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PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF OXFORDSHIRE

1. The last Order under section 51 of the Local Government Act 1972 in relation to electoral arrangements for districts in the County of Oxfordshire was made on 3 September 1980. As required by section 63 and Schedule 9 of the Act, we have now reviewed the electoral arrangements for that county, using the procedures we had set out in our Report No 6.

2. We informed Oxfordshire County Council in a consultation letter dated 26 September 1980 that we proposed to conduct the review, and sent copies of the letter to the district councils, town and parish councils and parish meetings in the county, Members of Parliament representing the constituencies concerned, to the headquarters of the main political parties and to the editors both of local papers circulating in the county and of the local government press. Notices in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.

3. On 13 February 1981 the County Council submitted to us a draft scheme in which they suggested 69 electoral divisions for the county, each returning one member in accordance with section 6(2)(a) of the Act.

4. We considered this scheme together with the views expressed by local interests. On 23 September 1981 we issued draft proposals which we sent to all those who had received our consultation letter or commented on the county council's draft scheme. Notices were inserted in the local press announcing that the draft proposals had been issued and could be inspected at the county council's offices.

5. We incorporated in our draft proposals those parts of the county council's draft scheme which related to the City of Oxford, subject to some name changes, and to the district of West Oxfordshire. We were of the opinion that the standard of electoral representation in other areas of the draft scheme fell short of what we would like to have seen. We allocated an additional councillor to the District of Cherwell, bringing the total county council membership to 70, and also adopted revised arrangements of wards and parishes in respect of the other districts of the county to produce divisions which were numerically more acceptable. Further name changes were also made, in the Districts of Cherwell and South Oxfordshire.

6. We received comments in response to our draft proposals from the Oxfordshire County Council, one district council, 25 parish councils, four political organisations, one county councillor, three district councillors and two private individuals. A list of those who wrote to us is given at Appendix 1 to this report.

7. The comments we received can be summarised as follows:

(a) General

The county council noted with regret that the Commission felt unable to accept their draft scheme, which, they said, had been prepared as a minimum change exercise in preference to "... a complete redraft to achieve more divisions of roughly average size." They accepted the additional member for the District of Cherwell but they did not support the Vale of White Horse District Council's request for increased representation for their district **and for the** District of South Oxfordshire in order to achieve a more suitable average electorate per councillor. They also submitted detailed comments on other aspects of the draft proposals and these will be covered in the following paragraphs. Aston Rowant Parish Council objected to the draft proposals, without referring to specific divisions, because they combined rural areas with urban areas. A district councillor drew attention to a graphical error on the public display copy of the map illustrating the draft proposals; arrangements were made for this error to be corrected immediately. A private individual commented that in her opinion the review was proceeding smoothly and that she was satisfied with the draft proposals in general.

(b) District of Cherwell

Bodicote Parish Council supported the draft proposals as far as their parish was affected. Begbroke Parish Council and Yarnton Parish Council objected to being included in the proposed Otmoor division on the grounds that there was no affinity between their area and the rest of the division. Yarnton Parish Council suggested alternative groupings of parishes, which were largely supported by Begbroke Parish Council, and said that if the draft proposals must stand, the name of the division should be changed from "Otmoor" to either "Yarnton" or "Yarnton and Otmoor". Wendlebury Parish Council, the Banbury Constituency Labour Party and a district councillor were opposed to the inclusion of rural parishes in either of the two proposed Bicester divisions for the reason that a conflict of interests between town and village would result. The Labour Party also claimed that the electorate of the town of Bicester alone justified two members, and suggested alternative arrangements to improve the Bicester divisions, together with consequential changes to the proposed Ploughley and Deddington divisions; the district councillor in question requested the Commission to alter the district ward structure in Bicester. Another district councillor objected to the disparity between the size of the electorates in the two Bicester divisions. The North Oxfordshire Conservative Association were unhappy with the proposed Deddington division because in their view it disregarded natural catchment areas and geographical features. A county councillor objected to the inclusion of the parishes of Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower in the proposed

Wroxton division. He considered the size of that division would present problems for the elected member and that there was a lack of affinity between those parishes and the rest of the division. The County Council however supported the wishes of the two parishes to be included in this division. The County Council also queried the validity of the textual descriptions for two of the proposed Banbury divisions, and in addition suggested a minor alteration to the line of the boundary of the proposed Banbury Neithrop division. None of the changes involved any substantive alteration to divisions.

(c) City of Oxford

The County Council had no observations to make on the draft proposals for this district, which accorded with their own, except on the nomenclature of the electoral divisions. They felt that in the interests of clarity the names of the proposed divisions in this district should be the same as those of the district wards with which they were coterminous, prefaced by the word "Oxford" where any confusion might arise.

(d) District of South Oxfordshire

Benson Parish Council objected to being included in the proposed Benson division along with parishes with which they shared no common interest, and wished instead to see the existing electoral arrangements preserved. They asked the Commission to have regard to the natural grouping of rural parishes and place less emphasis on statistical data. Warborough Parish Council were concerned about the proposed break up of the existing Benson division and preferred to see no change. They claimed stronger ties with Benson than with Dorchester, with which parish they would be joined in the proposed Dorchester division. The County Council felt that changes to the existing Benson division were necessary, having regard to the geographical and electoral constraints on contiguous divisions. A district councillor welcomed the proposed Dorchester division on the grounds of compatibility with district wards, but objected to the disparity in the size of the electorates in the two proposed Didcot divisions. Brightwell-Cum-Sotwell Parish Council expressed concern that the linking of their area with the urban area of Wallingford would be detrimental to their status as a village; they wished to preserve their association with villages with which they had been linked in the past. The County Council did not support their request on the grounds that electoral inequality would result. Garsington Parish Council objected to being separated from the Wheatley district ward by their inclusion in the proposed Chalgrove division. The Wheatley and District Branch of the Labour Party considered that the boundaries of the proposed Wheatley division were as dispersed as under the existing arrangements, and that a more compact division, centred upon the village of Wheatley, would be preferable. Harpsden Parish Council and Shiplake Parish Council objected to being united with

part of Henley-on-Thames to form the proposed Henley South division as there was no affinity between the two areas. A similar view was expressed by Rotherfield Greys Parish Council regarding their inclusion in the proposed Henley North division, and also by the district councillor representing that parish and the parish of Bix, who suggested that community and transport problems were quite different in the two areas. Kidmore End Parish Council and Mapledurham Parish Council said they had no affinity with the urban parish of Sonning Common and that there was no good case for altering their existing division. Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council suggested alternatives to the proposed Sonning Common division with the aim of combining parishes with similar interests and problems. Swyncombe Parish Council were of the opinion that the proposed Watlington division was geographically wrong, saying that some of the parishes in the division looked towards Thame as the local centre, whilst the remainder looked towards Henley; they felt it was unreasonable to expect a county councillor to represent interests which might at times be at variance. Risinghurst and Sandhills Parish Council saw the separation of their parish from that of Marston, in the proposed Old Marston division, as a further attempt to draw those areas into the City of Oxford, a move which they would firmly resist. They could in addition see no legitimate reason for changing the name of the existing Stanton St John division. Stanton St John Parish Council considered that it would be difficult to reconcile the needs of Risinghurst and Sandhills Parish with those of Marston Parish, as the former was urban in nature and the latter rural. Marston Parish Council could see no reason to change the existing division, and they objected strongly to the name 'Old Marston' for the proposed division, preferring instead 'Marston'. The County Council also suggested changing the name 'Old Marston' in order to avoid confusion with the adjoining division in the City of Oxford called 'New Marston' under our draft proposals.

(e) District of Vale of White Horse

In addition to requesting increased representation for their district, the Vale of White Horse District Council suggested that the County Council's projected population figures did not take account of all planned development in the district, and said that if the Commission did not take account of this fact an imbalance of electors in the district would occur such that an interim review of the county electoral arrangements would be required before the next full review. The County Council acknowledged that their 1985 forecast electorates, which were compiled in 1979, did not reflect all planned development; they took the view however that most of this development, if approved, would take place between 1985 and 1991 and even so might not justify an additional councillor for the district. They also said that in any event they would not wish to submit any revised proposals for

county electoral arrangements for the district while the parish review was in progress because of possible changes affecting the town of Abingdon. The comments of Chilton Parish Council appeared to support the draft proposals. Cumnor Parish Council felt that the proposed Cumnor division covered too vast an area without any common ties, and they submitted suggestions for an alternative division. These were supported by North Hinksey Parish Council, who objected to the proposed Hinksey division, but not by the County Council who doubted whether the Commission would accept the size of the electorate in the alternative division. The County Council suggested transferring the parish of Wytham from the proposed Cumnor division to the proposed Hinksey division as it would have greater ties with the latter. Kennington Parish Council also objected to the proposed Hinksey division in that they favoured preserving the existing arrangements. It appeared to them that this division was proposed as the result of a projected increase in the electorate of Radley, which situation they said would be grossly changed by the imminent review of parish boundaries; that review should therefore be awaited before altering the electoral arrangements. Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council supported the draft proposals for the Horner division but would nevertheless have preferred St Helen Without Parish to be included in the division instead of Radley from the point of view of local ties.

(f) District of West Oxfordshire

Combe Parish Council objected to being included in the proposed Charlbury division as it would mean they would no longer be linked with Blenheim or Woodstock. The Banbury Constituency Labour Party regarded the inclusion of the parish of Chastleton in the proposed Chipping Norton division as unacceptable, and submitted alternative proposals for that division and for the proposed divisions of Charlbury and Wychwood. The Eynsham and District Liberals were concerned that the Commission's draft proposals included divisions which were not coterminous with district wards; they submitted proposals for alternative divisions accordingly.

8. When we came to reassess our draft proposals we took account of all the comments we had received and we have come to the following conclusions:

(a) District of Cherwell

We do not see any justification for adopting either of the alternatives to the proposed Otmoor division which Yarnton Parish Council suggested, and which were supported by Begbroke Parish Council; they show no numerical advantage over our draft proposals and one involves a split division. We see merit however in the suggestion to change the name of our Otmoor division to "Yarnton and Otmoor" and endorse that suggestion accordingly for our final proposals. The pattern of parish wards in Bicester allows no scope for changing the two proposed Bicester divisions, either to satisfy objections to the inclusion of rural parishes with these

divisions, or to equalise the size of their electorates. The matter of restructuring the district wards in Bicester, which had been requested by a district councillor, cannot appropriately be considered in the context of the county electoral review. We are in favour of the alteration suggested by the County Council, to part of the boundary for the Banbury Neithrop division of our draft proposals, subject to a further, minor technical amendment which Ordnance Survey have suggested. No alternative proposals were received from the objectors to the proposed divisions of Deddington and Wroxton, and we can see no justification for amending our own proposals.

(b) City of Oxford

The only comment on the draft proposals for this district was made by the County Council, and concerned the naming of divisions. There seems to be no essential difference between the County Council's approach and our own; we have therefore decided to confirm our draft proposals as final proposals.

(c) District of South Oxfordshire

Most of the objections to the draft proposals for this district were concerned with the linking of areas having no common interests, particularly urban with rural areas; there was widespread support for the retention of the existing electoral arrangements. None of the suggestions for alternative divisions appear to us to be feasible, having regard to electoral equality and geographical consideration. The notion that our draft proposals were in any way designed to allow for the future transfer of parishes into the City of Oxford is **not correct**; our proposals are concerned with achieving electoral divisions which so far as is reasonably practicable comply with the rules laid down in the Act. We noted the objections to the name of the proposed Old Marston division but can see no strong reason for changing the name.

(d) District of Vale of White Horse

We realise that on 1980 (base year) figures the number of electors per councillor in this district is, under our draft proposals, slightly higher than the average for the county as a whole. By 1985 however this measure of under-representation would reduce to the extent that the allocation of an additional councillor would, in our opinion, be unnecessary. There can be no question of our taking account, as we were asked to do, of changes which might come about because of recommendations arising out of the Vale of White Horse Parish Boundary Review. Any necessity for changes or an interim review of the county electoral arrangements must be dealt with as it arises. We noted the objections to the proposed Cumnor division but we do not feel that they are such as to cause us to alter our draft proposals. Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council's suggestion to

replace Radley Parish by St Helen Without Parish, in the proposed Hormer division, would result in a much poorer standard of electoral representation than under the draft proposals and we cannot accept it.

(e) District of West Oxfordshire

We are satisfied that the objections to the proposed Charlbury and Chipping Norton divisions do not warrant any alteration to our draft proposals. On the matter of some of the divisions in our draft proposals not being coterminous with district wards, our practice is to seek to achieve, as far as is reasonably practicable, division boundaries that coincide with district ward boundaries. The Local Government Act 1972 however requires that our prime objective must be to secure electoral equality between divisions; on occasions 'compatibility' of division and ward boundaries must be sacrificed to this end. For this reason we cannot accept the alternative divisions proposed by the Eynsham and District Liberals.

9. Subject to the modifications in the District of Cherwell referred to in paragraph 8(a) above, we have accordingly decided to confirm our draft proposals as final proposals.

10. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the electoral divisions. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed electoral divisions, as defined on the map, is set out in Schedule 2.

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 Oxfordshire County Council, and will be available for inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without map) are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

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Signed:

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J M ACKNER

TYRRELL BROCKBANK

G E CHERRY

D P HARRISON

L B GRIMSHAW (Secretary)

May 1982

LIST OF THOSE WHO COMMENTED ON THE DRAFT PROPOSALS

	<u>DIVISION</u>
Oxfordshire County Council	Whole county
Aston Rowant Parish Council	" "
One private individual	" "
 <u>CHERWELL DISTRICT</u>	
The County Council	Banbury Neithrop/Banbury Grimsbury
Bodicote Parish Council	Bloxham
Begbroke Parish Council	Otmoor
Yarnton Parish Council	"
Wendlebury Parish Council	Bicester South
One district councillor	Bicester South/Bicester North
Banbury Constituency Labour Party	Part district
One county councillor	Wroxton
North Oxfordshire Conservative Association	Deddington
 <u>SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT</u>	
Vale of White Horse District Council	Whole district
Benson Parish Council	Benson
Warborough Parish Council	Benson/Dorchester
One district councillor	Dorchester/Didcot Manor/Didcot Mereland
Brightwell-Cum-Sotwell Parish Council	Wallingford
Garsington Parish Council	Chalgrove/Wheatley
Wheatley and District Branch Labour Party	Wheatley
Harpsden Parish Council	Henley South
Shiplake Parish Council	" "
Rotherfield Greys Parish Council	Henley North
One district councillor	" "
Kidmore End Parish Council	Sonning Common
Mapledurham Parish Council	" "
Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council	" "
Swyncombe Parish Council	Watlington
Risinghurst & Sandhills Parish Council	Old Marston
Stanton St John Parish Council	" "
Marston Parish Council	" "
 <u>VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT</u>	
Vale of White Horse District Council	Whole district
Cumnor Parish Council	Cumnor
North Hinksey Parish Council	Cumnor/Hinksey
Kennington Parish Council	Hinksey
Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council	Hormer

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

DIVISION

Combe Parish Council
Banbury Constituency Labour Party
Eynsham & District Liberals

Charlbury/Woodstock
Part district
Part district

COUNTY OF OXFORDSHIRE

NAMES OF PROPOSED ELECTORAL DIVISIONS (EACH RETURNING ONE COUNCILLOR)

NAME OF DIVISION

CHERWELL DISTRICT

Banbury Easington
Banbury Grimsbury
Banbury Hardwick
Banbury Neithrop
Banbury Ruscote
Bicester North
Bicester South
Bloxham
Deddington
Kidlington North
Kidlington South
Ploughley
Wroxton
Yarnton and Otmoor

CITY OF OXFORD

Blackbird Leys
Headington
Iffley
New Marston
Oxford Central
Oxford Cherwell
Oxford East
Oxford North
Oxford South
Oxford West
Quarry
St Clements
Temple Cowley
Wolvercote
Wood Farm

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

Benson
Chalgrove
Chinnor
Didcot Manor
Didcot Mereland
Dorchester
Goring
Henley North
Henley South
Littlemore
Moreton
Old Marston
Sonning Common
Thame
Wallingford
Watlington
Wheatley

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT

Abingdon Central
Abingdon North
Abingdon South
Cumnor
Drayton
Faringdon
Grove
Hinksey
Hormer
Marcham
Shrivenham
Wantage
Wantage Rural

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

Bampton	Hanborough
Burford	Witney North
Carterton	Witney South
Charlbury	Woodstock
Chipping Norton	Wychwood
Eynsham	

COUNTY OF OXFORDSHIRE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISION 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.

CHERWELL DISTRICT

BANBURY EASINGTON ED

That part of the Cherwell District Ward of Calthorpe bounded by a line commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of Calthorpe Ward meets the southwestern boundary of said Ward, thence northwestwards along said southwestern boundary to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of the Rugby Football Ground, thence northeastwards to and along said southeastern boundary to the northeastern boundary of said Ground, thence northwestwards along said northeastern boundary to the southeastern boundary of No 57 Hightown Road, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary, the southeastern boundaries of No's 55 to 49 and No 41 Hightown Road and the southern boundary of the area of land to the south and southeast of No 39 Hightown Road to the eastern boundary of said area of land, thence northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the northwestern boundary of No 29 High Acres, thence northeastwards along said northwestern boundary to its northernmost point, thence northeastwards in a straight line from said point to the southernmost corner of No 11 Lime Avenue, thence northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of said property the southeastern boundary of No 10 Lime Avenue and continuing northeastwards along the field boundary leading to the northwestern boundary of No 45 High Acres, the northwestern boundary of No 45 High Acres and the northwestern boundaries of No's 47 to 50 High Acres to the northernmost corner of the last-mentioned property, thence northeastwards in a straight line from said corner, across the road known as Bankside, to and continuing northeastwards along the field boundary leading to the Oxford Canal to the point at which it meets the Oxford Canal, thence due northeast from said point to the

northeastern boundary of Calthorpe District Ward, thence southeastwards along said ward boundary to the southeastern boundary of said Ward, thence generally southwestwards along said southeastern boundary to the point of commencement,

and that part of the Cherwell District Ward of Easington bounded by a line commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of Calthorpe District Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Easington Ward, thence southwestwards, northwestwards and generally southwards along said southeastern boundary to the southern boundary of Easington Ward, thence generally westwards along said southern boundary to and generally northwards along the western boundary of said Ward to Salt Way (path), thence eastwards along said path to the western boundary of Parcel No 0013, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SP 4339, date of publication 1973, thence northwards along said parcel boundary to the northern boundary of said parcel, thence northeastwards along said northern boundary and its continuation as a field boundary to its end at NG Ref: 4410539266 as shown on OS 1:1250 Microfilm (A1) SP 4439 SW, date of publication Mar 1977, thence northeastwards in a straight line to the southernmost corner of No 31 Keats Road, thence northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of said property and the southeastern boundaries of No's 29 to 17 Keats Road to the northeastern boundary of the last-mentioned property, thence northwestwards along said northeastern boundary to the southeastern boundary of No 15 Keats Road, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary and the southeastern boundaries of No's 13 to 9 Keats Road to the northeastern boundary of the last-mentioned property, thence northwestwards along said northeastern boundary to the southeastern boundary of No 7 Keats Road, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary and the southeastern boundaries of No's 5 to 1 Keats Road to the rear boundary of No 5 Masefield Road, thence southeastwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of No's 3 and 1 Masefield Road and in prolongation thereof to Brooke Road, thence northeastwards along said road, southeastwards along Masefield Road and northwards and northwestwards along Browning Road to a point in line with the southeastern

boundary of No 34 Browning Road, thence northeastwards to and along said southeastern boundary and continuing northeastwards along the rear boundaries of No's 40 and 38 Longfellow Road and the northern boundary of No 36 Longfellow Road to the northwestern boundary of No 39 Church View, thence northwards and northeastwards along said northwestern boundary and continuing northeastwards along the northwestern boundaries of No's 43 to 49 Church View, No's 24 to 18 Church View and No 21 Queensway to the northernmost point of the last-mentioned property, thence northeastwards in a straight line, across Queensway, to the path between Queensway and Wesley Drive, thence northeastwards along said path to Wesley Drive, thence northwestwards along said drive to the road known as Kingsway, thence northeastwards along said road to and continuing northeastwards along the northern boundary of Easington District Ward to the southwestern boundary of Calthorpe District Ward, thence southeastwards along said southwestern boundary to the point of commencement.

BANBURY GRIMSBURY ED

That part of the Cherwell District ward of Calthorpe not included in Banbury Easington ED

and that part of the Cherwell District Ward of Grimsbury bounded by a line commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of said ward meets the southwestern boundary of said ward, being a point on the Oxford to Birmingham railway, thence northwestwards along said southwestern boundary and continuing northwestwards and northwards along said railway to the northern boundary of Grimsbury District Ward, then generally southeastwards along said ward boundary and generally southwards along the eastern boundary of said Ward to the point of commencement.

BANBURY HARDWICK ED

The Cherwell District Ward of Hardwick.

BANBURY NEITHROP ED

That part of the Cherwell District Ward of Grimsbury not included in Banbury Grimsbury ED

and that part of the Cherwell District Ward of Easington not included in Banbury Easington ED

and that part of the Cherwell District Ward of Neithrop bounded by a line commencing at the point where the western boundary of Grimsbury District Ward meets the southern boundary of Neithrop District Ward, thence westwards and southwestwards along said southern boundary to the western boundary of Neithrop District Ward, thence northwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of Parcel No 5800, as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (A) SP 4339, date of publication 1973, thence eastwards and northeastwards along said parcel boundary and continuing northeastwards along the northwestern boundaries of Parcel No's 6800 and 8300, as shown on OS 1:2500 Plan SP 4240-4340, Edition of 1973, to the western boundary of No 24 Hampden Close, thence southeastwards along said western boundary and southeastwards along the western boundaries of No's 23 to 16 Hampden Close to the southwestern boundary of No 15 Hampden Close, thence southeastwards, northeastwards and southeastwards along said southwestern boundary and continuing southeastwards along the southwestern boundaries of No's 14 and 13 Hampden Close and their continuation to the access road from Bretch Hill to the Reservoir, thence northeastwards along said access road to its junction with the road known as Bretch Hill, thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 92 Bretch Hill, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northwestwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 94 to 106 Bretch Hill to the northwestern boundary of the area of land to the south of Nos 51-17 Mascord Road, thence northeastwards along said northwestern boundary to the southwestern boundary of No 51 Mascord Road, thence southeastwards along said southwestern boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northeastwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 49-21 Mascord Road to the northeastern boundary of the last mentioned property,

thence northwestwards along said northeastern boundary to a point opposite the southwesternmost corner of No 17 Mascord Road, thence northeastwards to and northeastwards and eastwards along the southeastern boundary of said property to and continuing eastwards and southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of No 15 Mascord Road to the rear boundary of said property, thence northeastwards and eastwards along the rear boundary of said property and the rear boundaries of Nos 13 to 1 Mascord Road to the eastern boundary of the last mentioned property, thence northwards along said eastern boundary to its northernmost point, thence northwards in a straight line from said point, across Mascord Road, to the southeastern corner of No 2 Mascord Road, thence northwards along the eastern boundary of the last-mentioned property and continuing northwards along the eastern boundary of No 9 Margaret Close and the western boundaries of No's 52 to 46 Woodgreen Avenue to the northwesternmost point of the last-mentioned property, thence due northwest from said point to the southeastern boundary of No 42 Woodgreen Avenue, thence generally southwestwards along said southeastern boundary and the southeastern boundary of No 44 Woodgreen Avenue to the southwestern boundary of the last-mentioned property, thence northwestwards along said southwestern boundary to the southern boundary of No 8 Margaret Close, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northwestwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of No's 7 to 3 Margaret Close to the northern boundary of the last-mentioned property, thence southwestwards along said northern boundary to the rear boundary of No 2 Margaret Close, thence northeastwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundary of No 1 Margaret Close to the northernmost point of the last-mentioned property, thence northwestwards in a straight line, from said point to the southernmost corner of No 12 Edmunds Road, thence northwestwards along the southwestern boundary of said property to the rear boundary of said property, thence northeastwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundary of No 10 Edmunds Road to the access road, being the continuation of Penrose Drive,

thence northeastwards along said access road and said drive to the accessway leading from Penrose Drive to Mold Crescent, thence northwestwards along said accessway to the southeastern boundary of the area of land to the southwest of No 61 Mold Crescent, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary and the rear boundaries of No's 61 to 33 Mold Crescent to the rear boundary of No 136 The Fairway, thence southeastwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of No's 138 and 140 The Fairway to the southeastern boundary of the last-mentioned property, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary and in prolongation thereof to the northwestern boundary of Neithrop District Ward, thence southeastwards and northeastwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of Grimsbury District Ward, thence southeastwards and generally southwestwards along said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

BANBURY RUSCOTE ED

The Cherwell District Ward of Ruscote

and that part of the Cherwell District Ward of Neithrop not included in Banbury Neithrop ED.

BICESTER NORTH ED

The Cherwell District Wards of: Bicester East
Bicester West

BICESTER SOUTH ED

The Cherwell District Wards of: Bicester South
Chesterton

BLOXHAM ED

The Cherwell District Wards of: Adderbury
Bodicote

and the parishes of: Bloxham
Milton

DEDDINGTON ED

The Cherwell District Wards of: Deddington
 Hook Norton
 Steeple Aston
 and the parishes of: Lower Heyford
 Milcombe
 Somerton
 Souldern
 South Newington
 Upper Heyford

KIDLINGTON NORTH ED

The Cherwell District Ward of North West Kidlington.

KIDLINGTON SOUTH ED

The Cherwell District Wards of: Gosford
 South East Kidlington

YARNTON AND OTMOOR ED

The Cherwell District Wards of Otmoor
 Yarnton
 and the parishes of: Bletchington
 Hampton Gay and Poyle
 Kirtlington
 Weston-on-the-Green

PLOUGHLEY ED

The Cherwell District Wards of: Ambrosden
 Ardley
 Fringford
 Launton

PLOUGHLEY ED Cont.

and the parishes of: Fritwell
Middleton Stoney

WROXTON ED

The Cherwell District Wards of: Cropredy
Hornton
Sibford
Wroxton

CITY OF OXFORD

BLACKBIRD LEYS ED

The City of Oxford Ward of Blackbird Leys

HEADINGTON ED

The City of Oxford Ward of Headington

IFFLEY ED

The City of Oxford Ward of Iffley

NEW MARSTON ED

The City of Oxford Ward of Marston

OXFORD CENTRAL ED

The City of Oxford Ward of Central

OXFORD CHERWELL ED

The City of Oxford Ward of Cherwell

OXFORD EAST ED

The City of Oxford Ward of East

OXFORD NORTH ED

The City of Oxford Ward of North

OXFORD SOUTH ED

The City of Oxford Ward of South

OXFORD WEST ED

The City of Oxford Ward of West

QUARRY ED

The City of Oxford Ward of Quarry

ST CLEMENT'S ED

The City of Oxford Ward of St Clement's

TEMPLE COWLEY ED

The City of Oxford Ward of Temple Cowley

WOLVERCOTE ED

The City of Oxford Ward of Wolvercote

WOOD FARM ED

The City of Oxford Ward of Wood Farm

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

The South Oxfordshire District Wards used in this description are those listed in SI (1980) No 1343: the District of South Oxfordshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 (which will come into operation for District election purposes on 5 May 1983).

BENSON ED

The South Oxfordshire District Ward of Crowmarsh

BENSON ED Cont.

and the parishes of Benson

Berrick Salome

South Stoke

CHALGROVE ED

The South Oxfordshire District Ward of Garsington

and the parishes of Chalgrove

Great Haseley

Great Milton

Little Milton

Newington

Stadhampton

CHINNOR ED

The South Oxfordshire District Ward of Chinnor

and the parishes of Aston Rowant

Crowell

Sydenham

Towersey

DIDCOT MANOR ED

The Didcot Parish Wards of All Saints

Georgetown

Park

as defined in the Parish of Didcot (Revisions of Wards) Order, 1952

DIDCOT MERELAND ED

The Didcot Parish Wards of Greenmere

Northbourne

as defined in the Parish of Didcot (Revision of Wards) Order, 1952

DORCHESTER ED

The South Oxfordshire District Wards of Berinsfield

Clifton Hampden

Dorchester

GORING ED

The South Oxfordshire District Ward of Woodcote

and the parishes of Goring

Goring Heath

Whitchurch

HENLEY NORTH ED

The parishes of Bix

Rotherfield Greys

and the North Ward of the former Henley-on-Thames MB, as defined in SI (1958)

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HENLEY SOUTH ED

The South Oxfordshire District Ward of Shiplake

and the South Ward of the former Henley-on-Thames MB, as defined in SI (1958)

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LITTLEMORE ED

The South Oxfordshire District Ward of Littlemore

MORETON ED

The South Oxfordshire District Wards of Cholsey

Hagbourne

and the parishes of Little Wittenham

Long Wittenham

OLD MARSTON ED

The South Oxfordshire District Ward of Marston

and the parish of Risinghurst and Sandhills.

SONNING COMMON ED

The South Oxfordshire District Wards of Kidmore End

Sonning Common

and the parishes of Highmoor

Mapledurham

Rotherfield Peppard

THAME ED

The parish of Thame

WALLINGFORD ED

The South Oxfordshire District Ward of Wallingford

and the parish of Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

WATLINGTON ED

The South Oxfordshire District Ward of Watlington

and the parishes of Adwell

Brightwell Baldwin

Britwell

Cuxham with Easington

Ewelme

Lewknor

Nettlebed

Nuffield

Pishill with Stoner

WATLINGTON ED Cont.

and the parishes of Stoke Talmage

Swyncombe

Tetsworth

Wheatfield

WHEATLEY ED

The South Oxfordshire District Wards of Forest Hill

Wheatley

and the parishes of Horspath

Tiddington-with-Albury

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT

ABINGDON CENTRAL ED

The Vale of White Horse District Wards of Abbey

Ock

ABINGDON NORTH ED

The Vale of White Horse District Wards of Fitzharris

Northcourt

ABINGDON SOUTH ED

The Vale of White Horse District Ward of Caldecott

CUMNOR ED

The Vale of White Horse District Wards of Appleton

Cumnor

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor

and the parish of Wytham

DRAYTON ED

The Vale of White Horse District Wards of Drayton

Steventon

Sutton Courtenay

FARINGDON ED

The Vale of White Horse District Wards of Faringdon and Littleworth

Longworth

The Coxwells

GROVE ED

The Vale of White Horse District Ward of Grove

HINKSEY ED

The Vale of White Horse District Ward of Kennington

and the parishes of North Hinksey

South Hinksey

HORMER ED

The Vale of White Horse District Wards of Radley

Sunningwell and Wootton

MARCHAM ED

The Vale of White Horse District Wards of Island Villages

Marcham

St Helen Without

and the parishes of East Challow

West Challow

SHRIVENHAM ED

The Vale of White Horse District Wards of Craven

Shrivenham

Stanford

and the parishes of Childrey

Letcombe Bassett

Letcombe Regis

WANTAGE ED

The Vale of White Horse District Wards of Icknield

Segsbury

WANTAGE RURAL ED

The Vale of White Horse District Wards of Harwell and Chilton

Hendred

Upton and Blewbury

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

BAMPTON ED

The West Oxfordshire District Wards of Bampton

Brize Norton and Curbridge

Ducklington

and the parishes of Aston Bampton and Shifford

Clanfield

Grafton and Radcot

BURFORD ED

The West Oxfordshire District Wards of Burford

Filkins and Langford

Hailey

Minster Lovell

BURFORD ED Cont.

and the parishes of Alvescot

Shilton

CARTERTON ED

The West Oxfordshire District Wards of Carterton North

Carterton South

CHARLBURY ED

The West Oxfordshire District Wards of Chadlington

Charlbury

Combe and Stonesfield

Enstone

CHIPPING NORTON ED

The West Oxfordshire District Wards of Chipping Norton

Rollright

and the parishes of Chastleton

Cornwell

EYNHAM ED

The West Oxfordshire District Wards of Eynham

Stanton Harcourt

and the parish of Standlake

HANBOROUGH ED

The West Oxfordshire District Wards of Bladon and Cassington

Freeland and Hamborough

North Leigh

WITNEY NORTH ED

The West Oxfordshire District Wards of Witney East

Witney North

WITNEY SOUTH ED

The West Oxfordshire District Wards of Witney South

Witney West

WOODSTOCK ED

The West Oxfordshire District Wards of Bartons

Tackley and Wootton

Woodstock

WYCHWOOD ED

The West Oxfordshire District Wards of Ascott and Shipton

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