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Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT OF BASILDON

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Basildon, 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 3 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Basildon District Council, copies of which were circulated to Essex 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 interested bodies.
3. The Basildon 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)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, requesting a system of elections by thirds.

5. On 29 October 1974 Basildon District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 15 wards, each returning 3 councillors, to give a total council of 45.

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 generally with our guidelines but that it was unbalanced in that the electors resident in the area to the south of the London/Southend Trunk Road had overall a better standard of representation than those to the north. We, therefore, decided to modify the Council's scheme by dividing the proposed Wickford South, Burstead and Laindon wards and creating a new 2-member ward named Ramsden, and by reducing the representation of the proposed Lee Chapel South ward to 2 councillors. In response to many requests we changed the name of the proposed Laindon South ward to Langdon Hills. Finally, we decided to accept several boundary alterations suggested by Ordnance Survey in the interests of securing more readily identifiable boundary lines.

7. On 14 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 these 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.

8. We received comments supporting our draft proposals but Basildon District Council objected to our proposal to create the additional 2-member Ramsden ward, and to the reduction in the representation of the Lee Chapen South ward to 2 members. The Council having passed a resolution to provide for a system of election by thirds, favoured 3-member wards and preferred their original draft scheme of representation. They criticised the boundary of the proposed Ramsden ward.

9. In view of these comments, we felt we needed more information to enable us to reach a conclusion. Therefore, in accordance with Section 65(2) of the 1972 Act, and at our request, Mr Rowland Newnes was appointed as an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and report to us.

10. Notice of the local 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 Council Offices in Basildon on 8 July 1975 and visited the areas which were the subject of comment. A copy (without enclosures) of his report is attached at Schedule 1 for your information.

12. The Assistant Commissioner found that neither the Commission's draft proposals nor the Council's original draft scheme provided satisfactory arrangements for the district. He recommended that we should adopt instead a 14 ward scheme which he had devised and which would give a council of 42 members for the district. His scheme provides for each ward to return 3 members and gives a fair balance of representation.

13. After consultation with the Ordnance Survey we were satisfied that the boundaries which the Assistant Commissioner had proposed provided suitable ward boundaries.

14. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments received and of the Assistant Commissioner's report. We concluded that the recommendations made by the Assistant Commissioner were acceptable but felt that they should be tested locally and therefore decided to publish the Report with an announcement that we were minded to accept the new scheme as our final proposals. The report was published on 24 December 1976 and we asked for comments to reach us by 1 February 1977.

15. We received comments regretting that local ties had been broken. We considered these but it was clear to us that in each case alternative arrangements could not be adopted without creating an imbalance of representation. We concluded that the recommendations made by the Assistant Commissioner should be accepted, subject to the modifications suggested by the District Council that the proposed Nicholas ward should be renamed Lee Chapel North ward and the proposed Kings Lee ward should be renamed Nethermayne ward. We formulated our final proposals accordingly.

16. 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 attached map.

#### PUBLICATION

17. 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 Basildon District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council Offices at Basildon, Essex. Copies of this report (without map) are being

sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A description of the proposed wards as shown on the map is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

Signed

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SCHEDULE 2

DISTRICT OF BASILDON : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BILLERICAY EAST	3
BILLERICAY WEST	3
BURSTEAD	3
FRYERNS CENTRAL	3
FRYERNS EAST	3
NETHERMAYNE	3
LAINDON	3
LANGDON HILLS	3
LEE CHAPEL NORTH	3
PITSEA EAST	3
PITSEA WEST	3
VANGE	3
WICKFORD NORTH	3
WICKFORD SOUTH	3

## BASILDON DISTRICT

## 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 thereof unless otherwise stated.

## LANGDON HILLS WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the District meets the southernmost point of the Cricket Ground west of High Road, thence northwestwards, westwards and northwestwards along said District boundary to the northernmost point of Parcel No 8103 on OS 1:2500 Plan TQ 6588 of 1957, thence continuing northwestwards along the western side of Lower Dunton Road to the Upminster to Southend-On-Sea railway, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along said railway to High Road, thence northwestwards and northwards along said road to the road known as St Nicholas Lane, thence northeastwards and eastwards along said road to Leinster Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the road known as Markhams Chase, thence southwards along said road to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of No 158 Markhams Chase, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundaries of Nos 158-160 Markhams Chase, thence southeastwards along said rear boundaries to the rear boundaries of Nos 280-318 Great Knightleys, thence southwestwards along said rear boundaries and in prolongation thereof to the road known as Laindon Link, thence southeastwards along said road to the road known as Staneway, thence southwestwards along said road and High Road to a point opposite the southernmost point of the Cricket Ground, thence westwards to the point of commencement.

## LAINDON WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of the District meets the western boundary of Langdon Hills ward, thence southwestwards and northwards along said District boundary to Brentwood Road, thence southeastwards, northeastwards and southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundary of Parcel No 6348 on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 6590 Edition 1955, thence northeastwards to and along said boundary to the western boundary of parcel

No 7840, thence southeastwards along said boundary and southeastwards along the western boundaries of parcel nos 8421 and 9111 to Dunton Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the unnamed stream to the east of Lady Spring Wood, thence northeastwards along said stream and continuing northeastwards along the River Crouch to Southend Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the unnamed stream to the west of Whites Bridge Farm, thence southwards along said unnamed stream crossing Wash Road to Southend Arterial Road, thence southwestwards along said road to High Road, thence southwards along said road to the northern boundary of Langdon Hills Ward, thence southwards and westwards along said boundary and southwards along the western boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

#### BURSTEAD WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Laindon Ward meets the western boundary of the district, thence northwards along said district boundary to London Road, thence eastwards along said road and Sun Street to Southend Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the path that leads from Southend Road to Greens Farm Lane, thence northeastwards to and along said path to Greens Farm Lane, thence southwards along said lane to Outwood Common Road, thence northeastwards along said road and Outwood Farm Road to the unnamed road that leads to the Sewage Works, thence southeastwards along said unnamed road to the southern boundary of said works, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary and northwestwards along the eastern boundary of said works to the unnamed stream that runs between Outwood Farm Road and Southend Road (A129), thence eastwards along said stream to the southern boundary of Parcel No 1224 on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 7094 Edition 1957, thence eastwards along said boundary and the southern boundaries of parcel nos 3034 and 5235 to the eastern boundary of the last mentioned parcel, thence northwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of parcel No 5049 to the northern

boundary of the district, thence eastwards along said district boundary to a point being the prolongation northwestwards of the northeastern boundary of Parcel No 7447 on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 7294 Edition 1958, thence southeastwards along said prolongation and continuing southeastwards along the northeastern boundaries of Parcel Nos 7447, 8037, 9031 and 0031 on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 7394 edition 1958 to the southeastern boundary of the last mentioned parcel number, thence southwestwards along said boundary and continuing southwestwards along the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 9031 on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 7294 edition 1958 to the western boundary of Parcel No 9313, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Parcel No 8700, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the northern boundary of parcel no 8700 on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 72/7393 edition 1967 and continuing southwestwards along the northwestern boundaries of Peacehaven, the enclosure to the west of said property, Preswylfa and Braeside to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 5359, thence southwards along said boundary and westwards along the southern boundary of said parcel to the River Crouch, thence southwestwards along said river to Church Road, thence southwards along said road to London Road, thence westwards along said road to a point opposite the western boundary of parcel no 2886 on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 72/7392 edition 1966, thence southwards to and along said boundary and continuing southwards along the western boundaries of parcel nos 3974, 5444 and 6000 and the western boundary of parcel no 6000 on OS 1:2500 plan TQ 72/7391 edition 1969 to Borwick Lane, thence westwards along said lane to a point opposite the western boundary of parcel no 5275, thence southwards to and along said western boundary and continuing southwards along the western boundaries of parcel nos 6748 and 6024 to Southend Arterial Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Laindon Ward, thence northwards along said boundary and generally westwards along the northern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

## BILLERICAY WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Burstead Ward meets the western boundary of the District, thence northeastwards along said District boundary and eastwards along the northern boundary of the District to Stock Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Western Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the northern boundary of Burstead Ward, thence westwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

## BILLERICAY EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Burstead Ward meets the eastern boundary of Billericay West Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of the District, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Burstead Ward, thence generally westwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

## WICKFORD SOUTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Burstead Ward meets the northern boundary of the District, thence eastwards along said District boundary to NG reference TQ 7349094404, thence due south to the Billericay to Rayleigh railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to the eastern boundary of the District, thence southwards and generally southeastwards along said District boundary to the Southend Arterial Road, thence westwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Burstead Ward, thence northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

## WICKFORD NORTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of Wickford South Ward meets the northern boundary of the District, thence eastwards along said District boundary and southwards along the eastern boundary of the District to the northeastern boundary of Wickford South Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

## LEE CHAPEL NORTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Langdon Hills Ward meets the eastern boundary of Laindon Ward, thence northwards and eastwards along said eastern boundary to the road known as Upper Mayne, thence southeastwards along said road to the road known as Nether Mayne, thence southwards along said road to the Upminster to Southend-On-Sea railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to the eastern boundary of Langdon Hills Ward, thence northwards along said boundary and westwards along the northern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

## FRYERNS CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Lee Chapel North Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Laindon Ward, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary and eastwards along the southern boundaries of Burstead Ward and Wickford South Ward to the road known as East Mayne, thence southwards along said road to Cranes Farm Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the Cycle Track that leads from Cranes Farm Road to Church Road, thence southwards along said Cycle Track to a point opposite the northern boundary of Holy Cross Recreation Ground thence eastwards to and along said northern boundary and southwards along the eastern boundary of said recreation ground to the easternmost point of said recreation ground, thence due east to the western boundary of No 172 Great Spenders, thence southwards along said western boundary and continuing to the rear boundary of No 12 Little Spenders, thence southwestwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 14-16 Little Spenders to the western boundary of last mentioned property thence southwards along said boundary to the southernmost point of said property, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the northwestern corner of No 18 Little Spenders, thence southwards and following the rear boundaries of Nos 18-32 Little Spenders to the southernmost corner of the last mentioned property, thence southeastwards in a straight line to the western corner of 21 Little Spenders, thence southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of last mentioned property and the

southwestern boundary of 252 Whitmore Way to the southernmost corner of said property, thence southeastwards to the road known as Whitmore Way, thence southwestwards along said road to the road known as The Fremnells, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the southern boundaries of Nos 1-11 Rundells Walk, thence eastwards to and along said boundaries and continuing eastwards along the northern boundaries of Nos 19-41 Pattiswick Square, thence northeastwards in a straight line to the southern boundary of No 2 Beeleigh East, thence eastwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of the unnamed area of land at the rear of said property to the western boundary of Fryerns School thence eastwards and southwards along said boundary to the road known as Broadmayne, thence southwestwards along said road to Church Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the road known as Long Riding, thence eastwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of Fairhouse County Primary School, thence southeastwards to and along said boundary and continuing southeastwards along the eastern boundary of the Scout Hut to Fairview Road, thence westwards along said road to Church Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the Upminster to Southend-On-Sea railway, thence westwards along said railway to the eastern boundary of Lee Chapel North Ward, thence northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### FRYERNS EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the Upminster to Southend-On-Sea railway meets the eastern boundary of Fryerns Central Ward, thence generally northwards and eastwards along said boundary to the road known as East Mayne, thence southwards along said road to the road known as Broadmayne, thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of Barstable Comprehensive School, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary to the access road leading from Ravensfield to Timberlog Lane, thence westwards along said access road to Timberlog Lane, thence southwards along said lane to the Upminster to Southend-On-Sea railway, thence northwestwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

## PITSEA EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Fryerns Central Ward meets the southern boundary of Wickford South Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to the eastern boundary of the District, thence southwards along said district boundary to the Upminster to Southend-On-Sea railway, thence northwestwards along said railway to a point due south of the southernmost corner of No 76 Brackendale Avenue, thence northwards to the rear boundary of said property and northeastwards and northwards following the rear boundaries of Nos 76-2 Brackendale Avenue and the eastern boundary of Pitsea Methodist Church and in prolongation thereof to London Road, thence westwards along said road to Rectory Road, thence northwards along said road to the road known as Ashlyns, thence westwards and southwestwards along said road to the eastern boundary of Fryerns East Ward, thence northwards along said boundary and continuing northwards along the eastern boundary of Fryerns Central Ward to the point of commencement.

## NETHERMAYNE WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Langdon Hills Ward meets the southern boundary of the District, thence northwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Lee Chapel North Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of Fryerns Central Ward to the footpath known as Puck Lane, thence southwards along said footpath to Clay Hill Road, thence northeastwards along said road to a point opposite the northeastern boundary of the Golf Course, thence generally southeastwards to and along said boundary to the southern boundary of said Golf Course thence southwestwards along said boundary to NG Reference TQ 7174887196 thence in a straight line to NG Reference TQ 7160287132 on the southern boundary of said Golf Course thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the road known as Nether Mayne, thence southeastwards along said road to the roundabout thence northwestwards along said roundabout to the southern boundary of the District, thence generally westwards along said southern boundary to the point of commencement.



## VANGE WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Nethermayne Ward meets the southern boundary of the District, thence generally northwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Fryerns Central Ward, thence eastwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of Fryerns East Ward and continuing southeastwards along the Upminster to Southend-On-Sea railway to Marsh Road, thence southwards along said road to NG Reference TQ 7373387414, thence southwestwards in a straight line to Pitsea Creek, thence southwestwards along said creek and southeastwards along Vange Creek to the southern boundary of the District, thence generally westwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

## PITSEA WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Vange Ward meets the southern boundary of the District, thence generally northwards along said eastern boundary and northwestwards along the northern boundary of said ward to the eastern boundary of Fryerns East Ward, thence generally northwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Pitsea East Ward, thence eastwards and southwards along said boundary and southeastwards along the southern boundary of said ward to the eastern boundary of the District, thence southwards along said district boundary and westwards along the southern boundary of the District to the point of commencement.