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PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE BOROUGH OF CHRISTCHURCH IN THE COUNTY OF DORSET

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

2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 31 December 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to Christchurch Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to Dorset County Council, the Parish Councils in the borough, 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. Christchurch 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 exercised an option for whole Council elections in accordance with section 7(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972.

5. On 3 June 1975, Christchurch Borough Council submitted a draft scheme for dividing the borough into 12 two-member wards to form a council of 24.

6. In a letter dated 27 January 1976 the Borough Council were informed that, although we in no sense regarded ourselves as committed to any particular size of the County Council, there were factors relating to Dorset which appeared to justify the County Council having a larger membership than was originally thought. Christchurch Borough Council were therefore invited to issue a revised draft scheme which would offer potential compatibility with the probable county electoral arrangements for a County Council not exceeding 75 members.

7. On 9 May 1977 the Borough Council submitted a revised draft scheme for dividing the borough into 10 wards each returning 2 or 3 councillors to form a council of 25.

8. We considered the revised draft scheme submitted by the Council, together with comments from various bodies and organisations forwarded to us by the Borough Council, to whom they had been addressed. We noted that, on the basis of the present and future electorate of the proposed wards, the revised draft scheme appeared to provide an acceptable standard of representation.

9. On the recommendation of Ordnance Survey we adopted some minor boundary alterations, in order to secure boundaries which were more readily identifiable on the ground.

10. Subject to the modifications referred to in paragraph 9 above we decided that the Borough Council's revised draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements for the borough in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines, and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

11. On 12 September 1977 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, or revised draft scheme. The Council were asked to make a copy of the draft proposals and the accompanying map, which defined the 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 that comments should reach us by 14 November 1977.

12. Christchurch Borough Council had no comments to offer on the substance of our draft proposals. The only other response was from Hurn Parish Council asking to be established as one ward returning one councillor rather than be contained within our proposed St Catherine's ward.

13. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments we had received. We were unable to accept the request from Hurn Parish Council, with an electorate of about 300 in a District where the entitlement per councillor is over 1000. We therefore decided, that our draft proposals should be confirmed and we formulated our final proposals accordingly.

14. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 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. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards, as defined on the map, is set out in Schedule 2.

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 map are being sent to Christchurch Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without the 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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28 September 1978

SCHEDULE 1

BOROUGH OF CHRISTCHURCH : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS
AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
Burton	2
Chewton	3
Grange	3
Jumpers	3
Mundeford	3
Nea	2
Portfield	2
St Catherine's	2
Twynham	3
Wingfield	2

BOROUGH OF CHRISTCHURCH

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.

ST CATHERINE'S WARD

The parish of Hurn,

and that area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the south-eastern boundary of Hurn CP meets the dismantled railway, thence southeastwards along said dismantled railway to National Grid reference SZ 1480295256, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the southeastern boundary of No 17 Hillside Drive, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the rear boundary of No 15 said drive, thence in a straight line to and southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 11 to 1 Hillside Drive and the northwestern boundary of No 29 Hurn Road to Hurn Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the road known as The Grove, thence southwestwards along said road and Oak Avenue to Barrack Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the southwestern boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwestwards along said southwestern boundary to the southeastern boundary of Hurn CP, thence generally northeastwards along said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

JUMPERS WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of St Catherine's Ward meets the northeastern boundary of the Borough, thence generally southeastwards and northeastwards along said borough boundary to the western boundary of Burton CP, thence generally southwards along said CP boundary to a point due east of the southeastern corner of No 49 Branwell Close, thence due west to said corner and southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 49 to 27 said close and in continuation to and southwestwards along the southeastern boundaries of No 25 Branwell Close and No 16 Anne Close, thence in continuation to and southwestwards along the southeastern

boundary of the property known as Queensmead to Fairmile Road, thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of Christchurch Hospital, thence southwestwards to and along said northwestern boundary and southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of said hospital to Jumpers Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Barrack Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of No 148 Barrack Road, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary and the rear boundary of No 2 Beaulieu Road, thence in a straight line to and southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 6 to 10a and the southeastern boundary of No 12 Beaulieu Road and in prolongation thereof to the southwestern boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwestwards along said borough boundary to the southeastern boundary of St Catherine's Ward, thence generally northeastwards and eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

PORTFIELD WARD

Commencing at the point where the southwestern boundary of the Borough meets the southeastern boundary of Jumpers Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of Burton CP, thence southeastwards along said CP boundary to the Southampton to Bournemouth railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to Barrack Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point being the prolongation northeastwards of the rear boundaries of Nos 41 to 45 Stour Road, thence southwestwards along said prolongation and said rear boundaries, crossing Gleadowe Avenue in a straight line to and southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 47 to 69 Stour Road to the southwestern boundary of No 69 Stour Road, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 71 Stour Road, thence southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 71 to 73 Stour Road to King's Avenue, thence northwestwards along said avenue to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 77 Stour Road, thence

southwestwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 79 to 89 Stour Road to the southwestern boundary of the last mentioned property, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 89a Stour Road, thence southwestwards along said rear boundary to the southwestern boundary of said property, thence southeastwards along said southwestern boundary to Stour Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Douglas Avenue, thence northwestwards along said avenue to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 91 Stour Road, thence southwestwards to and along said rear boundary and continuing southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 93 to 105 Stour Road to the southwestern boundary of the last mentioned property, thence southeastwards along said southwestern boundary to Stour Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the southwestern boundary of the Borough, thence generally northwestwards along said borough boundary to the point of commencement.

TWYNHAM WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of the Borough meets the southeastern boundary of Portfield Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said ward boundary to the western boundary of Burton CP, thence southwards along said CP boundary to the southern boundary of Burton CP, thence northeastwards along said CP boundary to Stony Lane, thence southwards along said lane to its roundabout intersection with the Cristchurch By-Pass, thence southwards in a straight line crossing said roundabout to and continuing southwards along Stony Lane to the road known as Purewell, thence northeastwards along said road and Somerford Road to a point opposite the southwestern boundary of No 77 Somerford Road, thence southeastwards to and along said southwestern boundary to the northwestern boundary of No 3 Dennistoun Avenue, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence southeastwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 5 to 27 Dennistoun Avenue, to Stroud Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane to the road known as Leyside, thence southeastwards along said

road to a point due west of the northernmost corner of No 2 Leyside, thence due east to said corner and southeastwards along the northeastern boundaries of Nos 2 to 20 Leyside and in prolongation thereof to the southeastern perimeter boundary of the housing development southeast of Stroud Lane, thence southwestwards along said southeastern perimeter boundary to Mudford Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to Caroline Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to Pauntley Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Victoria Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the road known as Stanpit, thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of No 120 Stanpit, thence southwestwards to and along said northwestern boundary to the westernmost corner of said boundary, thence westwards in a straight line to the confluence of the River Avon and the River Stour, at a point on the southern boundary of the Borough, thence generally westwards along said borough boundary to the point of commencement.

GRANGE WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Twynham Ward meets the southern boundary of Burton CP, thence generally northeastwards along said CP boundary to the northeastern boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards along said borough boundary to Lyndhurst Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the northeastern boundary of the Forest Barn Hotel, thence southeastwards to and along said northeastern boundary to the southeastern boundary of said property, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 4 Westfield Gardens, thence southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 4 to 18 Westfield Gardens to the southeastern boundary of the last mentioned property, thence southwestwards along said boundary, the eastern end of Westfield Gardens and continuing southwestwards along the southeastern boundary of No 27 Westfield Gardens and the southeastern boundary of the Caravan Site to the southernmost corner of said caravan site, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the

easternmost point of No 15 Somerford Avenue, thence southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 15 to 7 Somerford Avenue, and the southeastern boundary of the property known as Clevedale to Highcliffe Road, thence southeastwards along said road and the road known as Humphrey's Bridge to its junction with Bure Lane, thence southwestwards in a straight line from said junction to the southeastern corner of No 20 Leyside, being on the northeastern boundary of Twynham Ward, thence generally northwestwards, southwestwards and northwards along said northeastern boundary to the point of commencement.

MUDEFORD WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of the Borough meets the southern boundary of Twynham Ward, thence eastwards along said ward boundary and northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of said ward to the southeastern boundary of Grange Ward, thence northeastwards along said ward boundary to the road known as Humphrey's Bridge, thence eastwards along said road, Iymington Road and the road known as Shelley Hill to a point opposite the western boundary of the Golf Course, thence southeastwards to and along said western boundary to the rear boundary of No 56 Wellington Avenue, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 58 to 62 said avenue to the rear boundary of No 44 East-Cliff Way, thence southeastwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 46 and 48 said way to the easternmost corner of the last mentioned property, thence in a straight line to the northeastern corner of the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment, thence southeastwards along the eastern boundary of said establishment and in prolongation thereof to the southeastern boundary of the Borough, being Mean Low Water, thence generally southwestwards along said borough boundary and westwards and northwestwards along the southern boundary of the Borough to the point of commencement.

WINGFIELD WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Grange Ward meets the

northeastern boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards along said borough boundary to a point being the prolongation northwards of the western boundary of No 22 Rossley Close, thence southwards along said prolongation and said western boundary and continuing southwards along the western boundaries of Nos 20 to 16 Rossley Close to the rear boundary of No 11 Buckland Grove, thence northwestwards and southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 11 to 25 said grove and continuing southwestwards along the northwestern boundary of No 21 Woodhayes Avenue, the western end of said avenue and the northwestern boundary of No 34 Woodhayes Avenue to the rear boundary of said property, thence southeastwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 32 to 20 Woodhayes Avenue to Langley Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 1 Terrington Avenue, thence southeastwards to and along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 3 to 53 said avenue, thence crossing the road known as Moonrakers Way in a straight line to the issues of Bure Brook, thence southwestwards along said brook to a point due north of the northwestern corner of No 16 Curzon Way, thence due south from said point to said northwestern corner, thence southeastwards along the rear boundary of said property and continuing generally south-eastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 14 to 2 Curzon Way and the eastern boundary of No 72 Lymington Road to Lymington Road, thence southwestwards along said road and the road known as Shelley Hill to the northern boundary of Mundeford Ward, thence generally westwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Grange Ward, thence northwestwards and generally northeastwards along said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

NEA WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Wingfield Ward meets the northeastern boundary of the Borough, thence eastwards along said northeastern boundary to Hinton Wood Avenue, thence southwards along said avenue to Cranemoor Avenue, thence northeastwards, southeastwards and north-eastwards along said avenue and Thursby Road to Pinewood Road, thence

eastwards along said road to Glenavon Road, thence southeastwards and eastwards along said road to its junction with Braemar Drive, thence crossing said drive in a straight line to the southern boundary of No 75 Braemar Drive, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to the southeastern corner of said property, thence southeastwards in a straight line to the southwestern corner of No 1 Chewton Way, thence southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of said property and continuing southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 3 to 11 Chewton Way, crossing the access way and continuing southeastwards along the rear boundary of No 13 Chewton Way to the rear boundary of No 17 Chewton Way, thence southwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 19 to 25 Chewton Way to the rear boundary of No 43 Upper Gordon Road, thence southwards along said boundary to the northwestern boundary of No 25 Chewton Common Road, thence southwestwards along said boundary and the northwestern boundary of No 27 Chewton Common Road to the southern boundary of the last mentioned property, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to the access road leading to Bramble Lane, thence eastwards, southwards and eastwards along said access road to Bramble Lane, thence southwards along said lane to Chewton Common Road, thence northwestwards along said road to its junction with Gordon Road and Upper Gordon Road, thence northwestwards in a straight line to the western boundary of Chewton Common at a point opposite the southeastern corner of Highcliffe County Junior School, thence southeastwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of No 17 Bucehayes Close, also being the southern boundary of parcel number 1273 as shown on OS 1:2500 Plan SZ 20/2193 Edition of 1973, thence southwestwards, northwestwards and again southwestwards along said southern boundary to Jesmond Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to the road known as Greenways, thence southeastwards along said road and in prolongation thereof to Lymington Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the western boundary of the parcel of land situated to the north of No 19 Rothesay Drive, thence southwards to and along said boundary and

the western boundary of No 19 Rothesay Drive to the western end of Rothesay Drive, thence southwards along said drive to the access road situated to the east of No 20 Rothesay Drive, thence southwards and southwestwards along said access road to a point opposite the western boundary of the parcel of land containing the blocks of flats known as Hambledon Court and Cheynies Court, thence southwestwards to and along said western boundary to its end, thence due south to Mean Low Water being the southeastern boundary of the Borough, thence southwestwards along said borough boundary to the eastern boundary of Mundeford Ward, thence generally northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Wingfield Ward, thence eastwards and generally northeastwards along the southern and eastern boundaries of said ward to the point of commencement.

CHEWTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the southeastern boundary of the Borough meets the eastern boundary of Nea Ward, thence generally northeastwards and northwestwards along said ward boundary to the northeastern boundary of the Borough, thence generally eastwards along said borough boundary to and southwestwards along the eastern boundary of the Borough to and westwards along the southeastern boundary of the borough to the point of commencement.

BURTON WARD

The parish of Burton.