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Parish Review

DISTRICT OF MID-SUSSEX

PARISHES OF CUCKFIELD
RURAL AND HAYWARDS
HEATH

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PARISH REVIEW: THE DISTRICT OF MID-SUSSEX IN THE COUNTY OF WEST SUSSEX

BACKGROUND

1. In a letter dated 30 March 1987 you notified us of your decision to institute a fresh review of the boundary between the parishes of Cuckfield Rural and Haywards Heath in order to rectify an administrative oversight in the making of the Mid-Sussex (Parishes) Order 1987.
2. When we reported, on 25 April 1986, on the parish review carried out by Mid-Sussex District Council, we made proposals to give effect to some, but not all, of the technical adjustments suggested by Ordnance Survey. The Department's letter of 2 July 1986 indicated that you had accepted our proposals and announced your intention of implementing them in full - that is, without modification. Unfortunately, when the Order was drawn up, it incorporated one of the suggestions of Ordnance Survey which we had not adopted. The result was that the Order provided for three houses in Borde Hill Lane (ie. Buntinghill, Crowlink, and Saxonmead), which were in the parish of Cuckfield Rural, to be included in the new parish of Haywards Heath.

3. In your letter to us dated 30 March 1987, you indicated that it was not satisfactory that the definition of the new parish in the Order should differ from both our proposals and your original decision. However, you pointed out that as section 69 of the Local Government Act 1972 precludes the varying or revocation of a boundary change Order, except in relation to supplementary provisions, a new Order could only be made on the basis of new proposals from us based on a new parish review carried out either by Mid-Sussex District Council or the Commission.

4. In these circumstances you concluded that the most appropriate course of action was to institute such a new review by the Commission and you directed us, under the powers conferred on you by section 49(1) of the 1972 Act, to conduct a review of those parts of the parishes of Cuckfield Rural and Haywards Heath which are adjacent to, or are included in, the area marked as D1 of Map 1 of the boundary maps as defined in the Mid-Sussex (Parishes) Order 1987.

OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS

5. We considered the position regarding the two parishes in the light of the earlier information before us and the further representations made to us following your decision. We established that a fourth property known as Willow Tree Cottage which was adjacent to the three named properties in Borde Hill Lane was equally isolated on the outskirts of Haywards Heath. It appeared to us that there was a clear case for including this fourth property and the adjoining open land in any transfer which involved the three households in Borde Hill Lane.

We also concluded that the circumstances were such that we could shorten our normal procedure by publishing our draft proposals at the same time as we announced the start of the further review.

6. On 26 May 1987 we wrote to Mid-Sussex District Council announcing the start of a fresh review and publishing draft proposals to transfer the four properties and adjoining open land in Borde Hill Lane from the parish of Haywards Heath to the parish of Cuckfield Rural. Copies of our letter were sent to West Sussex County Council, the parish councils involved, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and to all those who had written to us during the course of the earlier review. Copies were also sent to the West Sussex Association of Local Councils, the Headquarters of the main political parties, the editors of local newspapers circulating in the area, local radio and television stations serving the area and the local government press. The District Council was asked to place a copy of our draft proposals on deposit for inspection at its main offices and to display copies of the notice usually inserted in local newspapers in places where public notices were customarily displayed. Comments were invited by 20 July 1987.

RESPONSE TO OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS

7. In response to our draft proposals we received comments from Mid-Sussex District Council, Haywards Heath Town Council, Cuckfield Rural Parish Council, and four private individuals who resided in the area affected.

8. Mid-Sussex District Council, together with Cuckfield Rural Parish Council and Haywards Heath Town Council, and residents of three of the properties involved, supported our draft proposals affecting the properties in Borde Hill Lane. The three authorities also suggested that the property known as South Lodge which was equally remote from Haywards Heath should be transferred to the parish of Cuckfield Rural but the resident of the Lodge objected on the grounds that the suggested transfer would result in him being further away from his new polling station and would leave part of his property in Haywards Heath.

OUR FINAL PROPOSALS

9. We re-assessed our draft proposals in the light of the representations we had received. In the light of the support accorded to these locally we had no difficulty in deciding to include these in our final proposals for the area.

10. We also considered that the arguments put forward to transfer South Lodge to Cuckfield Rural were equally valid. The property is separated from the main body of Haywards Heath by tracts of open land and it forms part of the Borde Hill Estate, the rest of which is already in the parish of Cuckfield Rural. To our mind it would be sensible to include this property in the area of land to be transferred to Cuckfield Rural.

11. We have accordingly decided to confirm our draft proposals as set out in paragraph 5 above, as amended in paragraphs 9-10 above, as our final proposals. Details of the proposals are set out in the Schedule to this report which specifies both the proposed changes in local authority areas and the consequential adjustments to the existing electoral arrangements. The proposed

boundaries are also illustrated on the small scale sketch map which is included in the report.

PUBLICATION

12. A letter is being sent with copies of this report to Mid-Sussex District Council asking them to place a copy of the report on deposit at their main offices, and to put notices to this effect on public notice boards and in the local press. The text of the notices will explain that the Commission has fulfilled its statutory role in the matter and it now falls to you to make an Order implementing the proposals, if you think fit, after the expiry of six weeks from the date they are submitted to you. Copies of the report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to all those who made comments on our draft proposals.

LS

Signed: G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

 J G POWELL (Deputy Chairman)

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10th September 1987

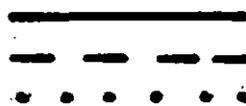
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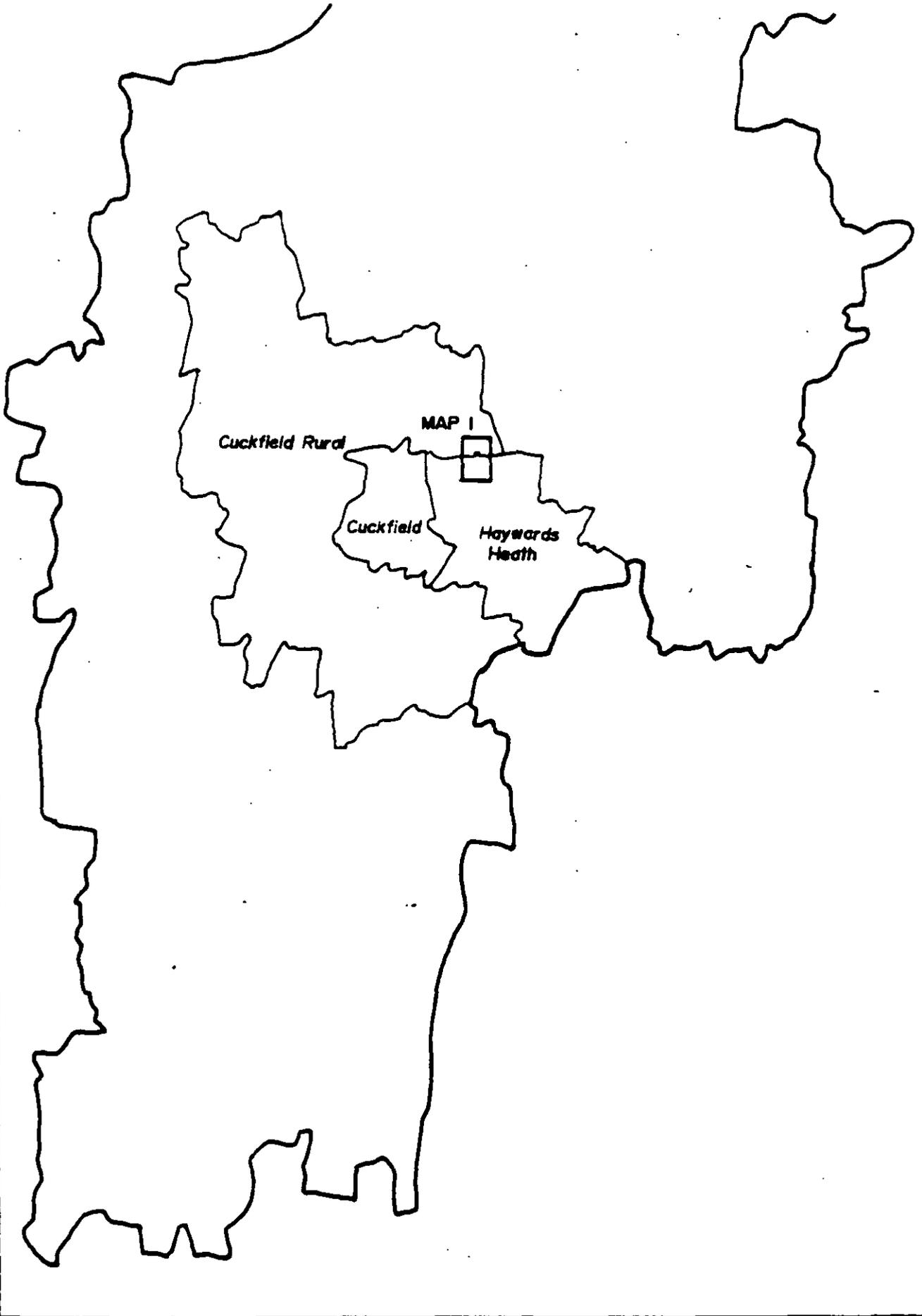
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Existing Parish Boundary
Proposed Parish Boundary
Existing other Boundary



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LOCATION DIAGRAM
MID SUSSEX PARISH REVIEW



CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES			
MAP NO	AREA REF	Existing Local Government Area	L.G.B.C.(E)'s Final Proposal
I	A	Haywards Heath CP Heath CP Ward Haywards Heath Heath Ward Lindfield ED	Cuckfield Rural CP Ansty CP Ward Cuckfield Ward Cuckfield Rural ED
	B	Haywards Heath CP Harlands CP Ward Haywards Heath Harlands Ward Haywards Heath West ED	Cuckfield Rural CP Ansty CP Ward Cuckfield Ward Cuckfield Rural ED

