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To the Rt Hon Merlyn Rees, MP
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PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
DISTRICT OF SOUTH HOLLAND IN LINCOLNSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the District of South Holland 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 21 April 1975 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the South Holland District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Lincolnshire County Council, the parish councils in the district, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of local newspapers circulating in the area and of the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.

3. South Holland District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. In 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 asked also 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) of the Local Government Act 1972. A system of whole council elections will therefore apply.

5. On 28 October 1975 the South Holland District Council submitted their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 23 wards, each returning 1, 2 or 3 councillors to form a council of 37 members.

6. In two areas we considered that the standard of representation among the District Council's proposed wards could be improved. We realigned some of the ward boundaries in Spalding and allocated an extra councillor to the area, thus increasing the proposed size of the council to 38 members; and we transferred the parish of Tydd St Mary from the Sutton Bridge ward to the Long Sutton ward. Subject to these modifications we adopted the District Council's draft scheme as our draft proposals.

7. On 14 May 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 Council were asked to make these draft proposals and the accompanying maps which illustrated the proposed ward boundaries available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from other members of the public and interested bodies. We asked for comments to reach us by 30 July 1976.

8. Representations against the draft proposals were received from the District Council and three Parish Councils. The District Council and two of the Parish Councils objected to the proposal to include the parish of Tydd St Mary in the proposed Long Sutton ward. The third Parish Council objected to the

separation of the wards of the parish of Gosberton and requested separate representation for the parish as a whole with an additional councillor.

9. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments we had received. We noted that our proposal to include the parish of Tydd St Mary in the Long Sutton ward had not found favour locally. It was apparent that there were strong local feelings that this parish had ties with the parish of Sutton Bridge which would be broken by our proposals. In the circumstances we concluded that we should accept the slight imbalance of representation and include the parish of Tydd St Mary in the Sutton Bridge ward as in the District Council's draft scheme.

10. We considered the suggestion that the whole parish of Gosberton should form a district ward. We noted that the number of electors would be too many for one councillor but not enough to justify two councillors and that the number of electors in the parish of Surfleet would be insufficient for one councillor. We therefore decided not to amend our draft proposals for the two single member wards as provided by the District Council in their draft scheme.

11. Subject to the transfer of the parish of Tydd St Mary from the Long Sutton ward to the Sutton Bridge ward we confirmed our draft proposals as our final proposals.

12. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. Schedule 2 is a description of the areas of the new wards. The boundaries of the new wards are shown on the attached maps.

PUBLICATION

13. 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 South Holland District Council and will be available for inspection at the Council's main

offices. Copies of this report (without maps) 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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SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND
NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
CROWLAND	2
DEEPING ST NICHOLAS	1
DONINGTON	2
FLEET	1
GEDNEY	1
GOSBERTON VILLAGE	1
HOLBEACH HURN	1
HOLBEACH ST JOHNS	1
HOLBEACH TOWN	3
LONG SUTTON	3
MOULTON	2
PINCHBECK EAST	2
PINCHBECK WEST	1
SPALDING CENTRAL	1
SPALDING EAST	3
SPALDING NORTH	1
SPALDING SOUTH	3
SPALDING WEST	3
SURFLEET	1
SUTTON BRIDGE	2
THE SAINTS	1
WESTON	1
WHAPLODE	1

DISTRICT OF SOUTH HOLLAND - 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.

SPALDING WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the Peterborough-Spalding railway meets the northeastern boundary of Deeping St Nicholas CP, thence northwestwards along said boundary and generally northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of Pinchbeck CP to the Sleaford-Spalding railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to the Peterborough-Spalding railway, thence southwestwards along said railway and southeastwards along the Spalding-March railway to the dismantled railway, thence southwestwards along said dismantled railway to the Spalding-Peterborough railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to London Road, thence southwestwards along said road and the road known as Raceground to National Grid Reference TF 2313520920 being a point opposite the unnamed drain leading to Hill's Drain, thence southeastwards to and along said unnamed drain to Hill's Drain, thence southwestwards along said drain to Fantail Mill Drain, thence southeastwards along said drain to the Spalding-Peterborough railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

SPALDING NORTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Spalding West Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Pinchbeck CP, thence generally northeastwards along said parish boundary to the western boundary of Weston CP, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the River Welland, thence southwestwards along said river to a point opposite the southern boundary of the garage adjacent to the Fire Station in Albion Street, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary and in continuation thereof to Westlode Street, thence southwestwards along said street, New Road, Chapel Lane and Winsover Road to the eastern boundary of Spalding West Ward, thence generally northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

SPALDING CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Spalding West Ward meets the southern boundary of Spalding North Ward, thence northeastwards along said southern boundary to the River Welland, thence generally southwestwards along said river to the Spalding-March railway, thence northwestwards along said railway and continuing along the eastern boundary of Spalding West Ward to the point of commencement.

SPALDING EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Spalding North Ward meets the western boundary of Weston CP, thence generally southwards along said parish boundary to Weston Hills Road, thence generally westwards along said road to the road known as Rangell Gate, thence northwestwards along said road to Childer's North Drive, thence generally westwards along said drive and the road known as Matmore Gate to the road known as Stonegate, thence generally northwestwards along said road to Love Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to Church Street, thence northwestwards along said street to the eastern boundary of Spalding Central Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of Spalding North Ward to the point of commencement.

SPALDING SOUTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of Deeping St Nicholas CP meets the eastern boundary of Spalding West Ward, thence generally northwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of Spalding Central Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary and northeastwards along the eastern boundary of said ward to the southern boundary of Spalding East Ward, thence generally eastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Weston CP, thence southwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Cowbit CP, thence generally westwards along said boundary to the northeastern boundary of Deeping St Nicholas CP, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

CROWLAND WARD

The parish of Crowland

DEEPING ST NICHOLAS WARD

The parish of Deeping St Nicholas

DONINGTON WARD

The parishes of Donington
Quadring.

FLEET WARD

The parish of Fleet

GEDNEY WARD

The parish of Gedney

GOSBERTON VILLAGE WARD

The Village Ward of the parish of Gosberton

HOLBEACH HURN WARD

The Hurn Ward of the parish of Holbeach

HOLBEACH ST JOHNS WARD

The Grove Ward of the parish of Whaplode
The St Johns Ward of the parish of Holbeach

HOLBEACH TOWN WARD

The Town Ward of the parish of Holbeach

LONG SUTTON WARD

The parishes of Long Sutton
Little Sutton
Lutton

MOULTON WARD

The parish of Moulton

PINCHBECK EAST WARD

The East Ward of the parish of Pinchbeck

PINCHBECK WEST WARD

The West Ward of the parish of Pinchbeck

SURFLEET WARD

The parish of Surfleet

The Risegate Ward of the parish of Gosberton

SUTTON BRIDGE WARD

The parishes of Sutton Bridge
Tydd St Mary

THE SAINTS WARD

The parishes of Gedney Hill
Sutton St Edmund
Sutton St James

WESTON WARD

The parishes of Cowbit
Weston

WHAPLODE WARD

The Saracen's Head Ward
Village Ward

St Catherine's Ward of the parish of Whaplode

