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

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
DISTRICT OF EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the District of East Northamptonshire 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 of that district.
2. In accordance with the procedure prescribed 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 East Northamptonshire District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the district, the Northamptonshire 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 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. The East Northamptonshire 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 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. The Council have not passed a resolution under section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The provisions of section 7(6) will therefore apply and the elections of all district councillors will be held simultaneously.
5. On 2 December 1974 the East Northamptonshire District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to retain the existing arrangements.
6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council, together with other comments we had received which were in favour of retaining the existing arrangements in the rural areas. We noted that, in general, the draft scheme complied with the rules in schedule 11 to the Local Government Act and our own guidelines but that the proposed ward comprising the parishes of Raunds and Hargrave, contrary to our guidelines, was to be represented by 4 councillors.

We considered that this ward should be divided, and, after careful consideration, we proposed that the Raunds ward of the parish of Raunds should be grouped with the parish of Hargrave to form one ward, returning 3 councillors, while the Stanwick ward of the parish of Raunds should form a second ward, returning 1 councillor.

7. We considered that the proposed ward formed from the parish of Oundle would be over represented with 3 councillors and that it would be adequately represented by 2 councillors.

8. We named the rural wards, which had not been given names by the Council. After consultation with Ordnance Survey, we proposed a realignment of part of the Rushden South/Rushden West ward boundary. We formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

9. On 14 February 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 those 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 11 April 1975.

10. There was general support for our draft proposals. Revised wards were proposed for the parishes of Raunds and Hargrave; the Raunds ward of the parish of Raunds to form a ward represented by 3 councillors, leaving the parish of Hargrave to be grouped with the Stanwick ward of the parish of Raunds to form a second ward, represented by 1 councillor. We noted that Hargrave and Stanwick were similar village communities and, having ascertained local views, agreed to adopt the suggestion. We therefore propose that the parish of Hargrave should be transferred from the Raunds ward to the Stanwick ward.

11. Alternative names for certain of the wards we had named were put forward. We noted that the alternative names were acceptable to the Parish Councils concerned and decided to adopt them in place of the ones we had chosen.

12. We received an objection to the proposed reduction in representation of the Oundle ward but we remain of the opinion that a third councillor for this ward could not be justified.

13. Subject to these modifications we confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

14. 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 ward. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps.

PUBLICATION

15. 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 East Northamptonshire District Council and will be made available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without maps) are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and those who made comments. 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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EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS
OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
BARNWELL	1
FOREST	1
BRIGSTOCK	1
MARGARET BEAUFORT	1
HIGHAM FERRERS	3
IRTHLINGBOROUGH	3
DRAYTON	1
KING'S CLIFFE	1
WILLIBROOK	1
OUNDLE	2
RAUNDS	3
RINGSTEAD	1
RUSHDEN EAST	3
RUSHDEN NORTH	3
RUSHDEN SOUTH	3
RUSHDEN WEST	3
STANWICK	1
THRAPSTON	2
LOWER NENE	1
WOODFORD	1

DESCRIPTION OF WARDS: EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT

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.

RUSHDEN NORTH WARD

Commencing at a point where Irchester Road meets the western boundary of the district, thence northwestwards and following said district boundary to the southern boundary of Irthlingborough CP, thence northeastwards and following said boundary and the southern boundary of Higham Ferrers CP to the disused Rushden to Higham Ferrers railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to High Street, thence southwards along said Street to Station Road, thence southwestwards along said Road to Wellingborough Road, thence northwestwards along said Road to Irchester Road, thence southwestwards along said Road to Westfield Avenue, thence southwestwards along said Avenue to Boundary Avenue, thence northwestwards along said Avenue to Irchester Road, thence southwestwards along said Road to the point of commencement.

RUSHDEN EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where Newton Road meets High Street, thence northwards and following said Street to the southeastern boundary of Rushden North Ward, thence northwards and following said boundary to the southwestern boundary of Higham Ferrers CP, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of Newton Bromswold CP, thence southeastwards along said boundary to Newton Road, thence northwestwards and following said Road to the point of commencement.

RUSHDEN WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the prolongation southwestwards of the southeastern boundary of No 15 Lyneford Way meets the western boundary of the district, thence northwestwards along said district boundary to the southern boundary of Rushden North Ward, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of Rushden East Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to Church Street, thence northwestwards and following

said Street to Wellingborough Road thence northwestwards along said Road to St Mary's Avenue, thence southwestwards along said Avenue to a point opposite the northeastern boundary of No 2 St Mary's Avenue, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to the unnamed stream flowing to the northwest of St Mary's Avenue, thence southwestwards along said stream to a point opposite the southwestern boundary of No 23 St Margaret's Avenue thence northwestwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundaries of Nos 25 to 69 St Margaret's Avenue thence southwestwards along the said rear boundaries, to the rear boundary of No 6 Sandingham Close thence southeastwards along the said boundary to a point opposite the unnamed stream flowing northwest of Hall Avenue and Haddon Close, thence southwestwards to and along said stream to the southern boundary of No 1 Haddon Close thence eastwards along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to Haddon Close, thence southwards along the said Close to Bornwell Drive, thence southwestwards along said Drive to the road known as Grangeway, thence southeastwards along said road to Farnham Drive, thence southwestwards and following said Drive to Lyneford Way, thence southwestwards along said Way to a point due north of the southeastern boundary of No 15 Lyneford Way, thence southwards to and southwestwards along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the point of commencement.

RUSHDEN SOUTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the western boundary of the district meets the southeastern boundary of Rushden West Ward, thence northeastwards and following said Ward boundary to the southwestern boundary of Rushden East Ward, thence eastwards and following said boundary and the western boundary of Newton Bromswold CP to the southern boundary of the district, thence southwestwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

BARNWELL WARD

The parishes of Barnwell, Hemington, Lilford-cum-Wigsthorpe, Laddington, Pilton, Polebrook, Stoke Doyle, Thorpe Achurch, Thurning and Wadenhoe.

FOREST WARD

The parishes of Benefield, Blatherwycke, Bulwick, Deene, Deenethorpe, Duddington, Fineshade, Glapthorn, Harringworth, Laxton and Wakerley.

BRIGSTOCK WARD

The parishes of Brigstock and Sudborough.

MARGARET BEAUFORT WARD

The parishes of Collyweston and Easton-on-the-Hill.

HIGHAM FERRERS WARD

The parishes of Chelveston-cum-Caldecott, Higham Ferrers and Newton Bromswold.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH WARD

The parish of Irthlingborough.

DRAYTON WARD

The parishes of Aldwinckle, Islip, Lowick and Twywell.

KING'S CLIFFE WARD

The parishes of Apethorpe and King's Cliffe.

WILLIBROOK WARD

The parishes of Nassington, Southwick, Woodnewton and Yarwell.

OUNDLE WARD

The parish of Oundle.

RAUNDS WARD

The Raunds ward of the parish of Raunds.

RINGSTEAD WARD

The parishes of Great Addington, Little Addington and Ringstead.

STANWICK WARD

The Stanwick ward of the parish of Raunds and the parish of Hargrave.

THRAPSTON WARD

The parishes of Clopton, Denford, Thrapston and Titchmarsh.

LOWER NENE WARD

The parishes of Ashton, Cotterstock, Fotheringhay, Lutton, Tansor and Warmington.

WOODFORD WARD

The parish of Woodford.