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PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the metropolitan borough of Knowsley, 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 28 August 1975 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter to Knowsley Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to Merseyside County Council, parish councils in the borough, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies 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 in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.
3. Knowsley 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 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. Section 7(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires that in metropolitan districts there shall be elections by thirds. Section 6(2)(b) of the

Act requires that every metropolitan district shall be divided into wards each returning a number of councillors divisible by three.

5. On 10 June 1976, Knowsley Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the borough into 22 wards each returning 3 members to give a total council of 66 members - three more than at present.

6. We considered the draft scheme together with various comments which had been made upon it. We noted that generally the draft scheme offered a good standard of representation but that there was scope for improvement in the proposed wards of Huyton, Prescot East and Prescot West by some realignment of the boundaries of these wards. Subject to these modifications and to minor boundary alterations suggested by Ordnance Survey, we adopted the Council's draft scheme as our draft proposals.

7. On 4 December 1976, we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the Council's draft scheme. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals and the accompanying map, 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 members of the public and interested bodies. We asked for comments to reach us by 15 February 1977.

8. We received representations from the Borough Council against our draft proposals for the St Michaels, Prescot West and Prescot East wards. As regards our draft proposals for the Tarbock and Halewood areas, where we had adopted the scheme submitted to us by the Borough Council, we received support from one Town Council but objections from two parish councils and a local political association.

9. In view of these comments, we decided that we needed more information to enable us to reach a conclusion. Therefore, in accordance with section 65(2) of

the Local Government Act 1972, and at our request, Mr J P Aspden, OBE was appointed an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and to report to us.

10. Notice of the meeting was sent to all who had received our draft proposals or had commented on them, and was published locally.

11. The Assistant Commissioner held the meeting at the Municipal Buildings, Huyton on 10 November 1977 and visited the areas which were the subject of comment. A copy of his report is attached at Schedule 1.

12. In the light of the discussion at the meeting and his inspection of the area, the Assistant Commissioner recommended that our draft proposals should be confirmed without modification.

13. We decided to accept the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations and we formulated our final proposals accordingly.

14. In order to implement these proposals it was necessary for parish warding orders to be made by the Borough Council in relation to Halewood, Knowsley and Whiston. These orders were made on 3 December 1979.

15. Details of our final proposals are set out in Schedules 2 and 3 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. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards, as defined on the map, is set out in Schedule 3.

PUBLICATION

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 Knowsley Borough Council and will be available for 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.

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Signed:

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13 December 1979

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND
REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER TO THE COMMISSION
REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS - METROPOLITAN
BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY.

1 On 4 December 1976 the Commission sent notice of their draft proposals for the future electoral arrangements for the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley to the Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council and others.

2 The Borough Council had submitted a scheme for 22 three-member wards to the Commission, who considered it together with the correspondence received by the Borough Council during the period leading to the submission and also further letters received by the Commission.

3 After considering the suggestions and comments before them the Commission decided to adopt the Borough Council's draft scheme as the basis of their draft proposals but with the inclusion of modifications involving the proposed St Michael's, Prescot West and Prescot East wards and minor boundary amendments recommended by Ordnance Survey in the interests of technically better boundaries.

4 Publication of the draft proposals resulted in a letter supporting them being received from the Halewood Town Council but the following representations were made by other bodies and persons:

- (a) The Borough Council objected to the draft proposals for the proposed St Michael's, Prescot West and Prescot East wards, wished

their original draft scheme to be reconsidered and approved by the Commission and reiterated their view that the area of Prescott should be treated as a special case;

- (b) The Tarbock Parish Council objected to the draft proposals in that Tarbock was in conjunction with the proposed Halewood wards. They disputed the projected electorate figures for their parish and requested that the parishes of Cronton and Tarbock should remain together along with part of Whiston South. They requested that a local meeting should be held;
- (c) The Cronton Parish Council objected to the draft proposals in so far as they split the parishes of Cronton and Tarbock into two different wards. They contended that the two parishes should form, or be contained in, one ward; and
- (d) The Halewood North Conservative Branch of the Widnes Division Conservative Association objected to the draft proposals in respect of the Halewood area and supported the representations of the Cronton and Tarbock Parish Councils. The Branch demanded a local inquiry because they thought the Labour Group of the Borough Council were manipulating the electoral review to their own party advantage.

5 Attached is a list of names and addresses of those attending and the interests they represented at a meeting which I, having been appointed an Assistant Commissioner for the purpose,

held at the Municipal Buildings, Huyton on 10 November 1977 to hear representations about the proposed arrangements.

6 Mr R A Devereux, Assistant Borough Secretary of the Borough Council, stated that the Council had objected to the draft proposals in respect of three wards only - Prescot East, Prescot West and St Michael's - but that was not to say that the Council was entirely satisfied with the remainder of the proposed wards, even though they were based largely upon a suggested scheme put forward by the Council itself - put forward, however, with some reluctance.

From the outset the Council had thought the review should be postponed and had made representations to that effect, in concert with other authorities, but to no avail. He conceded that the Commission had no power to grant such a postponement and the Government had rejected the representations.

The Council had, therefore, no alternative but to proceed with the preparation of a scheme within the statutory guidelines although these were considered restrictive, the worst example being the provision that every metropolitan district should be divided into wards each returning a number of councillors divisible by three. This did not apply to non-metropolitan districts so that the neighbouring borough of Halton might have a ward returning one councillor whereas in Knowsley the Council was prevented from proposing, for example, that the parishes of Cronton and Tarbock should comprise a single ward returning one member. Instead wards had to be constructed wherein the ratio of the number of electors to the number of councillors to be elected should be, as nearly as might be, the same in every ward.

There was, however, an important proviso to that requirement under which regard should be had to

- (a) the desirability of fixing boundaries which are and will remain easily identifiable; and
- (b) any local ties which would be broken by the fixing of any particular boundary and that brought him to the question of Prescott.

The Council's formal objection to the draft proposals was concerned with the representation of Prescott on the Council - the objection to the proposed St Michael's ward being incidental to that - and it was contended that there were adequate grounds for the Commission to adopt a more flexible approach without departing from the principles laid down by the Local Government Act. The suggestion which the Council submitted to the Commission provided two three-member wards in Prescott, each with a reasonable size of electorate, and took account of the proviso to which he had just referred.

Mr Devereux then outlined the following reasons why the Council was unanimous in recommending that, for electoral purposes, Prescott should not be linked with part of an adjoining township. Firstly, the breaking of local ties. Prescott was an ancient and historic town, the oldest township in the borough of Knowsley, older in fact than the city of Liverpool. Before 1974 it was an urban district in its own right, having a council of 17 members. It was a settled and closely-knit community and was the one constituent authority of Knowsley which was unaffected by Liverpool overspill (and he applied that term broadly to both public and private development). Its problems, therefore, were quite different from those of the rest of the borough. For example, it was the only part of the borough

where the age of the property had made it necessary for a slum clearance programme to be carried out and the old town centre was in urgent need of re-development, by contrast with the other townships which had developed modern shopping centres. Although Knowsley had an exceptionally high child population overall, Prescott in fact had a low ratio of children and a very high proportion of the elderly residents of the borough.

Because of the unique character of the town and because it was adjoined on three sides by the existing parishes of Knowsley, Whiston and Eccleston, the former urban district council applied before reorganisation for Prescott to be granted successor parish status but that was rejected without any reason being given and, it would appear, without any great thought. That was a matter which the Council intended to raise again with the Commission as a separate issue in the very near future.

Linking a part of Huyton with Prescott, merely for the sake of bolstering up the electorate, would have the effect of introducing into one of the Prescott wards a group of people who would have little in common in terms of local interests with the Prescottians and who themselves would be severed from their own neighbourhood of Huyton. It was an arrangement that would satisfy nobody and would make the people of Prescott feel even more aggrieved that their local government representation, which fell from 17 to 6 on reorganisation, would be even further reduced - with the added difficulty that the councillors elected for Prescott West ward might well find themselves torn between two conflicting viewpoints.

Secondly, easily identifiable boundaries. There was a distinct open break between Prescott and Huyton provided by an area of Green Belt through which passed the M57 motorway, and which covered the Huyton and Prescott Golf Club and the grounds of the C F Mott College of Higher Education. The Council had no quarrel with that part of the boundary between the Prescott West and St Michael's wards which encompassed the C F Mott College, even though the Commission had extended it to include the King George V Playing Fields. It was quite logical that that large educational establishment with its halls of residence and other living accommodation should be wholly within one ward and not divided as it was at present, but they challenged as entirely illogical the creation of an artificial boundary to the east of Huyton Lane, threading its way tortuously round back gardens, creating a division between neighbouring houses on the same estate and adding to Prescott West a small section of Huyton which was physically separated from the remainder of the ward by the Golf Course and the Motorway.

The interpretation of the words "as nearly as may be the same" in relation to equality of electorates was a matter for the Commission and the Chairman had given an assurance at a meeting with political leaders from Merseyside Local Authorities on 13 January 1976 that the Commission would adopt a flexible and constructive approach where possible. The Commission had indeed shown a degree of flexibility in relaxing its own 'rule of thumb' method of measuring equality by proposing a somewhat lower-than-average electorate per councillor for the two Prescott wards, but Mr Devereux submitted that, by being just a little more flexible and a great deal more constructive,

the Commission could accept the scheme put forward by the Council for these three wards which would provide a much more acceptable solution for the local residents, the people most concerned.

He was sure that the Assistant Commissioner would wish to have a look at the area in question, and he was equally sure that, like the two officers of the Commission who visited Knowsley in July, 1976, he would be impressed by the force of the Council's arguments and would realise why members of all parties on the Council and from all parts of the borough were unanimous in pressing that objection to the Commission's proposals.

Mr Devereux said he would like to make one final point. The new wards were based upon 1981 forecast electorates which were, to a large extent, conjectural. Account was taken of valid planning consents for residential development and of changes in the age structure of the population as well as migration. More recent research indicated that the rate of new building was much slower than was anticipated and there was evidence of accelerating migration from Kirkby. It seemed probable that the 1981 average electorate per councillor would be slightly lower than expected and relatively static areas like Prescott would benefit by comparison. Support for the submissions made by Mr Devereux against the draft proposals affecting Prescott was expressed by Mr Blackburn a member of the Prescott Civic Society.

7 Mr J Davis, speaking as a member of the Tarbock Parish Council for the past seven years and chairman for the past three, expressed the strong objection of the Parish Council to the draft proposals insofar as they included the parish with part of the parish of Halewood in the proposed Halewood East ward, claiming they were

not in accord with the Commission's guidelines. Tarbock was surrounded by urban encroachments and the parish wished to preserve the rural environment unspoilt. Tarbock had had to fight during the preparation of the Merseyside structure plan with a view to the preservation of the last large rural area in Merseyside as a green belt not subject to inner council development. The parishioners of Tarbock had reacted strongly against the draft proposals because they feared they would be swamped by an alien population of Liverpool overspill in the proposed new Halewood East ward. They strongly requested that they remain in the same ward as the parish of Cronton, who were neighbours and had had strong rural connections over hundreds of years. They disputed the projected electoral figures for the parish of Tarbock, which would allegedly grow from 534 in 1975/76 to 1300 in 1981, and wished to point out that the electoral register for 1977/78 for Tarbock was 615, the only current growth being a small private estate off the Tarbock Road near the motorway M62, and they knew of no further planning development. The projected electorate of the parts of the present Halewood East and Halewood North wards proposed to be included in the future Halewood East ward was 4405, while their estimate for Tarbock was 830, so that they asked how could they possibly get a representative on the Borough Council who understood or sympathised with their rural problems, which were bound to be different from those of an urbanised community. In urging that Tarbock together with Cronton should be allowed to be included in the proposed South Whiston ward he pointed out that there would be a greater chance of one of the ward councillors being elected from one of those two rural parishes. Strong support for the objections raised by Mr Davis was given by Mr M E Siddall,

Mrs M A Garton, Mr J B Garton and other Tarbock residents present.

8 Mr J H Reynolds, a member of the Borough Council and of the Cronton Parish Council, in the absence and on behalf of the Chairman of the Cronton Parish Council, stated that the Parish Council strongly supported the objections voiced by Mr Davis on behalf of the Tarbock Parish Council. Mr S Parker another member of the Cronton Parish Council added his support to the objections of Mr Davis, at the same time expressing the great dissatisfaction of the Cronton residents with their continued inclusion of their parish in the Merseyside County area, although it was accepted by him that that was not an issue under review at the meeting. Further support to the objections of Mr Davis was given by Mrs P H Dunbar a member of the Cronton Parish Council and by Mr W Lawrence, a member of the Brough Council, who also criticised the northerly boundary of the proposed South Whiston ward insofar as it deviated from the railway line.

9 Mr B G Holder Secretary of the Halewood North Conservative Branch supported Mr Davis's objections and claimed that it was wrong for a rural parish to be included in an urban ward.

10 Mr M Burke, a Borough councillor and Halewood Town parish councillor expressed his support for the statement made by Mr Devereux concerning the draft proposals including his objection to the draft proposals relating to St Michael's, Prescot West and Prescot East wards.

11 Mr Holder on behalf of the Halewood North Conservative

Branch submitted an alternative ward arrangement for Halewood Parish in substitution for the draft proposals after transferring the Tarbock Parish to the proposed South Whiston ward. Under that arrangement three three-member wards would be created for Halewood Parish these being ward 21 comprising the present Halewood West and Halewood North wards, ward 22 comprising the present Halewood South ward and part of Halewood East ward west of Leathers Lane, and ward 20 comprising the part of the present Halewood East ward east of Leathers Lane. The arrangement had been submitted in a written representation previously sent by Mr Holder to the Commission on 13 February 1977. Mr Holder stated that the Council's scheme had, in relation to Halewood Parish, departed from the existing parish ward boundaries and he claimed that the same liberty should be accorded in respect of his alternative arrangement. When that had originally been put forward he had estimated electorates of 7500, 5000 and 4000 for the wards 21, 22 and 20. It was common ground that the housing development in both Halewood and Tarbock was unlikely to proceed as quickly as had been anticipated some time ago and consequently the electorate increases would also be less. In particular the figure of 7500 for ward 21 would be reduced to something closer to the average for the borough. The 1981 electorate estimate of 1300 given for Tarbock by the Council should similarly be reduced to a more realistic figure, which would make it possible for the parish to be included in the South Whiston ward without providing an unduly high figure for that ward.

12 Replying to the previous speakers who had objected to the

draft proposals concerning Halewood and Tarbock Mr Devereux said that the Council had a great deal of sympathy with the concern of those two parishes as to the position in which they found themselves. At the same time they were not the only parishes so placed. The small parish of Simonswood in the extreme north of the borough had had to be included in one of the Kirkby wards for the same reason that Tarbock had been included in a Halewood ward namely to help to achieve a more acceptable elector/councillor ratio as required by statute. As explained in his opening remarks housing development was unlikely to proceed as quickly as anticipated but the electorate increases on which the Council's proposed scheme had been based were derived from approved planning applications affecting both Halewood and Tarbock. In Halewood these were showing a main growth area in the north part of Halewood and the development now taking place in Tarbock was also in the north part of that parish. The problem which the Council had had to face in formulating their proposals was that there was an obvious need for more than six councillors in Halewood which meant there must be nine being the next multiple of three, whereas the South Whiston electorate must not be made too big, a consequence which would follow the inclusion of Tarbock within it. With regard to the departure from the existing parish ward boundaries of Halewood, it was the intention of the Council, as soon as the borough ward proposals should be settled in accord with the draft proposals, to amend the parish ward boundaries of both Halewood and Whiston to correspond with them.

13 I made private inspections of the Borough before and after

the meeting and having considered the representations made and information given at the meeting my views and recommendations follow.

14 Dealing first with the representations against the draft proposals so far as the proposed St Michael's, Prescott West and Prescott East wards are concerned, while I respect the unanimous view taken by the Council that the integrity of Prescott should be maintained by the constitution of two wards, together consisting solely of the area of the former urban district, I am of the opinion that the claim of separateness between Prescott and Huyton is somewhat exaggerated. The Council did not contest the need for the whole of the C F Mott College of Education to be within one ward. On the other side of Huyton Lane Prescott and Huyton are separated by a golf course through which passes the motorway M57. Although this golf course constitutes a break in the housing development it is the Huyton and Prescott Golf Club and no doubt residents from both Huyton and Prescott are members of the club, a fact which to some extent may tend to link rather than divide the two areas. At the same time I agree that the boundary between the proposed St Michael's and Prescott West wards suggested in the draft proposals is purely artificial east of Huyton Lane and is one for which the only justification is to secure equality of representation.

15 It seems clear that the electorates of the Prescott West and Prescott East wards put forward in the Council's scheme are not now nor are they likely to be within the period to be covered in

the current review sufficient to warrant two separate wards. The Commission must under the Act as nearly as may be secure a uniform elector/councillor ratio throughout the borough wards and I can see no reasonable alternative to the inclusion of a part of the existing St Michael's ward, together with Prescott, in two wards. I have considered whether in so doing a more suitable boundary than that suggested by the Commission could be recommended but have not been able to devise one. I therefore recommend that the draft proposals so far as they concern the proposed St Michael's, Prescott West and Prescott East wards be implemented as they stand.

16 Turning to the draft proposals so far as they affect the parishes of Halewood and Tarbock, the Council's estimate of the 1981 Halewood electorate did not provide a sufficient electoral basis for three borough wards without the addition of further electors from another source and the only other available source was the parish of Tarbock. This situation obtained whether the parish was warded on its present arrangement or on the revised arrangement which the Council, with the support of the Halewood Town Council, prepared in conjunction with their scheme for the future borough wards. The estimate took into account outline planning permissions which had been granted, although it was generally accepted at the local meeting that the estimate would probably not now be reached by 1981 as housing development was proceeding more slowly than had been expected. Equally the same situation obtained if the parish warding arrangement (which apparently was not acceptable to the Council) put forward by the Halewood North Conservative Branch were implemented. The proposal of that Branch was originally based

on a higher electoral estimate than that of the Council, but was equally subject to reduction owing to reduced building operations and I see no reason to suppose that the Council's estimate will in fact be exceeded. An additional ground advanced for the inclusion of Tarbock in the proposed Halewood East ward was that the continued association of the parish with Cronton and Whiston in the proposed South Whiston ward would on the basis of the 1981 electorate estimate produce a ward with too high an electorate, although that effect might be mitigated by the reduction in housing development and by the possible revision of the boundary between the proposed South and North Whiston wards.

17 The Tarbock representatives and those who supported them made clear their strong opposition to the inclusion of their parish in the proposed Halewood East ward with its existing and future urban population, and I fully appreciate the sincerity and depth of their feelings. It should, nevertheless, be borne in mind that there would at least for some time still be in such a ward a sizable rural section of Halewood, which would not differ too widely in its character from their own rural parish of Tarbock. Consequently Tarbock would not be linked with a wholly urbanised area for electoral purposes. It would also maintain its own identity through its parish council.

18 The inclusion of Tarbock in the proposed Halewood East ward would make the creation of that ward as one of three Halewood wards more justifiable, although it cannot be regarded as

completely satisfactory as the fulfilment of the electoral estimate depends on substantial housing development not only in Halewood but also in Tarbock where, as in Halewood, it may also not be wholly forthcoming to the extent anticipated by 1981. Assuming the Council implement their parish ward proposals for Halewood it would, however, seem that the only manner in which the electorate of Tarbock can participate in the creation of three borough wards for the two parishes is by inclusion in the proposed Halewood East ward, a step which would also obviate the undue increase of the South Whiston electorate which would be caused by including Tarbock in that proposed ward. In all the circumstances and having regard particularly to the statutory primary requirements both as to creating three-member wards and securing wards with as nearly as may be equal numbers of electors per councillor in each ward by 1981, I have come to the conclusion that the most suitable course is to implement the draft proposals concerning Halewood and Tarbock as they stand and I so recommend.

19 To sum up I recommend that the draft proposals for the borough be implemented without amendment.

J. F. Anderson
30 November 1977

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND.
MEETING TO INQUIRE INTO THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

List of names and addresses of those attending and the interests they represent

<u>Names</u>	<u>Addresses</u>	<u>Interests represented</u>
R A Devereux		Assistant Borough Secretary Knowsley M.B.C.
G G Pollitt		Knowsley Borough Council
B S Lace	Town Hall St Helens	St. Helens M.B.C.
W Halsall	Town Hall St Helens	St. Helens M.B.C.
H Griffith	Town Hall St Helens	St. Helens M.B.C.
Arthur Smith	Huyton Labour Club	Huyton Constituency Labour Party
M A Garton	Millbridge Farm Tarbock	
A Price	Brewery Farm Tarbock	
J R Ingham	Alderley Water Lane Tarbock	
O Cunnal	Priory Cottage Cronton Road Tarbock	
M Burke	77 Yew Tree Road Halewood	Halewood Town Council
S Parker	15 Cronton Park Avenue Cronton	Cronton Parish Council
Phoebe H Dunbar	Mandalay Cronton Road Cronton	Cronton Parish Council
B G Holder	19 Camp Rd Liverpool L 25 7 TS	Halewood North Conservative Branch
J H Reynolds	103 Chapel Lane Cronton	District and Parish Councillor
W Lawrence	54 St Nicholas Rd Whiston	Councillor No 12 Ward
M E Sidlaw	Stockwell Farm Tarbock	Deputy Chairman
J Davis	Cross Hillocks Farm Tarbock	Chairman P.C.
J Richards	Foxes Bank Tarbock	P.C.
J B Garton	Mill Bridge Farm Tarbock	P.C.
J H Harrison	Water Lane Farm Tarbock	P.C.
D. Carter	Tarbock Cottage Tarbock	P.C.
G ?		Knowsley District Labour Party
? Blackburn		Prescot Civic Society

J. Carter

30.11.77

SCHEDULE 2

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS
AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
Cantril Farm	3
Cherryfield	3
Halewood East	3
Halewood South	3
Halewood West	3
Kirkby Central	3
Knowsley Park	3
Longview	3
Northwood	3
Page Moss	3
Park	3
Prescot East	3
Prescot West	3
Princess	3
Roby	3
St Gabriels	3
St Michaels	3
Swanside	3
Tower Hill	3
Whiston North	3
Whiston South	3
Whitefield	3

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

NOTE Where the boundary is described as following a road, railway, river, canal or similiar feature, it should be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature unless otherwise stated.

TOWER HILL WARD

The parish of Simonswood, and that area bounded by a line commencing at National Grid reference SJ 4294399718 being a point on the southwestern boundary of Simonswood CP, thence southwestwards in a straight line from said point to Simonswood Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to Roughwood Drive, thence northwestwards along said drive to Deycroft Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to Brook Hey Drive, thence northwestwards along said drive to Roughwood Drive, thence southwestwards along said drive to Old Rough Lane, thence westwards along said lane to County Road, thence northwestwards along said road and Bank Lane to the northwestern boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards along said borough boundary to the southwestern boundary of Simonswood CP, thence southeastwards along said parish boundary to the point of commencement.

NORTHWOOD WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Tower Hill Ward meets the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Knowsley CP, thence southwestwards along said boundary to Ormskirk Road, thence northwestwards along said road, crossing East Lancashire Road, to Cooper's Lane, thence generally northwards along said lane and continuing northwestwards along South Boundary Road and County Road to Simonswood Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to Westhead Avenue, thence northwestwards along said avenue to Minstead Avenue, thence northeastwards along said avenue to Old Rough Lane, thence westwards along said

lane to the southern boundary of Tower Hill Ward, thence generally north-eastwards, eastwards and southeastwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

KIRKBY CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Tower Hill Ward, meets the southwestern boundary of Northwood Ward, thence eastwards and generally southeastwards along said ward boundary to the junction of County Road and Moorgate Road, thence southwestwards along Moorgate Road to Britonside Avenue, thence northwestwards along said avenue to Broad Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to Bewley Drive, thence northwestwards along said drive to Cherryfield Drive, thence northeastwards along said drive to a point opposite the northeastern boundary of the St Gregory's RC Girls Comprehensive School, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to the northern most corner of said school, thence westwards in a straight line from said northernmost corner to the southernmost corner of the Kirkby College of Further Education, thence northwestwards along the southwestern boundary of said college and in prolongation thereof to Valley Road, thence northeastwards along said road crossing the roundabout north of said college and continuing northeastwards along Hall Lane to the southern boundary of Tower Hill Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to the point of commencement.

PARK WARD

Commencing at the point where the northwestern boundary of the Borough meets the southwestern boundary of Tower Hill Ward, thence southeastwards along said ward boundary to the northern boundary of Kirkby Central Ward, thence southwestwards along said northern boundary and continuing southwestwards along Valley Road to Whitefield Drive, thence northwestwards along said drive to James Holt Avenue, thence northeastwards along said

avenue, to Richard Hesketh Drive, thence northwestwards along said drive to Sidney Powell Avenue, thence northeastwards along said avenue to the road known as Kirkby Row, thence northwestwards along said road to the road known as Glover's Brow, thence northeastwards along said road to the Kirkby to Fazakerley Junction railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to the northwestern boundary of the Borough, thence northwestwards and generally northeastwards along said borough boundary, to the point of commencement.

WHITEFIELD WARD

Commencing at the point where the northwestern boundary of the Borough meets the southern boundary of Park Ward, thence northeastwards and generally southeastwards along said southern boundary to Valley Road, thence southwestwards along said road to its junction with the M57 Motorway, thence generally southwestwards along the southern carriageway of said junction and continuing southwestwards along Valley Road to the River Alt, thence generally southeastwards along said river to the western boundary of the Borough, thence southwards, westwards, generally northwestwards and generally northeastwards along said borough boundary to the point of commencement.

CHERRYFIELD WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Borough meets the eastern boundary of Whitefield Ward, thence northwards and northeastwards along said ward boundary and continuing northeastwards along the eastern boundary of Park Ward to the southwestern boundary of Kirkby Central Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said boundary and northeastwards and southeastwards along the southern boundary of said ward to the southeastern boundary of said ward, thence northeastwards along

said boundary to the southwestern boundary of Northwood Ward, thence south-eastwards and generally southwards along said southwestern boundary to the northern boundary of Knowsley CP, thence westwards along said CP boundary to the western boundary of the Borough, thence generally north-westwards along said borough boundary, to the point of commencement.

PRINCESS WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Borough meets the southern boundary of Knowsley CP, thence generally northeastwards and southeastwards along said CP boundary to National Grid reference SJ 43432 92575, thence due southwestwards from said point to the River Alt, thence southeastwards along said river to Liverpool Road, thence generally westwards along said road to the western boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwards along said borough boundary, to the point of commencement.

PAGE MOSS WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Borough meets ^{the southern boundary of} Princess Ward, thence generally eastwards along said ward boundary to the River Alt, thence southeastwards along said river and continuing south-eastwards along the drain east of Coral Avenue, and in prolongation thereof to the northern boundary of No 35 White Lodge Avenue thence northeastwards along said boundary and southeastwards along the eastern boundary of said property and the eastern boundary of White Lodge Avenue to the western boundary of the Huyton with Roby C of E School Playing Field, thence generally southeastwards along said western boundary to Rupert Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Church Road Roby, thence southwards along said road to the Roby to Broad Green railway, thence westwards along said railway to a point being in prolongation of the western boundary

of the Playing Fields, thence northwestwards to and along said western boundary to Merton Crescent, thence northeastwards along said crescent to the footpath running from Merton Crescent to Beldon Crescent, thence northwestwards along said footpath crossing, Jeffreys Crescent, Ashbourne Crescent, and Beechburn Crescent to Beldon Crescent, thence westwards along said crescent to Windsor Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Western Avenue, thence northwestwards along said avenue to the western boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards and northwestwards along said borough boundary to the point of commencement.

SWANSIDE WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Borough meets the southwestern boundary of Page Moss Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said southwestern boundary to the Roby to Broad Green railway, thence generally westwards along said railway to the western boundary of the Borough, thence northwestwards, northeastwards, generally southeastwards and northeastwards along said borough boundary to the point of commencement.

ROBY WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the Borough meets the southern boundary of Swanside Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary and continuing eastwards along the southern boundary of Page Moss Ward to the southeastern boundary of Page Moss Ward, thence northwards, and southeastwards along the said southeastern boundary and continuing along Rupert Road to the eastern boundary of the Huyton with Roby C of E School, thence generally northeastwards, southeastwards and northeastwards along said school perimeter to Cassino Road, thence north^westwards along said road to the point opposite the southern boundary of the Grave Yard, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary and the access way south

of Derby Terrace to Blue Bell Lane, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said Lane and Derby Road to the northern boundary of the Huyton to Huyton Quarry railway, thence due southwards to said railway, thence eastwards along said railway to Huyton Hey Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Graham's Road, thence southwestwards along said road to St Agnes Road, thence westwards along said road to Rydal Road, thence southwestwards along said road and the road known as The Park to Tarbock Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the northern boundary of Tarbock CP, thence southwards along said CP boundary to the western boundary of the Borough, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said borough boundary to the point of commencement.

ST GABRIELS WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Roby Ward meets the Huyton to Prescot railway, thence eastwards and northeastwards along said railway to Whiston Lane, thence southwards along said lane to the western boundary of Whiston CP, thence generally southwards along said CP boundary to the northern boundary of Tarbock CP, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said CP boundary to the eastern boundary of Roby Ward, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

ST MICHAELS WARD

Commencing at the point where the northwestern boundary of St Gabriels Ward meets the northeastern boundary of Roby Ward, thence westwards northeastwards and northwards along said northeastern boundary and continuing northwards along Blue Bell Lane to Liverpool Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Longview Lane, thence southwards along said lane to Huyton Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to Longview Drive, thence southeastwards along said drive to Wallace Drive thence northeastwards along said drive to Wallace Avenue, thence southeastwards along said avenue to a point

being the prolongation southwestwards of the rear boundaries of No 2-32 Jacqueline Drive, thence northeastwards along said prolongation and said rear boundaries and continuing northeastwards crossing Lancaster Road, along the rear boundaries of Nos 34 to 60 Jacqueline Drive, to the southwestern boundary of No 30 Hurst Park Drive, thence southeastwards along said southwestern boundary and the southwestern boundary of No 32 in said drive to the southeastern boundary of said property, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary to Hurst Park Drive, thence southeastwards along said drive to the access road running between Nos 41 and 43 Hurst Park Drive, thence northeastwards along said access road to a point opposite the rear boundary of the last mentioned property, thence southeastwards to and along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 45 to 65 Hurst Park Drive to the western boundary of No 8 Stafford Close, thence southwards along said boundary and continuing generally southwards and northeastwards along the western and southern boundaries of Nos 9 to 16 in said close to the western boundary of No 66 Whiston Lane, thence southeastwards along said boundary and continuing generally southeastwards along the southern boundary of said property and the western boundaries of Nos 68 to 74 Whiston Lane to the southern boundary of last mentioned property, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to Whiston Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to the northern boundary of St Gabriels Ward thence southwestwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

LONGVIEW WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Princess Ward meets the southern boundary of Knowsley CP, thence generally southeastwards along said CP boundary to its southernmost point, thence southeastwards to the Liverpool Road, thence southwestwards along said road and the northern boundary of St Michaels Ward to the western boundary of said ward, thence southwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Roby ward, thence generally southwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of

Page Moss Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of Princess Ward to the point of commencement.

PRESCOT WEST WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Knowsley CP meets the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence eastwards and southeastwards along said borough boundary to St James' Road, thence southwestwards along said road and Bridge Road to Manchester Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Hall Lane, thence southwards along said lane to the Prescott to Huyton railway thence southwestwards along said railway to the eastern boundary of St Michaels Ward, thence generally northwestwards, southwestwards and northwestwards along said boundary and the northeastern boundary of said ward to the eastern boundary of Longview Ward, thence northeastwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Knowsley CP, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to the point of commencement.

PRESCOT EAST WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of Prescott West Ward meets the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southeastwards along said borough boundary to the northwestern boundary of Whiston CP, thence generally southwards and westwards along said CP boundary to the eastern boundary of St Gabriels Ward, thence northwards along said eastern boundary to the southeastern boundary of Prescott West Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

WHISTON NORTH WARD

The North Ward

East Ward

West Ward of the parish of Whiston.

WHISTON SOUTH WARD

The parish of Cronton

and the South West Ward

South East Ward of the parish of Whiston

HALEWOOD EAST WARD

The parish of Tarbock

and the Halewood East Ward of the parish of Halewood.

HALEWOOD SOUTH WARD

The Halewood South Ward of the parish of Halewood.

HALEWOOD WEST WARD

The Halewood West Ward of the parish of Halewood.

CANTRIL FARM WARD

The Cantril Farm Ward of the parish of Knowsley.

KNOWSLEY PARK WARD

The Knowsley Park North Ward

Knowsley Park South Ward

Knowsley Park South Ward (Detached) of the parish of Knowsley.