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To the Rt Hon Roy Jenkins, MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH
OF CONGLETON IN THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Borough of Congleton, 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 borough.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 12 August 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Congleton Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Cheshire County Council, parish councils and parish meetings in the borough, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies 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 any interested bodies.
3. The Congleton 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 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 had passed a resolution under section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 exercising an option for election by thirds.

5. On 13 February 1975 the Congleton Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the borough into 18 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 councillors to form a council of 45.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Borough Council which appeared to have achieved local agreement. We looked into the possibility of adapting the draft scheme so as to secure greater equality of representation; and decided to propose one alteration, affecting one parish and amending the number of councillors to be assigned to each of two wards. We also decided to accept, in agreement with the Borough Council, suggested modifications to the names of two of the wards. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 21 April 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 members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 20 June 1975.

8. The Congleton Borough Council objected to the alteration to their draft scheme which we had made with the aim of achieving greater equality of representation. They suggested that their original proposals should stand. Three parish councils made similar suggestions.

9. We considered again our previous decision and, in view of the comments which we had received about local affinities and in the light of the strong local feelings against our proposal; we concluded that the wards originally

proposed in the draft scheme should be adopted. Subject to this alteration we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

10. 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. Schedule 2 shows our proposals for the order of retirement of councillors.

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 maps are being sent to the Congleton Borough Council and will be 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 maps is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

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Signed

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17 July 1975

BOROUGH OF CONGLETON: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND
NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ALSAGER EAST	3
ALSAGER WEST	3
ASTBURY	1
BRERETON	1
BUGLAWTON	2
CONGLETON CENTRAL	2
CONGLETON NORTH	3
CONGLETON SOUTH	3
CONGLETON WEST	3
DANE	3
HOLMES CHAPEL	2
LAWTON	2
MIDDLEWICH CLEDFORD	2
MIDDLEWICH KINDERTON	3
ODD RODE	3
SANDBACH EAST	3
SANDBACH NORTH	3
SANDBACH WEST	3

BOROUGH OF CONGLETON : ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

PROPOSED NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR
ALSAGER EAST	3	1	1 PE	1
ALSAGER WEST	3	1	1 PE	1
ASTBURY	1	-	1 PE	-
BRERETON	1	-	-	1 PE
BUGLAWTON	2	1	1	-
CONGLETON CENTRAL	2	1	1	-
CONGLETON NORTH	3	1	1	1
CONGLETON SOUTH	3	1	1	1
CONGLETON WEST	3	1	1	1
DANE	3	1	1 PE	1
HOLMES CHAPEL	2	1	-	1 PE
LAWTON	2	1	-	1 PE
MIDDLEWICH CLEDFORD	2	-	1 PE	1
MIDDLEWICH KINDERTON	3	1	1 PE	1
ODD RODE	3	1	1 PE	1
SANDBACH EAST	3	1	1 PE	1
SANDBACH NORTH	3	1	1 PE	1
SANDBACH WEST	3	1	1 PE	1
	45	15	15	15

PE = PARISH ELECTION

BOROUGH OF CONGLETON : DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

CONGLETON SOUTH WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Newbold Astbury CP meets the southeastern boundary of the district, thence northwestwards and following said northeastern boundary to a point opposite the stream known as The Howty, thence northwards to and along said stream to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 60 Swan Street, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to Swan Street thence northeastwards along said street, Wagg Street and the road known as Swan Bank to Duke Street, thence southeastwards and eastwards along said street, Bridge Street and High Street to Albert Place, thence southwards along said place to Canal Street thence southeastwards along said street to New Street, thence northeastwards along said street and the path linking New Street with Townsend Road to Townsend Road, thence northwestwards and northwards along said road to Park Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to the railway, thence northeastwards along said railway to Dane in Shaw Brook, thence southeastwards and following said brook to the southeastern boundary of the district, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

CONGLETON CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at the point where Newcastle Road (34) meet the northeastern boundary of Newbold Astbury CP, thence northwards and following said road to West Road, thence eastwards along said road to Clayton By-Pass thence northeastwards along said by-pass to the road known as Rood Hill, thence southeastwards and southwards along said road and Mill Street to the western boundary of Congleton South Ward, thence southwards along said boundary to the northeastern boundary of Newbold Astbury CP, thence generally westwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

CONGLETON WEST WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of Congleton Central Ward meets the northeastern boundary of Newbold Astbury CP thence westwards and following said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Somerford CP and continuing northwestwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of Hulme Walfield CP and continuing southeastwards and following said boundary to the northeastern boundary of the district and continuing northeastwards along said boundary to Manchester Road, thence southwards and southwestwards along said road, the road known as Lower Heath and Rood Lane to the northern boundary of Congleton Central Ward, thence southwestwards and southwards along said boundary and the western boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

CONGLETON NORTH WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Congleton South Ward meets the eastern boundary of Congleton Central Ward, thence northwards along said eastern boundary to the southeastern boundary of Congleton West ward, thence northeastwards and northwards along the said boundary and the eastern boundary of said ward to the northeastern boundary of the district, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the River Dane, thence southwards and following said river to Dane in Shaw Brook, thence northeastwards and following said brook to the northern boundary of Congleton South Ward, thence southwestwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

BUGLAWTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Congleton South Ward meets the southeastern boundary of the district, thence generally northwestwards and northwards along said eastern boundary and the eastern

boundary of Congleton North Ward to the northeastern boundary of the district thence eastwards and following said boundary to the southeastern boundary of the district, thence southwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

ALSAGER WEST WARD

The Alsager West ward of the parish of Alsager.

ALSAGER EAST WARD

The Alsager East ward of the parish of Alsager.

LAWTON WARD

The parishes of Hassall, Betchton and Church Lawton.

SANDBACH WEST WARD

The Sandbach West ward of the parish of Sandbach.

SANDBACH NORTH WARD

The Sandbach North ward of the parish of Sandbach.

SANDBACH EAST WARD

The Sandbach East ward of the parish of Sandbach.

BRERETON WARD

The parishes of Moston, Bradwall and Brereton.

MIDDLEWICH KINDERTON WARD

The Middlewich North ward of the parish of Middlewich.

MIDDLEWICH CLEDFORD WARD

The Middlewich South ward of the parish of Middlewich.

HOLMES CHAPEL WARD

The parish of Church Hulme.

DANE WARD

The parishes of Goostrey, Twemlow, Swettenham, Somerford Booths, Hulme Walfield, Somerford and Cranage.

ASTBURY WARD

The parishes of Arclid, Smallwood, Newbold Astbury, and Moreton cum Alcumlow.

ODD RODE WARD

The parish of Odd Rode.