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Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF EASTBOURNE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Eastbourne in accordance with the requirements of section 63 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 12 August 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Eastbourne Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the East Sussex County Council, the Member of Parliament for the constituency 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 to 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 Eastbourne 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. On 7 January 1975 the Eastbourne Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. In accordance with section 7(4)(b) of the Local

Government Act 1972 they had exercised an option for elections by thirds and they proposed to divide the area of the borough into 10 wards each returning 3 members.

5. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council. We noted that it complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and with our own guidelines and that we had not received any comments upon it. We considered that it provided a good basis of representation for the borough. On the advice of Ordnance Survey we proposed a slight realignment to the Downside/Meads ward boundary. We formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

6. On 4 March we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals, and the accompanying map 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, from members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 29 April 1975.

7. The Borough Council supported our draft proposals but submitted an alternative realignment of the Downs/Meads ward boundary; no other comments were received.

8. We considered the new realignment of the ward boundary suggested by the Borough Council and decided to adopt it in our final proposals.

9. Subject to this one modification we therefore confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals. Details of these are set out in Schedule 1 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. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the attached map.

#### PUBLICATION

10. 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 the Eastbourne Borough

Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's offices at Eastbourne, East Sussex. Copies of this report, without maps, are being sent to those who received the consultation letter. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the maps is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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May 1975

SCHEDULE 1

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

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
DEVONSHIRE	3
DOWNSIDE	3
HAMPDEN PARK	3
LANGNEY	3
MEADS	3
OCKLYNGE	3
RATTON	3
ROSELANDS	3
ST ANTHONY'S	3
UPPERTON	3

## BOROUGH OF EASTBOURNE : 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.

## RATTON WARD

Commencing at the point where Victoria Drive meets Southdown Road, thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of the Golf Course, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to the path to the north of said Golf Course, thence southwestwards and following said path south of Angel Wood and continuing southwestwards along the path crossing Willingdon Hill to its junction with the path from Foxholes Brow to Jevington, thence northwestwards along said path to the western boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards and following said boundary, the northern boundary of the Borough and continuing southeastwards along the railway to the footbridge crossing said railway from Brodrick Road to Percival Road, thence westward along said bridge and footpath to Brodrick Road, thence northwestwards and following said road to Meadowlands Avenue, thence southeastwards along said avenue to Lindfield Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Willingdon Park Drive, thence southeastwards along said drive to Decoy Drive, thence southwestwards along said drive to Kings Drive, thence northwestwards along said drive to Willingdon Road, thence generally southwards along said road to Victoria Drive, thence southwestwards along said drive to the point of commencement.

## HAMPDEN PARK WARD

Commencing at the point where Kings Drive meets the southeastern boundary of Ratton Ward, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the



northern boundary of the Borough, thence eastwards and following said Borough boundary to Willingdon and West Langney Sewer, thence southeastwards and following said sewer to the drain forming the western boundary of parcel number 3657 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan TQ 60/6103 Revision of 1960, thence southeastwards and following drain, Middle Sewer, and Willingdon Sewer to the stream forming the northwestern boundary of parcel number 0072 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan TQ 61/6201 Edition of 1960, thence generally southwestwards along said stream and Lottbridge Sewer to the drain forming the eastern and northern boundaries of parcel number 0006 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plans TQ 60/6100 and TQ 60/6101 Editions of 1960, thence northwestwards and following said drain and continuing westwards along the southern boundary of parcel number 3400 to the eastern boundary of the new Hospital, thence northwards and following said eastern boundary to the northern boundary of said hospital, thence southwestwards along said northern boundary to King's Drive, thence northwestwards along said drive to the point of commencement.

#### LANGNEY WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Hampden Park Ward meets the northern boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards and following said northern boundary to the road known as Hide Hollow, thence southwestwards along said road to Priory Road (as improved), thence southeastwards and following said road to the road known as Langney Rise, thence southeastwards along said road to Langney Sewer, thence northwestwards and following said sewer and Willingdon Sewer to the eastern boundary of Hampden Park Ward, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### DOWNSIDE WARD

Commencing at the point where East Dean Road meets the western boundary of

the Borough, thence westwards and northeastwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Ratton Ward, thence southeastwards and following said southern boundary to Victoria Drive, thence southwestwards and southeastwards along said drive and Green Street to Church Street, thence southwestwards along said street to Summerdown Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Paradise Drive, thence southwestwards and following said drive to the track from said drive to East Dean Road, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said track, passing to the south of Paradise Plantation and through the area of land known as Pashley as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan TV 58/5998 Edition of 1961 to East Dean Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

#### OCKLYNGE WARD

Commencing at the point where Church Street meets the eastern boundary of Downside Ward, thence northwestwards and following said boundary and the southern boundary of Ratton Ward to the western boundary of Hampden Park Ward, thence southeastwards and following said western boundary and the southern boundary of said ward to Lottbridge Sewer, thence southwestwards along said sewer and continuing southwards in a straight line to the northern boundary of the properties on the northern side of King's Drive, thence westwards and following said boundary, continuing along the southern boundary of parcel number 4548 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan TQ 60/6100 Edition of 1960, and continuing southwestwards along the drain crossing the playing field (Parcel 2744) as shown on said plan TQ 60/6100 and in prolongation to King's Drive, thence eastwards along said drive to King's Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to Mill Road, thence eastwards along said road to the path known as Ocklynge Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue, crossing Upperton Road, and continuing southwestwards and following Ocklynge Road to Church Street, thence southwestwards along said street to the point of commencement.

#### UPPERTON WARD

Commencing at the point where Paradise Drive meets the eastern boundary of Downside Ward, thence northwestwards and following said boundary, the southern and eastern boundaries of Ocklynge Ward and the southern boundary of Hampden Park Ward to the railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to Upper Avenue at Cavendish Bridge, thence northwestwards and following said avenue to The Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to Upperton Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Grove Road, thence generally southwestwards along said road and Meads Road to Compton Place Road, thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said road and Paradise Drive to the point of commencement.

#### DEVONSHIRE WARD

Commencing at the point where Grassington Road meets the eastern boundary of Upperton Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to Whitley Road, thence eastwards and northeastwards along said road to Firle Road, thence southeastwards and following said road, crossing the road known as Seaside, continuing southeastwards along Cambridge Road and in prolongation thereof to the eastern boundary of the Borough, being low water, thence southwestwards along said boundary to a point being the prolongation southeastwards of Devonshire Place, thence northwestwards along said prolongation and said place to South Street, thence southwestwards along said street and Furness Road to Grassington Road, thence northwards along said road to the point of commencement.

#### ROSELANDS WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Devonshire Ward meets the eastern boundary of Upperton Ward, thence generally northwestwards along said eastern boundary and the southern boundary of Hampden Park Ward to Lottbridge Drove, thence southeastwards along said drove to

Horseley Sewer, thence southwestwards along said sewer to the bridge leading to Churchdale Road, thence southeastwards along said bridge and continuing southeastwards along said Churchdale Road to the road known as Seaside, thence northeastwards along said road to Wartling Road, thence eastwards along said road to the western boundary of Princes Park, thence southeastwards and southwestwards following the western and southern boundary of said Park to Channel View Road, thence southeastwards along said road and in prolongation thereof to the eastern boundary of the Borough being low water, thence southwestwards along said eastern boundary to the northern boundary of Devonshire Ward, thence northwestwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

#### ST ANTHONY'S WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of the Borough, being low water, meets the eastern boundary of Roselands Ward, thence northwestwards and following said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Hampden Park Ward, thence eastwards and following said southern boundary and the southern and eastern boundaries of Langney Ward to the northern boundary of the Borough, thence southeastwards and following said boundary and the eastern boundary of the Borough, being low water, to the point of commencement,

#### MEADS WARD

Commencing at the point where the southern boundary of the Borough, being low water, meets the western boundary of the Borough, thence northeastwards and following said western boundary, the southern boundaries of Downside Ward, Upperton Ward and Devonshire Ward to the eastern boundary of the Borough, being low water, thence southwestwards and following said eastern boundary and the southern boundary of the Borough to the point of commencement.