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

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
FOREST HEATH DISTRICT OF SUFFOLK

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Forest Heath 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 31 December 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Forest Heath District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Suffolk County Council, Parish Councils in the district, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of 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 any interested bodies.

3. Forest Heath District 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 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 not passed a resolution under section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The provisions of section 7(6) will therefore apply and the elections of all district councillors will be held simultaneously.

5. On 17 June 1975, Forest Heath District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area into 15 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 25.

6. We noted that the Council proposed to divide the parish of Brandon into West and East parish wards, which would be joined with the parishes of Wangford and Santon Downham respectively to form district wards. We considered that there could be an imbalance in the electorate of the two district wards by 1980 if all the development which was forecast for the parish of Brandon during the period were to occur. We decided to suggest a different boundary between the proposed Brandon West and Brandon East district wards, subject to the District Council's adopting that line as the new parish ward boundary.

7. We considered the comments which we had received in response to the publication of the Council's scheme together with an alternative scheme submitted by a Newmarket elector. We considered that the Council's draft scheme provided a suitable basis for the future electoral arrangements of the district, and, with the one modification mentioned above, we adopted it and formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

8. On 8 June 1976, we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter. 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 comments should reach us by 3 August 1976.

9. We received an objection to the proposed Granby ward, which combined the existing All Saints and Woodditton wards, asking that the existing arrangements in this area should be retained. We considered this suggestion carefully, but we noted that the existing Woodditton ward was almost divided by the All Saints ward and decided that there were no grounds for changing our draft proposals, namely that these existing wards should be combined to form the Granby ward.

10. The District Council did not accept the boundary realignment between Brandon West and Brandon East wards which we had suggested and wished to ward the parish as they had originally proposed. On further consideration, we noted that the boundary they proposed would create satisfactory wards on current electorate figures and that there was some doubt about the completion of the future development within the time originally planned. We therefore accepted the Council's boundary and replaced the 2-member Brandon West and Brandon East wards in our draft proposals with the two district wards proposed by the district council comprising respectively the new parish ward of Brandon West and the parish of Wangford, and the new parish ward of Brandon East and the parish of Santon Downham. The new district wards would be known as Brandon West and Brandon East each returning 2 members.

11. Subject to this modification, we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

12. 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. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps.

PUBLICATION

13. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of this report and copies of the maps are being sent to Forest Heath District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without maps) are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter or 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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15 September 1977

SCHEDULE 1

FOREST HEATH DISTRICT : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BRANDON EAST	2
BRANDON WEST	2
EXNING	1
GRANBY	2
GREAT HEATH	1
ICENI	1
LAKENHEATH	2
MANOR	1
MARKET	2
MILL	1
ST MARY'S	3
SEVERALS	3
SOUTH	1
STUDLANDS PARK	1
THE ROWS	2

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.

GRANBY WARD

Commencing at a point where the ~~western~~ ^{southern} boundary of the District meets the A11 road, thence northeastwards along the said A 11, High Street and Bury Road to a point opposite the northeastern boundary of parcel No. 8280 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan TL 64/6563, Edition 1970, thence southeastwards to and along said northeastern boundary and in prolongation thereof to the ~~western~~ ^{southern} boundary of the District thence generally southeastwards and southwestwards along the said boundary to the point of commencement.

SEVERALS WARD

Commencing at a point where the northwestern boundary of Granby Ward meets the western boundary of the District thence northwestwards along said district boundary to the Newmarket By-Pass (under construction) thence northeastwards along said by-pass to grid ref TL 6420664453, thence southeastwards to and along the unnamed road and track, to the access road leading from the pumping station to Hamilton Road, thence eastwards along said access road to Hamilton Road, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along said road to Exning Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the access road leading from Exning Road to Oatfield Cottages thence northeastwards along said access road to grid ref TL 6329264936, thence northeastwards in a straight line to and along the northwestern boundary of parcel No 3100 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan TL 62/6364, Edition 1970 and the northwestern

boundaries of parcels Nos 5000 and 8000 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan TL 62/6365, Edition 1970, and in prolongation to Fordham Road, thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of parcel No 6200, thence northeastwards to and along said southeastern boundary, the southeastern boundary of parcel No 6200 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan TL 62/6366, Edition 1970, and the southeastern boundary of parcel No 6200 on Ordnance Survey plan TL64/6566, Edition 1970 and in prolongation thereof to the Newmarket By-pass (under construction), thence eastwards along said by-pass to the District boundary, thence southeastwards along said district boundary and the western boundary of Moulton CP to the ~~western~~ ^{Southern} boundary of the district, thence southwestwards along said district boundary to the northwestern boundary of Granby Ward, thence continuing southwestwards along the ^{said} northwestern boundary to Fordham Road, thence northwards along said road to grid ref TL 6440764247 being a point opposite the southeastern boundary of the parcel to the southeast of the Kremlin House, thence southwestwards to and along said southeastern boundary to grid ref TL6422864178, thence due southwestwards in a straight line to and along the northwestern boundaries of parcels Nos 2700, 1600 and 0001 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan TL 64/6564, Edition 1970, and the northwestern boundary of parcel No 0001 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan TL 62/6364, Edition 1970 to the northeastern boundary of 34 Exning Road, thence northwestwards along said northeastern boundary and southwestwards along the northwestern boundaries of 34 Exning Road and the Garage to Exning Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the Path leading from the southeast of 67a and 67b Exning Road to Stirling Gardens, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said path to Stirling Gardens, thence continuing northwestwards along said Gardens to Edinburgh Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Hamilton Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the northwestern boundary of Granby Ward, thence southwestwards along said northwestern boundary to the point of commencement.

ST MARY'S WARD

Commencing at a point where the northwestern boundary of Granby Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Severals Ward at Hamilton Road, thence north-westwards, generally northeastwards and southeastwards along the said southeastern boundary to the northwestern boundary of Granby Ward, thence south-westwards along said northwestern boundary to the point of commencement.

STUDLANDS PARK WARD

Commencing at a point where the northwestern boundary of Severals Ward meets the Newmarket By-pass (under construction), thence generally northeastwards along said by-pass to the northwestern boundary of Severals Ward, thence generally southwestwards and northwestwards along said northwestern boundary to the point of commencement.

EXNING WARD

Commencing at a point where the northwestern boundary of Severals Ward meets the western boundary of the District thence northwestwards, northeastwards and southeastwards along said District boundary to the northwestern boundary of Severals Ward, thence westwards along said boundary to the northwestern boundary of Studlands Park Ward, thence southwestwards along said northwestern boundary to the point of commencement.

SOUTH WARD

The parishes of Dalham, Kentford and Houlton.

HILL WARD

The parishes of Gazeley, Herringswell and Higham and the Red Lodge ward of the parish of Freckenham.

SENIOR WARD

The parishes of Barton Mills and Worlington and the Village ward of the parish of Freckenham.

ICLINI WARD

The parishes of Cavenham, Elveden, Driswell, Icklingham and Tuddenham.

THE ROWS WARD

The Beck Row Ward and the West Row Ward of the parish of Mildenhall.

GREAT HEATH WARD

The Great Heath Ward of the parish of Mildenhall.

MARKET WARD

The Market Ward of the parish of Mildenhall.

LAKENHEATH WARD

The parish of Lakenheath.

BRANDON WEST WARD

The parish of Wangford and the West ward of the parish of Brandon.

BRANDON EAST WARD

The parish of Santon Downham and the East ward of the parish of Brandon.