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To the Rt Hon Merlyn Rees, MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BOSTON
IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLNSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Boston, 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 of that borough.

2. In accordance with the procedure prescribed in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 21 April 1975 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Boston Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to Lincolnshire 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 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. Boston 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 1972 Act 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 have passed a resolution under section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting a system of whole council elections.

5. On 28 October 1975, Boston Borough Council submitted their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the borough into 17 wards, each returning 1, 2 or 3 councillors, to give a total council of 34 members.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Borough Council. We noted that the scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and our own guidelines.

7. No comments on the draft scheme were received. After consultation with Ordnance Survey, we decided to propose some slight alterations to some of the ward boundaries proposed by the Council. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

8. On 30 April 1976, we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter. The Council were asked to make the 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 30 July 1976.

9. Boston Borough Council wrote to say that they accepted our draft proposals. No other comments were received.

10. We have reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comment which we have received and have confirmed them as our final proposals.

11. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 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 ward. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps.

PUBLICATION

12. 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 Boston Borough Council and will be made 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. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the maps is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

Signed:

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SCHEDULE 1

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BARGATE	2
CENTRAL	2
COASTAL	2
FEN SIDE	3
FISHTOFT	3
FIVE VILLAGES	2
FRAMPTON	1
HOLLAND FEN	1
KIRTON	2
OLD LEAKE	1
SKIRBECK	3
SOUTH	2
SWINESHEAD	1
WEST	3
WITHAM	3
WRANGLE	1
WYBERTON	2

DISTRICT OF BOSTON DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

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.

FENSIDE WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of the parish of Brothertoft meets the River Witham, thence southeastwards along said river to the railway crossing said river, thence southwards along said railway to Gas Works Path, thence westwards along said path to Carlton Road, thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 42 Carlton Road, thence westwards along said boundary, and continuing westwards along the southern boundary of nos 55 and 56 Bartol Crescent to NG reference TF 3190744239 being a point opposite Bartol Crescent, thence northwards to and along said crescent to Brothertoft Road, thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of the Zion Methodist Church in said road, thence generally westwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of no 17 Princess Street, thence northwards along said boundary to the drain to the south of the properties in Almond Walk and Almond Close, thence westwards along said drain and in prolongation thereof to North Forty Foot Drain, thence northwards along said drain and continuing due northwards to Langrick Road, thence generally westwards along said road and the road known as North Forty Foot Bank to the eastern boundary of the parish of Brothertoft, thence generally northwards and north-eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

WITHAM WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Fenside Ward meets the western boundary of the parish of Fishtoft, thence generally northwards, eastwards and southwards along said western boundary to Tower Road, thence generally northwestwards and westwards along said road to Queen's Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Spilsby

Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Maud Foster Drain at Bargate Bridge, thence northwards along said drain to Hospital Bridge, thence southwestwards along said bridge and continuing southwestwards along Norfolk Street to the road known as Witham Place, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of the property known as The Cottage, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the river known as The Haven, thence northwestwards along said river and the River Witham to the northeastern boundary of Fenside Ward, thence continuing northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

BARGATE WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Witham Ward meets the prolongation northwards of the eastern boundary of Tower Road Primary School thence generally southwards along said prolongation and boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 17 - 27 Rochford Crescent, to the northern boundary of Burgess Pit Playing Field, thence eastwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of said playing field, thence southwards along said boundary to the access road leading to Vauxhall House, thence generally southwestwards along said road to Freiston Road, thence generally northwestwards along said road to Church Road, thence generally southwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 40 Church Road, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary to the eastern boundary of the Timber Yard, thence generally northwards, westwards and southwards along the eastern, northern, and western boundary of said timber yard to the path north of No 119 Windsor Bank, thence westwards along said path and in prolongation thereof to Maud Foster Drain, thence northwards along said drain to a point being the prolongation eastwards of the road known as Manor Gardens lying between Nos 44 and 45_x in said road, thence westwards along said prolongation and

westwards and southwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 15 Manor Gardens, thence westwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 34 York Street, thence northwards and westwards along said boundary and the northern boundary of said property to York Street, thence southwards along said street to Spayne Road, thence westwards along said road and Spain Lane and in continuation to the river known as The Haven, thence generally northwestwards along said river to the southern boundary of Witham Ward, thence northeastwards, southwards and eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

SKIRBECK WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Bargate Ward meets the southern boundary of Witham Ward, thence generally eastwards along said southern boundary to the western boundary of the parish of Fishtoft, thence generally southwards along said boundary to the river known as The Haven, thence generally northwestwards along said river to Maud Foster Drain, thence northwards along said drain to the southern boundary of Bargate Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary and generally northwards along the eastern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Fenside Ward meets the southwestern boundary of Witham Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary and continuing southeastwards, eastwards and southwards along the western boundary of Bargate ward and the western boundary of Skirbeck Ward to the river known as The Haven, thence generally westwards and northwards along said river to a point being the prolongation eastwards of Whitehorse Lane, thence westwards along said prolongation and said lane to the High Street, thence southwards along said street to Liquorpond Street, thence westwards and northwestwards along said street to King Street, thence southwards along said street, and in prolongation thereof,

to the railway, thence northwards along said railway to the level crossing at Broadfield Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane, and continuing southwestwards along the unnamed road leading to Peck Avenue, thence generally northwestwards along said avenue to Woodville Road, thence northwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 32 Woodville Road, thence eastwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundaries of Nos 32-2 Woodville Road, thence northwards along said boundaries and the eastern boundary of No 82 Sleaford Road to the rear boundaries of Nos 80-36 Sleaford Road, thence eastwards along said boundaries and northwards along the eastern boundary of No 36 Sleaford Road to said road, thence southeastwards along said road to the railway, thence northwards along said railway to the eastern boundary of Fenside Ward, thence northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of the parish of Wyberton meets the southern boundary of Fenside Ward, thence eastwards northwards and generally northeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Central Ward, thence generally southwards along said boundary and continuing southeastwards along the railway to South Forty Foot Drain, thence westwards along said drain to the eastern boundary of the parish of Wyberton, thence northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

SOUTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of the parish of Wyberton meets the southern boundary of West Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary and northwards to the southern boundary of Central Ward, thence northwards, eastwards, southwards, and eastwards along said boundary to the southwestern boundary of Skirbeck Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the northeastern boundary of the parish

of Wyberton, thence generally northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

FISHTOFT WARD

The parish of Fishtoft.

WRANGLE WARD

The parish of Wrangle.

OLD LEAKE WARD

The parish of Old Leake

COASTAL WARD

The parishes of Benington

Butterwick

Freiston

Leverton

FRAMPTON WARD

The parish of Frampton

WYBERTON WARD

The parish of Wyberton

KIRTON WARD

The Kirton Holm and Kirton Village wards of the parish of Kirton

HOLLAND FEN WARD

The Kirton Fen ward of the parish of Kirton, and the parishes of Amber Hill

Brothertoft

Hart's Grounds

Pelhams's Lands

FIVE VILLAGE WARD**The Parishes of Algarkirk****Bicker****Fosdyke****Sutterton****Wigtoft****SWINESHEAD WARD****The parish of Swineshead**