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To the Rt Hon Roy Jenkins, MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MALDON
DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Maldon District, in accordance with the requirements of section 63 of, and Schedule 9 to, the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that District.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 3 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Maldon District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Essex 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 the local newspapers circulating in the area and of the Local Government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.
3. The Maldon 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 had passed a resolution under section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting the Secretary of State to provide for a system of whole council elections.

5. On 7 November 1974 the Maldon District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the district into 20 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 30.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council together with the comments which had been made upon it. We noted that the draft scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and our own guidelines and that it was generally acceptable locally. We considered that it provided a satisfactory basis of representation for the district. On the advice of Ordnance Survey we proposed two minor realignments of ward boundaries to secure improved boundary lines. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 24 January 1975 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 maps which defined the proposed ward boundaries, available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 21 March 1975.

8. We received comments in support of our draft proposals, but alternative arrangements were suggested by some parish councils.

9. We received representations that the parish of Latchingdon should not be divided as proposed in our draft proposals but that the whole parish should form a district ward with increased representation. We noted that this would require alternative arrangements for other parishes which were satisfied with

our proposals and we concluded that our proposal that the Latchingdon ward of the parish of Latchingdon should be joined with the parish of Althorne and that the Maylandsea ward of the parish of Latchingdon should be joined with the parish of Mayland gave the better standard of representation for the area. Regret was also expressed that the name Latchingdon did not appear in a ward name. We decided that the names used in our draft proposals should be retained. This in no way affects the existence of the parish of Latchingdon as an administrative area and the name of Latchingdon will continue to exist as the name of the parish council.

10. We received representations that the parish of Tillingham should be joined with the parish of Dengie instead of with the parish of Bradwell. We noted that this would involve regrouping all the parishes in the proposed Tillingham and Bradwell wards and that this would have an adverse effect on the standard of representation. We concluded that the parishes of Tillingham and Bradwell should continue to be joined in a district ward. We also received representations for including Bradwell in the ward name. We decided that as the parish of Tillingham had the greater electorate, the ward would continue to be named Tillingham. This will in no way affect the continued existence of the name Bradwell which will remain as the name of the parish and its council.

11. Having carefully considered all the comments we have concluded that we should confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

12. Details are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report and on the attached maps. 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 defined on the attached maps.

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13. 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 the Maldon District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's offices at Maldon Essex. Copies of this report, without maps, are 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 maps is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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18 September 1975

SCHEDULE 4

DISTRICT OF MALDON: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ALTHORNE	1
BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH (NORTH)	1
BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH (SOUTH)	3
COLD NORTON	1
GOLDHANGER	1
GREAT TOTHAM	2
HEYBRIDGE (EAST)	1
HEYBRIDGE (WEST)	2
MALDON (EAST)	2
MALDON (NORTH WEST)	3
MALDON (SOUTH)	2
PURLEIGH	1
ST LAWRENCE	1
SOUTHMINSTER	2
THE MAYLANDS	1
TILLINGHAM	1
TOLLESBURY	2
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY	1
WICKHAM BISHOPS	1
WOODHAM	1

NOTE: Where the 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

MALDON NORTH-WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the path along the dismantled railway meets the northern boundary of Hazeleigh CP, thence westwards and following said boundary and the eastern boundaries of Woodham Mortimer CP and Woodham Walter CP to the southern boundary of Langford CP, thence south-eastwards and following said boundary to the Chalmer & Blackwater Navigation, thence southeastwards and following said Navigation and the River Blackwater, through Heybridge Creek to a point opposite North Street, thence southeastwards to and along said street to the road known as The Hythe, thence southeastwards along said road to Church Street, thence northwestwards along said street and High Street to Farnbridge Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 16 Farnbridge Road, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary and southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 16-96 Farnbridge Road, crossing Granger Avenue in a straight line southwestwards to the rear boundaries of Nos 102-106 Farnbridge Road, thence southeastwards along said boundaries and southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 4-66 Washington Road to Acacia Drive, thence southeastwards along said drive to Washington Road, thence south westwards along said Road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 68 Washington Road, thence north westwards to and along said boundary, southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 68-74 Washington Road and southwards along the western boundary of No 74 Washington Road to Washington Road, thence southwestwards along said road and Suffolk Crescent to its end thence southwestwards to Grid Reference TL 8422406003 being a point on the dismantled railway, thence southwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

HEYBRIDGE WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Maldon North West Ward meets the eastern boundary of Langford CP, thence northwards and following said CP boundary, eastwards along the southern boundary of Great Totham CP

to Broad Street Green Road, thence southeastwards along said road and South-
westwards along Colchester Road to The Street, thence northwestwards along
said street to The Causeway, thence southwestwards along said causeway to
the northern boundary of Maldon North West Ward, thence westwards and
following said boundary to the point of commencement.

HEYBRIDGE EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Heybridge West Ward meets
the northern boundary of Maldon North West Ward, thence northeastwards
and following said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Great Totham
CP, thence southeastwards and following said boundary, the southern boundaries
of Little Totham CP, Goldhanger CP, Tolleskunt Major CP and the western
boundary of Tolleshunt D'Arcy CP to the River Blackwater, thence southwest-
wards and following said river to the eastern boundary of Maldon North West
Ward, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the point of
commencement.

MALDON, EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Mundon CP meets Mundon
Road, (B1018) thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the
southern boundary of No 50 Mundon Road, thence southwestwards to and along
said boundary and northwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 50-18
Mundon Road to the rear boundaries of Nos 5-101 Cross Road, thence south-
westwards along said boundaries and northwestwards along the southwestern
boundary of No 101 Cross Road to Cross Road, thence southwestwards along
said road to Pamridge Road, thence northwestwards along said road to a
point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 120-78 Cross Road, thence
northeastwards to and along said boundaries and northwestwards along the
rear boundaries of the properties to the west of Manse Chase to the northern
boundary of the property known as The Nook, thence northeastwards along
said boundary and continuing along the southern boundary of Nos 34 and
36 Manse Chase, thence northwestwards and following the rear boundaries
of Nos 36-48 Manse Chase and No 10-36 Warwick Drive to King Street, thence

northwestwards along said street and continuing along the path through the Allotment Gardens and to the west of No 85 Tenterfield Road to Tenterfield Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Mantz Road thence northwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Maldon North West Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of Heybridge East Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of Steeple CP, thence southwards and following said boundary, the northern boundaries of Mayland CP and Latchington CP, the eastern and northern boundaries of Mundon CP to the point of commencement.

MALDON SOUTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Hazeleigh CP meets the eastern boundary of Maldon North West Ward, thence northwards and following said eastern boundary to the western boundary of Maldon East Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the northern boundary of Mundon CP thence northwestwards and following said boundary and the northern boundary of Hazeleigh CP to the point of commencement.

ALTHORNE WARD

The Latchington ward of the parish of Latchington and the parish of Althorne.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH NORTH WARD

The North ward of the parish of Burnham-on-Crouch.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH SOUTH WARD

The South ward of the parish of Burnham-on-Crouch.

COLD NORTON WARD

The parishes of Cold Norton, Stow Maries and North Fambridge.

GOLDHANGER WARD

The parishes of Tolleshunt Major, Little Totham and Goldhanger.

GREAT TOTHAM WARD

The parishes of Great Totham and Great Braxted.

FURLEIGH WARD

The parishes of Furleigh and Handon.

ST LAWRENCE WARD

The parishes of Stoople, St Lawrence, Asheldham and Dengie.

SOUTHMINSTER WARD

The parish of Southminster.

THE MAYLANDS WARD

The parish of Mayland and the Maylandsea ward of the parish of Latchingdon.

TILLINGHAM WARD

The parishes of Bradwell-on-Sea and Tillingham.

TOLLESBURY WARD

The parish of Tollesbury.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY WARD

The parishes of Tolleshunt Knights and Tolleshunt D'Arcy.

WICKHAM BISHOPS WARD

The parishes of Wickham Bishops and Little Bearted.

WOODHAM WARD

The parishes of Woodham Mortimer, Woodham Walter, Hazleleigh, Ulting, Langford.