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To the Rt Hon Merlyn Rees, MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE CITY OF LINCOLN, LINCOLNSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the City of Lincoln, 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 city.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 21 April 1975 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to Lincoln City Council, copies of which were circulated to Lincolnshire County Council, 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 interested bodies.
3. Lincoln City 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. The City Council have passed a resolution in accordance with section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting a system of elections by thirds.
5. On 17 September 1975 Lincoln City Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the City into 11 wards, each returning 3 councillors, to give a council of 33 members.
6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the City Council, comments put forward by a local political association and alternative schemes put forward by a local political party and a local elector. We noted that the City Council's draft scheme and the alternative schemes all provided uneven standards of representation. In view of this we devised our own scheme which provided for 12 wards each returning 2 or 3 councillors to give a council of 33 members. This scheme gave a more even standard of representation.
7. On 22 June 1976 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 City Council were asked to make the draft proposals, and the accompanying map 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 for comments to reach us by 20 August 1976.
8. Comments submitted by the City Council, the County Council, three local political organisations and the local elector who had written to us earlier all objected to our proposal to divide the area of the City into 12 wards returning differing numbers of councillors on the ground that this arrangement could not provide compatibility with future county electoral divisions. The City Council put forward a new scheme which divided the city into eleven 3-member wards and made alterations to the boundaries of all but three of the wards in our draft proposals, renaming one of the wards.

The political organisations and the local resident all supported the City Council's new scheme but with various modifications.

9. In view of these comments, we felt we needed further information to enable us to reach a conclusion. Therefore, in accordance with section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, and at our request, Mr S Briggs was appointed an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and report to us.

10. Notice of the meeting was sent to all who had received our draft proposals or had commented on them, and was published locally.

11. The Assistant Commissioner held the meeting at the City Hall, Lincoln on 12 July 1977 and visited the areas which were the subject of comment. A copy of his report to us is at Schedule 1 to this report.

12. In the light of the discussion at the meeting, and his inspection of the area, the Assistant Commissioner recommended the adoption of the revised scheme put forward by the City Council for 11 wards each returning 3 councillors but with a modification to the boundary between their suggested Minster and Abbey wards.

13. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received and of the Assistant Commissioner's report. We noted that the revised scheme put forward by the City Council and recommended by the Assistant Commissioner, unlike the Council's original scheme, provided for satisfactory standards of representation. We concluded that the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations should be accepted and we formulated our final proposals accordingly.

14. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 2 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 2 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the map. A detailed description of the proposed ward boundaries is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

PUBLICATION

15. 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 Lincoln City Council and will be available for public 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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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS -
CITY OF LINCOLN

REPORT OF S. BRIGGS, LL.B., ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
following local meeting on 12th July 1977.

To the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

1. I have to report that, following comments on the Commission's draft proposals for the electoral arrangements for the City of Lincoln, in the County of Lincolnshire, and in accordance with your instructions, I held a local meeting at the City Hall, Lincoln, on the 12th July 1977.

2. The persons present at the meeting (in addition to myself) were -

For Lincoln City Council, City Hall, Lincoln.	Mr. Philip Watts, M.A., LL.B., Solicitor, Chief Executive and Town Clerk. Mr. T. Raby.
Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Lincoln.	Mr. G. H. F. Sandys-Winsch, B.A., Solicitor, Assistant County Secretary. Mr. R. W. Bennison.
Lincoln Labour Party, Grafton House, Newland, Lincoln.	Mrs. J. Naftalin, Secretary. Mr. S. Robertson.
Lincoln Democratic Labour Association, Taverne House, 46 Pentercroft Street, Lincoln.	Mr. J. O'Neill. Councillor L. F. Davis.
Lincoln Conservative and Unionist Association, 18 Silver St., Lincoln.	Mrs. C. M. Hewitt. Mrs. R. Kaberry, Agent. Councillor F. E. Horn.

3. At present the City of Lincoln is, for the purposes of the election of District Councillors, divided into 10 wards each returning 3 councillors.

4. The Commission's draft proposals provided for 12 wards returning a total of 33 district councillors, brief particulars of the proposed wards being as follows:-

<u>Proposed name</u> <u>of ward</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>councillors</u>	<u>Electorate</u>		
		<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>Estimated 1980</u>
LINDUM	3	5629	5659	5400
LONGDALES	3	5269	5271	5100
YARBOROUGH	3	5235	5217	5100
CARHOLME	3	5375	5332	4900

ABBEY	3	5626	5501	5300
BOULTHAM	2	3290	3245	3150
PARK	2	3404	3386	3200
SHEAF	2	2978	3059	3050
TRITTON	3	4560	4481	5300
HOOLAND	3	4755	4791	4800
BRACEBRIDGE	3	4872	5273	5500
BIRCHWOOD	3	3007	3274	5600
		<u>54000</u>	<u>54489</u>	<u>56400</u>

These draft proposals were not intended to be compatible with future county electoral arrangements. Under paragraph 3 of Schedule 9 to the Local Government Act 1972 the review and settlement of the electoral arrangements for a county are not to take place until after the last Order has been made settling the electoral arrangements for the districts in the county, and there cannot therefore be any guarantee that wards decided as suitable for district council elections will in due course become electoral divisions of the county.

5. Following the publication of the Commission's draft proposals written representations were received from -

- Lincoln City Council
- Lincolnshire County Council
- Lincoln Labour Party
- Lincoln Democratic Labour Association
- Lincoln Conservative & Unionist Association
- Mr.A.P.Sardeson

The gist of the representations is as follows:-

- A. The Lincoln City Council expressed dissent from certain features of the Commission's draft proposals in particular the proposal to create 12 wards some of which would return a different number of councillors to the others. The City Council believed that the proposed unequal wards would create confusion in the minds of electors and could not be a suitable basis for consideration of the county electoral arrangements. The City Council suggested alterations to the Commission's draft proposals so as to create 11 wards each returning 3 councillors on a regular basis of election by thirds. An outline of the alterations suggested to the Commission's draft proposals is -
- (a) Two wards, to be called Park and Boultham, to be made out of the Commission's proposed Sheaf, Park and Boultham Wards, and with boundary adjustments with the Commission's proposed Bracebridge and Abbey Wards.

- (b) The ward the Commission proposed to name 'Yarborough' to be named 'Castle'.
- (c) The ward the Commission proposed to name 'Lindum' to be named 'Minster', and the Cathedral to be retained in this ward by the transfer of polling district LY from the proposed Abbey Ward.
- (d) The transfer of some undeveloped areas from the Commission's proposed Boultham Ward to the Birchwood and Tritton Wards, and a small boundary adjustment between the proposed Moorland and Tritton wards involving land containing industrial development only.

With the alterations suggested by the City Council the wards would be -

<u>Suggested name of ward</u>	<u>Number of councillors</u>	<u>Electorate</u>		
		<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>Est. 1980</u>
MINSTER	3	6124	6142	5850
LONGDALES	3	5269	5271	5100
CASTLE	3	5255	5217	5100
CARHOLME	3	5375	5332	4900
ABBEY	3	5427	5273	5100
BOULTHAM	3	5052	5036	4900
PARK	3	5112	5184	5000
TRITTON	3	4560	4481	5300
MOORLAND	3	4755	4791	4800
BRACEBRIDGE	3	4084	4488	4750
BIRCHWOOD	3	3007	3274	5600
		<u>54000</u>	<u>54489</u>	<u>56400</u>

- B. The Lincolnshire County Council stated that in their view the present number of 11 electoral divisions in the City of Lincoln should in all probability remain unchanged at the review of the County's electoral arrangements, that the Commission's draft proposals would not be compatible with that number or with a reduced number of 10 which had been mentioned, and that they considered it extremely desirable to divide the City into 11 wards for district council purposes, but they did not wish to comment on the detailed proposals for the delineation of those 11 wards.
- C. The Lincoln Labour Party supported the amendments to the Commission's draft proposals suggested by the City Council except the method of creating two wards out of the Commission's proposed Sheaf, Park and Boultham Wards. In place of a north/south dividing line along High Street and Newark Road

as suggested by the City Council, they suggested a dividing line along the railway 'avoiding line', High Street and Cross o'Cliff Road, the more northerly of the two wards so created to be called SINCIL and the more southerly WITHAM. The electorates would be -

	<u>Number of councillors</u>	<u>Electorate</u>		
		<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>Est.1980</u>
SINCIL	3	5096	5173	4950
WITHAM	3	5068	5047	4950

D. The Lincoln Democratic Labour Association considered the draft proposals of the Commission to be unsatisfactory and supported the amendments suggested by the City Council except in relation to the boundary between the City Council's suggested Abbey and Minster Wards. The Democratic Labour Association suggested that in place of the whole of polling district HY being in Minster Ward, the part south-east of Wragby Road/Greetwell Road be in Abbey Ward, decreasing the electorate of the City Council's suggested Minster Ward by about 200 and increasing the electorate of Abbey Ward by the same amount. (The actual figure of electors in this part of polling district HY is 187 at the present time, and the estimated figure in 1980 is 180.)

E. The Lincoln Conservative & Unionist Association in their representations expressed disagreement with the Commission's proposal for 12 wards and submitted alternative proposals - 'A' for 11 wards if it should be decided that there should be 11 electoral divisions in the City for the election of members of the County Council, and 'B' for 10 wards if it should be decided that there should be 10 electoral divisions in the City. Proposal 'A' agreed with the City Council's suggested alterations to the Commission's draft proposals but in relation to the Commission's proposed Yarborough and Longdales Wards (which the City Council accepted subject to the change of the name 'Yarborough' to 'Castle') the Conservative & Unionist Association suggested two wards to be called CASTLE and ERMINE being the same as the existing wards of those names but with the transfer of polling district EB from Ermine Ward to Castle Ward. The electorates would be -

	<u>Number of Councillors</u>	<u>Electorate</u>		
		<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>Est.1980</u>
CASTLE	3	5258	5292	4800
ERMINE	3	6045	5881	5600

Proposal 'B' for 10 wards was based generally on the existing

10 wards of the City but with many boundary adjustments. The figures of electorates given by the Association were -

<u>Suggested ward</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Est. 1980</u>
Abbey	5427	5390
Birchwood	3007	5600
Boultham	5722	6100
Bracebridge	5258	5960
Carholme	6189	5800
Castle	5539	5500
Ermine	5659	5600
Minster	4797	4700
Moorland	6118	6000
Park	6429	6000

F. Mr. A.P. Sardeson supported the alterations to the Commission's draft proposals suggested by the City Council except in relation to the Lindum (Minster) and Abbey Wards. Mr. Sardeson suggested that the whole of polling district MY should be in Abbey Ward and not in Minster Ward, and, since the Cathedral is in polling district MY, the name of the ward the City Council proposed to call 'Minster' should be 'Lindum' and the 'Abbey' ward should be named 'Cathedral' ward. In relation to Lindum Ward Mr. Sardeson's suggestion is the same as the Commission's draft proposal. The electorates of the two wards would be -

	<u>Number of councillors</u>	<u>Electorate</u>		
		<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>Est. 1980</u>
LINDUM	3	5629	5659	5400
CATHEDRAL	3	5922	5756	5550

6. At the meeting the following points were made:-

- A. For the Lincoln City Council Mr. Watts said that there was substantial agreement amongst those present at the meeting that each ward should return 3 members and there should not be any 2 member wards, but there were divergences of opinion as to how the three 2-member wards proposed by the Commission should be made into two 3-member wards. He repeated the representations made in his letter to the Commission of 29th July 1976 and which are summarised in paragraph 5.A. above.
- B. For the Lincolnshire County Council Mr. Sandys-Winsch said that the Commission had indicated that on the review of the electoral arrangements for Lincolnshire they were prepared to consider a county council of 75 members, the same number as at present. The County Council felt that the present

distribution of representation on the County Council as between the districts in the county should remain as now, and accordingly that the City of Lincoln should have 11 electoral divisions. He restated the points made in the County Council's written representations and which are given in paragraph 5.D. above.

- C. For the Lincoln Labour Party Mrs. Naftalin said that they were totally opposed to the three small wards in the Commission's draft proposals and which the Commission proposed should each return 2 councillors as opposed to 3 councillors for each of the remaining wards. Voters will be confused if all the elections for city councillors are not at the same time, and if the county and district council elections are not on the same areas. The Commission's proposals for three small wards have long pockets without community of interest. Their proposal for two wards with the names Sincil and Witham had a traditional background and gave reasonable numbers of electors in 1980. It recognised that community of interest stretched across High Street: High Street is a map boundary and not a real boundary. There is the same type of housing on both sides of High Street, children have to cross it to go to school, and at one time people had to cross it to vote, although she accepted that polling stations are now available on both sides of High Street. Mr. Robertson stressed that the railway 'avoiding line' proposed by them as part of the boundary between their suggested Sincil and Witham Wards is a natural boundary which separated communities.
- D. For the Lincoln Democratic Labour Association Mr. O'Neill said that they considered the Commission's draft proposals to be unsatisfactory. They supported the plan submitted by the City Council except that they suggested a piece of Minster Ward as described in their written representations and containing about 200 electors be transferred to Abbey Ward. They felt that the Cathedral and surrounding area to Lindum Road should remain in Minster Ward (this view was supported by those present). They supported the City Council's proposals for Doultham and Park Wards and that High Street should be the boundary between these wards. For some years the polling stations had been on the same side of High Street as the houses of the people voting at those polling stations, and the High Street boundary was convenient and acceptable.

- L. For the Lincoln Conservative and Unionist Association
Mrs. Maberry said that her Association had sent in two recommendations - one based on 11 wards and the other on 10 wards - because there appeared to be a chance of the City only having 10 county councillors. The Conservative Group on the City Council supported generally the City Council's proposals for 11 wards and they did not press their 10 ward scheme. They supported that High Street should be the boundary between Boutham and Park Wards, and preferred the name Boutham to Bincil. On the grounds of tradition they supported that the Cathedral should be in Minster Ward and the use of the names Minster and Castle for the respective wards. On the basis of an 11 ward scheme they now supported the City Council's attitude to Castle and Longdales Wards.
Councillor Horn stressed the attachment of the people of Lincoln to the City's history, and particularly the attachment of people in the Minister Ward, as existing and proposed by the City Council, to the Cathedral. Minster Ward is the senior ward in the development of the City and Castle Ward next. Development is going on rapidly in the southern parts of the City and in his view there would have to be further changes within a few years. He would like to see the least changes made now, and considered that the City Council's present proposals are the best from that point of view. He would have liked to have seen the retention of the present Castle and Ermine Wards with the transfer of polling district EB from Ermine Ward to Castle Ward but realised that it would not provide a satisfactory balance and they did not press the point.
7. Mr. A. P. Sardeson was not able to attend the meeting and in place sent a letter reiterating his previous submission, which is outlined in paragraph 5.F. above, and urging that if his own proposals are not accepted the proposals accepted should be those of the City Council.
8. No new proposals arose from the meeting.
9. After the meeting I visited the parts of the City referred to during the meeting and inspected the areas and boundaries about which there had been any contention during the meeting.

10. I found that the feeling against the Commission's proposal for unequal wards (three 2-member wards and eight 3-member wards) and in favour of 11 wards each returning 3 members was very strong. There was also a strong feeling for compatibility with arrangements for the election of county councillors, but in view of the statutory provision relating to the timing of the review of the county electoral divisions compatibility cannot be guaranteed. At present the City of Lincoln returns 11 members to the Lincolnshire County Council and the County Council are of the view that that number should remain unchanged.

11. I found that in the City of Lincoln the attachment to the City's history and traditions is very strong and this is particularly so in relation to the Cathedral (also referred to as the Minster) and the Castle.

12. There was agreement amongst those present at the meeting (other than the representatives of the County Council who made no comment on the arrangement of the wards within the City) with the revised proposals of the City Council for the wards in the northern part of the City, except in relation to the boundary between the Abbey and Minster (Lindum) wards. The feeling that the Cathedral should be in Minster Ward was very strong. The difference of view as to how to adjust the boundary to ensure more equal representation was not so strong. The electorates of both Minster and Abbey Wards are unlikely to increase: the areas where there is likely to be substantial housing development are on the southern side of the City.

13. In relation to the wards in the southern part of the City, I found the arguments for the City Council's proposed Boultham and Park Wards (with a north/south dividing line along High Street/Newark Road) and for the Labour Party's proposed Sincil and Witham Wards (with a boundary running roughly north-west/south-east and following in part the railway 'avoiding line') to be fairly evenly balanced. On the one hand the High Street boundary is traditional, is the boundary between wards at the present time, and would involve the smaller amount of change for the electorate: on the other the railway 'avoiding line' is a good boundary for the part where it can be used, from the point of view of community of interest I feel that there is a slight, but only slight, advantage in the Labour Party's proposal, and there may be slight advantages in fixing polling districts and polling stations.

14. (a) In view of the very strong feeling, the practical advantages, and the less confusion in the minds of the electors, I recommend that the electoral arrangements be based on 11 wards each returning 3 members on the system of election by thirds.

(b) Because of the strong attachment of the people of Lincoln to the Castle and the Cathedral and to traditional names, I recommend that the wards named 'Yarborough' and 'Lindum' in the Commission's draft proposals be named 'Castle' and 'Minster' respectively.

(c) I am of opinion that, to meet the strong feeling on the point, the Cathedral should be in Minster Ward if at all practicable. The City Council's proposal for the whole of polling district NY, which contains the Cathedral, to be in Minster Ward makes the ward rather large in electorate - 6142 on 1977 figures against an average for the City on an 11 ward basis of 4954 (on estimated 1980 figures 5820 against average of 5127). Adjustment of the boundary with Abbey Ward appears to be the only practicable solution. I feel that the adjustment put forward by the Democratic Labour Association is the best answer, that is dividing polling district NY along the line of Wragby Road, the part north and west of that road, including the Cathedral, (294 electors in 1977, estimated 270 in 1980) to be in Minster Ward, and the part south and east (189 electors in 1977, estimated 180 in 1980) to be in Abbey Ward, and I recommend accordingly. This would make the electorates of Minster and Abbey Wards -

	<u>1977</u>	<u>Est. 1980</u>
MINSTER	5953	5670
ABBEY	5462	5280

Although the electorate of Minster Ward would still be rather large, I believe that in the circumstances it would satisfy the requirement in paragraph 3(2)(a) of the 11th Schedule of the Local Government Act 1972, and in time the balance will be corrected by the anticipated lack of growth in Minster Ward (and Abbey Ward) and the expected large growth in the wards in the southern part of the City.

(d) Although the arguments for the City Council's suggestion for Boultham and Park Wards and the Labour Party's suggestion for Sincil and Witham Wards are fairly even as mentioned in paragraph 13 above, I feel that the balance is slightly in favour of the City Council's suggestion, mainly because it follows traditional lines more closely and involves less disturbance to the electorate. Also it was supported by all the bodies

and persons who made representations on the ward boundaries other than the Labour Party. I accordingly recommend the adoption of the City Council's proposal for Boultham and Park Wards.

(e) The other amendments to the Commission's draft proposals put forward by the City Council appear to me to be desirable and I recommend their adoption.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

15. I recommend that the City of Lincoln should comprise eleven wards each returning three members. The Commission's proposed two-member wards named Park, Sheaf and Boultham should be replaced by two 3-member wards named Park and Boultham. The modifications to the Commission's proposed ward boundaries and ward names are outlined below:

(a) The eastern boundary of BIRCHWOOD WARD to be extended northeastwards along the drain which runs along the eastern end of Fen Plantation to Main Drain, and northwestwards along Main Drain to the western boundary of the District.

(b) The eastern boundary of BOULTHAM WARD to be southwards along High Street, St Catherines and Newark Road to the River Witham. The western boundary of the ward to be generally northwards along the River Witham, southwestwards and northwestwards along Catchwater Drain, northeastwards along the Newark-on-Trent to Lincoln railway, northwestwards along the Ruskington to Gainsborough railway and northwestwards along the Main Drain to the northeastern boundary of Birchwood Ward.

(c) The proposed YARBOROUGH WARD to be re-named CASTLE WARD.

(d) The proposed LINDUM WARD to be re-named MINSTER WARD and the southern boundary of said ward to run westwards along Greetwell Road, southwestwards along Wragby Road and Lindum Road, westwards along Clasketgate, northwards along Danesgate and westwards along Well Lane to the eastern boundary of Carholme Ward.

(e) The southern boundary of ABBEY WARD to be extended westwards along the River Witham to the eastern boundary of Carholme Ward. The western and northern boundaries of Abbey Ward are altered as a consequence of the above change and the change to the southern boundary of Minster Ward.

(f) The proposed SHEAF WARD to be omitted from the scheme.

(g) A new PARK WARD to be formed, bounded by the eastern boundary of the District, the southern boundary of Abbey Ward, the eastern boundary of Boultham Ward and in the south by a line along the rear boundaries of Nos 48 to 2 Poplar Street and the southern boundary of the offices south of Bracebridge Hall.

(h) The western and northern boundaries of BRACEBRIDGE WARD are altered as a consequence of changes to Boultham Ward and Park Ward.

(i) The northwestern boundary of MOORLAND WARD between the railway and Middlebrook Road to be along the path that leads to Moorland Way and along Moorland Way.

(j) The western, northern and eastern boundaries of TRITTON WARD are altered as a consequence of changes to Birchwood, Boultham and Moorland Wards.



Assistant Commissioner

CITY OF LINCOLN : NAMES OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ABBAY	3
BIRCHWOOD	3
BOULTHAM	3
BRACEBRIDGE	3
CARHOLME	3
CASTLE	3
LONGDALES	3
NINST'ER	3
MOORLAND	3
PARK	3
TRITTON	3

CITY OF LINCOLN

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD 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.

BIRCHWOOD WARD

Commencing at the point where Prial Drain meets the southern boundary of the City, thence generally westwards, northwards, northeastwards and southeastwards along the southern and western boundaries of the City and continuing southeastwards along Main Drain to a point opposite the unnamed drain adjacent to the northwestern boundary of parcel no 6200 as shown on OS 1:2500 plan SK 94-9571 Edition of 1971, thence southwestwards to and along said unnamed drain, crossing Catchwater Drain, to the unnamed stream which flows from Hartsholme Lake, thence generally southwestwards along said stream to the northern boundary of Skellingthorpe Road, thence southwestwards in a straight line to National Grid reference SK 9436969558 being a point on White Bridge, thence southwestwards along Hartsholme Lake and Prial Drain to the point of commencement.

BOULTHAM WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Birchwood Ward meets the western boundary of the City, thence generally northwestwards along said City boundary to Fossdyke Navigation (Roman Canal), thence southeastwards along said canal to the drawbridge leading from the railway complex to Holmes Road, thence southeastwards in a straight line to the northernmost point of the unnamed island lying in the southeastern part of Brayford Pool, thence northeastwards in a straight line to the point where the River Witham meets Brayford Pool west of Wigford Way, thence northeastwards and eastwards along said river to High Street, thence southwestwards along said street, the road known as St Catherines and Newark Road to the River Witham, thence generally northwards along said river to Catchwater Drain, thence southwest-

wards and northwestwards along said drain to the Newark-on-Trent to Lincoln St Marks railway, thence northeastwards along said railway to the Lincoln Central avoiding railway, thence northwestwards along said railway to Main Drain, thence northwestwards along said drain and the northeastern boundary of Birchwood Ward to the point of commencement.

CARHOLME WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Boutham Ward meets the western boundary of the City, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along the western and northern boundaries of the City to Burton Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Union Road, thence southwards along said road to Drury Lane, thence generally eastwards along said lane and Wordsworth Street to the road known as Steep Hill, thence generally southwards and southwestwards along said road, the road known as Strait and High Street to the northern boundary of Boutham Ward, thence generally northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

CASTLE WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Carholme Ward meets the northern boundary of the City, thence northeastwards along said City boundary to Riseholme Road, thence southwards along said road, the road known as Newport, the road known as Bailgate and the road known as Steep Hill to the eastern boundary of Carholme Ward, thence westwards and generally northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

LONGDALES WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Castle Ward meets the northern boundary of the City, thence eastwards along said City boundary

to Lincoln Road, thence southwestwards along said road, Nettleham Road and the road known as Northgate to the road known as Eastgate, thence westwards and southwestwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Castle Ward, thence northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

MINSTER WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Longdales Ward meets the northern boundary of the City, thence generally southeastwards and southwards along the northern and eastern boundaries of the City to Creetwell Road, thence generally westwards along said road to Wragby Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Lindum Road, thence southwards and southwestwards along said road to the road known as Clasketgate, thence westwards along said road to the road known as Danegate, thence northwards and westwards along said road and southwestwards along Well Lane to the eastern boundary of Carholme Ward, thence northwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of Castle Ward to the southern boundary of Longdales Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary and northeastwards along the eastern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

ABBEY WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Minster Ward meets the eastern boundary of the City, thence southwards and westwards along said City boundary and continuing westwards along the River Witham to the eastern boundary of Carholme Ward, thence northwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Minster Ward, thence generally eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

PARK WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Abbey Ward meets the eastern boundary of the City, thence southeastwards and generally southwestwards and southwards along said City boundary to a point opposite the rear

boundary of No 48 Poplar Street, thence westwards to and along said boundary and continuing westwards and northwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 46-2 Poplar Street to the eastern boundary of the Offices, south of Bracebridge Hall, thence southwards along said boundary and westwards along the southern boundary of said offices to the path from Laurel Close to Newark Road, thence northwestwards along said path to the eastern boundary of Boultham Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Abbey Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

BRACEBRIDGE WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Park Ward meets the eastern boundary of the City, thence generally southwards and northwestwards along the eastern and southern boundaries of the City to Newark Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the southern boundary of Boultham Ward, thence generally eastwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of Park Ward to the point of commencement.

MOORLAND WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of Bracebridge Ward meets the southern boundary of the City, thence generally northwestwards along said City boundary to the Newark-on-Trent to Lincoln St Marks railway, thence northeastwards along said railway to the path leading from Doddington Road to the road known as Moorland Way, thence southeastwards along said path and southeastwards, northeastwards and again southeastwards along said road, crossing Moorland Close and Tritton Road, to Middlebrook Road, thence northeastwards along said road, Moorland Avenue and Boultham Park Road to the western boundary of Boultham Ward, thence southeastwards, northeastwards and generally southwestwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of Bracebridge Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the western

boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

TRITTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of Moorland Ward meets the southern boundary of the City, thence northwestwards along said City boundary to the eastern boundary of Birchwood Ward, thence northeastwards along said eastern boundary to the western boundary of Boultham Ward, thence generally southeastwards, southwestwards and southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Moorland Ward, thence generally southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.