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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 DISTRICT OF BABERGH  
IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Babergh District 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 District.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 31 December 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Babergh District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Suffolk County Council, Parish Councils 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 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. Babergh District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When 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. In accordance with section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Council had exercised an option for a system of whole council elections.

5. On 28 May 1975 the Babergh District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 31 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 councillors to form a council of 42.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council together with the comments which had been made upon it. We noted that the draft scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and our own guidelines and we therefore decided to accept it as the basis of our draft proposals but proposed two modifications. To avoid breaking community ties we combined the Council's proposed Acton and Waldingfield wards to form a new ward known as Waldingfield and proposed that this combined ward should return 2 members. We also proposed that the parishes of Borted and Stanstead should be transferred from the proposed Chadacre ward to the proposed Glemsford ward to improve the balance of representation between them.

7. On 11 March 1976 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or who had commented on the Council's draft scheme. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals and the accompanying map which illustrated 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 not later than 5 May 1976.

8. Comments received in response to our draft proposals pressed us to reconsider our proposed Chadacre and Glemsford wards on the grounds that the parishes of Borted and Stanstead had close local ties with the other parishes in the Chadacre ward which would be severed by our proposal to combine them with the parish of Glemsford.

9. In the light of the comments which had been received, we concluded that it would be appropriate to adopt the boundaries which the Council had originally proposed for these two wards and we decided to modify our draft proposals accordingly. We also decided to adopt a suggestion that the name of the Capel ward should be changed to "Capel and Wenham". Subject to these changes we concluded that our draft proposals should be confirmed and we formulated our final proposals accordingly.

10. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report/<sup>and</sup> on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The boundaries of the proposed wards are illustrated on the map.

#### 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 the Babergh District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's 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 illustrated on the map, is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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8 July 1976

## DISTRICT OF BABERGH : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ALTON	1
BERNERS	1
BILDESTON	1
BOXFORD	1
BRANTHAM	1
BRETT VALE	1
BROOKVALE	1
BURES ST MARY	1
CAPEL AND WENHAM	2
CHADACRE	1
COFDOK	1
DODNASH	2
ELMSETT	1
GLEMSFORD	2
GREAT CORNARD NORTH	2
GREAT CORNARD SOUTH	2
HADLEIGH	3
HOLBROOK	1
LAVENHAM	1
LEAVENHEATH	1
LONG MELFORD	2
NAYLAND	1
NORTH COSFORD	1
POLSTEAD AND LAYHAM	1
SHOTLEY	1
SUDEBURY EAST	2
SUDEBURY NORTH	2
SUDEBURY SOUTH	2
WALDINGFIELD	2
WEST SAMFORD	1



BABERGH DISTRICT

SUDEBURY EAST WARD

The East ward of the parish of Sudbury

SUDBURY NORTH WARD

The North ward of the parish of Sudbury

SUDBURY SOUTH WARD

The South ward of the parish of Sudbury

HADLEIGH WARD

The parish of Hadleigh

ELMSETT WARD

The parishes of Nedging-with-Naughton, Semer, Whatfield, Elmsett and Aldham

BILDESTON WARD

The parishes of Hitcham, Wattisham and Bildeston

BOXFORD WARD

The parishes of Edwardstone, Groton and Boxford

POLSTEAD AND LAYHAM WARD

The parishes of Polstead and Layham

BRETT VALE WARD

The parishes of Kersey, Kettlebaston, Chelsworth, Monks Eleigh, Lindsey, Milden and Brent Eleigh

NORTH COSFORD WARD

The parishes of Cockfield, Thorpe Morieux, Brettenham and Preston St Mary

LAVENHAM WARD

The parish of Lavenham

CHADACRE WARD

The parishes of Borted, Lawshall, Shimpling, Somerton, Stanstead and Hartest

GLEMSFORD WARD

The parish of Glemsford

LONG MELFORD WARD

The parishes of Long Melford and Alpheton

GREAT CORNARD NORTH WARD

The North ward of the parish of Great Cornard

GREAT CORNARD SOUTH WARD

The South ward of the parish of Great Cornard

WALDINGFIELD WARD

The parishes of Little Waldingfield, Great Waldingfield, Acton and Chilton

BURES ST MARY WARD

The parishes of Newton, Little Cornard and Bures St Mary

NAYLAND WARD

The parish of Nayland-with-Wissington

LEAVENHEATH WARD

The parishes of Assington, Leavenheath and Stoke-by-Nayland

SHOTLEY WARD

The parishes of Shotley and Arwarton

HOLBROOK WARD

The parishes of Holbrook and Harkstead

ALTON WARD

The parishes of Stutton and Tattingsstone

BERNERS WARD

The parishes of Freston, Chelmondiston and Woolverstone

COPDOCK WARD

The parishes of Washbrook, Copdock, Belstead and Wherstead

BROOKVALE WARD

The parishes of Hintlesham, Chattisham, Burstall and Sproughton

CAPEL AND WENHAM WARD

The parishes of Wenham Parva, Capel St Mary and Wenham Magna

DODNASH WARD

The parishes of Bentley and East Bergholt

BRANTHAM WARD

The parish of Brantham

WEST SAMFORD WARD

The parishes of Shelley, Higham, Stratford St Mary, Holton St Mary and Raydon.