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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 FENLAND DISTRICT OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Fenland District 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 13 May 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Fenland District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Cambridgeshire County Council, Parish Councils 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. Fenland District 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

8. On 14 February 1975 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 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, from other members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 11 April 1975.

9. We received no adverse comments on our draft proposals.

10. The District Council carried out a further review of the electoral arrangements for the successor parish of Wisbech and on 11 April 1975 the Parish of Wisbech (Electoral Wards) Order 1975 was signed. This Order established 2 parish wards, the Wisbech East ward and the Wisbech North East ward in place of the Wisbech East ward established by the Parish of Wisbech (Electoral Wards) Order 1974, which was revoked by the corresponding 1975 Order.

11. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the changed situation in Wisbech and noted that the electorates of the 2 new wards would justify their each returning two district councillors. We therefore concluded that we should replace the 3-member Wisbech East ward in our draft proposals with 2 new district wards co-terminous with the 2 new parish wards and each returning 2 members to the District Council. The new district wards would be known as the Wisbech East ward and the Wisbech North East wards respectively.

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

13. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report and on the attached maps. 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 maps.

DISTRICT OF FENLAND: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS.

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BELWICK AND DODDINGTON	1
CHATTERIS EAST	1
CHATTERIS NORTH	1
CHATTERIS SOUTH	1
CHATTERIS WEST	1
ELM	2
LEVERINGTON	2
MANEA	1
MARCH EAST	3
MARCH NORTH	3
MARCH WEST	3
NEWTOWN AND TYDD ST GILES	1
OUTWELL AND UPWELL	1
PARSON DROVE AND WISBECH ST MARY	2
WHITTLESEY BASSENHALLY	1
WHITTLESEY CENTRAL	1
WHITTLESEY EAST	1
WHITTLESEY KINGSMOOR	1
WHITTLESEY SOUTH	1
WHITTLESEY WEST	1
WINBLINGTON	1
WISBECH EAST	2
WISBECH NORTH	3
WISBECH NORTH EAST	2
WISBECH SOUTH WEST	3

FENLAND DISTRICT WARDS

WHITTLESEY SOUTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the northwestern boundary of Benwick CP meets the southwestern boundary of the District, thence northwestwards and following the said southwestern boundary to King's Dike, thence eastwards and following the said dike to the railway, thence southeastwards and following said railway to the Track joining Benwick Road to Half Acre Drove (track), thence northwards along said track to Half Acre Drove (track) thence westwards along said drove and continuing northward along the cart track running west of the Artificial Stone Works to Estrea Road thence northeastwards along said road to Drybread Road, thence northwards northwestwards and northeastwards along said road and continuing generally northward along the Track which passes to the east of Bassenhally Farm to the eastern boundary of parcel number 7574 on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan TL 28/2998, Edition 1973, thence northwestwards and following the said eastern boundary and the northern boundary to the Drain, thence northeastwards and following said drain to Morton's Leam, thence eastwards along said Morton's Leam to the western boundary of Elm CP, thence southeastwards and following the said western boundary, the western boundary of March CP and the northwestern boundary of Benwick CP to the point of commencement.

WHITTLESEY WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Whittlesey South Ward meets the western boundary of the District, thence westwards and following said boundary to Morton's Leam, thence northeastwards and following said Morton's Leam to the Fen Causeway (track) thence southeastwards, northeastwards and southeastwards along said causeway and Stonald Road to Plough Road, thence southwards along said road to the road known as West End, thence southeastwards along said road and Whitmore Street to Church Street, thence southwards along said street to King's Dike, thence westwards and following said dike to the northern boundary of Whittlesey South Ward, thence southwestwards and following said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

and following said western boundary to the western boundary of Elm CP, thence southeastwards and following said western boundary to the northern boundary of Whittlesey South Ward, thence southwestwards along said northern boundary to the northern boundary of Whittlesey Kingsmoor Ward thence southwestwards and following said northern boundary and the western boundary to the northern boundary of Whittlesey East Ward, thence westwards along said northern boundary to the eastern boundary of Whittlesey Central Ward, thence northwards and following said eastern boundary and northern boundary and continuing along the northern boundary of Whittlesey West Ward to the point of commencement.

WISBECH, NORTH WARD

The North Ward of the parish of Wisbech

WISBECH NORTH EAST WARD

The North East Ward of the parish of Wisbech

WISBECH EAST WARD

The East Ward of the parish of Wisbech

WISBECH SOUTH WEST WARD

The South Ward and the West Ward of the parish of Wisbech

CHATTERIS NORTH WARD

The North Ward of the parish of Chatteris

CHATTERIS EAST WARD

The East Ward of the parish of Chatteris

CHATTERIS SOUTH WARD

The South Ward of the parish of Chatteris

CHATTERIS WEST WARD

The West Ward of the parish of Chatteris

MARCH NORTH WARD

The North Ward of the parish of March

MARCH EAST WARD

The East Ward of the parish of March

MARCH WEST WARD

The West Ward of the parish of March

BENWICK AND DODDINGTON WARD

The parishes of Benwick and Doddington

MANEA WARD

The parish of Manea

WIMBLINGTON WARD

The parish of Wimblington

ELM WARD

The parish of Elm.

LEVERINGTON WARD

The parish of Leverington

NEWTON AND TYDD ST GILES WARD

The parishes of Newton and Tydd St Giles

OUTWELL AND UPWELL WARD

The parish of Outwell and Upwell

PARSON DROVE AND WISBECH ST MARY WARD

The parishes of Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary.