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To the Rt Hon Merlyn Rees, MP
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PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EAST DEVON
DISTRICT OF DEVON

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of East Devon, 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 23 April 1975 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to East Devon District Council, copies of which were circulated to Devon County Council, town councils, parish councils and parish meetings in the district, 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 East Devon 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 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 District 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 24 February 1976, the District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 34 wards, each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 60 members.
6. We considered the draft scheme together with the comments which had been made on it, and an alternative scheme submitted by a local Chamber of Commerce.
7. We accepted the proposal of the Talaton Parish Council, supported by the Parish Councils of Broadhambury, Payhembury and Plymtree, that the parish should be included in the proposed Tale Vale ward and that the parish of Awliscombe should replace it in the proposed Patterson ward. We noted that this exchange, while meeting local wishes and taking account of local affinities, would have little effect on electoral representation.
8. We also accepted the proposals of Rockbeare Parish Council, of one of their councillors and of Aylesbeare Parish Council for a re-grouping of the parishes constituting the proposed Clyst Valley and Commons wards. The proposed re-arrangements avoided the situation whereby Woodbury, relatively a very large parish, would preponderate in an electoral ward otherwise consisting of a number of small parishes. The grouping of the Woodbury Salterton ward of Woodbury Parish with the other parishes, was an essential part of this scheme, although it was the express wish of the parish council that Woodbury Parish should not be divided between wards.
9. We also deleted the brackets from the names of the proposed wards in Exmouth, and adopted minor boundary realignments recommended by Ordnance Survey. Subject to these modifications we considered that the District Council's draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements for the district in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act, and our guidelines. We formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

10. On 30 June 1976 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the District 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 23 August 1976.

11. Representations against the draft proposals were received from the District Council and two parish councils. The District Council suggested alterations to the textual descriptions and to the names of two wards, which we accepted. They submitted an alternative table showing the order of retirement of district councillors, which we did not accept because it was not consistent with the established practice whereby provision is made to secure as far as possible that the election of parish councils shall take place in the normal year of election.

12. Luppitt Parish Council requested the retention of the existing arrangements whereby Luppitt was grouped with the parishes of Upottery and Garcombe in the existing Ward No 11. We noted however that the existing arrangements for this area were inferior to our draft proposals in terms of equality of representation, and that they included a divided district ward, the parishes of Cotleigh and Monkton being separated from the rest of ward 11 by the parish of Luppitt in ward 10. We considered another arrangement for this area, proposed by Dunkeswell Parish Council and Combe-Raleigh Parish Meeting. It avoided the division of a district ward, but produced a standard of representation inferior to our draft proposals for this area which were identical with the District Council's draft scheme.

13. Woodbury Parish Council objected to our proposal to group the Woodbury Salterton ward of Woodbury with adjacent parishes for electoral purposes; in this

they were supported by their Member of Parliament and a petition bearing some 250 signatures. They asked for the existing arrangements to be left unchanged, but also suggested an alternative grouping as their second preference.

14. In view of the strength of objection to our proposed division of the parish of Woodbury for district electoral purposes, we considered that we needed further information about Woodbury Salterton. Therefore, in accordance with Section 65(2) of the 1972 Act and at our request, Mr L H Baines, OBE, was appointed an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and to report to us. Notices of the local meeting announced that it would be limited to representations on our proposed arrangements for the Clyst Valley, Commons, Ottery St Mary Rural and Woodbury wards. The Assistant Commissioner held the meeting at the Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth on 7 July 1977 and visited the areas which were the subject of the meeting. A copy of his report is attached at Schedule 1.

15. In the light of discussion at the meeting and his inspection of the areas concerned, the Assistant Commissioner concluded that our draft proposals for the Commons, Clyst Valley, and Woodbury wards should be amended. In these, for reasons of local ties, he recommended that the existing arrangements should be retained, and that the proposed Commons ward should be renamed Clystbeare. He further recommended that our proposed Sidmouth Sid Vale ward should be renamed Sidmouth Rural in accordance with the District Council's submission and local wishes.

16. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments we had received and of the report of the Assistant Commissioner. We concluded that the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations should be accepted and formulated our final proposals accordingly.

17. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 2, 3 and 4 to this report. Schedule 2 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. Schedule 3 gives the order of retirement of councillors.

Schedule 4 is a description of the area of the new wards. The boundaries of the new wards are shown on the attached map.

PUBLICATION

18. 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 East Devon District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without map) are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

L.S.

Signed

EDMUND COMPTON (CHAIRMAN)

JOHN M RANKIN (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN)

PHYLLIS BOWDEN

T BROCKBANK

MICHAEL CHISHOLM

R R THORNTON

D P HARRISON

N DIGNEY (Secretary)

19 October 1978

Review of Electoral Arrangements: District of East DevonReport of Assistant Commissioner

1. A local meeting was held on Thursday 7 July 1977 at the Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth, at which the persons whose names and addresses appear in Annex A were present, to hear representations relating to the draft proposals of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for the District of East Devon as they affected the proposed wards of Clyst Valley, Commons, Ottery St. Mary Rural and Woodbury.
2. The District Council's draft scheme for the area in question had provided for a Clyst Valley ward, comprising the parishes of Clyst St. Mary, Clyst St. George, Sowton and Clyst Honiton, to return one councillor: and for a Commons ward, comprising the parishes of Aylesbeare, Farrington, Rockbeare and Woodbury, to return two councillors.
3. Considerable objection had been expressed by the smaller parishes within the proposed Commons ward on the ground that under this scheme they could always be heavily outvoted at elections by Woodbury and were likely therefore to be unrepresented, or inadequately represented, at the District Council, and the Commission's draft proposals, though accepting the District Council's draft scheme in other respects, divide the proposed Commons ward into two: a Commons ward consisting of the parishes of Aylesbeare, Rockbeare and Farrington and the Woodbury Salterton ward of Woodbury parish, and a Woodbury ward consisting of the Exton and Woodbury wards of Woodbury parish, each ward to return one councillor.
4. These draft proposals have also elicited considerable objection, not from the smaller parishes to which reference has already been made, but from Woodbury parish council, supported by a petition signed by over 250 electors of the Woodbury Salterton ward, strongly opposing any division of the parish between separate District Council wards for reasons which will appear in detail below.
5. At the meeting Mr. Roy Thompson, Chief Executive of the District Council, emphasised the difficulty posed by Woodbury in the light of the requirement in Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act, 1972 that the ratio of the number of electors to the number of Councillors should be, as nearly as may be, the same in every ward. The electorate of Woodbury was in excess of the figure for a ward returning one member but less than that required for a ward returning two members. The District Council had therefore added the parishes of Aylesbeare, Farrington and Rockbeare to Woodbury to form one ward returning two members, and conforming closely to the numbers of electorate required to comply with Schedule 11. When the Commission's draft proposals were considered by the Council, they were aware not only of the strong objections of Woodbury but also of the acceptability of the draft proposals to Aylesbeare, Farrington and Rockbeare and after very careful consideration the District Council decided not to object to them.

6. For the Woodbury parish council, their Clerk, Mrs. M.A. Hallett, claimed that numerically a ward consisting of the whole of the parish would not have an excessive number of electors for one councillor and that the unity of the parish, especially in its contacts with one councillor for the whole parish, was of greater importance. She emphasised the geographical importance of the separation of Woodbury from parishes to the north of it by the main Exeter-Sidmouth road, and the historical importance of the association of the area together since 1845. A public meeting in Woodbury Salterton had voted almost unanimously in favour of staying with Woodbury and the petition already referred to had been signed by over 250 electors out of 322 within a week. Mrs. Hallett subsequently forwarded to me a letter from the Chairman of the parish council reinforcing her arguments.

7. The Woodbury case was supported by a number of others present, including Mr. W. G. Hallett, a member of the parish council, who referred to the natural social grouping of Woodbury Salterton with Woodbury and the somewhat unhappy relationship now existing ecclesiastically with Aylesbeare. Mrs. M. A. Smith detailed links between Woodbury Salterton and Woodbury in the fields of tennis, most youth club activities, chapel, Sunday school and shopping; and Mr. Tooze (who lives between Aylesbeare and Rockbeare) said that these areas had no ties with Woodbury Salterton, ran their own youth club, etc.

8. In their representations to the Commission on the draft proposals Woodbury parish council had suggested as alternative solutions either, for preference, that the existing wards remain unaltered, or a grouping which involved bringing in the parish of Whimble from the proposed Ottery St. Mary Rural ward to be added to the proposed Commons ward, and leaving Woodbury parish intact but with the addition of Clyst St. George to form a Woodbury ward, the Clyst Valley ward to remain as proposed (without, of course, Clyst St. George). At the meeting the latter suggestion found no support at all and a fair amount of opposition, especially from the Ottery and Whimble representatives present who declared themselves content with their treatment in the draft proposals. It was regarded by the District Council as totally unacceptable. In any case the figures of electorate which would result could not in my view comply with the requirements of Schedule 11 and I have no hesitation in rejecting this alternative.

9. The other alternative, i.e. the existing scheme, on the other hand appeared to be generally acceptable. This would provide for three wards, each returning one councillor; the first would comprise the parishes of Clyst St. George, Clyst St. Mary and Sowton, the second would comprise the parishes of Aylesbeare, Clyst Honiton, Farringdon and Rockbeare, and the third would consist of the parish of Woodbury. Since their decision not to object to the draft proposals, the District Council had given consideration to the 'status quo' alternative and had come to the conclusion that it was the best solution in the circumstances and that they supported it. Specifically, those present at the meeting representing the areas principally affected also offered their support, and individual district councillors and others expressed the view that this solution would be acceptable to those areas not represented at the meeting.

10. The factors which appear to me important here are in the first place the danger of sparsely populated parishes being swamped and probably unrepresented if they are included in a ward where there is a well-populated parish which can dominate the rest, a factor which the Commission has already sought to deal with in its draft proposals; secondly, the obviously very strong feeling by the electors of Woodbury Salterton, supported by the parish as a whole against their separation for electoral purposes from the remainder of the parish; and lastly, though perhaps statutorily first in importance, the question of equality of representation. The 'status quo' solution would satisfactorily deal with the first and second of these factors. The third presents a little more difficulty.

11. The first ward, for which the meeting agreed the name of Clyst Valley would still be appropriate, with an unchanged electorate of 1300 in both 1975 and 1980, and an 'entitlement' of 0.99 and 0.91 respectively for one councillor seems entirely acceptable; so does the second ward, which without Woodbury Salterton, but with Clyst Honiton, gives an unchanged electorate of 1131, and entitlements of 0.86 in 1975 and 0.79 in 1980, again for one councillor. The meeting agreed that the name Commons would be inappropriate for the ward as amended and agreed on the name Clystbeare.

12. The Woodbury ward gives much less satisfactory figures: an unchanged electorate of 1894, giving an entitlement of 1.45 for 1975, though this reduces to 1.33 in 1980. However, in view of the strength of representations made both in writing and at the meeting since the draft proposals were published, I do not think it would be right to break up the parish for District Council electoral purposes if this can be avoided. I have no doubt as to the powerful community spirit and interest which exists, and there is no such affinity between Woodbury Salterton and the other parishes in the proposed Commons ward; the lack of objection to the draft proposals on their part is more symptomatic of relief than of welcome. The 'status quo' suggestion is generally acceptable both to the District Council and as far as can be judged to all the parishes concerned; the suggestion itself came from Woodbury, the only parish adversely affected as to their representation. No other remotely acceptable alternative has been put forward from any quarter. The Commission's own draft proposals for the District provide for a Colyton ward with an unchanged population of 1834 (only 60 less than Woodbury parish) giving entitlements of 1.40 and 1.28 for 1975 and 1980 respectively for one councillor.

13. In all the circumstances I believe this to be a case where the variations from strict equality of representation are tolerable having regard to the local ties which ought not to be broken in the area.

I therefore recommend

that the draft proposals be amended by the transfer of the Woodbury Salterton ward of the parish of Woodbury to the proposed Woodbury ward and by the transfer of the parish of Clyst Honiton to the proposed Commons ward, and that the proposed Commons ward be re-named the Clystbeare ward.

14. In their representations on the draft proposals the District Council in October 1976 had suggested an alternative order of retirement to give greater equality in the number of parish elections in each election year. At the meeting Mr. J. H. Metheringham, the Chief Legal Officer of the District Council argued that this would ease the difficulties of finding staff to conduct parish elections and in particular would avoid the great burden on the central office staff of a large number of elections in one year. The difficulties were particularly evident, he claimed, in the more urban areas where the electorate was considerable. I do not regard these arguments, which, whatever weight may be given them locally, must apply to large areas of the country as a whole, as adequate to justify a departure from the established practice whereby provision is made to secure that the election of parish councils should take place as far as possible in the ordinary year of election, and which is reflected in the provision made in the draft proposals. I therefore recommend

that no alteration be made in the draft proposals with regard to the order of retirement and parish elections.

15. The District Council also repeated their representation that the proposed Sidmouth Sid Vale ward be re-named the Sidmouth Rural ward. As this had been made as a result of local request and appeared to have general support I recommend

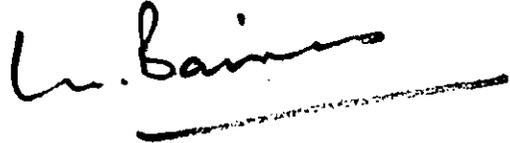
that the proposed Sidmouth Sid Vale ward be re-named the Sidmouth Rural ward.

16. Before the meeting I visited all parts of the area comprised in the proposed Clyst Valley, Commons and Woodbury wards, as well as the parish of Whimble and the West Hill ward of the parish of Ottery St. Mary.

Summary of Recommendations

- (i) that the Commission's draft proposals be amended to provide
 - (a) that the proposed Clyst Valley ward comprise the parishes of Clyst St. George, Clyst St. Mary and Sowton.
 - (b) that the proposed Commons ward be re-named the Clystbeare ward and comprise the parishes of Aylesbeare, Clyst Honiton, Farringdon and Rockbeare, and
 - (c) that the proposed Woodbury ward consist of the parish of Woodbury.
 - (d) that the amended Clyst Valley, Clystbeare and Woodbury wards each continue to return one councillor.

- (ii) that the proposed Sidmouth Sid Vale ward be re-named the Sidmouth Rural ward.
- (iii) that no alteration be made to the provisions of the draft proposals relating to the order of retirement and parish elections.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Baines", is written over a horizontal line.

Assistant Commissioner

August 1977.

ANNEX A

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>REPRESENTING</u> |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Mrs. M.A. Hallett | Orchard Cottage, Ebford | Clerk, Woodbury P.C. |
| Mrs. F. Lewis | 1 Dince Hill Close, Whimple | Whimple P.C. |
| N.M. Hallett | Bramblehay, Clyst St. George | Clerk, Clyst St. George P.C. |
| G. Lane Lloyd | 30 Clyst Valley Road, Clyst St. Mary | Clyst St. Mary |
| Mrs. M.A. Smith | 3 School Cottages, Woodbury Salt. | Woodbury Salterton |
| E.E. Sellek | Cooks Farm | Woodbury Salterton |
| L.A. Gill | Harsley Toby Lane | Woodbury Salterton |
| J.P. Snowden | Orchard Cottage | Woodbury Salterton |
| Mrs. Vera Snowden | Orchard Cottage | Woodbury Salterton |
| M.A. Sellek | Cooks Farm | Woodbury Salterton |
| D. Bolt | Sunnt Cottage | Woodbury Salterton |
| Mrs. P.V. Burford | Springfield | Woodbury Salterton |
| G. Lomax | Exmouth Journal | |
| C.H. Tooze | Lower Upcott, Marsh Green | E.D.D.C. Rockbeare P.C. |
| J.A. Lund | Heatheria, Clyst St. Mary | E.D.D.C. Clyst St. Mary |
| J.V. Williams | Dunstan House, Exmouth | Woodbury P.C. (Exton ward) |
| J. Royle | Highbury Ebford | Ebford residents |
| J.J. Watson | Pippins, Ebford | " " |
| B. Bolt | Chestnut Cottage | Woodbury Salterton |
| W.G. Hallett | Gulliford Farm, Lymptone | Woodbury P.C. |
| R. Thompson | Knowle, Sidmouth | Chief Executive E.D.D.C. |
| J.H. Metheringham | Knowle Sidmouth | Chief Legal Officer E.D. D.C. |
| R.T. Huntley | Courtlands, Toby Lane | Woodbury Salterton |
| H. Lester | Cherrybrook | Woodbury Salterton |
| T. Pratt | Diggers Rest | Woodbury Salterton |

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>ADDRESS.</u> | <u>REPRESENTING</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| F. Burns | 73 Sidford High St. Sidmouth | Ottery St. Mary Clerk |
| J. Graham OBE | Mallocks Close, Tipton St. John | Ottery T.C. & Hon. Sec. Tipton St. John Ratepayers |
| R.D. Chubb | Knowle Sidmouth | Electoral Registration Assistant E.D.D.C. |
| Mrs. A. Corkery | Woodbury Salterton | Woodbury P.C. (Woodbury Salterton ward) |
| T.J. Aldridge | Woodbury Salterton | |
| J.R. Bagworthy | Brooks Farm, Woodbury Salterton | Self |
| F. Manley | Gladlyn, Metcombe, Ottery St. Mary | E.D.D.C. & Town Council |
| Hayball | Honiton | Express & Echo |
| J.H. Reed | | Clyst St, George, Clyst St. Mary, Sowton |

SCHEDULE 2

EAST DEVON DISTRICT : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

| <u>NAME OF WARD</u> | <u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| AXMINSTER HAMLETS | 1 |
| AXMINSTER TOWN | 2 |
| BEER | 1 |
| BROADCLYST | 2 |
| BUDLEIGH SALTERTON | 3 |
| CLYSTBEARE | 1 |
| CLYST VALLEY | 1 |
| COLYTON | 1 |
| EDENVALE | 1 |
| EXE VALLEY | 1 |
| EXMOUTH BRIXINGTON | 3 |
| EXMOUTH HALSDON | 3 |
| EXMOUTH LITTLEHAM RURAL | 3 |
| EXMOUTH LITTLEHAM URBAN | 2 |
| EXMOUTH WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH | 3 |
| EXMOUTH WITHYCOMBE URBAN | 2 |
| HONITON ST MICHAELS | 2 |
| HONITON ST PAULS | 2 |
| LYMPSTONE | 1 |
| NEWBRIDGES | 1 |
| NEWTON POPPLEFORD AND HARPFORD | 1 |
| OTTERHEAD | 1 |
| OTTERY ST MARY RURAL | 2 |
| OTTERY ST MARY TOWN | 2 |
| PATTESON | 1 |
| RALEIGH | 1 |
| SEATON | 3 |
| SIDMOUTH RURAL | 3 |
| SIDMOUTH TOWN | 2 |
| SIDMOUTH WOOLBROOK | 3 |
| TALE VALE | 1 |
| TRINITY | 1 |
| UPPER AXE | 1 |
| WOODBURY | 1 |
| YARTY | 1 |

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

ELECTION BY THIRDS

ORDER OF RETIREMENT AND PARISH ELECTIONS

| NAME OF WARD | NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD | 1ST YEAR 1980 | 2ND YEAR 1982 | 3RD YEAR 1983 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| AXMINSTER HAMLETS | 1 | - | - | 1 PE |
| AXMINSTER TOWN | 2 | 1 | - | 1 PE |
| BEER | 1 | - | - | 1 PE |
| BROADCLYST | 2 | 1 | 1 PE | - |
| BUDLEIGH SALTERTON | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 PE |
| CLYST VALLEY | 1 | - | - | 1 PE |
| CLYSTBEARE | 1 | 1 PE | - | - |
| COLYTON | 1 | - | - | 1 PE |
| EDEVVALE | 1 | - | - | 1 PE |
| EXE VALLEY | 1 | 1 PE | - | - |
| EXMOUTH BRIXINGTON | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| EXMOUTH HALSDON | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| EXMOUTH LITTLEHAM RURAL | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| EXMOUTH LITTLEHAM URBAN | 2 | 1 | 1 | - |
| EXMOUTH WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| EXMOUTH WITHYCOMBE URBAN | 2 | 1 | - | 1 |
| HONITON ST MICHAELS | 2 | - | 1 | 1 PE |
| HONITON ST PAULS | 2 | 1 | - | 1 PE |
| LYMPSTONE | 1 | 1 PE | - | - |
| NEWBRIDGES | 1 | - | 1 PE | - |
| NEWTON POPPLEFORD AND HARPFORD | 1 | - | - | 1 PE |
| OTTERHEAD | 1 | - | 1 PE | - |
| OTTERY ST MARY RURAL | 2 | - | 1 | 1 PE |
| OTTERY ST MARY TOWN | 2 | 1 | - | 1 PE |
| PATTESON | 1 | 1 PE | - | - |
| RALEIGH | 1 | - | 1 PE | - |
| SEATON | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 PE |
| SIDMOUTH RURAL | 3 | 1 | 1 PE | 1 |
| SIDMOUTH TOWN | 2 | 1 | 1 PE | - |
| SIDMOUTH WOOLBROOK | 3 | 1 | 1 PE | 1 |
| TALE VALE | 1 | - | 1 PE | - |
| TRINITY | 1 | - | 1 PE | - |
| UPPER AXE | 1 | - | 1 PE | - |
| WOODBURY | 1 | 1 PE | - | - |
| YARTY | 1 | - | 1 PE | - |
| | 60 | 20 | 20 | 20 |

PE = Parish Elections

DISTRICT OF EAST DEVON - 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.

EXMOUTH BRIXINGTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Lympstone CP meets the western boundary of East Budleigh CP, thence southwards and southeastwards along said western boundary to the road from Exmouth to Yettington at NG reference SY 0373384318, thence generally southwestwards along said road and continuing generally southwestwards along St John's Road to Pound Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane to the stream known as Bapton Brook, thence northeastwards and generally northwards along said stream to Marley Road, thence northeastwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of parcel number 1434 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SY 00/0183 edition of 1970, thence northwards to and along said boundary and westwards along the northern boundary of said parcel to the pond situated at the north of Lovering Farm, thence generally northwards along said pond and the stream known as Bapton Brook, to the southern boundary of Lympstone CP, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

EXMOUTH WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Exmouth Brixington Ward meets the western boundary of East Budleigh CP, thence generally southwards and southeastwards along said western boundary to Salterton Road at NG reference SY 0414682352, thence westwards and southwestwards along said road to Hamilton Road, thence northwestwards along said road and continuing northwestwards to and along the eastern boundary of number 2 Kingston Road, and the rear boundaries of numbers 2 to 18 Henley Road to Hamilton Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to a point opposite the western boundary of number 1 in said lane, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary, the western boundaries of number 49 Phear Avenue, and number 42 Ashleigh Road, thence northwards crossing said road to the western boundary of number 51 Ashleigh Road, thence northwestwards along

said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the southern boundary of Phear Park, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of said park, thence generally northwestwards along said boundary to the path north of X The Secondary Modern Boy's School, thence southwestwards along said path to the path and footbridge crossing Withycombe Brook, thence northwards along said path and footbridge and eastwards and northwestwards along the path to the rear of the properties on the southwestern side of Brookhays Close to Withycombe Village Road, thence northeastwards along said road to the path northeast of St John's Church, thence generally northwestwards along said path to the southeastern boundary of the Playing Field at National Grid reference SY 0076481960 thence northeastwards along said boundary to Bapton Brook, thence northeastwards northwards and northeastwards along said brook to the southern boundary of Exmouth Brixington Ward, thence southeastwards and generally northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

EXMOUTH LITTLEHAM RURAL WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Exmouth Withycombe Raleigh Ward meets the western boundary of East Budleigh CP, thence eastwards and southwards along said western boundary to the western boundary of Budleigh Salterton CP, thence generally southwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of the District, being low water, thence southwestwards, southwards, generally westwards and northwestwards along said boundary to a point due southwestwards of the junction of Esplanade and Carlton Hill, thence due northeastwards to said junction, thence eastwards and northeastwards along Carlton Hill and Salterton Road to Claremont Grove, thence northwestwards along said grove to Hamilton Lane, thence northeastwards along said lane and continuing northeastwards, southeastwards and northeastwards along the southern boundary of Exmouth Withycombe Raleigh Ward to the point of commencement.

EXMOUTH HALSDON WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Lympstone CP meets the western boundary of Exmouth Brixington Ward, thence generally southwards along said western boundary to the western boundary of Exmouth Withycombe Raleigh Ward, thence generally southwards along said boundary to the northern boundary of Exmouth Littleham Rural Ward, thence southwestwards along said boundary to Claremont Grove, thence northwestwards along said grove and the road known as Marpool Hill to Withycombe Road, thence eastwards and northwards along said road to Withycombe Brook, thence northwestwards along said brook to the high water mark of the River Exe, thence due northwestwards to the southern boundary of Lympstone CP, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

EXMOUTH WITHYCOMBE URBAN WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Lympstone CP meets the western boundary of Exmouth Halsdon Ward, thence southeastwards along said ward boundary to Ryll Court Drive, thence southwestwards along said drive to the northern boundary of The Convent School playing fields, thence southwestwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 9 Bicton Villas, thence continuing southwestwards along said boundary and generally southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 7 to 1 Bicton Villas to Montpellier Road, thence southwestwards crossing said road in a straight line to the northern boundary of No 26 Montpellier Road, thence westwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of the Gas Depot, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along said boundary to Fore Street, thence westwards along said street to Union Street, thence northwards along said street to Margaret Street, thence westwards along said street, crossing

Chapel Street and continuing generally westwards along the unnamed road between Chapel Street and Market Street, crossing said Market Street to Crudges Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane to the road known as the Strand, thence northwards along said road to Imperial Road, thence westwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of number 6 in said road, thence northwards to and along said boundary and westwards along the rear boundary of said property to the western boundary of said property, thence due northwestwards to the western boundary of the district, being low water, thence generally northwestwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Lympstone CP, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

EXMOUTH LITTLEHAM URBAN WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of Exmouth Withycombe Urban Ward meets the northwestern boundary of Exmouth Littleham Rural Ward thence southeastwards, southwestwards and westwards along said northwestern boundary to the western boundary of the district, being low water, thence generally northwestwards along said boundary to the southwestern boundary of Exmouth Withycombe Urban Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary and northeastwards along the southern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

AXMINSTER HAMLETS WARD

The Raymonds Hill Ward

Weycroft Ward

of the parish of Axminster

AXMINSTER TOWN WARD

The Town Ward of the parish of Axminster

and the area of Lands Common to the Parishes of Axminster and Kilmington

BEER WARD

The parish of Beer

BROADCLYST WARD

The parishes of Broadclyst

Clyst Hydon

Clyst St Lawrence

Poltimore

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON WARD

The parish of Budleigh Salterton

CLYSTBEARE WARD

The parishes of Aylesbeare

Clyst Honiton

Farrington

Rockbeare

CLYST VALLEY WARD

The parishes of Clyst St George

Clyst St Mary

Sowton

COLYTON WARD

The parish of Colyton

EDENVALE WARD

The parishes of Branscombe

Cotleigh

Farway

Northleigh

Offwell

Southleigh

Widworthy

EXE VALLEY WARD

The parishes of Brampford Speke

Huxham

Nether Exe

Rewe

Stoke Canon

Upton Pyne

HONITON ST MICHAELS WARD

The St Michael's ward of the parish of Honiton

HONITON ST PAULS WARD

The St Paul's ward of the parish of Honiton

LYMPSTONE WARD

The parish of Lympstone

NEWBRIDGES WARD

The parishes of Kilminster

Musbury

Shute

NEWTON POPPLEFORD AND HARPFORD WARD

The parish of Newton Poppleford and Harpford

OTTERHEAD WARD

The parishes of Combe Raleigh

Dunkeswell

Luppitt

Monkton

Sheldon

Upottery

OTTERY ST MARY RURAL WARD

The parish of Whimple

and the North Ward

Tipton Ward

West Hill Ward of the parish of Ottery St Mary

OTTERY ST MARY TOWN WARD

The Town Ward of the parish of Ottery St Mary

PATTESON WARD

The parishes of Awliscombe

Buckerell

Feniton

Gittisham

RALEIGH WARD

The parishes of Bicton

Colaton Raleigh

East Budleigh

Otterton

SEATON WARD

The parish of Seaton

SIDMOUTH RURAL WARD

The Primley Ward

Salcombe Regis Ward

Sidbury Ward

Sidford Village Ward of the parish of Sidmouth

SIDMOUTH TOWN WARD

The Sidmouth (East) Ward

Sidmouth (South) Ward of the parish of Sidmouth

SIDMOUTH WOOLBROOK WARD

The Sidmouth (North) Ward

Sidmouth (West) Ward of the parish of Sidmouth

TALE VALE WARD

The parishes of Broadhembury

Payhembury

Plymtree

Talaton

TRINITY WARD

The parishes of Axmouth

Combyne Rousdon

Uplyme

UPPER AXE WARD

The parishes of Chardstock

Hawkchurch

WOODBURY WARD

The parish of Woodbury

YARTY WARD

The parishes of Dalwood

Membury

Stockland

Yarcombe