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Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF
BLYTH VALLEY IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Borough of Blyth Valley 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 of that borough.
2. In accordance with the procedure described in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 13 May 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to Blyth Valley Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Northumberland County Council, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies 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. The Blyth Valley Borough 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 Council have not passed a resolution under section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The provisions of section 7(6) will therefore apply and the elections of all district councillors will be held simultaneously.

5. On 12 September 1974, the Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Borough Council together with the alternative schemes submitted by a political party and a political Association. We concluded that none of the schemes submitted offered a satisfactory basis of representation for the borough. The main defects in the draft scheme were:

a. insufficient regard had been paid to the requirements of paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 that allowance should be made for any change in the number or distribution of electors in the borough during the next five years;

b. the standard of representation fell short of the requirement in paragraph 3(2)(a) of Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972, that the ratio of the number of local government electors to the number of councillors to be elected should be, as nearly as may be, the same in every ward of the borough;

c. insufficient regard had been paid to paragraph 3(3)(a) of Schedule 11 which refers to the desirability of fixing boundaries which are and will remain easily identifiable.

6. We decided to invite the Borough Council to reconsider their draft scheme and to submit a revised scheme which would take account of the rules laid down in the Act and of our own guidelines.

7. On 11 April 1975, the Borough Council submitted their revised draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the borough into 17 wards, each returning 2 or 3 members, to form a council of 48.
8. We received only one comment and this supported the revised draft scheme.
9. We considered the revised draft scheme submitted by the Borough Council. We noted that the scheme generally complied with the rules in Schedule 11 of the 1972 Act and our own guidelines. We decided, however, that a more equitable standard of representation would be achieved by reducing the number of councillors assigned to the proposed Hartford and West Cramlington ward from 3 to 2. After consulting the Ordnance Survey we proposed some slight realignment of some of the boundaries proposed by the Council. These changes were made in order to secure boundary lines which were readily identifiable on the ground. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.
10. On 20 June 1975, we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had submitted comments. The Council were asked to make our draft proposals and the accompanying map 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 by 18 August 1975.
11. The only comments we received were submitted by a political Association who suggested boundary alterations to 3 of the wards in the draft proposals. They also suggested new names for these wards.
12. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of these comments. After careful consideration, we concluded that the alterations which had been suggested offered no significant advantage over the draft proposals. We therefore decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

13. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each ward. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the map.

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 map are being sent to Blyth Valley Borough Council and will be made available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without maps) are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the map is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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September 1975

BOROUGH OF BLYTH VALLEY: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
CENTRAL	3
COWPEN	3
CRAMLINGTON EAST	3
CRAMLINGTON SOUTH EAST	3
CROFT	3
HARTFORD AND WEST CRAMLINGTON	2
HARTLEY	3
HOLYWELL	2
ISABELLA	3
KITTY BREWSTER	3
NEWSHAM AND NEW DELAVAL	3
PARKSIDE	2
PLESSEY	3
SEATON DELAVAL	3
SEGHILL	2
VILLAGE	3
WENSLEYDALE	3

BLYTH VALLEY BOROUGH : DESCRIPTION OF WARDS

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.

KITTY BREWSTER WARD

Commencing on the western boundary of the District at the junction of Horton Burn with the River Blyth; thence northwards and eastwards along the western and northern boundaries of the District to a point being in prolongation of the western boundary of Parcel No 5024 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ28/2982 Edition of 1960; thence southwards along said prolongation and western boundaries of Parcels No 5024, 5311 and 4900 and 4900 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ28/2981 Edition of 1961 and continuing along the eastern boundary of the Cowpen Roman Catholic Primary School to Cowpen Road; thence eastwards along said road to Briardale Road; thence generally southwestwards along said road to Tynedale Drive; thence generally southeastwards along said drive and in prolongation thereof to the southern boundary of Parcel No 7090 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ28/2980 Edition of 1961; thence eastwards along said southern boundary to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 4800; thence generally southwards and southwestwards following the eastern boundaries of said parcel and parcel Nos 3976 and 2860 and in prolongation of the last mentioned boundary to the Mineral Railway; thence northwestwards along said railway to a footpath leading to Hathery Lane; thence southwestwards following said footpath to said lane; thence southwards along Hathery Lane to a footpath leading to Horton Road; thence southwestwards following said footpath, crossing Horton Road and continuing along the footpath to Horton Burn; thence generally northwards along said burn to the point of commencement.

COWPEN WARD

Commencing at the point in the River Blyth where the eastern boundary of Kitty Brewster Ward meets the District boundary; thence generally

eastwards following said District boundary to the High Ferry river crossing; thence generally southwards to and along the landing stage of said crossing to Ann's Row; thence generally westwards along said row and Crawford Street and continuing westwards and southwards along the road to the rear of properties Nos 129 to 61 Chestnut Avenue to Cowpen Road; thence generally southwards along said road to Malvins Close Road; thence southwards and westwards along said road and Albion Way to the Mineral Railway; thence southwards along said railway to a point opposite the southern boundary of Parcel No 9000 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ28/2980 Edition of 1961; thence westwards to and along said boundary and the southern boundary of Parcel No 7090 to meet the eastern boundary of Kitty Brewster Ward; thence westwards and generally northwards along said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

ISABELLA WARD.

Commencing on the eastern boundary of Cowpen Ward at the point where Malvins Close Road meets Cowpen Road; thence generally southeastwards along Cowpen Road, Renwick Road and the northwest perimeter of Broadway Circle to Princess Louise Road; thence westwards along said road to the railway bridge of the former Blyth Railway; thence southwestwards following said railway to the mineral railway at Isabella Colliery Junction; thence generally northwestwards and northwards following said mineral railway to the southern boundary of Cowpen Ward; thence generally northwards and eastwards following said boundary to the point of commencement.

CROFT WARD.

Commencing at the point in the River Blyth at the High Ferry river

crossing where the eastern boundary of Cowpen Ward meets the District boundary; thence generally southeastwards following the District boundary to a point opposite the footpath leading from High Quay to Kings Street; thence southwestwards and westwards to and along said footpath to a point being due north of the junction of Union Street with the southern boundary of the Gas Works; thence southwards following said alignment and Union Street to Waterloo Road; thence southwestwards following said road to the eastern boundary of Isabella Ward; thence generally northwards following said boundary and continuing northwards and eastwards along the eastern boundary of Cowpen Ward to the point of commencement.

CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at a point in the River Blyth where the eastern boundary of Croft Ward meets the District boundary opposite High Quay thence southeastwards following the District boundary to a point being a prolongation northeastwards of the northern wall of the Jetty lying to the north of the lifeboat house thence southwestwards to and along said wall and in prolongation thereof to Quay Road thence southwards along said road to East Park View thence westwards along East Park View to a point opposite the eastern boundary of Ridley Park thence southwards and southwestwards following the eastern and southern boundaries of said park to the bridge over the former mineral railway at Belgrave Crescent thence northwards along said crescent to and westwards along Briarwood Road to a point opposite the western boundary of the compound containing the electricity sub-station thence southwards to and along said boundary to the northern boundary of the dismantled mineral railway; thence southwestwards following said boundary to its junction with the rear boundary of the properties on the western side of Rosemary Terrace thence generally

northwards along said rear boundaries and continuing northwestwards and northeastwards along the eastern boundary of the Crofton Mill Industrial Estate to and along Stannington Street to and northwestwards along Back Park Road to Plessey Road thence southwestward along said road to its junction with Broadway thence northwestwards along Broadway and continuing round the southwestern perimeter of Broadway Circle to the eastern boundary of Isabella Ward; thence generally northwards following said boundary to and generally northeastwards following the southern boundary of Croft Ward to the point of commencement.

NEWSHAM AND NEW DELAVAL WARD

Commencing at the point where Horton Burn meets the southern boundary of Kitty Brewster Ward thence generally northeastwards following said ward boundary and the southern boundary of Cowpen Ward to and generally southeastwards following the western boundary of Isabella Ward to the Isabella Colliery Junction thence continuing generally southwards along the former Blyth railway to Meggies Burn thence westwards along said burn to the southwest corner of Parcel No 1425 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ30/3178 Rev 1959 thence northwestwards following the western boundary of said parcel and Parcels Nos 0045, 0073 and 0003 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan NZ28/2978 Rev 1960 to the northern boundary of Parcel No 6599 thence southwestwards along said northern boundary to the northwest corner of said parcel and continuing in a straight line to the northeast corner of Parcel No 1345 thence southwestwards and northwestwards along the northern boundary of said parcel and northeast boundary of Parcel No 8360 to the B1327 road thence southwestwards along said road crossing the A192 road and continuing along the A1061 road to the A189 fly-over thence northwards along the A189 road to the

A192 flyover thence northwestwards and westwards around the southern perimeter of the flyover and following the southern carriageway of the A192 road to Horton Burn thence generally northwestwards following the said burn to the point of commencement.

WENSLEYDALE WARD

Commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of the District at Low Water being a prolongation northeastwards of the outfall of Meggie's Burn; thence southwestwards along said prolongation and outfall to Meggie's Burn thence generally westwards along said burn to the eastern boundary of Newsham and New Delaval Ward thence generally northwards following said eastern boundary to a point being in prolongation northwestwards of the rear boundaries of properties Nos 53 and 54 South View thence southeastwards to and along said boundaries and continuing northeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 52 to 2 South View and Nos 117 to 57 Barras Avenue West the southern boundary of Blyth Grammar School playing field the rear boundaries of Nos 51 to 1 Barras Avenue the southern boundary of the Cricket Ground and continuing along the northern boundary of the dismantled mineral railway to the Broadway extension road (A193) thence northwestwards along said road to the southern boundary of Central Ward thence northeastwards southwards and northeastwards following said southern boundary to and generally southwards following the eastern boundary of the District to the point of commencement.

PLESSEY WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Isabella Ward meets the eastern boundary of Newsham and New Delaval Ward; thence

northwards and eastwards following the eastern boundary of Isabella Ward to the western boundary of Central Ward; thence generally southwards following said boundary to the northern boundary of Wensleydale Ward; thence southwestwards following said boundary to the eastern boundary of Newsham and New Delaval Ward; thence northwards following said boundary to the point of commencement.

HARTLEY WARD

Commencing on the southern boundary of the District at Low Water; thence generally westwards and southwestwards following said boundary to the eastern boundary of the Mineral Railway (dismantled) in Holywell Dene; thence northwestwards following said boundary to a point in prolongation northeastwards of the northern boundary of Parcel No 4840 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ30/3176 Revision of 1959; thence southwestwards along said prolongation and boundary to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 2839; thence northwestwards and westwards following the eastern and northern boundaries of said parcel and Parcel No 0450 to the southern boundary of the railway (New Hartley to Seghill line); thence southwestwards following said boundary to a point being in prolongation southwards of the eastern boundary of Parcel No 3430; thence northwards along said prolongation and boundary and continuing along the eastern boundary of Parcel No 0064 to the southern boundary of the Mineral Railway; thence southwestwards along said boundary to a point being in prolongation southeastwards of the eastern boundary of Parcel No 0040 thence northwestwards along said prolongation and boundary and the eastern boundaries of Parcel Nos 0064 and 8200 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan NZ 28/2976 Rev 1960 and NZ 28/2977 Rev 1960 and crossing the trackway to the southern boundary of Parcel No 6800; thence northeastwards and northwestwards following the southeastern and eastern boundaries of said parcel and continuing along the eastern boundary of Parcel No 1363 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ30/3177 Revision of 1959 to the southern boundary of Parcel No 3974; thence eastwards and northwards along the southern

and eastern boundaries of said parcel and continuing along the eastern boundary of Parcel No 2900 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ30/3178 Edition of 1961 and in prolongation thereof to the southern boundary of Newsham and New Delaval Ward; thence generally eastwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of Wensleydale Ward to the District boundary at low water; thence generally southeastwards following the District boundary to the point of commencement.

HOLYWELL WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Hartley Ward meets the southern boundary of the District thence generally southwards and westwards following the said District boundary to a point where a stream crossing Parcel No 4724 on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Plan NZ28/2974 Edition 1973 meets the eastern boundary of the railway (Seghill-Backworth line) thence generally northeastwards along said stream to Seaton Burn; thence generally eastwards along said burn to a point being the prolongation southwards of the eastern boundary of Parcel No 6756 on Ordnance 1:2500 Plan NZ30/3174 Edition 1970 thence northwards along said prolongation and said eastern boundary and continuing northwards and northwestwards following the rear property boundaries of Nos 74 to 14 and Flats Nos 2 to 12 all being in Staward Avenue to Acomb Avenue thence northeastward along said avenue to Fontburn Road thence northeastwards along said road to Holywell Road (A192) thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 1 Baxter Place; thence northwards to and along said eastern boundary and westwards along the rear boundaries of the properties in Baxter Place to and northwards along the eastern boundary of the Builders Yard and continuing generally northeastwards and northwestwards along the rear boundary of Avenue Head Farm to The Avenue (A190) thence northeastwards along said avenue to and southeastwards following the western boundary of Hartley Ward to the point of commencement.

SEATON DELAVAL WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Hartley Ward meets the northern boundary of Holywell Ward thence generally southwestwards southwards and westwards following said northern boundary to a point opposite the western boundary of Parcel No 2173 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ 30/3174 Edition 1970 thence northwestwards westwards and northwards to and northeastwards along Avenue Road (A190) to a point being in prolongation southeastwards of the southern boundary of No 88 Avenue Road thence northwestwards along said prolongation and said boundary and continuing along the rear boundaries of properties Nos 99 to 47 Western Avenue and southwestwards along the rear boundaries of properties Nos 2 to 8 Ancroft Road thence northwestwards along the western boundaries of Nos 8 and 7 Ancroft Road to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 6134 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ28/2975 Edition 1971 thence continuing northwestwards and westwards along the eastern and northern boundaries of said parcel and crossing the railway to and southwestwards and northwestwards along the southern and western boundaries of Parcel No 4466 and continuing along the western boundaries of Parcel Nos 3478 1973 and 1883 to the B1326 road thence northwards and westwards along said road to the old Mineral Railway level crossing thence northwestwards along the said railway to a point due eastwards of the northeast corner of Parcel No 0082 thence due westwards to said corner and along the northern boundary of said parcel and Parcel No 8279 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ26/2776 Edition 1970 to the new Spine Road (A189) thence northwards along said road to the southern boundary of Newsham and New Delaval Ward thence generally eastwards southwards and eastwards following said southern boundary to and generally southwards northeastwards and southeastwards following the western boundary of Hartley Ward to the point of commencement.

SEGHILL WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Holywell Ward meets the southern boundary of the District thence southwestwards westwards and northwards following said southern boundary and continuing along Front Street to Mill Lane thence eastwards along said lane to the A189 Trunk road thence northwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of Parcel No 4544 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ26/2775 Edition 1970 thence eastwards and northeastwards along the southern and eastern boundary of said parcel and continuing along the eastern boundaries of Parcel Nos 5563, 6682 and 6800 to and generally eastwards along the northern boundaries of parcel No 0068 and Parcel Nos 3959 and 0006 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 Plan NZ28/2975 Edition 1971 thence southwards along the eastern boundary of last mentioned parcel to a point opposite the northern boundary of Parcel No 0269 thence eastwards northwards and eastwards to and along said boundary to the western boundary of Seaton Delaval Ward thence generally southeastwards following said western boundary to and generally westwards following the northern boundary of Holywell Ward to the point of commencement.

CRANLINGTON SOUTH EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Seghill Ward meets the southern boundary of the District; thence westwards following said southern boundary to the B1319 road thence northwards along said road and the A1171 road to Northumbria Way thence westwards and northwards along said way to the cycle subway south of Coanwood Drive thence eastwards along the cycle track to and southwards along the cycle track on the western side of the allotment gardens the Cranlington Ann Welfare Recreation Ground and Winshields to and southeastwards along the cycle

track to the south of Winshields and the Bay Horse Inn to the western boundary of Seghill Ward thence southwards following said western boundary to the point of commencement.

CRAWLINGTON EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Seghill Ward meets the western boundary of Seaton Delaval Ward thence generally westwards and southwestwards following the said northern boundary to and generally westwards and northwards and westwards following the eastern and northern boundary of Cramlington South East Ward to Northumbria Way thence northwards along said way crossing the roundabout at Village Road and continuing northwards to the next roundabout: thence eastwards along the new road to the western boundary of Seaton Delaval Ward at the A189 spine road thence generally southwards eastwards and southeastwards following said western boundary to the point of commencement.

PARKSIDE WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Seaton Delaval Ward meets the northern boundary of Cramlington East Ward thence westwards following said northern boundary and continuing along the new road to the new road running north to south approximately 84 metres east of Crow Hall Lane thence northwards along the said road to the A192 road thence eastwards along said road and continuing along the southern carriageway of said road at the A189 flyover to meet the western boundary of Newsham and New Delaval Ward thence southwards following said boundary and western boundary of Seaton Delaval Ward to the point of commencement.

VILLAGE WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Cramlington South East Ward meets the southern boundary of the District thence westwards following said District boundary to the Newcastle-Morpeth railway thence northwards along said line to Station Road (B1326) thence eastwards along said road to the new north-south road approximately 84 metres east of Crow Hall Lane thence northwards along said road to the south-west corner of Parkside Ward thence eastwards following the southern boundary of said ward to and southwards following the western boundary of Cramlington East Ward and continuing southwards westwards and southwards following the western boundary of Cramlington South East Ward to the point of commencement.

HARTFORD AND WEST CRAMLINGTON WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of Village Ward meets the southern boundary of the District thence generally westwards northwards eastwards and northwards following the southern and western boundary of the District to the western boundary of Kitty Brewster Ward thence generally southwards following said boundary and western boundary of Newsham and New Delaval Ward to and westwards and southwards following the northern and western boundary of Parkside Ward and continuing along the western boundary of Village Ward to the point of commencement.