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PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT OF
BASINGSTOKE IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Basingstoke in accordance with the requirements of section 63 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 3 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Basingstoke District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Hampshire County Council, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings 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 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. Basingstoke 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 guide-lines 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 consultations 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 Council had exercised an option for a system of elections by thirds.

5. On 30 October 1974 the Basingstoke District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area into 34 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a Council of 60, five more than at present.

6. Following publication by the District Council of their provisional proposals, we received comments objecting to the inclusion in the proposed Farleigh Wallop ward, comprising the whole of the parish of Farleigh Wallop, of that part of the parish " which lies to the north of the M3 Motorway. It was pointed out to us that this northern part of the proposed ward was about to be developed for housing purposes and that the interests of the new electors would lie not with the southerly, more rural, part of the ward but with one of the adjoining wards in the urban area of Basingstoke to the north.

7. We considered this objection carefully but concluded that there was no action which we could take in the context of the present electoral review. To be able to include this proposed urban part of the parish within one of the neighbouring urban wards would require its creation by the District Council as a ward of the parish. However, this is not possible since the parish of Farleigh Wallop has no council and there is no requirement for parish electoral arrangements or warding. Thus, the objection can only be met by a review of the parish boundaries and doubtless the matter will be raised again at the appropriate time.

8. We considered also the comments which had been made to the District Council by parish councils and other bodies and individual electors both during the preparation of the draft scheme and after its publication. In a number of

instances the District Council had not been able to accept the proposals made to them. We reviewed all these proposals and concluded that the Council's decision had been an appropriate one in every case except for a proposal that one of the proposed wards should be renamed. We decided to propose the name "King's Furlong" as being a more appropriate name.

9. We noted that the District Council had proposed the allocation of two councillors to the proposed Farleigh Wallop ward and that this proposed allocation depended on the rate at which the electorate would increase in consequence of the proposed housing developments to which we have already referred. We concluded that the District Council's forecast of growth in the electorate by 1979/80 was probably over-optimistic and accordingly we decided that the proposed ward should be represented by only one councillor. Subject to this modification, to the change of name to which we have already referred and to some minor alterations recommended by the Ordnance Survey in the interests of better boundaries we decided that the Council's draft scheme should be adopted and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

10. On 12 February 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 10 April 1975.

11. The District Council wrote accepting the draft proposals.

12. The body which had written to us earlier about the proposed Farleigh Wallop ward wrote again reiterating their proposal that the part of the ward which lies to the north of the M3 Motorway should be included in one of the wards of the more urban area of Basingstoke. We studied the proposal once more, but again concluded that this was not a problem which could be resolved in the context of the present electoral review.

13. We also received a comment offering a general criticism of the proposed size of the council and of the number of wards returning other than three members together with specific proposals as to the proposed order of retirement of councillors. The purpose of the last proposals was, so far as possible, to concentrate into the same year the election of parish and district councillors representing the parishes and the proposed district wards in the areas of the former Basingstoke rural district. Similarly, the elections in the area of the former Kingsclere and Whitchurch rural district would be held together but in a different year. A copy of this letter had been sent to the District Council and their Chief Executive advised us that the proposed arrangements were unlikely to be any more comprehensible to the electorate and would not be administratively easier for the Council's staff. We were also advised that the District Council were firmly of the opinion that any perpetuation of old authority boundaries or associations should be avoided as being divisive at a time when every effort is being made to unify the varied interests of the district under one authority. We agreed that it would be undesirable to perpetuate old associations in this way and, accordingly, we decided that, subject to small corrections, our recommendations for the proposed order of retirement of councillors should stand. We then formulated our final proposals accordingly.

14. 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 ward. Schedule 2 sets out our proposals for the order of retirement of councillors. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps.

PUBLICATION

15. 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 Basingstoke District Council and will be made 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 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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15 MAY 1975

SCHEDULE 1

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BASING	2
BAUGHURST	1
BLACK DAM	1
BRAMLEY	1
BRIGHTON HILL	3
BUCKSKIN	2
BURGHCLERE	1
CHAPEL	1
DANESHILL	2
EASTROP	2
EAST WOODHAY	2
FARLEIGH WALLOP	1
KEMPSHOTT	2
KINGSCLERE	2
KING'S EURLONG	3
NORDEN	3
NORTH WALTHAM	1
OAKLEY	2
OVERTON	2
PAMBER	1
POPLEY	2
SHERBORNE ST JOHN	1
SHERFIELD ON LODDON	1
SILCHESTER	1
SOUTH HAM	3
ST MARY BOURNE	1
TADLEY CENTRAL	1
TADLEY NORTH	1
TADLEY SOUTH	2
UPTON GREY	1
VIABLES	2
WESTSIDE	3
WHITCHURCH	2
WINKLEBURY	3

DISTRICT OF BASINGSTOKE -

* PARISH ELECTIONS

ORDER OF RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS

ORDER OF RETIREMENT

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR
BASING	2	1	1*	-
BAUGHURST	1	-	-	1*
BLACK DAM	1	1	-	-
BRAMLEY	1	-	-	1*
BRIGHTON HILL	3	1	1	1
BUCKSKIN	2	1	-	1
BURGHCLERE	1	1*	-	-
CHAPEL	1	1	-	-
DANESHILL	2	1	-	1
EASTROP	2	1	-	1
EAST WOODHAY	2	1	1*	-
FARLEIGH WALLOP	1	-	1	-
KEMPSHOTT	2	-	1	1
KINGSCLERE	2	-	1*	1
KING'S FURLONG	3	1	1	1
NORDEN	3	1	1	1
NORTH WALTHAM	1	-	1*	-
OAKLEY	2	1	1*	-
OVERTON	2	-	1*	1
PAMBER	1	1*	-	-
POPLEY	2	1	-	1
SHERBORNE ST JOHN	1	-	-	1*
SHERFIELD ON LODDON	1	-	-	1*
SILCHESTER	1	-	1*	-
SOUTH HAM	3	1	1	1
ST MARY BOURNE	1	-	1*	-

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT - DESCRIPTION OF WARDS

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.

KEMPSHOTT WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Dummer with Kempshott CP meets the eastern boundary of Oakley CP, thence northeastwards along said eastern boundary and in prolongation thereof along the Roman Road (Path) to Pack Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane, crossing Kempshott Lane and continuing southeastwards along Pack Lane to grid reference SU 6154950392, thence southwards to the northern boundary of parcel number 2628 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SU 60/6150 Edition 1967, thence eastwards along said northern boundary, the northern boundary of parcel number 6137 and southeastwards along the eastern boundary of the said parcel and in prolongation thereof to Winchester Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the prolongation northwestwards of the northeastern boundary of Farleigh Wallop CP, thence southeastwards along the said prolongation to the northwestern boundary of Farleigh Wallop CP, thence southwestwards along said northwestern boundary and generally westwards along the northern boundary of Dummer with Kempshott CP to the point of commencement.

BUCKSKIN WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Kempshott Ward meets the eastern boundary of Oakley CP, thence westward and following the said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Wootton St Lawrence CP, thence northwards and eastwards along said southern boundary to grid reference SU 6053652274, thence southeastwards to the junction of Wayside Road and the Roman Road, thence southwestwards along the Roman Road to the railway line, thence northeastwards along said railway line to Green Way, thence southeastwards along said way to Worting Road, thence southwestward and following said road to Worting Road roundabout, thence in a straight line from the roundabout to the northeast boundary of 1 Buckskin Lane, thence southeastwards along said northeastern boundary to the western boundary of 303 Old Worting Road, then southwards along

said western boundary and in prolongation thereof to the path running from the rear of 283 Old Worting Road to the path running from 81 Cambrian Way to Park Lane thence westwards and following said path and southeastwards along the path running from 81 Cambrian Way to Park Lane to the northern boundary of Kempshott Ward, thence northwestwards and following said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

WESTSIDE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Kempshott Ward meets the eastern boundary of Buckskin Ward, thence northwestwards and following the said eastern boundary to Green Way, thence southwards along said way to Worting Road, thence northeastwards along said road to a point opposite the path to the east of 193 Worting Road, thence to and along said path to St Peter's Road thence southwestwards along said road to Paddock Road, thence southeastwards and following said road to Pinkerton Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Stag Hill, thence southwards and following said Stag Hill to Buckland Avenue, thence northeastwards along said avenue to Western Way, thence southeastwards along said way to the Winchester Road - The Harrow Way roundabout, thence, westwards to and along Winchester Road to the northern boundary of Kempshott Ward, thence northwestwards and following said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

BRIGHTON HILL WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of Farleigh Wallop CP meets the southeastern boundary of Kempshott Ward, thence northwestwards and following the said eastern boundary and the southern boundary of Westside Ward to the Winchester Road - The Harrow Way roundabout, thence to and along The Harrow Way to The Harrow Way - Hatch Warren Lane roundabout (under construction), thence to and along Hatch Warren Lane and crossing the Hatch Warren Lane - Cliddesden Lane roundabout to the northeastern boundary of Farleigh Wallop CP,

thence northwestwards along said northeastern boundary to the point of commencement.

SOUTH HAM WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Westside Ward meets the northeastern boundary of Buckskin Ward, thence northwestwards along said northeastern boundary to the railway line, thence northeastwards and following said railway line to Ringway West (under construction), thence southwards and following Ringway West (under construction) and Ringway West to the Ringway West - Winchester Road roundabout, thence southwestwards from said roundabout along ~~Winchester~~ Winchester Road to the eastern boundary of Westside Ward, thence northwards and following said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

VIABLES WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of Farleigh Wallop CP meets the southeastern boundary of Brighton Hill Ward, thence northeastwards and westwards along the southeastern and northern boundaries of Brighton Hill Ward to the southeastern boundary of South Ham Ward, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary to the Winchester Road - Ringway West roundabout, thence southeastwards and following the Ringway South (under construction) to Hackwood Road, thence southeastwards and following said road to the northern boundary of Winslade CP, thence westwards and following said northern boundary, the northwestern boundary of Cliddesden CP and the northeastern boundary of Farleigh Wallop CP to the point of commencement.

KING'S FURLONG WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Viables Ward meets the eastern boundary of South Ham Ward, thence northwestwards and following said eastern boundary to the railway line, thence eastwards along said railway line

to Chapel Hill, thence southeastwards along said Chapel Hill to Alençon Link, thence southwestwards and following said link and crossing the Alençon Link - Churchill Way roundabout to Essex Road, thence southwestwards and following the said road, and crossing Worting Road to Penrith Road, thence southwards and following said road to Winchester Road, thence northeastwards along said road to Bounty Road, thence eastwards along said road to Council Road, thence southeastwards and following said road to Fairfields Road, thence westwards along said road to a point opposite Shrubbery Walk thence southwards to and following along Shrubbery Walk to the northern boundary of Viables Ward, thence southwestwards and following the said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

BLACK DAM WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Winslade CP meets the northeastern boundary of Viables Ward, thence northwards and following the said northeastern boundary to the Hackwood Road - Ringway South roundabout (under construction), thence eastwards and following said Ringway South (under construction) and crossing Black Dam roundabout to the western boundary of Basing CP, thence southwards and following said western boundary to the northern boundary of Winslade CP, thence westwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

EASTROP WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Viables Ward meets the eastern boundary of King's Furlong Ward, thence northwards and following said eastern boundary to the railway line, thence eastwards and following said railway line to the western boundary of Basing CP, thence southwards and following said western boundary to the northern boundary of Black Dam Ward, thence westwards and following said northern boundary and the northern boundary of Viables Ward to the point of commencement.

NORDEN WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Eastrop Ward meets Vyne Road, thence northwards and following said road to Darlington Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Sherborne Road, thence northwestwards along said road and the Path leading from Sherborne Road to the Subway under Ringway North, thence northeastwards and following Ringway North and Ringway East to the northern boundary of Eastrop Ward thence westwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

CHAPEL WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of King's Furlong Ward meets Ringway West, thence northwards and following said Ringway West and crossing Ringway West - Ringway North roundabout to the southern boundary of Sherborne St John CP, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to Aldermaston Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the Aldermaston Road - Ringway North roundabout, thence eastwards along Ringway North to the western boundary of Norden Ward, thence southeastwards and following said western boundary to the northern boundary of Eastrop Ward, thence westwards and following said northern boundary and northern boundary of King's Furlong Ward to the point of commencement.

POPLEY WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Norden Ward meets the eastern boundary of Chapel Ward, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Sherborne St John CP, thence northeastwards and following said southern boundary to grid reference SU 6391254496, thence due east to the road known as Carpenters Down, thence southwestwards along said Carpenters Down to Popley Way, thence eastwards along said way to grid reference SU 6402354316, thence due south to the path

following the northern, western and southern boundaries of John Hunt of Everest Secondary School, thence southwestwards, southwards and eastwards along the said path to Shakespeare Road, thence southwestwards and following the said road to the path from said road to Oakridge Road, thence southwestwards and following the said path to the northern boundary of Norden Ward, thence westwards and following the said northern boundary to the point of commencement

DANESHILL WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of Norden Ward meets the eastern boundary of Popley Ward, thence northwards and following the said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Sherborne St John CP, thence northwards and following the said southern boundary to the western boundary of Basing CP, thence southeastwards and following the said western boundary to the northern boundary of Eastrop Ward, thence westwards along the said northern boundary to the eastern boundary of Norden Ward, thence northwards and following the eastern and the northeastern boundary to the point of commencement.

WINKLEBURY WARD

The Sherborne St John ^{South} Ward of the Sherborne St John CP and that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Buckskin Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Wootton St Lawrence CP, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary to the southern boundary of Sherborne St John CP, thence eastwards and following said southern boundary to the western boundary of Chapel Ward, thence southwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of South Ham Ward, thence westwards and following said northern boundary and the northern boundary of Buckskin Ward to the point of commencement.

EAST WOODHAY WARD

The parishes of Ashmansworth, East Woodhay, Highclere

BURGHCLERE WARD

The parishes of Burghclere, Ecchinswell and Sydmonton, Newton^W

KINGSCLERE WARD

The parish of Kingsclere

BAUGHURST WARD

The parish of Baughurst

TADLEY NORTH WARD

The Tadley North Ward of the parish of Tadley

TADLEY CENTRAL WARD

The Tadley Central Ward of the parish of Tadley

TADLEY SOUTH WARD

The Tadley South Ward of the parish of Tadley

SHERBORNE ST JOHN WARD

The parishes of Monk Sherborne, Wootton St Lawrence and the Sherborne St John North Ward of the parish of Sherborne St John

PAMBER WARD

The parish of Pamber

SILCHESTER WARD

The parishes of Mortimer West End, Silchester

BRAMLEY WARD

The parishes of Bramley, Stratfield Saye

SHERFIELD ON LODDON WARD

The parishes of Sherfield on Loddon, Hartley Wespall, Stratfield Turgis

ST MARY BOURNE WARD

The parishes of Hurstbourne Priors, St Mary Bourne

WHITCHURCH WARD

The parishes of Litchfield and Woodcote, Whitchurch

OVERTON WARD

The parishes of Laverstoke, Overton

OAKLEY WARD

The parishes of Deane, Oakley

BASING WARD

The parish of Basing

NORTH WALTHAM WARD

The parishes of Steventon, North Waltham, Popham, Woodmencott, Dummer with Kempshott, Candovers, Nutley, Preston Candover, Bradley

FARLEIGH WALLOP WARD

The parish of Farleigh Wallop

UPTON GREY WARD

The parishes of Cliddesden, Ellisfield, Winslade, Herriard, Tunworth, Weston Corbett, Weston Patrick, Newnham, Mapledurwell and Up Hatel~~py~~, Upton Grey.

SEE LIST OF PARISHES TO