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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY AND
ATCHAM IN THE COUNTY OF SALOP

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham 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 19 August 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Salop County Council, to the 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 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. Shrewsbury and Atcham 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 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 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 comments.

4. In accordance with section 7(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 they had exercised an option for elections by thirds. On 6 January 1975 the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area into 22 wards each returning one or three members to form a council of forty eight.

5. Following the publication of the Council's provisional proposals, we received a request from a parish council that the parish of Leighton and Eaton should be included in the proposed Severn Valley ward rather than in the proposed Attingham ward. A resident of the existing Kingsland and Coleham ward wrote asking that the ward should be retained substantially in its present form.

6. We studied the draft scheme and noted that the Council expected a fairly rapid increase in the electorate of certain parts of the borough over the next five years. Having regard to the generally lower rate of growth in the past, we examined the suitability of the scheme should the rate of growth prove lower than the Council expected. We concluded that the growth factor was not critical to the validity of the scheme and that no modification was necessary for this reason.

7. We considered whether the draft scheme could be modified to strengthen the electorates of the proposed Belle Vue and Bagley wards both of which would enjoy a relatively generous standard of representation. A number of possibilities were examined but we concluded that there were no sensible changes which could be made.

8. We considered the representations which we had received and decided to adopt the proposal to include the parish of Leighton and Eaton in the proposed Severn Valley ward. We rejected, however, the proposal to retain the present Kingsland and Coleham ward on the basis that the ward would have a councillor/ elector ratio which would be unacceptable and, moreover, that the retention of this ward in substantially its present form would involve the retention of the present unsatisfactory warding arrangements throughout the urban area of Shrewsbury, or the redrawing of the Council's proposed wards over quite a wide area.

9. On the recommendation of the Ordnance Survey we adopted some minor adjustments to the alignment of some of the boundaries in order to secure boundary lines which were more readily identifiable on the ground. We decided to adopt the ward names suggested by the Council.

10. Subject to the changes referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 above, we decided that the Borough Council's draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements of the borough in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines, and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

11. On 28 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 the 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 23 June 1975.

12. Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council and Salop County Council informed us they had no comments to make on the draft proposals. The resident who had written earlier about the present Kingsland and Coleham ward made further proposals which would retain the ward and extend it by the addition of an area from an adjoining ward. These revised proposals were supported by another resident who wrote to us pressing for their adoption. We studied the revised proposals and noted that they suffered from the same defect as the earlier ones in that, while they might fit in quite well with the present, unsatisfactory, warding arrangements, they took no account of the Council's proposed new system of wards in the town, which would require substantial revision over a wide area. We concluded that the advantages to be derived from the retention of the present ward were insufficient to justify the considerable revision which would be necessary to fit the ward into a coherent pattern of wards. Accordingly we decided that the proposals should be rejected and that we should confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals without modification.

13. 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. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the attached maps.

PUBLICATION

14. 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 Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council and will be available for inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report 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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31 July 1975

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY AND ATCHAM: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS
OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ATTINGHAM	1
BAGLEY	3
BAYSTON HILL	3
BELLE-VUE	3
CASTLEFIELDS AND DITHERINGTON	3
CONDOVER	1
COPTHORNE	3
HARLESCOTT	3
HAUGHMOND	1
LAWLEY	1
MEOLE-BRACE	3
MONKMOOR	3
MONTFORD	1
ONSLOW	1
PIMHILL	1
QUARRY	3
REA VALLEY	3
ROWTON	1
SEVERN VALLEY	1
SUNDORNE	3
SUTTON	3
UNDERDALE	3

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY AND ATCHAM

ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

PROPOSED WARD NAME	NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	ORDER OF RETIREMENT		
		1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR
Attingham	1	-	-	1 PE
Bagley	3	1	1	1
Bayston Hill	3	1	1	1
Belle-Vue	3	1	1	1
Castlefields and Ditherington	3	1	1	1
Condover	1	1 PE	-	-
Copthorne	3	1	1	1
Harlescott	3	1	1	1
Haughmond	1	-	1 PE	-
Lawley	1	1 PE	-	-
Meole-Brace	3	1	1	1
Monkmoor	3	1	1	1
Montford	1	-	1 PE	-
Onslow	1	-	-	1 PE
Pimhill	1	-	1 PE	-
Quarry	3	1	1	1
Rea Valley	3	1	1	1
Rowton	1	-	-	1 PE
Severn Valley	1	1 PE	-	-
Sundorne	3	1	1	1
Sutton	3	1	1	1
Underdale	3	1	1	1
		16	16	16
PE = Parish Elections				

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY AND ATCHAM: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

MEOLE-BRACE WARD

Commencing at the point where Hanwood Road (A488) meets the northeastern boundary of Great Hanwood CP, thence generally northeastwards along said road and Radbrook Road to Rad Brook, thence southeastwards and following said brook to Roman Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the Shrewsbury and Welshpool railway line, thence northeastwards along said railway line to Belle Vue Road A49, thence southwards along said road to the Old Potteries dismantled railway, thence generally eastwards along said dismantled railway to the Shrewsbury and Hereford railway line, thence southwestwards along said railway line to the northern boundary of Bayston Hill CP, thence generally westwards along said CP boundary and the northeastern boundary of Great Hanwood CP to the point of commencement.

COPTHORNE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northwestern boundary of Meole-Brace Ward meets the northeastern boundary of Great Hanwood CP, thence generally northwards and eastwards along said CP boundary and the southeastern boundary of Bicton CP to the River Severn, thence southeastwards and following said river to a point opposite the path which runs between said river and the road known as the Mount, to the east of number 8 The Mount thence southwards to and along said path to said road, thence westwards along said road to Hafren Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Copthorne Road, thence westwards and southwestwards along said road to Shelton Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Radbrook Road, thence southwestwards along said road and continuing southwestwards along the northwestern boundary of Meole-Brace Ward to the point of commencement.

QUARRY WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Meole-Brace Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Copthorne Ward, thence northeastwards and following said southeastern boundary to the River Severn, thence generally eastwards along said river to a point due west of NG reference SJ 4928713130 in Chester Street, thence due east to said NG reference, thence southeastwards along said street and Cross Street, to the railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to the River Severn, thence generally southwards along said river to Greyfriars Bridge, thence southwards along said bridge and access road to the road known as Longden Coleham, thence generally southwestwards along said road and Longden Road to Old Roman Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the northern boundary of Meole-Brace Ward, thence northwestwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

BAGLEY WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Pimhill CP meets the northern boundary of Copthorne Ward, thence northeastwards and following said southern boundary to Ellesmere Road, thence southwards along said road to Mount Pleasant Road, thence southeastwards and southwards along said road to Boscobel Drive, thence generally westwards along said drive and Birchwood Drive and in continuation thereof to the eastern boundary of parcel number 6300 as shown on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 48/4914 Edition of 1968 thence generally southeastwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of parcel number 8456 to the northern boundary of the Mount Pleasant County Primary School, thence westwards along said boundary and southwestwards along the western boundary of said school to the northern boundary of parcel number 8033, thence westwards along said boundary to Bagley Brook, thence southwards, southwestwards and

southeastwards along the said brook and continuing southeastwards to the Shrewsbury and Crewe railway line, thence southwards along said railway to the northern boundary of Quarry Ward, thence northwestwards and following the northern boundaries of Quarry Ward and Copthorne Ward to the point of commencement.

HARLESCOTT WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Bagley Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Pimhill CP, thence eastwards and following said CP boundary to Battlefield Road (A49), thence southwestwards along said road, Whitchurch Road (A49) and Ditherington Road (A49) to Mount Pleasant Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Bagley Ward, thence northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

CASTLEFIELDS AND DITHERINGTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Bagley Ward meets the northern boundary of Quarry Ward, thence northeastwards along said eastern boundary to the western boundary of Harlescott Ward, thence southeastwards and northeastwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of said ward to Telford Way, thence southeastwards along said way to the River Severn, thence southwestwards and following the River Severn to the northern boundary of Quarry Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

SUNDORNE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Castlefields and Ditherington Ward meets the eastern boundary of Harlescott Ward,

thence northeastwards and following said boundary to Featherbed Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to Sunderre Road, thence eastwards along said road to the western boundary of Uffington CP, thence generally southwards along said boundary to the River Severn, thence westwards and following said river to the northeastern boundary of Castlefields and Ditherington Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

UNDERDALE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Quarry Ward meets the eastern boundary of Castlefields and Ditherington Ward, thence generally northeastwards and eastwards along said eastern boundary and the southern boundary of Sandorze Ward to a point opposite the western boundary of Parcel No 6192 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SJ 50/5113 Edition 1963, thence southwards in a straight line to and along said boundary and southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of said parcel to Monkmoor Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Abbots Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of Nos 38-52 Abbots Road, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary and southeastwards along the western boundary of No 52 Abbots Road to the path forming the eastern and southern boundaries of Racecourse Recreation Ground, thence generally southwards and southwestwards along said boundaries and in continuation thereof to the southeastern boundary of Monkmoor Girl's Secondary Modern School, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said boundary to Crowmere Road thence southwestwards along said ^{road} to Sparrow Lane, thence continuing southwestwards along said lane and Bell Lane to the road known as Abbey Foregate (A458), thence southeastwards along said road to the Old Potteries dismantled railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to Reabrook,

thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said Brook to the railway thence northwestwards along said railway to Abbey Foregate (A458), thence southwestwards along said road and English Bridge (A49) to the eastern boundary of Quarry Ward, thence northwards and following said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

MONKMOOR WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Underdale Ward meets the southern boundary of Sundorne Ward, thence eastwards and following said southern boundary to the western boundary of Offington CP, thence generally southwards along said boundary to a point opposite the path which runs to the track leading to Preston Street, thence generally eastwards to and along said path and track to Preston Street, thence continuing eastwards along said street to the road known as Abbey Foregate, thence northwestwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Underdale Ward, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

BELLE-VUE WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Quarry Ward meets the southern boundary of Underdale Ward, thence northeastwards and following said southern boundary and continuing generally southwards and westwards along the Rea Brook to the eastern boundary of Meole-Brace Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of said Ward, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Quarry Ward, thence southeastwards and northeastwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of said Ward to the point of commencement.

SUTTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Meole-Brace Ward meets the northern boundary of Bayston Hill CP, thence northeasterly along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Belle-Vue Ward, thence generally southeasterly along said boundary and generally northwards along the eastern boundary of said ward to the eastern boundary of Underdale Ward, thence northeasterly along said boundary to the southern boundary of Monkmoor Ward, thence generally eastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Upton Magna CP, thence generally southwards and southwestwards along said boundary and the northwestern boundaries of Atcham CP and Barrington CP to the northern boundary of Bayston Hill CP, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

REA VALLEY WARD

The parishes of Great Hanwood, Pontesbury and Minsterley.

KNYFON WARD

The parishes of Alberbury with Cardeston, Wollaston and Westbury.

ONELOW WARD

The parishes of Bicton and Ford.

MONTFORD WARD

The parishes of Great Ness, Little Ness, Montford and Fitz Ward of the parish of Pimhill,

PIMHILL WARD

The Bomere Heath, Preston Gubbals, Leaton and Albrighton wards of the parish of Pimhill.

HAUGHMOND WARD

The parishes of Astley, Uffington, Upton Magna and Withington plus that area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the western boundary of Uffington CP meets the northeastern boundary of Sundorne Ward, thence northwestwards and following said northeastern boundary to the eastern boundary of Harlescott Ward thence northeastwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Pimhill CP, thence northwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Astley CP, thence generally southwards along said boundary and the western boundary of Uffington CP to the point of commencement.

ATTINGHAM WARD

The parishes of Atcham, Berrington, Uppington & Wroxeter.

SEVERN VALLEY WARD

The parishes of Cound, Cressage, Sheinton, Buildwas, Harley and Leighton.

BAYSTON HILL WARD

The parish of Bayston Hill.

CONDOVER WARD

The parishes of Condover and Church Pulverbatch.

LAWLEY WARD

The parishes of Acton Barnell, All Stretton, Cardington, Church Preen,
Frodesley, Hughley, Kenley, Leebotwood, Longnor, Pitchford, Ruckley and
Langley, Smethcott and Woolstaston.

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