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Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Milton Keynes in accordance with the requirements of section 63 of, and of 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 19 August 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Milton Keynes Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Buckinghamshire County Council, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the borough, 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 to 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 any interested bodies.

3. Milton Keynes Borough 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) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Borough Council has exercised an option for a system of elections by thirds.

5. On 10 January 1975 the Milton Keynes Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the borough into 25 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 councillors to form a council of 44 members. However, in view of the rapid growth in the electorate of some parts of the borough, in connection with the development of the new town, the Council asked that we should recommend a scheme which would authorise and empower the Council to increase the number of councillors in any ward or to make new wards within the proposed wards in circumstances where electoral equality of representation became badly distorted by rapid growth within the next 5 years. The Council also suggested that the proposed ward boundaries in the new town should be related to the layout of the new town as it is, or will be, and in a number of instances this meant that the proposed boundaries would not comply with paragraph 3(2)(b) or (c) of Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act which provides for district wards to comprise whole parishes or whole parish wards. The Council requested new guidelines on this point.

6. Following discussions between officers of the Commission and the Council, it was explained to the Council that your Department had received advice to the effect that electoral arrangements with provision automatically to increase the number of councillors when the electorate reached predetermined levels were of very doubtful legality. It was pointed out also that short of a review of parish boundaries in the locality, which because of pressure of our work on the initial reviews of electoral arrangements could not be undertaken for some time, there was no way to avoid the difficulty which they had identified in relation to boundaries (see paragraph 5 above). Accordingly, the Council were asked to review their proposals and at the same time to examine the possibility of bringing some of the wards closer to the average standard of representation.

7. In due course, after correspondence with the Borough Council in which they emphasised the urgent need to secure new electoral arrangements in time for the elections in May 1976, the Council submitted a revised scheme for our consideration. This provided for 22 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 councillors to form a council of 43 members. In support of the scheme the Borough Council submitted figures showing the present electorates of the wards and forecasts of the electorates in 1976 and in 1979. We noted that the scheme complied with paragraphs 3(2)(b) and (c) of Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act, except in one instance where the council proposed to divide the parish of Bradwell Abbey between the proposed Wolverton Stacey Parishes and Bradwell wards.

8. We considered the draft scheme together with a number of comments which we had received. We considered also those of the submissions which had been made to the Borough Council and which they had been unable to accept and incorporate in their draft scheme. In all cases the comments had been made in relation to the Council's original proposals but they remained valid in relation to the revised scheme which the Council had submitted. The comments included a request from a local political association that three new housing estates in Stony Stratford, namely Fullers Slade, Hilltop and Galley Hill, should together form a ward having its own councillor. We considered whether the Council's proposed Stony Stratford ward could be modified to achieve this but concluded that it could not be done while at the same time maintaining an acceptable standard of equality of representation. We noted the concern which had been expressed by the political association that any new estates being planned or built in the new City should not be divided by existing parish boundaries.

9. From a district councillor we received a request that the Fenny Stratford ward should be divided into two wards based on the present Bletchley Central ward and part of the present Watling ward. This letter had been written in relation to the Borough Council's original proposals in which the proposed Fenny Stratford ward would have been a two member ward comprising the present Bletchley Central

and a part only of the present Watling ward. The revised proposals allowed for a three member Fenny Stratford ward comprising the whole of the Bletchley Central and Watling wards. We considered whether the two existing wards could be retained. We concluded that while the Bletchley Central ward was large enough at present to form a single member ward on its own, it seemed unlikely that there would be much growth in the electorate and bearing in mind the rapid growth in the electorate elsewhere in the ward, it would not be viable in the long run. We decided, therefore, that the Council's proposals should not be changed.

10. In a letter to the Borough Council the Woburn Sands Town Council had asked that the town should be warded with the parish of Wavendon. However the Borough Council had decided to adopt a proposal by the Wavendon Parish Council in which they had suggested that Wavendon should be grouped with the parishes of Bow Brickhill and Little Brickhill leaving the town of Woburn Sands to form a single member district ward on its own. We decided that the Borough Council's decision had been appropriate.

11. From Castlethorpe Parish Council we received a request that different criteria should be used in fixing the representation of those parts of the borough outside the new town. We noted that such an approach was contrary to Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act which requires that there shall be, as nearly as may be, equality of representation throughout the borough.

12. We considered what steps could be taken to resolve the problem of the parish of Bradwell Abbey - see paragraph 7 above. We heard that the parish had no council and could not, therefore, be divided into parish wards which could then be incorporated into the Bradwell and Wolverton Stacey Bushes wards as the Borough Council had proposed. Having studied the future development in the locality, we concluded that it would be appropriate to include the whole of the parish in the proposed Wolverton Stacey Bushes ward and we resolved to modify the Council's proposals accordingly.

13. We noted that, in allocating councillors to the proposed wards, the Borough Council appeared in many cases to have based their decision on forecast of the electorate of the wards in 1976. In view of the obligation in Schedule 11 to the Act to take into account changes in the number and distribution of the electorate in the ensuing 5 years, we reviewed the proposals on the basis of the Council's forecasts for 1979. We concluded that the number of councillors assigned to the proposed Eaton ward should be reduced from three to two but that two extra councillors should be allocated to the proposed Linford ward and one each to the proposed Pineham and Woughton wards.

14. We noted that the Borough Council had refrained from suggesting names for two of the wards. In both cases the wards comprised a group of parishes and we decided, in each case, to name the ward after the parish which would have the largest electorate in 1979.

15. Subject to the changes referred to in paragraphs 12 and 13 and to the adoption of the names referred to in paragraph 14 we decided that the Borough Council's draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements of the borough in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

16. On 2 October 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 other members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 13 November 1975.

17. The Milton Keynes Borough Council informed us of their support for our proposals. The Wavendon Parish Council wrote to us noting with gratification

that we had adopted the name "Danesborough" for the ward comprising the parishes of Wavendon, Bow Brickhill and Little Brickhill. They also reiterated earlier views which they had expressed about the need to revise the southern boundary of the parish (this lies outside the scope of the present review). The Olney Town Council wrote to us expressing their concern that the present 2 member ward comprising the parishes of Olney, Olney Park, Weston Underwood and Ravenstone, would be enlarged by the addition of the parishes of Stoke Goldington and Gayhurst. This meant a decline in the present standard of representation but the Town Council had concluded, correctly, that this was due to the establishment of the new town and the nature of its growth. From a local community council we received a letter objecting to the proposed reduction in the number of councillors representing the Newport Pagnell ward (which we proposed to retain) from four to three. The district councillor who had written to us previously about the proposed Fenny Stratford ward wrote to us again suggesting that for the 1976 elections the ward be divided into 3 single member wards (based on the present Bletchley Central and the two polling districts of the present Watling ward) or that Bletchley Central be grouped with the southern polling district (HA) of the Watling ward to return two members leaving the northern polling district, comprising the area around the village of Simpson to return a single member. Finally we received a letter from a resident of Newport Pagnell who objected to the proposals on the grounds that with the limited time available, decent electoral registers could not be compiled for use in the next local elections.

18. We considered again our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received. In relation to Newport Pagnell we noted that although there would be growth in the electorate of the ward over the next five years this would be small when compared to the anticipated growth in the electorate elsewhere in the borough. Accordingly, its share of the electorate of the borough was expected to decline, so that in 5 years time it would not be entitled to more than three councillors. We therefore decided to reject the submission which the community council had made.

19. We studied the new ideas which had been submitted for the division of the proposed Fenny Stratford ward. We found, however, as we had earlier, that the pattern of growth was such that the southern part of the ward, in the vicinity of the present Bletchley Central ward and the HA polling district of the present Watling ward, would grow only slowly compared with the north and this would produce considerable numerical imbalance in the long run. We concluded that the Borough Council were right to propose that the whole of the area should be taken together as a three member ward.

20. We looked again at the proposed Olney ward. We concluded, however that, because of the substantial growth in the electorate elsewhere in the borough, the present ward could not for long remain viable and that it would have to be enlarged. We noted the comments which had been made about the difficulty of producing a proper electoral register in time for the elections in May 1976. We considered, however, that this was probably a matter for you to determine, in conjunction with the Borough Council, at the appropriate time.

21. Having reviewed our draft proposals, we concluded that there were no modifications which should be made and accordingly we resolved to confirm them as our final proposals.

18. Details of these final proposals 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 maps. Schedule 2 shows our proposals for the order of retirement of councillors.

19. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of this report and a copy of the maps are being sent to Milton Keynes Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's

main offices. Copies of this report are also 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 3 to this report.

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Signed

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27 November 1975

SCHEDULE 1

BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BRADWELL	2
CHURCH GREEN	1
DANESBOROUGH	1
DENBIGH	3
EATON	2
FENNY STRATFORD	3
LAVENDON	1
LINFORD	3
LOUGHTON	1
MANOR FARM	2
NEWPORT PAGNELL	3
NEWTON	2
OLNEY	2
PINEHAM	2
SHERINGTON	1
STANTONBURY	3
STONY STRATFORD	3
WHADDON	3
WOBURN SANDS	1
WOLVERTON	3
WOLVERTON STACEY BUSHES	1
WOUGHTON	3

SCHEDULE 2

BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES: ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR	3rd YEAR
BRADWELL	2	1	-	1 PE
CHURCH GREEN	1	-	-	1
DANESBOROUGH	1	-	1 PE	-
DENBIGH	3	1	1	1
EATON	2	1	-	1
FENNY STRATFORD	3	1	1	1
LAVENDON	1	-	1 PE	-
LINFORD	3	1	1 PE	1
LOUGHTON	1	-	1 PE	-
MANOR FARM	2	1	-	1
NEWPORT PAGNELL	3	1	1	1
NEWTON	2	1	-	1
OLNEY	2	1	-	1 PE
PINEHAM	2	-	1 PE	1
SHERINGTON	1	-	1 PE	-
STANTONBURY	3	1	1 PE	1
STONY STRATFORD	3	1	1	1
WHADDON	3	1	1	1
WOBURN SANDS	1	-	1 PE	-
WOLVERTON	3	1	1	1
WOLVERTON STACEY BUSHES	1	1	-	-
WOUGHTON	3	1	1 PE	1
	46	15	15	16

PE = PARISH ELECTIONS

## BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES- DESCRIPTION OF WAIDS

## NEWTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the railway crosses the southern boundary of the District, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said district boundary to Buckingham Road thence northeastwards along said road to the railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

## WHADDON WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Shenley Brook End CP crosses Shenley Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Whaddon Way, thence southwestwards along said way to Shenley Road, thence southeastwards and southwards along said road to the northern boundary of Newton Ward, thence southwestwards along said ward boundary and the southern boundary of the District, to the eastern boundary of Shenley Brook End CP, thence northeastwards along said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

## CHURCH GREEN WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Newton Ward meets the eastern boundary of Whaddon Ward, thence northwards and northeastwards along said eastern boundary and continuing northeastwards along Whaddon Way to a point opposite the path leading from Whaddon Way to Rickley Lane; thence southeastwards to and southeastwards, eastwards and northeastwards along said path to Rickley Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of Wilton County Secondary School, thence northeastwards to and along said boundary to the northern boundary of the Maternity Hospital, thence southeastwards along said northern boundary to the rear boundary of No 73 Whalley Drive, thence northeastwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 75-89 Whalley Drive to the northern boundary of No 89 Whalley Drive, thence southeastwards along said northern boundary to Whalley Drive, thence northeastwards along

said drive to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 90 Whalley Drive, thence southeastwards to and along said southern boundary to the rear boundary of No 90 Whalley Drive, thence northeastwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 92-120 Whalley Drive to the southwestern boundary of No 173 Sherwood Drive, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the southeastern boundary of No 173 Sherwood Drive, thence northeastwards along said boundary and the southeastern boundary of No 175 Sherwood Drive and northwestwards along the northeastern boundary of No 175 Sherwood Drive to <sup>the</sup> eastern boundary of No 177 Sherwood Drive, thence northeastwards along said eastern boundary and crossing Sherwood Drive to the western boundary of the Corporation Yard, thence northeastwards along said western boundary and southeastwards along the northern boundary of said yard to the rear boundary of No 14 Home Close, thence northeastwards along said rear boundary, the rear boundary of No 16 Home Close the southern boundary of No 18 Home Close and in prolongation thereof to the railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to the northern boundary of Newton Ward, thence southwestwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

#### DENBIGH WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of Whaddon Ward meets the eastern boundary of Shenley Brook End CP thence northeastwards along said CP boundary, northwestwards along the northern boundary of said CP and northeastwards along the southern boundaries of Loughton CP and Woughton on the Green CP to the railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to the northern boundary of Church Green Ward, thence generally southwestwards along said ward boundary to the northeastern boundary of Whaddon Ward, thence north westwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

## FENNY STRATFORD WARD

Commencing at a point where eastern boundary of Denbigh Ward meets the southern boundary of Woughton on the Green CP, thence northeastwards along said CP boundary to the western boundary of Walton CP,

thence southeastwards along said CP

boundary, and southwards and following the western boundaries of Bow Brickhill CP and Little Brickhill CP to High Street, thence northwestwards along said street to the Grand Union Canal, thence southwards along said canal to a point being the prolongation of the southern boundary of the Sugar Refinery thence northeastwards to and along said southern boundary to the rear boundary of No 42 Aylesbury Street thence southwestwards and southwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 42 to 32 Aylesbury Street and continuing southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 47-17 Walnut Drive and the rear boundaries of No 8 and 6 Aylesbury Road, and the eastern boundary of the property known as Oxford House to the southern boundary of said property, thence northwestwards along said southern boundary to Aylesbury Street, thence southwestwards along said street to a point opposite the northern boundary of St Martin's Vicarage, thence northwestwards southwestwards and northwestwards along said northern boundary to the northern boundary of the Cemetery, thence westwards and southwards along said northern boundary and the western boundary of the Cemetery to the rear boundary of No 69 Eaton Avenue, thence southeastwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 69a-37 Eaton Avenue to the rear boundary of No 54 Manor Road, thence southwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 56 and 58 Manor Road to the southern boundary of No 58 Manor Road, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to Manor Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 60 Manor Road, thence westwards to and along said northern boundary to the rear boundary of No 60 Manor Road, thence southwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 62-68 Manor Road to <sup>a</sup> point where it joins the southern boundary of said property thence due south to the Water Eaton Stream, thence westwards and

following said stream to the eastern boundary of Newton Ward, thence northwestwards along said eastern boundary, the eastern boundary of Church Green Ward and the eastern boundary of Denbigh Ward to the point of commencement.

#### MANOR FARM WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Newton Ward meets the southern boundary of Fenny Stratford Ward, thence northeastwards and following said southern boundary to the western boundary of Little Bickhill CP, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said CP boundary to the southern boundary of the District, thence generally southwestwards along said district boundary to Stoke Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Windermere Drive, thence westwards along said drive to a point being the prolongation of the path to the rear of Nos 2-52 Ennerdale Close, thence northwestwards to and along said path to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 52 Ennerdale Close, thence northeastwards in a straight line to the southeastern corner of No 71 Buttermere Close, thence northwestwards along the eastern boundary of said property crossing the footpath to the southern boundary of No 69 Buttermere Close, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northwards along said rear boundary and northwards and northwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 67-1 Buttermere Close to the northern boundary of No 1 Buttermere Close, thence southwestwards along said northern boundary and in prolongation thereof to Buttermere Close, thence northwestwards along said close to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 19 Drayton Road, thence southwards to and along said rear boundary and southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 21-59 Drayton Road to Grasmere Way, thence northwestwards along said way to Drayton Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the access road leading to Cow Common Farm, thence westwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Newton Ward, thence northwestwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

## EATON WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the District meets the eastern boundary of Newton Ward, thence northwestwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Manor Farm Ward, thence north-eastwards and southeastwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of the District, thence southwestwards along said district boundary to the point of commencement.

## WOLVERTON STACEY BUSHES WARD

The parish of Bradwell Abbey and that area of land bounded by a line commencing at a point where the railway crosses the northwestern boundary of Bradwell Abbey CP, thence southwestwards along said CP boundary to London Road (A5), thence northwestwards along said road to the proposed Milton Keynes Development Corporation grid road H2, thence northeastwards along said road to the railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

## BRADWELL WARD

The parish of Bradwell and that area of land bounded by a line commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Bradwell CP meets the unnamed stream that forms the western boundary of parcel no 0006 on OS 1:2500 plan SP 82-8340 Edition of 1970, thence northwestwards and following said stream to the River Great Ouse being the southern boundary of Haversham-cum-Little Linford CP, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to the western boundary of Stantonbury CP, thence northeastwards and southeastwards and following said parish boundary to the northern boundary of Bradwell CP, thence westwards, northwards and southwestwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

## STONY STRATFORD WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Beachampton CP meets the western boundary of the District, thence northeastwards and following said district boundary to a point being the prolongation northwestwards of the western boundary of the property known as The Mill, thence south-eastwards to and along said western boundary and northeastwards along the southern boundary of said property to the unnamed road leading from The Mill to Stratford Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Stratford Road,

thence southwestwards along said road to the proposed road A5(D) leading from Stratford Road to the proposed H2 road, thence southeastwards along said proposed road to the northern boundary of Wolverton Stacey Bushes Ward, thence southwestwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of said ward, thence southeastwards along said western boundary to the western boundary of Shenley Church End CP, thence southwestwards along said CP boundary to the southern boundary of the District, thence northwestwards along said district boundary to the point of commencement.

## WOLVERTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Stony Stratford Ward meets the western boundary of the District, thence northeastwards along said district boundary to the southern boundary of Castlethorpe CP, thence northeastwards and following said southern boundary and the southern boundary of Haversham-cum-Little Linford CP to the western boundary of Bradwell Ward, thence generally southwards along said ward boundary to the northern boundary of Wolverton Stacey Bushes Ward, thence southwestwards, northwestwards and southwestwards along said northern boundary to the eastern boundary of Stony Stratford Ward, thence northwestwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

## NEWPORT PAGNELL WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Gayhurst CP meets the southern boundary of Lathbury CP, thence northeastwards and south-eastwards along the southern boundary of Lathbury CP, generally eastwards along the southern boundary of Chicheley CP southeastwards along the western boundary of North Crawley CP, southwestwards along the northern boundary of Moulsoe CP, northwestwards and southwestwards along the northern boundary of Woolstone-cum-Willen CP, northwestwards along the eastern boundaries of Great Linford CP and Haversham-cum-Little Linford CP and northeastwards along the southern boundary of Gayhurst CP to the point of commencement.

## OLNEY WARD

The parishes of Stoke Goldington

Gayhurst  
 Ravenstone  
 Weston Underwood  
 Olney  
 Olney Park

## LAVENDON WARD

The parishes of Warrington

Lavendon  
 Cold Brayfield  
 Newton Blossomville  
 Clifton Reynes  
 Petsoe Manor  
 Emberton

## LINFORD WARD

The parish of Great Linford

## PINEHAM WARD

The parishes of Woolstone-cum-Willen

Moulsoe

Broughton

Milton Keynes

Walton

## LOUGHTON WARD

The parishes of Loughton

Shenley Church End

Shenley Brook End

## WOUGHTON WARD

The parish of Woughton on the Green

## WOBURN SANDS WARD

The parish of Woburn Sands

## DANESBOROUGH WARD

The parishes of Wavendon

Bow Brickhill

Little Brickhill

## STANTONBURY WARD

The parishes of Hanshope

Castlethorpe

Haversham-cum-Little Linford

Stantonbury

## SHERINGTON WARD

The parishes of Tyringham with Filgrave

Lathbury

Sherington

Chicheley

North Crawley

Hardmead

Astwood