee of Gosport Council and not by the full council. Mr. Burndred, the Chief Executive and Town Clerk of the Council, explained that the respective proposals had first been considered by a special electoral review sub-committee with members representative of the various political groups on the council, and the sub-committee's recommendations had been approved by the Policy and Resources Committee acting under executive powers conferred on the Committee by the Borough Council at its meeting on the 15th September 1976. I have since received a letter from the Town Clerk to the effect that the Policy and Resources Committee reported its actions to the full Council at its meeting on the 27th October 1976, and the Committee's report and actions were accepted by the Council.

6. Prior to the meeting I was handed a letter from Mr. J. Burton of 106 Jellicoe Avenue, Gosport, stating that he would be unable to attend the meeting and expressing his support for the Boundary Commission's proposals. The letter is enclosed herewith.

7. The Town Clerk of Gosport, after outlining the history of the proposals for the review of the electoral arrangements for the Borough, stated that the Boundary Commission's proposals were based on the ten Ward scheme approved by the Borough Council at its meeting on 17th September 1975, modified by a few drafting amendments to the detailed description of Ward boundaries made by the Ordnance Survey and which did not materially affect the basic proposals.

The alternative proposals submitted by the Conservative Association also provided for ten Wards, each returning three Councillors. The main variations proposed by the Association's scheme were:

- (a) To restrict the Lee Ward to the west of the River Alver;
- (b) The division of the existing Elson, Forton and Hardway Wards into two Wards;
- (c) The addition of part of the present Alverstoke Ward south of Bury Road and east of The Avenue into Leesland Ward; and
- (d) Consequential boundary changes in the Rowner, Bridgemary and proposed Privett Wards to take account of that portion of the electorate in the existing Rowner Ward which will no longer be added to the Lee Ward.

The Conservative Association's proposal to restrict the existing Lee Ward to the west of the River Alver was based on the following reasons:

- (a) There is no natural affinity between the Rowner Naval Estate and Lee-on-the-Solent;
- (b) The two areas are separated by the River Alver and the large expanse of the Wild Grounds and adjoining open space; and
- (c) The new development at the Chark Farm Estate is progressing faster than was originally anticipated with the result that the additional population from the new estate and the proposed transfer of part of the Rowner Naval Estate into the Lee Ward would shortly result in the Lee Ward becoming larger than average.

In formulating their proposals, the Conservative Association had also used natural boundaries to a large extent and in common with the Boundary Commission's proposals, several existing Ward boundaries were retained.

Mr. Burndred then gave the following statistics for the Conservative Association's ten Ward scheme:

Proposed Ward Name	Proposed Number of Councillors	Electorate 1976	Number of Electors per Councillor	Forecast Electorate 1979	Forecast of Electors per Councillor
Bridgemary	3	4864	1621	5224	1741
Rowner	3	5314	1771	5548	1849
Alverstoke West	3	5334	1778	5478	1826
Brockhurst	3	4707	1569	5507	1836
Elson	3	5416	1805	5536	1845
Hardway and Forton	3	4972	1657	5467	1822
Leesland	3	5297	1766	5467	1822
Town	3	5258	1753	5578	1859
Alverstoke East	3	4742	1580	5226	1742
Lee	3	3985	1328	5235	1745

Under the Association's proposals, the estimated size of the proposed Wards is 5427 electors in 1979. The variation of the suggested Wards from this average is:-

Bridgemary	-203	3.7%
Rowner	+121	2.2%
Alverstoke West	+ 51	0.9%
Brockhurst	+ 80	1.5%
Elson	+109	2.0%
Hardway and Forton	+ 40	0.7%
Leesland	+ 40	0.7%
Town	+151	2.8%
Alverstoke East	-201	3.7%
Lee	-192	3.5%

The average number of electors per Councillor on the forecast electorate for 1979 was 1809.

The Town Clerk concluded that after carefully considering both the Local Government Boundary Commission's draft proposals and the alternative proposals prepared by the Gosport Conservative Association, the electoral review sub-committee decided by a majority that the alternative proposals were the better and reflected more satisfactorily the requirements of the electorate. The sub-committee's views were adopted by the Policy and Resources Committee on behalf of the Council.

8. In the discussion which followed a considerable number of those present took part and the meeting polarised between those who favoured the Boundary Commission's draft proposals, who were mainly labour party councillors and members, and those conservative councillors and others who supported the alternative proposals. Individual contributions to the debate were made by independent members, residents, rate-payers, and the Gosport Liberal Association.

9. Mr. P. Goode said he supported the Boundary Commission's draft proposals because:

- (i) The draft plans of the Boundary Commission to reorganise Gosport from 11 to 10 wards was made 18 months ago with clear agreement from all the parties and councillors concerned.

(ii) The Boundary Commission's draft plan has been widely advertised in the local press, council chamber, libraries and Gosport "Newsheet" over the past year, indeed a copy has been pinned up in a display case at the Town Hall for the past 3 months.

(iii) No adverse comment has been made or received to Labour councillor party officials or in the press letters - normal channels of criticism.

(iv) The Boundary Commission's draft plan is sensible, well portioned and within the accepted councillor/ward ratio 2.7 - 3.3. Indeed the range for 1979 is 2.90 - 3.10, which clearly allows for future growth, in every ward.

(v) Every ward has a 'one word' different name, and is clearly recognisable by a group community identity; large school or main road names and does not offend any group.

(vi) The Boundary Commission's draft plan keeps many of the existing wards in their present area - by which they have always been known.

(vii) The Boundary Commission's draft plan follows railway lines, main roads, bus routes and past ward boundary lines.

10. Mr. Goode was against the Conservative Association's plan on the following grounds:

(a) The plan had been drawn to gain political advantage and does not balance in size or ward/councillor ratio.

(b) Two wards would have the same prefix 'Alverstoke' and another a combination name 'Hardway and Forton', which makes for confusion.

(c) 'Alverstoke Ward' was a grotesque shape and over $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles long - in a small town.

(d) The subdivision of Forton splits up a well known council estate which has been a single community for over 30 years in one ward.

(e) The plan follows minor roads and often leaves churches in different wards to their name - i.e. Elson Church.

(f) They were quite happy and indeed had assisted in drawing up the Council's original draft scheme with town hall staff.

(g) Lee-on-Solent Ward was below the recommended criteria - only 2.39 and proposed increase in electors would not grow by the amount shown in the next 3 years. This would leave this ward below the recommended ratio.

(h) Although Lee-on-Solent Airport was due to close soon it is doubtful if this would increase the number of houses as $\frac{1}{4}$ of the airfield comes under Fareham Town, and should not affect Gosport.

(i) Chark Farm housing site had not caught on as expected and will not now be finished for 5 - 7 years, if at all. The demand for new homes is expected to fall in the near future.

(j) By making Lee-on-Solent up from other wards you start a domino series, which alters every ward, - a major reshuffle.

11. Councillor Sears supported the views expressed by Mr. Goode and complained about the lack of opportunity he had had to study the Conservative Association's alternative plan. Mr. Burndred explained that a copy of the plan had been forwarded to Councillor Wright some time ago as the Labour Party's representative on the Electoral Review Sub-Committee, and it was assumed that this plan would be available for inspection by members of the Labour group.

12. Councillor Wright questioned the figures given for potential housing growth and quoted from the Planning Department's estimates. He was concerned about the loss of community interest if the alternative proposals were adopted. Alverstoke and Forton were two of the oldest wards in the Borough, in particular Forton had existed as a ward for many years, and the Conservative Association's proposals sought to cut in half an existing council house community.

13. Councillor Joan Winter, member for Bridgemary Ward, felt that if Lee Ward has to be increased it must be towards Rowner and not towards Alverstoke. This view was supported by Councillor Mrs. Leyland (Forton Ward), who pointed out that it had been said that Lee was quite apart from Gosport. In her view integration with Rowner

could only improve the relationship with Gosport. She also felt that it was undesirable to have a ward boundary through the Forton estate, and referred to the non political residents associations as well as the political associations. There was a greater affinity between Hardway and Elson than anywhere else in the Borough. Mr. Norman Dyer and Mrs. Dyer, who stated that she had been a resident of Elson for the past 20 years and a member of the Labour Party, also endorsed these views.

14. Mrs. Hardman said that in speaking to members of the Royal Naval establishment, she found that they were already thinking of moving away. She also emphasised the difficulty of getting community bodies started again once they were divided.

15. Councillor Mr. Hare sympathised with the views of Councillor Sears and could not support the Conservative Associations proposals. He felt that community interests do go over boundaries.

16. Mr. Briggs, representing the Gosport Conservative Association, supported the alternative proposals. He agreed that the electorate in Lee-on-the-Solent was low, but emphasised that there were some 67 acres of land under development. He felt that the matter should be dealt with now and that he did not want to go through a boundary revision exercise again when the development was completed. He pointed out that changing from 11 wards to 10 wards it was impossible not to alter ward boundaries, and he felt that existing communities would continue to exist as such notwithstanding the drawing of a ward boundary.

17. Councillor Dr. Taylor, who represents Alverstoke Ward said that of the 33 members of the Council, 18 were Conservative, 8 Labour, 2 independent and 5 were Ratepayers. Of these 25 were in favour of the alternative proposals of the Conservative Association and 8 against.

18. Councillor Maynard said that he was Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee of the Council and explained the criteria which his Committee had adopted. He stated that there was universal agreement on the proposal to have 10 wards each returning 3 councillors, and that they had opted for retirement by one-thirds. Lee Ward would go on growing and it was better to have a plan which allowed for the future. He felt that the ward boundaries proposed by

the Conservative Association were right. Commenting on Mrs. Leyland's views, he said that the Conservative Association had taken the existing boundary between Hardway and Elson and continued it a short distance.

19. Councillor McDonald Watson stated that he represented Alverstoke and Lee on the County Council and was Chairman of the Gosport Conservative Association. He supported the alternative boundaries proposed by the Association and said that the Conservatives had never been restricted by ward boundaries in the past and he had no reason to think that they would be in the future. Under the proposals he himself would be drafted into Leesland.

20. Mr. Burndred said that no decision on the closing of Lee Airport would be made until after consultations had taken place and it was quite wrong to give the impression to the meeting that the matter had been decided.

21. Councillor Irwin, who represented Elson Ward as an independent, supported the Conservative proposals. With regard to community interests he referred to the formation of the Hardway, Elson and District Community Association. He felt that the combined ward name of Hardway and Forton should be retained.

22. Mrs. Toppie, of the Gosport Liberal Association, said that the Liberals were not represented on the Council. On the whole they supported the Conservative Association's plan. They were somewhat dubious about Alverstoke, but could not put forward an alternative. She agreed with the Conservative Association's proposals over the Forton area.

23. Mr. Pittard, of Gosport Labour Party, emphasised the desirability of buildings and bodies, such as the Alverstoke Tennis Club, being in the ward of the same name. Councillor Keith, representing Hardway Ward, referred to the political significance of the proposed changes of ward boundaries.

24. The question of the possible confusion which might arise from two wards bearing the names Alverstoke West and Alverstoke East was considered by the meeting. It was generally felt that if the Conservative Association's proposals were adopted then Alverstoke West should be called Alverstoke, and Alverstoke East should be re-named Anglesey, a name which had local connections.

25. I was informed by the Town Clerk and Chief Executive that based on the Conservative Association's alternative proposals the following grouping of Wards to form five new County Electoral Divisions had been recommended for approval and submission to the Hampshire County Council:-

Electoral Division No. 1	Town Ward/Leesland Ward
Electoral Division No. 2	Alverstoke East Ward/ Brockhurst Ward
Electoral Division No. 3	Alverstoke West Ward/Lee Ward
Electoral Division No. 4	Rowner Ward/Bridgemary Ward
Electoral Division No. 5	Elson Ward/Hardway and Forton Ward.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

26. I have inspected the district, particularly the new boundaries proposed and the areas of community interest to which my attention was drawn at the meeting and in the correspondence.

27. I noted that some of the minor boundary modifications proposed by the Ordnance Survey to the Borough Council's scheme and adopted by the Boundary Commission in their draft proposals, have not been incorporated in the Conservative Association's alternative proposals although relevant to the latter proposals. They are as follows:

(a) Ordnance Survey alteration No. 7 to the boundary between Elson Ward and Bridgemary Ward towards the western end.

(b) Ordnance Survey alteration No. 8 to the boundary between Forton Ward (Hardway and Forton in the Conservative proposals) and Town Ward.

(c) Ordnance Survey alteration No. 2 to the seaward end of the boundary between Lee Ward and Privett Ward (Alverstoke West Ward in the Conservative proposals).

(d) Ordnance Survey alteration No. 3 to the boundary between Alverstoke Ward and Privett Ward (Alverstoke West in the Conservative proposals) at Vectis Road and Gomer Lane.

28. The Ordnance Survey may also wish to look in detail at the boundary proposed by the Conservative Association between Leesland Ward and Town Ward where it runs between

Daisy Lane and Whitehart Road, particularly having regard to Ordnance Survey modification No. 4.

29. Although there was some disagreement about the amount and rate of housing development in Lee Ward, it is clear that major growth is likely, and I feel that provision should be made for it in the present review of the electoral arrangements for the borough. In my opinion the Rowner enclave shown in the draft proposals should be excluded from Lee Ward and I prefer the boundary proposed by the Conservative Association.

30. I sympathise with those who object to the division of the existing council house estate at Forton by the boundary proposed by the Conservative Association. It is clear, however, that when one has a major review of electoral arrangements reducing the existing number of wards, there has to be a change in boundaries. I feel that the community of interest which exists in this area will continue notwithstanding the drawing of a new boundary.

31. The original proposals of the Borough Council, embodied in the Commission's draft proposals, produced a high standard of equality of representation, but in a number of places the Council appeared to have forsaken good boundaries for the sake of greater numerical equality.

32. Since the publication of the draft proposals much thought has been given to the original scheme. I am satisfied that the alternative proposals of the Conservative association now adopted by the Borough Council, reflect a substantial majority view, and are preferable to the draft proposals.

33. I noted that there is strong local feeling for the proposed ward name of Hardway and Forton, and I recommend that this be adopted.

34. I recommend, therefore, that the present proposals of the Borough Council be adopted in lieu of the Commission's draft proposals, subject to:

(a) The name of Alvertstoke (East) Ward being changed to Anglesey Ward.

(b) The name of Alverstoke West Ward being changed to Alverstoke Ward.

(c) Any boundary alterations which may be made on the advice of the Ordnance Survey, in the interests of good boundaries.

35. I am most grateful to all those who attended the local meeting and assisted me in my deliberations, and to the associations and individuals who have given so much of their time and thought to the electoral arrangements for the Borough, in the interests of the Borough generally.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Ford

BOROUGH OF GOSPORT : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ALVERSTOKE	3
ANGLESEY	3
BRIDGEMARY	3
BROCKHURST	3
ELSON	3
HARDWAY AND FORTON	3
LEE	3
LEESLAND	3
ROWNER	3
TOWN	3

BOROUGH OF GOSPORT - DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

Note Where a 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.

BRIDGEMARY WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of the Borough meets Frater Lake, thence southwestwards along Frater Lake to the stream that flows into said lake, thence southwestwards along said stream and continuing northwestwards along the southern boundary of Parcel No 4100 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SU 58-5902 Edition of 1972 to NG Reference SU 5919102974, thence due west to Aerodrome Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Fareham Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Brewers Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to the Gosport to Fareham railway, thence northwestwards along said railway to Gregson Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to Wych Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to a point opposite the southwestern boundary of No 196 Wych Lane, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 6 Brookers Lane, thence southwestwards along said boundary, and the rear boundaries of Nos 8 to 34 Brookers Lane to the northwestern boundary of the last mentioned property, thence southwestwards along said boundary and southwestwards in a straight line crossing Tukes Avenue to the northeastern boundary of No 36 Brookers Lane, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 38 Brookers Lane, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 40 to 64 Brookers Lane to the western boundary of No 22 Dayshes Close, thence northwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of No 23 Dayshes Close, thence westwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northwestwards along said boundary, the rear boundaries of Nos 24 to 30 Dayshes Close

and the rear boundaries of Nos 23 to 41 Pettycot Crescent to the western boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwards, eastwards and southwards along the western, northern and eastern boundaries of the Borough to the point of commencement.

ROWNER WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Borough meets the southern boundary of Bridgemary Ward, thence generally northeastwards, southeastwards and northeastwards along said ward boundary to Tichborne Way, thence southwestwards along said way to a point opposite the path at the north of Acorn Close, thence westwards to and along said path to the rear boundary of No 6 Tait Place, thence southwestwards along said boundary, the rear boundary of No 4 Tait Place and the rear boundaries of Nos 69 to 73 Beauchamp Avenue to the eastern boundary of the garages at the rear of Nos 75 to 87 Beauchamp Avenue; thence southwestwards along said eastern boundary to the western boundary of Rowner Junior School and Rowner Infants School, thence southeastwards along said boundary and northeastwards along the southern boundary of said schools and in prolongation thereof to Tichborne Way, thence generally southwards along said way to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 110 Gorselands Way, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 108 to 96 Gorselands Way, crossing Landon Road and continuing southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 19 to 1 Landon Road to Withies Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Gorselands Way, thence southwestwards along said way to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 28 Gorselands Way, thence southeastwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 26 to 14 Gorselands Way, thence northwestwards along the southern boundary of the last mentioned property to Gorselands Way, thence southwestwards along said way to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 12 Gorselands Way, thence southeast-

wards along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 10 to 2 Gorselands Way to Rowner Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the western boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

BROCKHURST WARD

Commencing at the point where Rowner Road meets the southeastern boundary of Rowner Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said ward boundary to Fareham Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of Parcel No 1460 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan SU 58-5902 Edition of 1972, thence northeastwards along said boundary and southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of Parcel No 5400 to the most easterly corner of No 22 Fareham Road, thence southeastwards in a straight line to the most northerly corner of No 8 Fareham Road, thence southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 8 and 6 Fareham Road to the southeastern boundary of the last mentioned property, thence southwestwards along said boundary to Fareham Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Brockhurst Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Ann's Hill Road, thence southwards along said road to a point being the prolongation eastwards of the rear boundary of No 6 Privett Road, thence westwards along said prolongation and said boundary, and continuing westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 8 to 14 Privett Road to the eastern boundary of No 16 Privett Road, thence northwards, westwards and southwards along the eastern, northern and western boundaries of said property, thence westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 20 to 40 Privett Road to the eastern boundary of No 42 Privett Road, thence northwards and westwards along the eastern and rear boundaries of said property, and westwards and southwards along the rear and western boundaries of No 44 Privett Road, thence westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 46 to 56 Privett Road, crossing the access road to Bay House Lower School, and

continuing westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 58 to 70 Privett Road, crossing the access road to Privett Park, and continuing westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 72 to 84 Privett Road, crossing the access road to Privett Park, and continuing westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 86 to 98 Privett Road, crossing the access road to Privett Park, and continuing westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 102, 106 and 108 Privett Road and in prolongation thereof to the path adjacent to No 108 Privett Road, thence northwards along said path to the eastern boundary of the Builder's Yard, thence northwards along said boundary, the rear boundaries of Nos 4 to 66 Privett Place, and the eastern boundary of Privett Place to the southern boundary of the Sports Ground, thence westwards along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to Military Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Alder Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane and in prolongation thereof to Grange Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Rowner Road, thence westwards along said road to the point of commencement.

ELSON WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Bridgemary Ward meets the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southeastwards along said Borough boundary to a point due northeast of the northern end of Quay Lane, thence due southwest to the end of Quay Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to a point opposite the northern boundary of the access road at the rear of Nos 19 to 7 Priory Road, thence southwestwards to and along said northern boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 5 to 1 Priory Road and in prolongation thereof to the dismantled railway, thence southeastwards along said dismantled railway to a point being the prolongation eastwards of the northern boundary of No 176 Albemarle Avenue, thence westwards along said prolongation and said boundary to Albemarle Avenue, thence northwards along said avenue to a point opposite the rear

boundary of No 219 Elson Road, thence westwards to and along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 217 to 201 Elson Road to the western boundary of the Electricity Sub Station, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 16a to 86 Findon Road to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 57 Amberley Road, thence westwards to and along said boundary, the rear boundaries of Nos 55-15 Amberley Road and in a straight line to the easternmost point of No 11 Amberley Road, thence westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 11-1 Amberley Road, to the western boundary of the last mentioned property, thence southwards along said boundary to Amberley Road, thence eastwards along said road to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 134 Palmyra Road, thence southwards to and along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 132 to 70 Palmyra Road to the rear boundary of Nos 56 to 66 Palmyra Road, thence eastwards and southwards along the rear and eastern boundaries of said property, thence southwards across Palmyra Road to the western boundary of No 55 Palmyra Road, thence southwards along said boundary to the access road at the rear of Nos 55 to 9 Palmyra Road, thence eastwards along said access road to the access road at the rear of Nos 1 to 79 Welch Road, thence southwards along said access road to the rear boundary of No 211 Avery Lane, thence eastwards and southwards along the rear and eastern boundaries of said property to Avery Lane, thence westwards along said lane to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 132 Avery Lane, thence southwards to and generally southwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 4 Lee Road, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 6 to 34 Lee Road to the northern boundary of No 36 Lee Road, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence southwards along said boundary, to the northwestern boundary of No 42 Dukes Road, thence southwestwards along said boundary to Dukes Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the northwestern boundary of No 85 Dukes Road, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of the Recreation Ground, thence westwards along

said boundary to Coulmere Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Forton Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Brockhurst Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Bridgemary Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

HARDWAY AND FORTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of Elson Ward meets the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southeastwards along said Borough boundary to a point opposite the northern portion of Forton Lake, thence westwards to and along said northern portion to a point opposite the channel that leads to the Moat, thence generally southwards channel and said to and along said/moat, thence due south to the eastern boundary of the Depot, thence southwestwards and generally southeastwards along said boundary to Forton Road, thence generally northwestwards along said road to the southeastern boundary of Elson Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

TOWN WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of Hardway and Forton Ward meets the eastern boundary of the Borough thence southeastwards along said Borough boundary to the centre of the deep water channel of Haslar Lake, thence generally southwestwards along said channel and the channel of Stoke Lake to the Little Anglesey Viaduct crossing the lake, thence northwards along said viaduct being the footpath on the former Stokes Bay railway, crossing Little Anglesey Road, and continuing along the footpath to the access road that leads to Cleveland Road, thence northwards along said access road to Cleveland Road, thence northwards along said road to White Hart Road, thence westwards along said road to

Foster Road, thence northwards along said road to Bury Road, thence eastwards along said road to a point opposite the western boundary of David Bogue Hall, thence northwards to and along said boundary and generally southeastwards along the northern boundary of said hall to the rear boundary of No 1 St Andrew's Road, thence northwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 3 to 19 St Andrew's Road to the northern boundary of the last mentioned property, thence eastwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 21 St Andrew's Road, thence northwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 23 to 61 St Andrew's Road to Daisy Lane, thence westwards along said lane to a point opposite the western boundary of No 2 Daisy Lane, thence northwards and eastwards along the western and rear boundaries of said property to the dismantled Stokes Bay railway, thence northeastwards along said dismantled railway to the dismantled Fareham to Gosport railway, thence eastwards along said dismantled railway to Spring Garden Lane, thence northwards along said lane to a point opposite the southern boundary of the Club, thence westwards to and along said boundary to the eastern boundary of the Furniture Depository, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Hardway and Forton Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary and generally northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

LEESLAND WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Hardway and Forton Ward meets the western boundary of Town Ward, thence westwards and southwards along said western boundary to Little Anglesey Road, thence westwards along said road to Anglesey Road, thence northwards along said road to Green Road, thence westwards along said road to The Avenue, thence northwards along said avenue to a point opposite the southern boundary of

No 69 The Avenue, thence eastwards to and along said boundary and northwards and westwards along the rear and northern boundaries of said property to the rear boundary of the Hospital Annexe, thence northwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of No 55 The Avenue, thence eastwards along said boundary and northwards along the rear boundary of said property, thence northwards and westwards along the rear and northern boundaries of No 49 The Avenue to The Avenue, thence northwards along said avenue to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 33 The Avenue, thence eastwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 31 to 5 The Avenue to the southern boundary of No 3 The Avenue, thence eastwards and northwards along the southern and rear boundaries of said property, thence northwards and westwards along the rear and northern boundaries of No 1 The Avenue to The Avenue, thence northwards along said avenue to Ann's Hill Road, thence northwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Brockhurst Ward, thence northwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Elson Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of Hardway and Forton Ward to the point of commencement.

ANGLESEY WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Town Ward meets the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwards along said Borough boundary and southwestwards and northwestwards along the southern boundary of the Borough to a point due south of the junction of Stokes Bay Road and the access road to Alverbank House, thence due north to said junction, thence northwards along said access road to the path that leads to Gosport County Grammar School, thence northwestwards along said path to the eastern boundary of said school, thence northeastwards and northwestwards along said boundary to Gomer Lane, thence northwards along said lane to a point opposite the northern boundary of Gomer Grange, thence eastwards to and along said boundary and southwards along the eastern boundary of said

property to the rear boundary of No 1 Vectis Road, thence eastwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 3 to 33 Vectis Road to the rear boundary of No 34 Burney Road, thence northwards along said boundary, the rear boundaries of Nos 32 to 20 Burney Road, and the western boundary of No 20a Burney Road to the southern boundary of the land to the west of Privett Gardens, thence westwards along said boundary and northwards along the western boundary of said land to the rear boundary of No 18 Ladram Road, thence northwards along said boundary, the rear boundaries of Nos 16 to 10 Ladram Road, and the western boundary of No 5 St Helens Road, crossing St Helens Road and continuing northwards along the western boundary of No 8 St Helens Road, the rear boundaries of Nos 4 and 2 Ladram Road, and the western boundary of No 149 Privett Road to Privett Road, thence eastwards along said road to a point opposite the western boundary of No 120 Privett Road, thence northwards along said boundary, thence eastwards along the rear boundary of said property and the rear boundaries of Nos 118 to 112 Privett Road, crossing Privett Place, to the western boundary of No 110 Privett Road, thence northwards along said boundary and eastwards along the rear boundary of said property to the southern boundary of Brockhurst Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Leesland Ward, thence generally southwards along said boundary and generally eastwards along the southern boundary of said ward to the southern boundary of Town Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ALVERSTOKE WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Borough meets the southwestern boundary of Rowner Ward, thence southeastwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of Brockhurst Ward, thence eastwards and southwards along said ward boundary to the northern boundary of Anglesey Ward, thence westwards along said boundary and generally southwards along the western boundary of said ward to the southern boundary

of the Borough thence westwards along said boundary to a point being the prolongation southwards of the track from Military Road to Browndown Battery, thence northwards along said prolongation and said track to Military Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Browndown Road, thence northwards along said road to Privett Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the River Alver, thence northwestwards along said river to the western boundary of the Borough, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

LEE WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Borough meets the western boundary of Alverstoke Ward, thence generally southwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of the Borough, thence northwestwards along said boundary and generally eastwards along the western boundary of the Borough to the point of commencement.