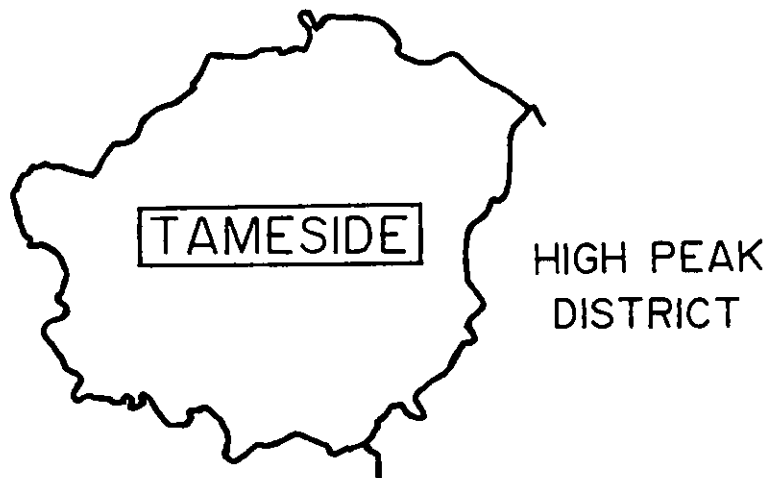


# LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

## Review of GREATER MANCHESTER

### TAMESIDE

Boundaries with: HIGH PEAK DISTRICT (Derbyshire)



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THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF TAMESIDE AND ITS BOUNDARY WITH THE  
BOROUGH OF HIGH PEAK IN DERBYSHIRE

COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT AND PROPOSALS

#### INTRODUCTION

1. On 1 September 1987 we wrote to the Metropolitan Borough of Tameside announcing our intention to undertake a review of Tameside as part of our review of the Metropolitan County of Greater Manchester and its Metropolitan Districts under section 48(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. Copies of the letter were sent to the county and district councils bordering the Metropolitan Borough and to parish councils in the adjoining districts; to the Local Authority Associations; the Members of Parliament with constituency interests; and the headquarters of the main political parties. In addition, copies were sent to those government departments, regional health authorities, port authorities, and statutory undertakers which might have an interest, as well as to the English Tourist Board, the local government press and the local television and radio stations serving the area.

2. The Metropolitan Borough of Tameside was requested, in co-operation as necessary with the other principal authorities, to assist us in publishing the start of the review by inserting a notice for two successive weeks in local newspapers so as to give a wide coverage in the areas concerned. The Council was also asked to ensure that the consultation letter was drawn to the attention of those

involved with services such as the police and the administration of justice, in respect of which it has a statutory function.

3. A period of seven months from the date of the letter was allowed for the local authorities and any person or body interested in the review, to send us their views on whether changes to the borough boundary were desirable and, if so, what those changes should be and how they would serve the interests of effective and convenient local government, the criterion laid down in the Act.

#### THE SUBMISSIONS MADE TO US AND OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS

4. In response to our letter we received representations from the Borough of Tameside, the Borough of High Peak and Derbyshire County Council. We also received representations from the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police and the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations.

5. Apart from a suggestion by the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, the submissions put to us concerned suggestions for relatively minor changes to the borough boundary.

6. We also received submissions suggesting changes to Tameside's boundaries with Manchester, Oldham and Stockport. These will be considered separately as part of the reviews of those authorities.

#### a) Hadfield, Tintwistle, Charlesworth and Glossop

7. The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester had suggested the transfer of Hadfield, Tintwistle, Charlesworth and Glossop from Derbyshire to Tameside in order to facilitate better policing. We recognised that there were likely to be close links between all these areas and the conurbation, because of community patterns, but we did not consider, in the absence of

any other evidence or suggestions for change that we would be justified in proposing their inclusion in Greater Manchester.

b) Hollingworth

8. We noted that Hollingworth was separated from the major urban area of Tameside by an area of Green Belt and that it appeared to look naturally to Hadfield with which, in effect, it seemed to form a single community. We asked the local authorities for their views. All three councils responded to the effect that Hollingworth's links were with Tameside and they produced detailed information in support. Accordingly, we decided not to pursue the matter.

DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR MINOR REALIGNMENTS

(a) River Etherow

9. Tameside Borough Council had suggested realigning its boundary with High Peak to follow the mid-course of the River Etherow because in a number of places, changes in the river channel had resulted in pockets of land being left on the opposite side of the river from the authority of which they form part. High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council had made similar suggestions but had in some areas suggested using the side rather than the centre of the river.

10. We accepted the need for the boundary to take the current course of the river and decided to follow our usual practice of using the centre line rather than the side of the river. We therefore decided to adopt Tameside's suggestion as our draft proposal.

(b) Hollingworth Brook and Ogden Brook

11. Tameside Borough Council had suggested that the existing boundary along, and close by, the course of Hollingworth Brook

and Ogden Brook should be amended to follow the mid-course of the brooks along the entire section. High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council had agreed. Ordnance Survey had made a technical suggestion to realign a defaced boundary along a further stretch of the Hollingworth Brook.

12. We accepted that it would be in the interests of effective and convenient local government for the boundary to be aligned along the mid-course of the brooks. We therefore decided to adopt the suggestion as our draft proposal and to take into account Ordnance Survey's suggestion.

(c) Woolley Bridge/Etherow Industrial Estate

13. Tameside Borough Council had suggested amending its boundary with High Peak to unite Etherow Industrial Estate in their authority. They said that the present boundary bisected the estate to the south east of the river. They acknowledged that the river might present an obvious boundary but they argued that to use the river would hinder accessibility; complicate future planning and development; and lead to a difference in status for grants to industry.

14. Derbyshire and High Peak had acknowledged the anomalous nature of the present boundary and had suggested using the river, which they saw as a strong boundary. High Peak had contended that there would be no real access problems and that planning and development problems would only arise in the rare and unlikely event of a comprehensive re-development of the whole estate. They had argued that such circumstances would be unlikely to be repeated, and did not amount to a justification for departing from such a strong boundary as the river. They had also argued that wherever the boundary was drawn there would always be some firms within the grant-aided area and some outside. They had pointed out that regional aid is constantly under review.

15. We noted that the strong feature of the River Etherow did divide the area. We agreed that, in this instance, access was not a major problem and we felt that Tameside's concern about grants had been over-emphasised, particularly since we understand eligibility does not automatically change with local authority boundaries. We decided therefore to endorse the suggestion to use the river as the boundary for our draft proposal. This was also consistent with our use of the river as the boundary in other areas.

#### ANNOUNCING OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS

16. The letter announcing our draft proposals was published on 18 December 1989. Copies were sent to the local authorities concerned and to all those who had made representations to us. The Boroughs of Tameside, High Peak and Derbyshire County Council were asked to publish a notice giving details of our proposals and to post copies of it at places where public notices are customarily displayed. They were also asked to place copies of our letter on deposit for inspection at their main offices for a period of eight weeks. Comments were invited by 23 February 1990.

#### RESPONSE TO OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS: OUR FINAL PROPOSALS

17. We received comments from Tameside Borough Council, High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council. We also received comments from the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester and the Tameside Family Practitioner Committee.

18. As required by Section 60(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, we have carefully considered all the comments made to us and set out below our final proposals.



a) Hadfield, Tintwistle, Charlesworth and Glossop

19. The Chief Constable accepted the decision not to follow up his suggestion to transfer Hadfield, Tintwistle, Charlesworth and Glossop to Greater Manchester. The Tameside Family Practitioner Committee drew our attention to discussions within the health service in which they were arguing for Glossop and its surrounding area to be included within the committee's area. However, our opinion remained unaltered that at present we did not consider that a case had been made for such radical change.

b) Hollingworth

20. No comments were received in respect of our decision not to pursue the transfer of Hollingworth to Derbyshire.

MINOR REALIGNMENTS

(a) River Etherow

21. Tameside and High Peak Borough Councils and Derbyshire County Council all supported our draft proposal and we therefore decided to confirm it as final.

(b) Hollingworth Brook and Ogden Brook

22. Again, Tameside and High Peak Borough Councils and Derbyshire County Council all supported our draft proposal and we therefore decided to confirm it as final.

(c) Woolley Bridge/Etherow Industrial Estate

23. High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council supported our draft proposal. Tameside Borough Council opposed it on the grounds that it did not solve the problems they saw resulting from the division of the industrial estate

and asked for their original suggestion, to unite the estate in that authority, to be re-instated.

24. We gave very careful consideration to Tameside Borough Council's representation but still felt that the river was a strong feature and would provide a long-lasting clear boundary. We decided, therefore, to confirm our draft proposal as final.

#### PUBLICATION

25. Letters are being sent to the Boroughs of Tameside, High Peak and Derbyshire County Council asking them to deposit copies of this report at their main offices for inspection for six months. They are also asked to put notices to this effect on public notice boards and in the local press. The text of the notice will explain that the Commission has fulfilled its statutory role in this matter, and that it now falls to you to make an order implementing the proposals, if you think fit, though not earlier than six weeks from the date they are submitted to you. Copies of this report, to which are attached maps illustrating the proposed changes, are also being sent to all those who received our draft proposals letter, and to those who made written representations.

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Signed

G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

J G POWELL (Deputy Chairman)

K F J ENNALS

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14 June 1990

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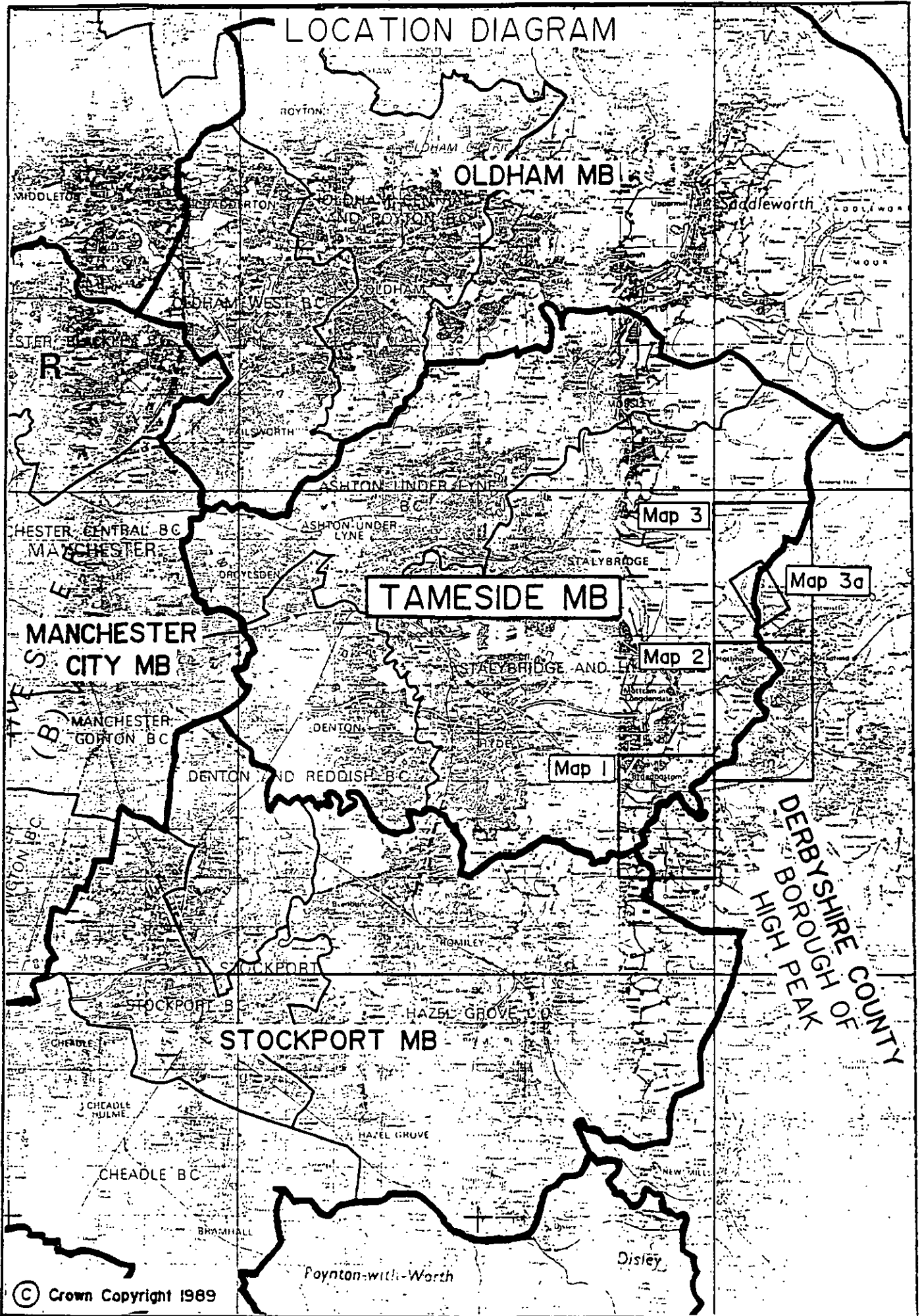
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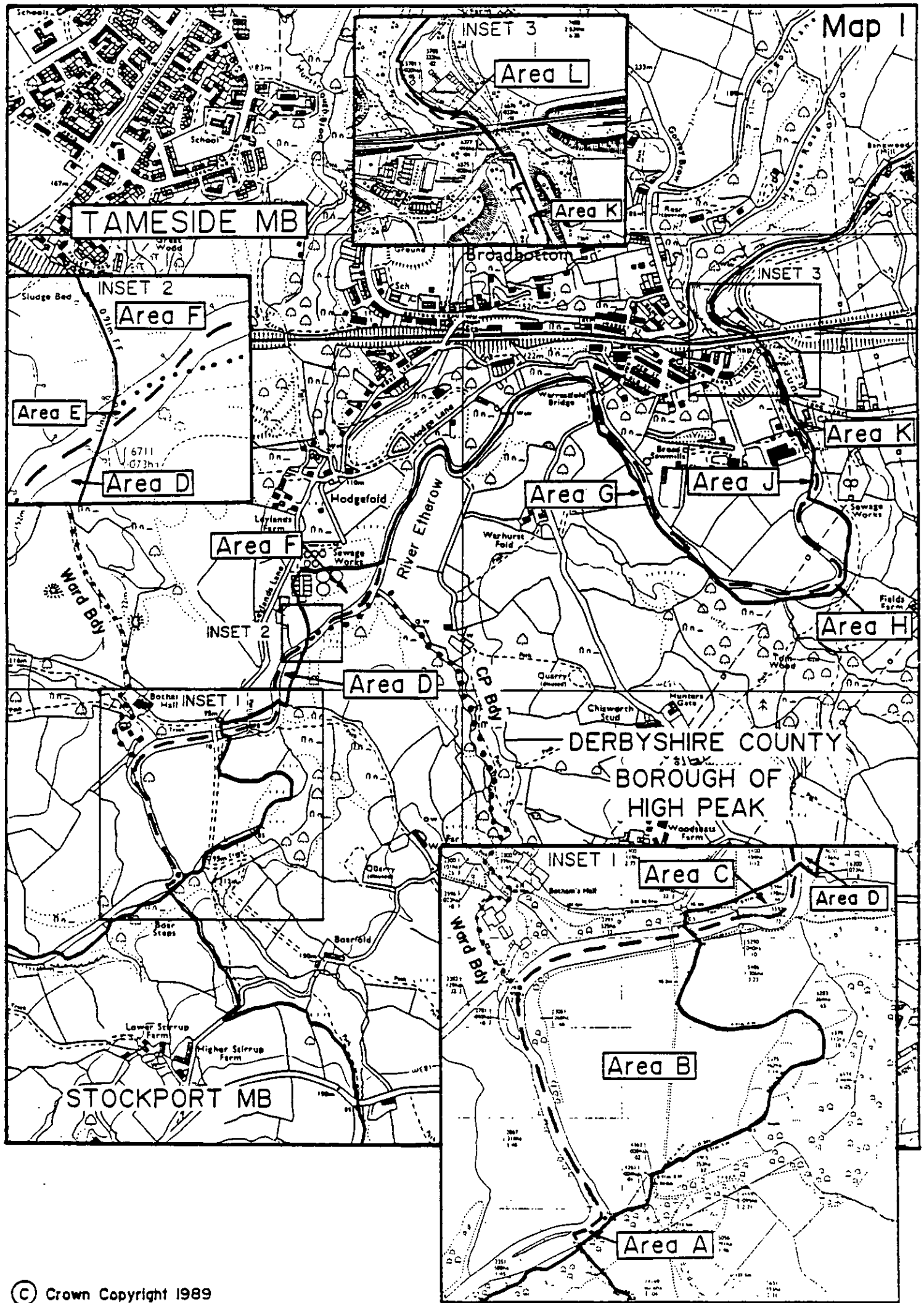
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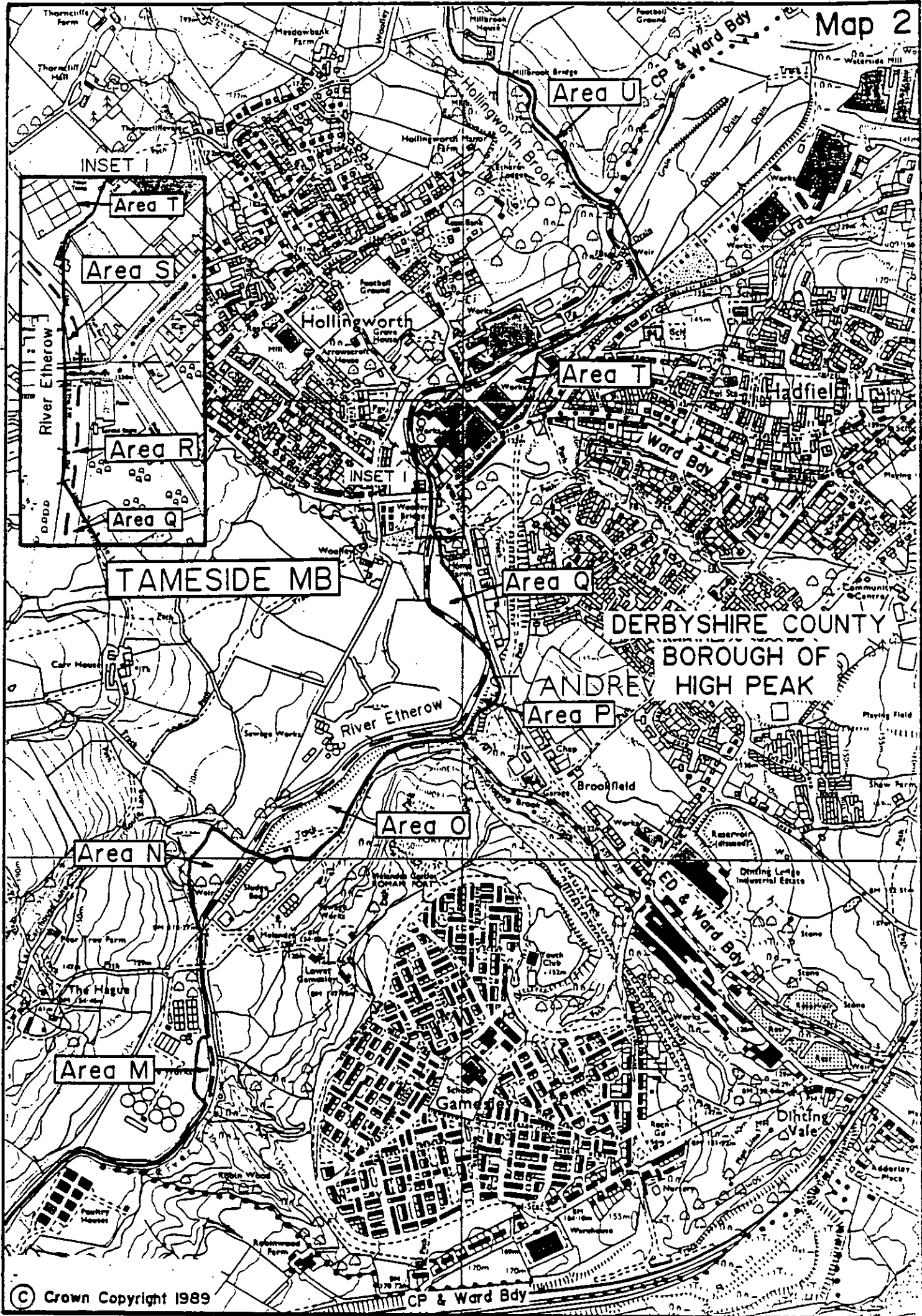
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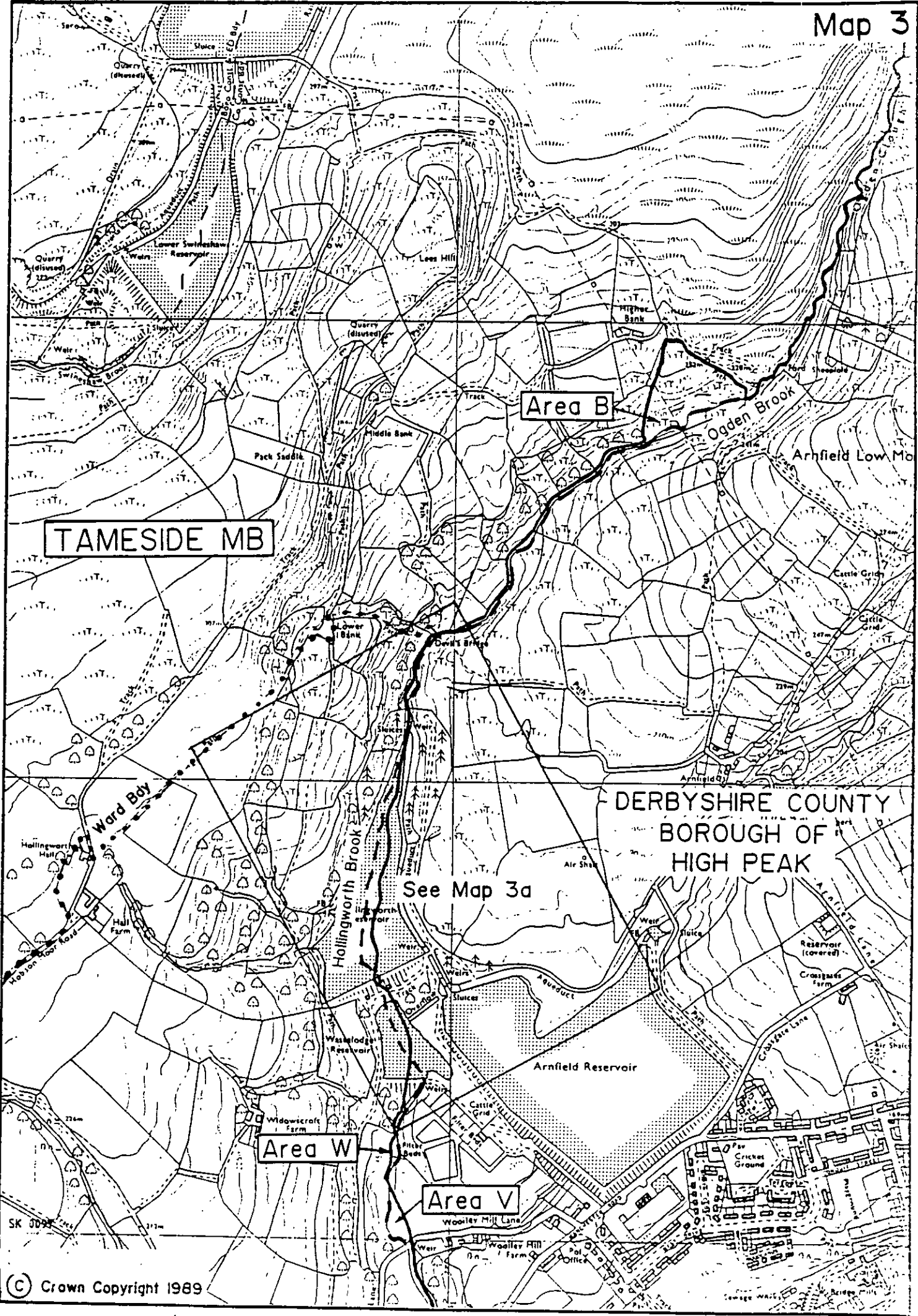
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# LOCATION DIAGRAM









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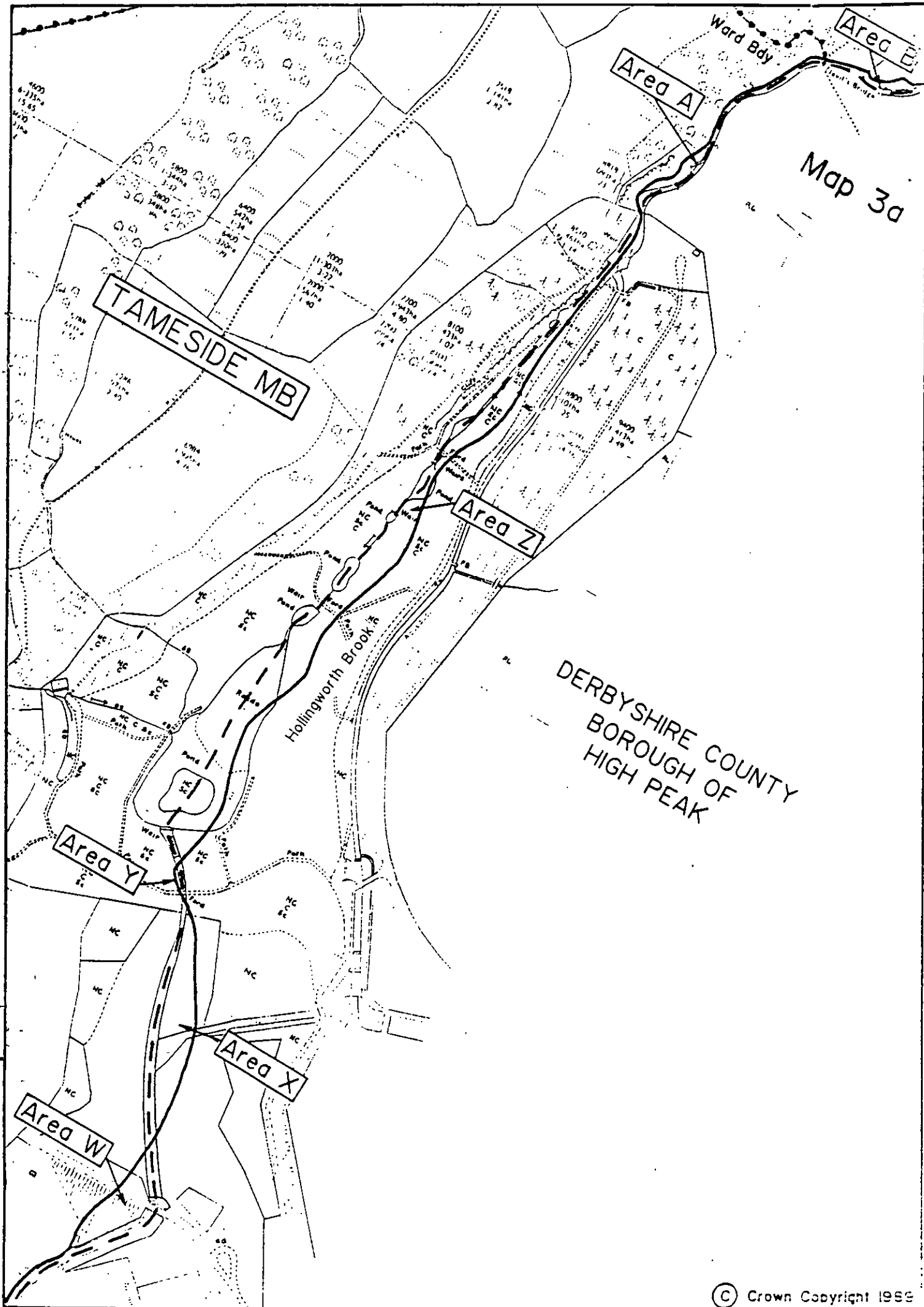
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BOROUGH OF  
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See Map 3a

Area W

Area V





# CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES

MAP NO.	AREA REF.	FROM	TO	MAP NO.	AREA REF.	FROM	TO
1	A	Greater Manchester County Tameside MB  Hyde Werneth Ward	Derbyshire County Borough of High Peak Chisworth CP St Johns Ward Glossop South ED	2	M N	Derbyshire County Borough of High Peak Non-parished area Gamesley Ward Glossop South ED	Greater Manchester County Tameside MB  Longdendale Ward
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2	U	Greater Manchester County Tameside MB	Derbyshire County Borough of High Peak
3	V	Longdendale Ward	Tintwistle CP
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3 3a	W	Derbyshire County Borough of High Peak Tintwistle CP Tintwistle Ward Glossop West ED	Greater Manchester County Tameside MB
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