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

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF CHORLEY
IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Borough of Chorley 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 13 May 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Chorley Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Lancashire County Council, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings 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 any interested bodies.
3. Chorley Borough 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. In accordance with section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council had exercised an option for elections by thirds.
5. On 18 October 1974 the Chorley Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area into 22 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 48, one more than at present.
6. Following publication of their provisional draft scheme the Borough Council received a proposal by a local political association for an alternative scheme. They also received letters from four parish councils. Two of these suggested an alternative name for one of wards; one proposed that the parish concerned should form one ward electing four members rather than the two 2-member wards proposed by the Borough Council; and the final one objected to the level of representation for the proposed Eccleston and Heskin ward in which the parish concerned was included.
7. We received similar representations from the local political association and two of the parish councils.
8. We considered the Borough Council's draft scheme, the alternative scheme and the comments which were made.
9. In the case of the alternative scheme we noted that, on current electorates, the scheme presented a very uneven pattern of representation and that forecasts of the electorates of the suggested wards in five years time had not been provided, which made it difficult for us to make a proper assessment. Accordingly we decided to reject it.
10. From the other comments we noted a suggestion for a four-member ward. This would not comply with our guideline that no ward should return more than three councillors, and we could see no reason to treat the parish concerned as an exception. We decided to increase the allocation of councillors in the

proposed Eccleston and Heskin ward from two to three. We also decided to adopt the alternative ward name that had been suggested.

11. We studied the Borough Council's draft scheme and noted that the Council expected a fairly rapid increase in the electorate of certain parts of the borough over the next five years. We thought that the Council's forecast might be rather optimistic and we therefore decided to reduce the representation of two proposed wards from three councillors each to two.

12. On the recommendation of Ordnance Survey we made some minor adjustments to the alignment of some of the boundaries in order to secure boundary lines which were more readily identifiable on the ground.

13. Subject to the changes referred to in paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 above, we decided that the Borough Council's draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements of the borough in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines, and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

14. On 13 January 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, for other members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 7 March 1975.

15. Chorley Borough Council informed us that they approved the draft proposals.

16. One of the parish councils which had written to us previously about a revised ward name, which we had adopted, wrote again suggesting that the ward now be re-named to include the name of the parish. A further parish council in the same ward

suggested an entirely different name. We considered the matter again but as there was no new evidence we concluded that we should not alter our previous decision.

17. The local political association which had submitted an alternative scheme earlier, wrote again asking only that we reconsider our decision in respect of the proposed Clayton-le-Woods North and Cuerden ward and Clayton-le-Woods South ward. The association said that a north/south division of the parish of Clayton-le-Woods along a boundary following the River Lostock would be more logical than the east/west division which we had proposed. We received letters from a parish council and a further local political party making similar representations.

18. We reconsidered our previous decision and concluded that a north/south division of Clayton-le-Woods, with the parish of Cuerden being linked with the revised West ward, would be more appropriate. We noted, however, that if we were to propose a north/south division the resulting wards would not comply with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act that district wards must comprise whole parishes or whole parish wards. Chorley Borough Council agreed that a north/south division would be appropriate for parish warding purposes and, at our request, carried out a review of the electoral arrangements for the parish of Clayton-le-Woods under section 50(4) of the 1972 Act and made an order providing for the parish to be divided into two wards, the River Lostock forming the boundary between them. We resolved to amend our draft proposals accordingly.

19. Subject to this modification we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

20. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report and on the attached maps. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and number of councillors to be returned by each. Schedule 2 shows our proposals for the order of retirement of councillors. The boundaries of the new wards are

defined on the maps.

PUBLICATION

21. 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 Chorley Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards, as defined on the maps, is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

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Signed

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31 July 1975

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

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
ADLINGTON	3
ANDERTON, HEATH CHARNOCK AND RIVINGTON	2
ANGLEZARKE, HEAPEY AND WHEELTON	1
BRINDLE AND HOUGHTON	1
CHARNOCK RICHARD	1
CHORLEY EAST	3
CHORLEY NORTH EAST	3
CHORLEY NORTH WEST	2
CHORLEY SOUTH EAST	3
CHORLEY SOUTH WEST	3
CHORLEY WEST	3
CLAYTON-LE-WOODS EAST	2
CLAYTON-LE-WOODS WEST AND CUERDEN	2
COPPULL NORTH	2
COPPULL SOUTH	2
ECCLESTON AND HESKIN	3
EUXTON NORTH	2
EUXTON SOUTH	2
LOSFOCK	2
MAWDESLEY	1
WHITTLE-LE-WOODS	2
WITTON	2

BOROUGH OF CHORLEY: ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

Name of Ward	No of Councillors	Order of Retirement		
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Adlington	3	1	1 PE	1
Anderton, Heath Charnock and Rivington	2	1		1 PE
Anglezarke, Heapey and Wheelton	1	1 PE		
Brindle and Hoghton	1			1 PE
Charnock Richard	1			1 PE
Chorley East	3	1	1	1
Chorley North East	3	1	1	1
Chorley North West	2	1		1
Chorley South East	3	1	1	1
Chorley South West	3	1	1	1
Chorley West	3	1	1	1
Clayton-le-Woods East	2		1 PE)	1
Clayton-le-Woods West and Overden	2	1	1 PE)	
Copull North	2	1	1 PE)	
Copull South	2	1	1 PE)	
Eccleston and Heckin	3	1	1 PE	1
Euxton North	2	1	1 PE)	
Euxton South	2		1 PE)	1
Lastock	2		1 PE	1
Maudesley	1	1 PE		
Whittle-le-Woods	2	1	1 PE	
Withnell	2		1 PE	1
	47	16	16	15

PE = Parish Elections

BOROUGH OF CHORLEY: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

CHORLEY NORTH WEST WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Whittle-le-Woods Parish meets Preston Road, thence generally southwards along the said road, Park Road and Market Street to Gillibrand Street, thence westwards along the said street to Avondale Road, thence southwestwards along the said road to Carrington Road, thence northwestwards along the said road and westwards along Walgarth Drive to the access road from Walgarth Drive to the tennis courts and Windsor Park cricket ground, thence northwards along the said access road and the access road from the said tennis courts and cricket ground to Sandringham Road, thence northwards along the said road to the southern boundary of No 8 Sandringham Road, thence westwards along the said southern boundary to the rear boundary of the said property, thence northwards along the said rear boundary and the rear boundary of No 6 Sandringham Road, and continuing in a straight line to the southeastern corner of No 45 Southport Road, thence northwestwards along the rear boundaries of No 45 to 51 Southport Road and northeastwards along the northwestern boundary of No 51 Southport Road to Southport Road, thence westwards and northwestwards along the said road to the eastern boundary of Euxton Parish, thence northeastwards along the said eastern boundary and eastwards along the southern boundary of Whittle-le-Woods Parish to the point of commencement.

CHORLEY NORTH EAST WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Chorley North West Ward meets the southern boundary of Whittle-le-Woods parish, thence eastwards along the said southern boundary to the western boundary of Haspey Parish, thence southwestwards and following the said boundary to the path from Higher House Lane to Bagganley Lane, thence generally westwards along the said path to Bagganley Lane, thence northeastwards along the said line to

Black Brook, thence northwestwards and southwestwards following the said brook to where it again meets Bagganley Lane, thence generally westwards along the said lane and Corporation Street to Doris Street, thence southwards along the said street to Brock Road, thence westwards along the said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of the railway, thence to and generally southwards along the said boundary to Stump Lane, thence westwards and southwestwards along the said lane and Hollingshead Street to Church Brow, thence southwards along the said Church Brow to the eastern boundary of Chorley North West Ward, thence northwards and following the said boundary to the point of commencement.

CHORLEY EAST WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Chorley North West ward meets the southern boundary of Chorley North East Ward, thence generally northwards and northeastwards following the said southern boundary to the western boundary of Heapey Parish, thence southwards along the said boundary to the path from Moor Road to the access road from Crosse Hall Lane to White House, thence southwestwards and westwards along the said path, access road and Crosse Hall Lane to Eaves Lane, thence northwards along the said lane to Lyons Lane, thence southwestwards along the said lane to Railway Street, thence generally northwards along the said street to Cunliffe Street, thence westwards along the said street to Market Street, thence northwards along the said street to the eastern boundary of Chorley North West ward, thence northwards along the said boundary to the point of commencement.

CHORLEY SOUTH EAST WARD

Commencing at the point where Market Street meets the southern boundary of Chorley East ward, thence eastwards and northeastwards along the

said boundary to the western boundary of Heapey Parish, thence southeastwards and following the western boundary of Heath Charnock Parish to the southern boundary of Coppull Parish, thence northwestwards along the said boundary to the River Yarrow, thence generally northwards following the said river to a point opposite the drain which forms the southwestern boundary of parcel number 6156 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 58/5915 Edition of 1961, thence northwestwards to and along the said drain to the northwestern boundary of the said parcel, thence northeastwards along the said boundary to the southern boundary of parcel number 5900, thence westwards, northwards, northwestwards and northeastwards along the said southern boundary and the northwestern boundary of the said parcel to the access road from the said parcel to Carr Lane (as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 58/5916 Edition of 1960), thence northwestwards along the said lane to Pilling Lane, thence northeastwards along the said lane to Bolton Street, thence northwestwards along the said street and Market Street to the point of commencement.

CHORLEY SOUTH WEST WARD

Commencing at the point where Pall Mall meets the western boundary of Chorley South East Ward, thence southeastwards and following the said boundary to the northern boundary of Coppull Parish, thence generally westwards and northwards following the said northern boundary and the eastern boundary of Charnock Richard Parish to the point opposite the stream which flows through Kingsley Wood, thence in a straight line southeastwards passing through NG ref SD 5710016537 to NG ref SD 5742316452 the latter being the northern most corner of Liptrott Farm, thence eastwards and southeastwards following the northern and eastern boundary of parcel number 4742 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 5615716 Edition of 1960 and the eastern boundary of parcel number

4828 to Crook Street, continuing southeastwards along the said street to a point opposite the northern boundary of number 24 Crook Street, thence northeastwards to and along the said boundary to the rear boundary of the said property, thence northeastwards along the rear boundaries of number 24 to 18 Crook Street, thence northeastward to and along the rear boundaries of number 19 to 1 Grisedale Place to Scamfell Road, thence eastward along the said road and Derwent Road to Taylor Street, thence southwards along the said street to a point opposite the northern boundary of number 10 Taylor Street, thence eastwards to and along the said boundary and the rear boundaries of numbers 71 - 37 Derwent Road to the rear boundary of number 10 Emily Street, thence eastwards along the rear boundaries of numbers 10 to 2 Emily Street to a point opposite the rear boundary of number 36 Moor Road, thence northwestwards to and along the rear boundaries of numbers 36 to 30a Moor Road to Yates Street, thence southeastwards along the said street to Moor Road, thence northeastwards along the said road and Pall Mall to the point of commencement.

CHORLEY WEST WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Euxton Parish meets the southern boundary of Chorley North West Ward, thence southeastwards and following the said southern boundary to the western boundary of Chorley East Ward, thence southwards along the western boundaries of the said ward and Chorley South East Ward to the northern boundary of Chorley South West Ward, thence southwestwards and following the said northern boundary to the eastern boundary of Charnock Richard Parish, thence northwestwards and following the said eastern boundary and the eastern boundary of Euxton Parish to the point of commencement.

LOSTOCK WARD

The parishes of Bretherton, Croston and Ulnes Walton.

CLAYTON-LE-WOODS WEST AND CUERDEN WARD

The West ward of the parish of Clayton-le-Woods and the parish of Cuerden.

CLAYTON-LE-WOODS EAST WARD

The East ward of the parish of Clayton-le-Woods.

EUXTON NORTH WARD

The North ward of the parish of Euxton

EUXTON SOUTH WARD

The South ward of the parish of Euxton

COPPULL NORTH WARD

The North ward of the parish of Coppull

COPPULL SOUTH WARD

The South ward of the parish of Coppull.

ECCLESTON AND HESKIN WARD

The parishes of Eccleston and Heskin.

MAWDESLEY WARD

The parish of Mawdesley

CHARNOCK RICHARD WARD

The parish of Charnock Richard

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS WARD

The parish of Whittle-le-Woods

ADLINGTON WARD

The parish of Adlington.

BRINDLE AND HOUGHTON WARD

The parishes of Brindle and Houghton

WITHNELL WARD

The parish of Withnell

ANGLEZARKE, HEAPEY AND WHEELTON WARD

The parishes of Anglezarke, Heapey and Wheelton

ANDERTON, HEATH CHARNOCK AND RIVINGTON WARD

The parishes of Anderton, Heath Charnock and Rivington