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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 BOLSOVER DISTRICT OF DERBYSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Bolsover, 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 19 August 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Bolsover District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Derbyshire County Council, Parish Councils 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 interested bodies.
3. Bolsover 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 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 Council have passed a resolution under section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting a system of whole council elections.

5. On 17 February 1975, Bolsover District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the district into 23 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 36. Subsequently, however, the District Council divided the parish of South Normanton, formerly an un-warded 3-member ward, into two parish wards which they incorporated into their draft scheme as two district wards each returning 2 district councillors. The size of the council was thus increased to 37 and the number of wards to 24.

6. We considered the modified draft scheme submitted by the District Council which, in the absence of any comments, appeared to enjoy local support. We noted that, with one exception, the wards in the draft scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and our own guidelines. We considered that the Council's proposed 3-member Whitwell ward was over-represented in relation to the other wards in the district and decided to reduce its representation to 2 members. Subject to this modification, which had the effect of reducing the size of the council to 36 members, we adopted the Council's draft scheme as our draft proposals.

7. On 24 February 1976 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter. The Council were asked to make the draft proposals and the accompanying map, which defined the proposed ward boundaries, available for inspection at their main office. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from members of the public and interested bodies. We asked for comments to reach us by 20 April 1976.

8. We received representations objecting to our decision to reduce the representation of the Whitwell ward. We considered our draft proposals again in the light of the comments we had received. We noted that the present electorate of the Whitwell ward was high for two councillors, but having regard to likely changes in electorate in the following 5 years, during which greater growth is forecast in other wards, we concluded that a third councillor for the Whitwell ward could not be justified. We confirmed our draft proposals as our final proposals.

9. Details of these proposals are set out in Schedule 1 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 boundaries of the new wards are illustrated on the attached map.

#### PUBLICATION

10. 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 Bolsover District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without map) are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A description of the proposed wards as shown on the map is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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28 July 1977

THE BOLSOVER DISTRICT OF DERBYSHIRE  
 NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
AULT HUCKNAL	1
BARLBOROUGH	1
BLACKWELL	2
BOLSOVER CENTRAL	2
BOLSOVER NORTH	1
BOLSOVER SOUTH	2
BOLSOVER WEST	1
CLOWNE	3
ELMTON-WITH-CRESWELL	3
GLAPWELL	1
PINXTON	2
FLEASLEY	1
SCARCLIFFE EAST	1
SCARCLIFFE NORTH	1
SCARCLIFFE SOUTH	1
SHIREBROOK EAST	1
SHIREBROOK NORTH	1
SHIREBROOK NORTH-WEST	1
SHIREBROOK SOUTH	1
SHIREBROOK SOUTH-WEST	1
SOUTH NORMANTON EAST	2
SOUTH NORMANTON WEST	2
TIBSHELF	2
WHITWELL	2

BOLSOVER DISTRICT WARD DESCRIPTION

AULT HUCKNALL WARD

The Parish of Ault Hucknall

BARLBOROUGH WARD

The Parish of Barlborough

BLACKWELL WARD

The Parish of Blackwell

BOLSOVER CENTRAL WARD

The Central ward of the parish of Old Bolsover

BOLSOVER NORTH WARD

The North ward of the parish of Old Bolsover

BOLSOVER SOUTH WARD

The South ward of the parish of Old Bolsover

BOLSOVER WEST WARD

The West ward of the parish of Old Bolsover

CLOWNE WARD

The Parish of Clowne

ELMTON-WITH-CRESWELL WARD

The Parish of Elmton



GLAPWELL WARD

The Parish of Glapwell

PINXTON WARD

The Parish of Pinxton

PLEASLEY WARD

The Parish of Pleasley

SCARCLIFFE EAST WARD

The East ward of the parish of Scarcliffe

SCARCLIFFE NORTH WARD

The North ward of the parish of Scarcliffe

SCARCLIFFE SOUTH WARD

The South ward of the parish of Scarcliffe

SHIREBROOK EAST WARD

The East ward of the parish of Shirebrook

SHIREBROOK NORTH WARD

The North ward of the parish of Shirebrook

SHIREBROOK NORTH-WEST WARD

The North-West ward of the parish of Shirebrook

SHIREBROOK SOUTH WARD

The South ward of the parish of Shirebrook

SHIREBROOK SOUTH-WEST WARD

The South-West ward of the parish of Shirebrook

SOUTH NORMANTON EAST WARD

The East ward of the parish of South Normanton

SOUTH NORMANTON WEST WARD

The West ward of the parish of South Normanton

TIBSHELF WARD

The Parish of Tibshelf

WHITWELL WARD

The Parish of Whitwell

