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To the Rt Hon Roy Jenkins MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CLEETHORPES
DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBERSIDE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Cleethorpes 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 district.

2. In accordance with the procedure prescribed in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 3 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Cleethorpes District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the district, the Humberside 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 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 Cleethorpes 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. The council have passed a resolution under section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting a system of whole council elections.

5. On 9 January 1975, the Cleethorpes District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 18 wards, the number of members to be returned varying between 1 and 4, to form a council of 48, the same size as at present.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the District Council. We noted that the scheme provided a very uneven standard of representation for the district, including substantial over representation in the rural area, and considered that it did not comply with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972. Contrary to our own guidelines, moreover, the proposed Humberston ward, comprising the unwarded parish of Humberston, was to be represented by 4 councillors.

7. We noted that some support was forthcoming for a smaller council and that an alternative scheme had been submitted by a Parish Council providing for a council of 42 members.

8. We concluded, after careful consideration, that an improved standard of representation for the district could most readily be achieved by retaining the pattern of wards proposed by the District Council, but reducing the size of the council to 41 members. We decided that, having reduced the overall size of the council, the Humberston ward could be represented by 3 members. We accepted a suggestion by Ordnance Survey for a slight realignment of the proposed Cleethorpes North/Cleethorpes Sidney ward boundary. We formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

9. On 28 February 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 those 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 members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 25 April 1975.

10. The District Council, supported by a Parish Council, adhered to the view that the size of the council should remain at 48 members and continued to press for adoption of their draft scheme. Four Parish Councils and a Parish Meeting objected to the reduction in representation of particular wards. Humberston Parish Council, supported by another Parish Council, objected to the reduction in representation of the Humberston ward. Humberside County Council sent a "no comments" reply.

11. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments we had received. We could not agree to the Council's request that we should adopt their original scheme as it contained an unacceptable standard of representation which did not meet the requirements of the 1972 Act. We had some sympathy with the comments suggesting that the parish of Humberston should have an additional councillor, but we did not consider the ward was more than marginally under represented with 3 councillors. We concluded that this was not a case for making an exception to our general rule that district wards should not return more than 3 members. We noted that the parish of Humberston was not divided into wards for parish electoral purposes and that, in accordance with Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act, we could not propose the creation of more than one district ward for the parish.

12. We decided, provisionally, to confirm our draft proposals but, before formulating final proposals, we thought that we should inform the District Council that, if they were prepared to review the parish electoral arrangements with a view to creating parish wards in the parish of Humberston, we would consider creating district wards based on those parish wards and returning a total of 4 councillors. At the same time and as a consequence of this proposal, we recognised that, to maintain the balance of representation, we should consider proposing 3 councillors, instead of 2, for the Sidney ward of Cleethorpes. A copy of our letter to the District Council was sent to all who had received copies of our draft proposals.

13. The District Council decided against taking any action to ward the parish of Humberston and again sought the restoration of their 48 member scheme, including the 4 member Humberston ward. In the event of our disagreeing with their request, they asked for a local meeting to be held. The District Council continued to be supported in their views by a Parish Council. A Town Council and a Parish Council expressed support for the draft proposals.

14. We reviewed again our draft proposals. We concluded that, in substance, all the comments received had already been fully considered and no new information which needed further investigation had come to light. We remained of the opinion that there were no grounds to justify the creation of a 4 member ward and we thought that a local meeting to hear representations requesting the restoration of a scheme which we had twice rejected on the grounds of inequality of representation would serve no useful purpose. We therefore confirmed our draft proposals as our final proposals.

15. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 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 ward. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps.

PUBLICATION

16. 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 Cleethorpes District 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 maps is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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4 December 1975

CLEETHORPES DISTRICT: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
CLEETHORPES ALEXANDRA	3
CLEETHORPES BEACON HILL	3
CLEETHORPES CENTRAL	3
CLEETHORPES MIDDLETHORPE	2
CLEETHORPES NORTH	3
CLEETHORPES RIVERSIDE	2
CLEETHORPES SIDNEY	2
CLEETHORPES THRUNSCOE	3
HABROUGH AND STALLINGBOROUGH	1
HEALING	1
HUMBERSTON	3
IMMINGHAM BLUESTONE	2
IMMINGHAM CENTRAL	2
IMMINGHAM HUMBER	3
LACEBY	2
NEW WALTHAM	2
WALTHAM	3
WOLD PARISHES	1

CLEETHORPES DISTRICT: VERBAL DESCRIPTION OF WARD BOUNDARIES

SCHEDULE 2

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.

CLEETHORPES NORTH WARD

Commencing at the point at which the northeastern boundary of the district being low water, meets the prolongation northeastwards of Lovett Street, thence southwestwards along the said prolongation and street to Brereton Avenue, thence southeastwards along the said avenue to Park View, thence southwestwards along Park View, crossing Queen Mary Avenue to Barnett Place, thence southwards along the said place to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 54-46 Queen Mary Avenue, thence northwestwards to and along said boundaries to the rear boundaries of Nos 5-67 Dugard Road, thence southeastwards along said boundaries to the eastern boundary of Grimsby District thence southwestwards and following the said eastern boundary to the northeastern boundary of Cleethorpes District, being low water, thence southeastwards along the said boundary to the point of commencement.

CLEETHORPES SIDNEY WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary Grimsby District meets the eastern boundary of North Ward, thence northwestwards and following said ward boundary to the northeastern boundary of the Cleethorpes District being low water, thence southeastwards along said boundary to a point being the prolongation northeastwards of Manchester Street, thence southwestwards along said prolongation, said street and Bramhall Street to Brereton Avenue, thence southeastwards along said avenue to LeStrange Street thence southwestwards along said street to the eastern boundary of Grimsby District, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

CLEETHORPES CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at a point where the southeastern boundary of Sidney Ward meets the eastern boundary of Grimsby District, thence northeastwards and following said southeastern boundary to the northeastern boundary

of the District being low water, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to a point being the prolongation northeastwards of Sea Road, thence southwestwards along said prolongation and said road to Alexandra Road, thence northwestwards along said road to High Street thence westwards and following said street and Isaac's Hill to Clee Road thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of Grimsby District at the southernmost corner of No 80 Clee Road, thence northwestwards to the said southernmost corner and the said district boundary, thence northwestward along said boundary to the point of commencement.

CLEETHORPES ALEXANDRA WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Grimsby District meets the southeastern boundary of Central Ward, thence southeastwards, northeastwards and following said southeastern boundary of the northeastern boundary of the District, being low water, thence southeastwards along said boundary to a point being the prolongation northeastwards of Humber Street, thence southwestwards along said prolongation, said street and Highgate to Trinity Road, thence northwestwards along said road and Beacon Avenue to the eastern boundary of Grimsby District, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

CLEETHORPES BEACON HILL WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of New Waltham CP meets the eastern boundary of Grimsby District, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along said eastern boundary to the southwestern boundary of Alexandra Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary and continuing along Trinity Road to Sandringham Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Brian Avenue, thence southwards and following said avenue to the northeastern boundary of New Waltham CP, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

CLEETHORPES THRUNSCOE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of Beacon Hill Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Alexandra Ward, thence north-eastwards along said southeastern boundary to the northeastern boundary of the district, being low water, thence southeastwards along said boundary to a point being a prolongation northeastwards of Chichester Road, thence southwestwards along said prolongation and following said road to Taylor's Avenue, thence northeastwards along said avenue to Trinity Road, thence northwestwards along said road and the northeastern boundary of Beacon Hill Ward to the point of commencement.

CLEETHORPES MIDDLETHORPE WARD

Commencing at a point where Taylor's Avenue meets the northeastern boundary of New Waltham CP, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Beacon Hill Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Thrunscoc Ward, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said boundary and continuing southwestwards along Taylor's Avenue to the point of commencement.

CLEETHORPES RIVERSIDE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of New Waltham CP meets the southeastern boundary of Middlethorpe Ward, thence northeastwards and following said southeastern boundary and the southern boundary of Thrunscoc Ward to the northeastern boundary of the district, being low water, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Humberston CP, thence southwestwards and following said boundary and the northeastern boundary of New Waltham CP to the point of commencement.

HABROUGH/STALLINGBOROUGH WARD

The parishes of Habrough and Stallingborough.

HEALING WARD

The parish of Healing.

HUMBERSTON WARD

The parish of Humberston.

IMMINGHAM BLUESTONE WARD

The Bluestone Ward of the parish of Immingham.

IMMINGHAM CENTRAL WARD

The Central Ward of the parish of Immingham.

IMMINGHAM HUNBER WARD

The Hunber Ward of the parish of Immingham.

LACEBY WARD

The parishes of Aylesby, Irby and Laceby.

NEW WALTHAM WARD

The parish of New Waltham.

WALTHAM WARD

The parish of Waltham.

WOLD PARISHES WARD

The parishes of Ashby cum Fenby, Barnoldby le Beck, Beelsby, Bradley, Brigsley, East Ravendale, West Ravendale, Hatcliffe, Wold Newton and Hawerby cum Beesby.