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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD AND
THE DISTRICT OF NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE

1. In a letter dated 22 October 1980 forwarding their parish review recommendations, Charnwood Borough Council included a request for us to make proposals for changes in the Boundary between the Borough of Charnwood and the District of North West Leicestershire with a view to transferring land containing three properties to the district of North West Leicestershire.
2. We considered the Council's request as required by Section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 having regard to Department of the Environment Circular 33/78 and to our Report No. 287.
3. We noted that the changes were minor and that there was agreement among the interested local authorities. We concluded that the proposals met the criteria set out in paragraph 14 of Department of the Environment Circular 33/78.
4. As a result we decided that we should undertake a review and that as the proposals made appeared to be beneficial and had not attracted any local opposition the circumstances were such as to enable us to shorten the normal procedure by publishing draft proposals based on Charnwood Borough Council's submission at the same time as we announced our intention to carry out a review.
5. On 21 July 1981 we issued a consultation letter announcing the start of the review and giving details of our draft proposals. The letter was addressed to Charnwood Borough Council and North West Leicestershire District Council. Copies were sent to Leicestershire County Council, Charley Parish Council, Woodhouse Parish Council, the residents of the properties concerned, MP's of the constituencies concerned, headquarters of the main political parties and the editors of the local government press. The two district councils were asked to put copies of a notice announcing the start of the review and the publication of our draft proposals on display at or near the area of land affected. The Councils were also asked to put copies of our draft proposals on deposit at their main offices for a period of six weeks. Comments on the review and on the draft proposals were invited by 15 September 1981.
6. Our draft proposals were supported by Charnwood Borough Council. North West Leicestershire District Council had no objections to the alteration of the boundary and Leicestershire County Council had no comments to make. Woodhouse Parish Council

indicated that they supported our draft proposals. Charley Parish Council had no objections to make. Ulverscroft Parish Meeting opposed the draft proposals and supported the residents' wish to remain in the borough of Charnwood.

7. The residents of the affected area (approx. 6 people) objected to our draft proposals and indicated that they would prefer to remain in Charnwood district. Two of them put forward an alternative proposal which would transfer their property to the neighbouring parish of Ulverscroft in the Borough of Charnwood.

8. Since the publication of our draft proposals an order has been made which transfers the area affected into the parish of Ulverscroft in the borough of Charnwood. In these circumstances we consider that we would not wish to make any proposals.

PUBLICATION

Separate letters are being sent with copies of the report to Charnwood Borough Council and North West Leicestershire District Council asking them to place copies of this report on deposit at their main offices, and to put notices to this effect on public notice boards and in the local press. The text of the notices will suggest that any comments on our decision should be addressed to you, in writing preferably within six weeks of the date of the letter.

Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

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Signed: R R THORNTON (Deputy Chairman)
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