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Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out a review of the electoral arrangements for the London borough of Barking in accordance with Section 50(3) of the Local Government Act, 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that London borough.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 10 June 1975 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Barking Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Greater London Council, the London Boroughs Association, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the headquarters of the main political parties and the Greater London Regional Council of the Labour Party. Copies were also sent to the editors of local newspapers 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 any interested bodies.
3. The Barking 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 letter of 10 June 1975 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 six weeks before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. On 19 February 1976 the Barking Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the borough into 19 wards, each returning 2 or 3 members to form a council of 48.
5. One comment was received from a local association suggesting alternative arrangements in the Chadwell Heath area of the borough to avoid breaking local ties.
6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the council and the comment which had been made upon it. We noted that the draft scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act and our own guidelines and we considered that it provided a satisfactory basis of representation for the borough. We carefully considered the alternative arrangements for the Chadwell Heath area suggested in the comment we had received. It was suggested that the existing 4-member Chadwell Heath ward should be divided into a 3-member ward and a single-member ward along the line of Eastern Avenue instead of into two 2-member wards along Alexandra Road and Mill Lane as proposed by the Council. It was said that the area between Eastern Avenue and Alexandra Road formed part of the Chadwell Heath community. We noted that the suggested alternative wards would provide an even standard of representation and decided to incorporate them in our draft proposals. After consulting Ordnance Survey we made some minor adjustments to the alignment of some of the boundaries proposed by the Council. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.
7. On 15 October 1976 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter and to those who had commented on the draft scheme. The Council were asked to make our draft proposals and the accompanying map, which defined the 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 9 December 1976.

8. The Borough Council accepted our draft proposals although they would have preferred to have no single-member ward in the borough. Those who had made representations to us supported our draft proposals. No comment opposing the draft proposals was received.

9. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received and concluded that we should confirm them as our final proposals.

10. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report and on the attached map. 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 map.

PUBLICATION

11. 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 Barking Borough Council and will be made available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. 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 map is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed:

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13 January 1977

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ABBAY	3
ALIBON	2
CAMBELL	3
CHADWELL HEATH	3
EASTBROOK	3
EASTBURY	2
FANSHAWE	3
GASCOIGNE	3
GORESBROOK	2
HEATH	3
LONGBRIDGE	3
MANOR	2
MARKS GATE	1
PARSLOES	2
RIVER	2
THAMES	2
TRIPTONS	3
VALENCE	3
VILLAGE	3

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING

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.

MARKS GATE WARD

Commencing at a point where Eastern Avenue West meets the western boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwestwards along said boundary and northeastwards along the northwestern boundary of the Borough to the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence generally southwards along said eastern boundary to Eastern Avenue West, thence westwards along said avenue to the point of commencement.

CHADWELL HEATH WARD

Commencing at a point where the Liverpool Street-Sheffield railway meets the western boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Marks Gate Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwards, eastwards and southwards along said boundary to the Liverpool Street-Sheffield railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

TRIPTONS WARD

Commencing at a point where Becontree Avenue meets the western boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Chadwell Heath Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to Whalebone Lane South, thence southeastwards along said lane to Wood Lane, thence southwards along said lane to Rowlands Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Homestead Road, thence westwards along said road to

Stanhope Road, thence northwards along said road to Becontree Avenue, thence westwards along said avenue to the point of commencement.

VALENCE WARD

Commencing at a point where Wood Lane meets the western boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards and northwestwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Triptons Ward, thence generally eastwards along said boundary to Wood Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to the road known as Heathway, thence southwards along said road to Oxlow Lane, thence westwards along said lane to Beverley Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Wood Lane, thence westwards along said lane to the point of commencement.

HEATH WARD

Commencing at a point where Oxlow Lane meets the eastern boundary of Valence Ward, thence northwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of Triptons Ward to the southern boundary of Chadwell Heath Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southeastwards and northeastwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Central Park, thence southwards along said boundary and generally westwards along the southern boundary of said park and continuing along the rear boundary of properties in Woodshire Road (Nos 56-52) to the eastern boundary of the properties known as Woodlands and The Lawns, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the unnamed road to Central Park, between The Lawns and No 108 Rainham Road North, thence westwards along said unnamed road to Rainham Road North, thence southwards along said road to Fels Close, thence southwestwards along said close to Wantz Stream, thence southwestwards along said stream to Oxlow Lane, thence westwards along said lane to the point of commencement.

EASTBROOK WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of the Borough meets the Barking to Upminster railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to Rainham Road South, thence northwards along said road to Reede Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of the Recreation Ground, thence northwards along said boundary and westwards along the northern boundary of the Recreation Ground to Wantz Road, thence northwards, westwards and northwards along said road to the southern boundary of Heath Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary and northwards, eastwards and northwards along the eastern boundary of Heath Ward to the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence eastwards and southwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ALIBON WARD

Commencing at a point the western boundary of Eastbrook Ward meets the Upminster to Barking railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to the road known as Heathway thence northwards along said road to the southern boundary of Heath Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Eastbrook Ward, thence southwards, eastwards and southwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

FANSHAWE WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Alibon Ward meets the Barking/Upminster railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to a point opposite the western boundary of No 297 Ivyhouse Road, thence northwards to and along said boundary to Ivyhouse Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the road known as Ivy Walk, thence northwards and northeastwards along said road to Grid Reference TQ 4809584705, thence northwestwards in a straight line to and generally northwestwards along the western boundary of the unnamed road through Parsloes Park to Wren

Road, thence westwards along said road to Durell Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Haskard Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Porters Avenue, thence northeastwards along said avenue to the southern boundary of Valence Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Alibon Ward, thence southwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

MANOR WARD

Commencing at a point where Porters Avenue meets Markyate Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Neasham Road, thence westwards along said road Hedingham Road, thence northwards along said road to Ivinghoe Road, thence westwards along said road to Lodge Avenue, thence northwards along said avenue to a point opposite the southern boundary of the Barking Precinct of the North East London Polytechnic, thence westwards and northwestwards to and along said boundary to the western boundary of the Borough, thence eastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Valence Ward and the western boundary of Fanshawe Ward, thence generally southwards along said boundary to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 113-167 Wren Road, thence westwards along said boundary to the rear boundaries of Nos 169-179 Porters Avenue, thence southwestwards along said boundaries and northwestwards along the southwestern boundary of No 179 Porters Avenue to Porters Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to the point of commencement.

PARSLOES. WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Fanshawe Ward meets the Upminster-Barking railway, thence westwards along said railway to Gale Street, thence southwards along said street to Woodward Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Lodge Avenue, thence northwards along said avenue to the Barking-Upminster Railway, thence southwestwards along said

railway to Mayes Brook, thence northeastwards and northwestwards along said brook to the western boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southwestern boundary of Manor Ward, thence generally southeastwards along said boundary and generally northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of said ward to the western boundary of Fanshawe Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

LONGBRIDGE WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Parsloes Ward meets the Barking-Upminster railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to Grid reference TQ 45298 84162, being a prolongation southeastwards of the road known as Wilmington Gardens (western arm), thence northwestwards along said prolongation and said road, crossing Longbridge Road to the southwestern boundary of Barking Park, thence continuing northwestwards, southwestwards and northwestwards along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the western boundary of the Borough, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Parsloes Ward, thence generally southwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ABBEY WARD

Commencing at a point where London Road meets the western boundary of the Borough, thence northwestwards, northwards and generally northeastwards along said boundary to the southwestern boundary of Longbridge Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the Barking Upminster railway, northwestwards along said railway to the access road at the rear of the properties known as Station Parade, thence
 /southwestwards along said access road to the Barking to Tilbury railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to Ripple Road, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said road to St Paul's Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Abbey Road, thence northwestwards along said road to London Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

GASCOIGNE WARD

Commencing at a point where Alfred's Way (East Ham and Barking By-pass) meets the western boundary of the Borough, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Abbey Ward, thence generally eastwards along said boundary to the Barking to Tilbury railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to Alfred's Way (East Ham and Barking By-pass), thence southwestwards along said way to the point of commencement.

EASTBURY WARD

Commencing at a point where Alfred's Way (East Ham and Barking By-pass) meets the northeastern boundary of Gascoigne Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Abbey Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary and the southern boundaries of Longbridge Ward and Parsloes Ward to Lodge Avenue, thence southwest/along said avenue and Alfred's Way (East Ham and Barking By-pass) to the point of commencement.

CAMPBELL WARD

Commencing at a point where the Barking-Tilbury railway (property) meets the southeastern boundary of Eastbury Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Parsloes Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to a point being the prolongation northwards of the western boundary of the Allotment Gardens and No 19 Hedgemans Way, thence southwards along said prolongation and said western boundaries to the rear boundary of No 296 Hedgemans Road, thence eastwards along said boundary and southwards along the eastern boundary of said property to Hedgemans Road, thence westwards along said road to Lullington Road, thence southwards and southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 1 Urswick Road, thence southwards to and along said boundary, thence southeastwards in a straight line to the eastern boundary of No 76 Vincent Road, thence southwestwards along said boundary to Vincent Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of

of No 47 Vincent Road, thence southwards to and along said boundary, the rear boundaries of Nos 44-4 Elstow Road and the eastern boundary of No 190 Goresbrook Road to Goresbrook Road, thence westwards along said road to Dagenham Avenue, thence southwards along said avenue to a point opposite the southern boundary of Castle School, thence eastwards to and along said boundary to Grid reference TQ 4820483774, thence southeastwards along the fence between said grid reference and Ripple Road, crossing Ripple Road, to the rear boundaries of Nos 68-66 Shaw Avenue, thence southwards along said boundaries and continuing along the fence to the east of the rear boundaries in Shaw Avenue and continuing along the drain between the Allotment Gardens and the Packing Factory and in prolongation thereof to the Barking-Tilbury railway (property), thence westwards along said railway (property) to the point of commencement.

THAMES WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the Borough meets the western boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwestwards along said western boundary to the southeastern boundary of Gascoigne Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Cambell Ward; thence southeastwards along said boundary to Grid reference TQ 4824183093, thence southwestwards in a straight line passing through Grid references TQ 4821582895 and TQ 4813582185 to the southern boundary of the Borough, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

GORESBROOK WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the Borough meets the eastern boundary of Thames Ward, thence northwards along said eastern boundary and the eastern boundary of Cambell Ward to the southern boundary of Fanshawe Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the road known as Heathway, thence southwards along said road, crossing Ripple Road and

continuing southwards along Chequers Lane to its end, thence southwestwards along the unnamed docks road being a continuation of Chequers Lane and in prolongation thereof to the southern boundary of the Borough, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

VILLAGE WARD

Commencing at a point where Broad Street meets the eastern boundary of Goresbrook Ward, thence northwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Alibon Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of Eastbrook Ward to the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwestwards along said boundary to Wantz Stream, thence northwestwards along said stream, continuing northwestwards along the southwestern boundary of the Miniature Golf Course and northeastwards along the northwestern boundary of said Golf course to the prolongation southeastwards of the boundary between Leys Hall and properties in Ridgewell Close, thence northwestwards along said prolongation and said boundary to Ballards Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the southwestern boundary of Dagenham Old Park, thence northeastwards to and along said boundary, to the southern boundary of the William Ford C of E Junior School, thence westwards along said southern boundary and northwards along the western boundary of said school and the western boundary of the Village Infants School to the southern boundary of the School House, thence southwestwards along said southern boundary and westwards and northwards along the southern and western boundaries of the Car Park to Ford Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Broad Street, thence northwestwards along said street to the point of commencement.

RIVER WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the Borough meets the eastern boundary of Goresbrook Ward, thence northeastwards and northwards along said ward boundary to the southwestern boundary of Village Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwards along said boundary and northwestwards along the southern boundary of the Borough to the point of commencement.