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Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF LEOMINSTER IN THE COUNTY OF HEREFORD AND WORCESTER

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Leominster 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 Leominster District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Hereford and Worcester County Council, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the district and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of local newspapers circulating in the area and of the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.
3. Leominster District 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. Leominster District Council presented their draft scheme of representation on 29 May 1975. The Council proposed to divide the area into 29 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to produce a council of 35 members.

6. We considered the draft scheme together with the only comment which we had received. This comment suggested that if we were minded to reduce the overall size of the council then consideration should be given to grouping the parish of Kington Rural with the adjoining proposed Kington Town ward. We studied this proposal but concluded that, on grounds of equality of representation, it should be rejected.

7. We noted that one of the main effects of the Council's proposed scheme would be under-representation in the town of Leominster by one or, perhaps, two councillors on the basis of the forecasts produced by the Council. We were of the opinion that the town of Tenbury might be warded so that the more rural parts of the parish could be included in one or more of the neighbouring district wards and, thus, improve the standard of representation. We also felt that confusion might arise from the similarity of the names of the proposed Teme Vale and Valley of the Teme wards. We, therefore, invited the District Council to revise the electoral arrangements for the towns of Leominster and Tenbury and to reconsider the names of Teme Vale and Valley of the Teme.

8. On 20 July 1976 Leominster District Council sent us their revised scheme consisting of the scheme submitted previously, modified by an increase from seven to eight councillors for the town of Leominster and the renaming of the Teme Vale ward as 'Leintwardine'. The Council also reported a reduction in the projected number of electorate for the town of Tenbury.

9. We considered the District Council's revised draft scheme and decided that it provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements of the district in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines, and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

10. On 24 November 1976 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the District Council's draft scheme. The District Council were asked to make the draft proposals, and the accompanying map which defined the proposed ward boundaries, available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on the 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 comments should reach us by 24 January 1977.

11. Leominster District Council informed us that they had no objection to our draft proposals.

12. Hereford and Worcester County Council stated that difficulties would be caused by district electoral arrangements which were not compatible with those they had in mind for the county. It was, however, clear to us that nothing could be done to meet this point.

13. One parish council in the proposed Castle ward thought that the name was inappropriate but offered no alternative while another parish council in the same area wrote to support the draft proposals for the newly named Castle ward.

14. In the absence of any other comment on our draft proposals, we resolved that they should be confirmed and we formulated our final proposals accordingly.

15. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 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 area of each of the proposed wards is defined in Schedule 2. Schedule 3 shows our proposals for the order of retirement of councillors. The boundaries of the proposed wards, as defined in Schedule 2, are illustrated on the map.

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16. 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 Leominster District Council and will be available for inspection at the Council's main

offices. Copies of this report (without the map) 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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19th October 1978

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

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS
BATEMAN	1
BAYTON AND MAMBLE	1
BERRINGTON	1
BIRCHER	1
BORDER	1
CASTLE	1
EARDISLEY	1
GOLDEN CROSS	1
HAMPTON COURT	1
HATFIELD	1
HERGEST	1
KINGSLAND	1
KINGTON TOWN	2
KYRE VALE	1
LEINTWARDINE	1
LEOMINSTER EAST	2
LEOMINSTER NORTH	3
LEOMINSTER SOUTH	3
LINDRIDGE	1
LYONSHALL WITH TITLEY	1
MANSEL	1
MORTIMER	1
PEMBRIDGE	1
PYONS WITH BIRLEY	1
TENBURY TOWN	2
UPTON	1
VALLEY OF THE TEME	1
WEOBLEY	1
WYE	1



DISTRICT OF LEOMINSTER

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

BATEMAN WARD

The parishes of Byton

Combe

Kinsham

Shobdon

Stapleton

BAYTON AND MAMBLE WARD

The parishes of Bayton

Mamble

BERRINGTON WARD

The parishes of Eye, Moreton and Ashton

Eyton

Kimbolton

Luston

BIRCHER WARD

The parishes of Croft

Lucton

Orleton

Richards Castle (Hereford)

Yarpole

## HATFIELD WARD

The parishes of Bockleton

Docklow

Docklow (Det)

Ford

Hampton Wafer

Hatfield

Humber

New Hampton

Pudleston

Stoke Prior

Stoke Prior (Det)

## HERGEST WARD

The parishes of Brilley

Huntington

Kington Rural

Lower Harpton

## KINGSLAND WARD

The parish of Kingsland

## KINGTON TOWN WARD

The parish of Kington

## KYRE VALE WARD

The parishes of Hanley

Kyre

Rochford

Stoke Bliss

## LEINTWARDINE WARD

The parishes of Burrington

Downton

Leintwardine

## LEOMINSTER EAST WARD

The East Ward of the parish of Leominster

## LEOMINSTER NORTH WARD

The North Ward of the parish of Leominster

## LEOMINSTER SOUTH WARD

The South Ward of the parish of Leominster

## LINDRIDGE WARD

The parishes of Lindridge

Pensax

Stockton on Teme

## LYONSHALL WITH TITLEY WARD

The parishes of Knill

Lyonshall

Rodd, Nash and Little Brampton

Staunton on Arrow

Titely

## MANSEL WARD

The parishes of Bishopstone

Bridge Sollers

Brinsop

Byford

Mansell Gamage

Mansell Lacy

Wormsley

Yazor

## MORTIMER WARD

The parishes of Aymerstrey

Elton

Leinthall Starkes

Pipe Aston

Wigmore

## PEMBRIDGE WARD

The parish of Pembridge

## PYONS WITH BIRLEY WARD

The parishes of Birley

Canon Pyon

King's Pyon

and the Upper Hill Ward of the grouped parishes of Hope under Dinmore  
and Newton

## TENBURY TOWN WARD

The parish of Tenbury

## UPTON WARD

The parishes of Brimfield

Little Hereford

Middleton on the Hill

Laysters

## VALLEY OF THE TEME WARD

The parishes of Eastham

    Knighton on Teme

    Stanford with Orleton

## WEOBLEY WARD

The parish of Weobley

## WYE WARD

The parishes of Blakemere

    Brobury

    Moccas

    Monnington on Wye

    Preston on Wye

    Staunton on Wye

## DISTRICT OF LEOMINSTER

## ELECTION BY THIRDS

## ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	1ST YEAR 1980	2ND YEAR 1982	3RD YEAR 1983
BATEMAN	1	-	1 PE	-
BAYTON AND MAMBLE	1	-	1 PE	-
BERRINGTON	1	-	-	1 PE
BIRCHER	1	-	1 PE	-
BORDER	1	1 PE	-	-
CASTLE	1	-	-	1 PE
EARDISLEY	1	-	1 PE	-
GOLDEN CROSS	1	-	-	1 PE
HAMPTON COURT	1	-	1 PE	-
HATFIELD	1	-	-	1 PE
HERGEST	1	-	1 PE	-
KINGSLAND	1	1 PE	-	-
KINGTON TOWN	2	1	-	1 PE
KYRE VALE	1	-	1 PE	-
LEINTWARDINE	1	-	1 PE	-
LEOMINSTER EAST	2	1	-	1 PE
LEOMINSTER NORTH	3	1	1	1 PE
LEOMINSTER SOUTH	3	1	1	1 PE
LINDRIDGE	1	1 PE	-	-
LYONSHALL WITH TITLEY	1	1 PE	-	-
MANSEL	1	1 PE	-	-
MORTIMER	1	-	-	1 PE
PENBRIDGE	1	-	-	1 PE
PYONS WITH BIRLEY	1	-	1 PE	-
TENBURY TOWN	2	1	-	1 PE
UPTON	1	1 PE	-	-
VALLEY OF THE TEME	1	-	-	1 PE
WEOBLEY	1	-	1 PE	-
WYE	1	1 PE	-	-
	36	12	12	12

PE = Parish Elections

