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1. In a letter dated 14 March 1980, Basildon District Council requested us to consider altering the boundary between the districts of Basildon and Castle Point (both of which are unparished), with a view to realigning it so that it ran along the eastern side of the Rayleigh Spur Road extension and the western side of Canvey Way, instead of following its present course whereby it meanders across the Rayleigh Spur Road extension (cutting through several houses) and passes to the east of Canvey Way. Basildon District Council pointed out that their proposed boundary change would formalise the existing arrangements for highway maintenance and would produce a better-defined boundary. Castle Point District Council supported Basildon District Council's request; but Essex County Council considered that it would be premature to alter the boundary before the county structure plan was finalised, and furthermore that it would be preferable for all the district boundaries in Essex to be reviewed simultaneously.

2. We considered Basildon District Council's request, as required by Section 48(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, having regard to DOE Circular 33/78 and to our own Report No. 287. We noted that the proposal met the criteria set out in paragraph 14 of DOE Circular 33/78.

3. We decided, therefore, that we should undertake a review, and that the circumstances were sufficiently exceptional to enable us to shorten our normal procedure by publishing draft proposals at the same time as we formally announced our intention to carry out a review. We also decided that those draft proposals should be based on Basildon District Council's proposal, subject to our receiving from both District Councils details of the consequential changes in the electorates of the district wards and county electoral divisions affected, together with suitable suggestions for the detailed realignment of ward and division boundaries, where appropriate, and for such adjustments as might be necessary to rectify any electoral imbalance resulting from the district boundary alteration. We informed the District Councils accordingly.

4. On 9 February 1982, having obtained the desired information, we issued a consultation letter announcing the start of the review and giving details of our draft proposals. The letter was addressed jointly to Basildon District Council and Castle Point District Council. Copies were sent to Essex County Council (who had now withdrawn their objection to the proposed boundary change), the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned, the headquarters of the main political parties, and the editors of local newspapers circulating in the area and of the local government press. We asked the district councils concerned to arrange for the

publication of a specified notice for two successive weeks in the local press, and to display copies of the notice at places where public notices are customarily displayed; and to place copies of the 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 6 April 1982.

5. The only representations we received in response to our draft proposals were from Basildon District Council, Essex County Council, and one private individual, all of whom made it clear that they had no objections to the draft proposals.

6. In the circumstances we have decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

7. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1-4 to this report. Schedule 1 gives a written description of the revised district boundary proposed; the boundary is also illustrated on the attached map. Schedule 2 describes the areas proposed for transfer. Schedules 3 and 4 specify the consequential adjustments to the existing electoral arrangements at district and county level respectively.

8. A letter is being sent, together with copies of the report and map, to Basildon and Castle Point District Councils, asking them to place copies of the 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 refer to your power to make an Order implementing the proposals, if you think fit, after the expiry of six weeks from the date they are submitted to you; it will suggest that any comments on the proposals should therefore be addressed to you, in writing, preferably within six weeks of the date of the letter. Copies of this report, which includes a small sketch plan, are also being sent to Essex County Council (with a copy of the map), and to the other bodies and persons who received the consultation letter or commented on our draft proposals (without a copy of the map).

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Signed: R R THORNTON (Deputy Chairman)

J M ACKNER

TYRRELL BROCKBANK

G E CHERRY

D P HARRISON

LESLIE GRIMSHAW (Secretary)

24 June 1982

SCHEDULE ONE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN BASILDON AND
CASTLE POINT DISTRICTS

NOTE: Where a 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.

Commencing at a point on the existing district boundary between Basildon District and Castle Point District where it crosses the western side of the bridge carrying the A130 (Canvey Way) at East Haven Creek, thence north-westwards along said western side and northwards along the field boundaries forming the western boundary of the A130 (Canvey Way) to the fence junction at NG Ref 7624188295 as shown on OS 1:1250 Microfilm (B) TQ 7688 SW date of publication 1975, thence due east from said fence junction to the south-eastern boundary of the roundabout where the A130 (Canvey Way) crosses the A13 (London Road), thence generally north-eastwards along said south-eastern boundary to and generally northwards along the western boundary of No 2 London Road to the north-western boundary of said property, thence due north to and generally westwards along the northern boundary of the A13 (London Road) to and generally north-eastwards along the field boundaries forming the eastern boundary of the A130, which leads towards the Southend Arterial Road, to the northern boundary of Parcel No 0047 as shown on OS 1:2500 Microfilm (C) TQ 7890 date of publication 1974, thence eastwards along said northern boundary a point opposite the south-western corner of Parcel No 1166, thence northwards to and along the western boundary of the said parcel and in prolongation in a straight line to the southern access road from the A127(T) (Southend Arterial Road) to the A130, thence generally westwards along the said access road, crossing the A130, to and north-westwards along the southern access road from the A130 to the A127(T) (Southend Arterial Road) to the existing boundary between Basildon District and Castle Point District.

SCHEDULE TWO

DESCRIPTION OF THE AREAS OF CHANGE INVOLVED WITH THE PROPOSED RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE DISTRICT BOUNDARY BETWEEN BASILDON AND CASTLE POINT DISTRICTS

NOTE: Where a 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.

NOTE: Where the alignment is described as following the proposed district boundary it refers to the alignment as described in Schedule One.

AREA A That area bounded by a line commencing at a point on the existing district boundary where it joins the proposed district boundary at East Haven Creek, thence generally northwards along the said proposed district boundary to a point due west of the point where the northern boundary of St Mary's Ward meets the existing district boundary, thence due east to the existing district boundary, thence generally southwards along the existing district boundary to the point of commencement.

AREA B That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Area A joins the existing district boundary, thence westwards along said northern boundary to the proposed district boundary, thence generally northwards along the proposed district boundary to and generally southwards along the existing district boundary to the point of commencement.

AREA C That area bounded by a line commencing at the northernmost point of Area B where the proposed district boundary meets the existing district boundary, thence northwards along the existing district boundary to and generally southwards along the proposed district boundary to the point of commencement.

AREA D That area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the existing district boundary meets the proposed district boundary south-east of Sadlers Villas, thence westwards and generally northwards along the proposed district boundary to and southwards along the existing district boundary to the point of commencement.

AREA E That area bounded by a line commencing at the northernmost point of Area D where the existing district boundary meets the proposed district boundary, thence northwards and eastwards along the existing district boundary to and south-westwards along the proposed district boundary to the point of commencement.

AREA F That area bounded by a line commencing at the easternmost point of Area E where the existing district boundary meets the proposed district boundary, thence northeastwards along the proposed district boundary to and south-westwards along the existing district boundary to the point of commencement.

AREA G That area bounded by a line commencing at the easternmost point of Area F where the existing district boundary meets the proposed district boundary, thence north-eastwards along the existing district boundary to and south-westwards along the proposed district boundary to the point of commencement.

AREA H That area bounded by a line commencing at the easternmost point of Area G where the existing district boundary meets the proposed district boundary, thence north-eastwards along the proposed district boundary to and southwards and south-westwards along the existing district boundary to the point of commencement.

AREA J That area bounded by a line commencing at the northernmost point of Area H where the existing district boundary meets the proposed district boundary, thence generally northwards along the existing district boundary to and generally south-eastwards and south-westwards along the proposed district boundary to the point of commencement.

AREAS OF CHANGE

Areas A, B, D, F and H to be transferred from Basildon District to Castle Point District.

Areas C, E, G and J to be transferred from Castle Point District to Basildon District.

SCHEDULE FOUR

Proposals for revised County electoral arrangements consequent upon the proposed changes as described in schedule two.

It is proposed that the County Electoral Divisions as defined in the County of Essex (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981 shall be altered as described below.

1. Area A shall be transferred from the Basildon Pitsea ED to the Benfleet ED.
2. Area B, Area D and Area F shall be transferred from the Basildon Pitsea ED to the Great Tarpots ED.
3. Area C, Area E and that part of Area G south of the northern boundary of Great Tarpots ED shall be transferred from the Great Tarpots ED to the Basildon Pitsea ED.
4. Area G northeast of the northern boundary of Great Tarpots ED and Area J shall be transferred from the Thundersley ED to the Basildon Pitsea ED.
5. Area H shall be transferred from the Basildon Pitsea ED to the Thundersley ED.

SCHEDULE THREE

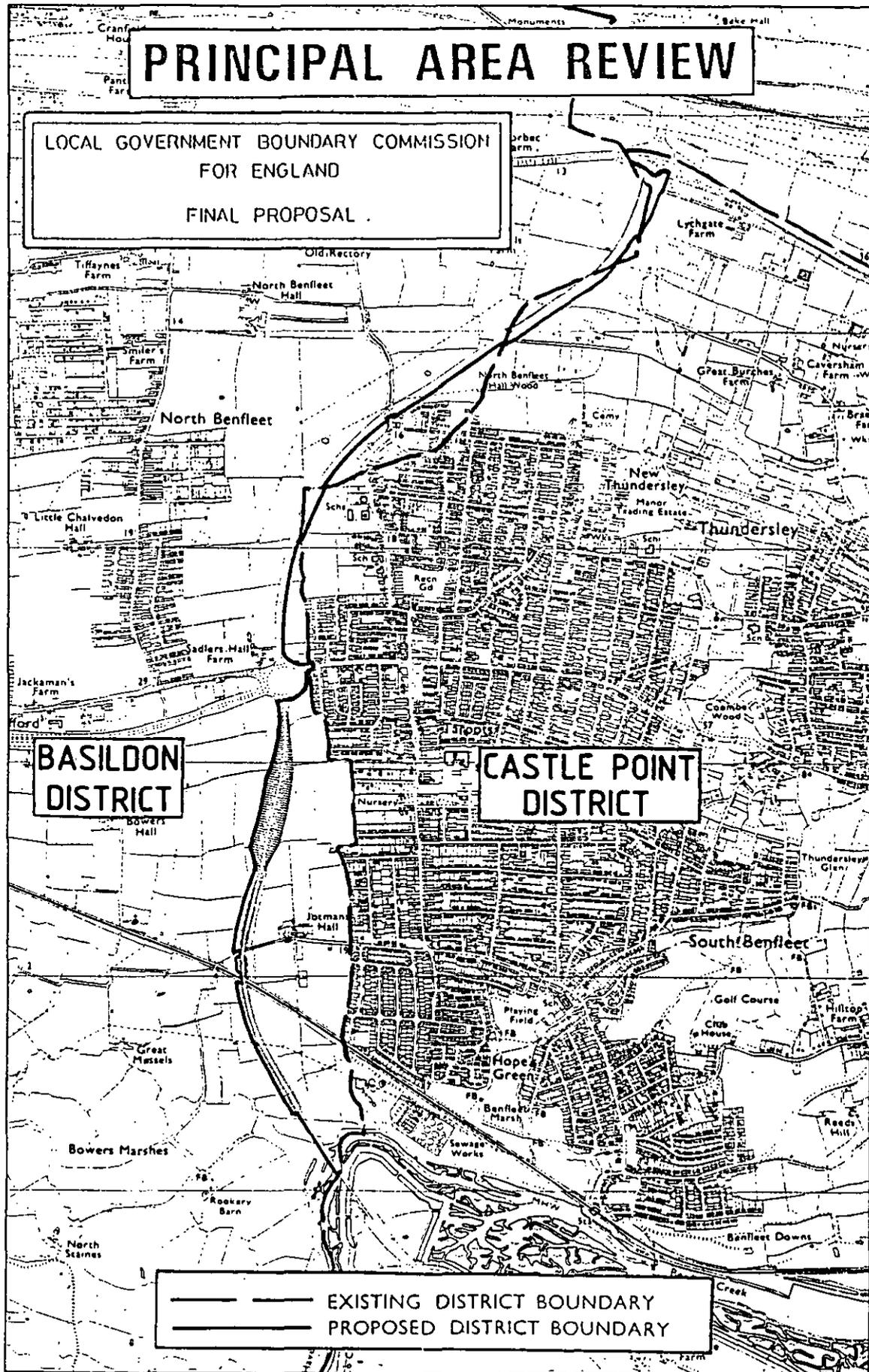
Proposals for revised District electoral arrangements consequent upon the proposed changes as described in schedule two.

It is proposed that the District Wards, as defined in the District of Basildon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 and the District of Castle Point (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976, shall be altered as described below.

1. That portion of Area A to the south of the northern boundary of the Pitsea West Ward of Basildon District shall be transferred from the Pitsea West Ward of Basildon District to the St Mary's Ward of Castle Point District.
2. That portion of Area A to the north of the northern boundary of the Pitsea West Ward of Basildon District shall be transferred from the Pitsea East Ward of Basildon District to the St Mary's Ward of Castle Point District.
3. Area B shall be transferred from the Pitsea East Ward of Basildon District to the Appleton Ward of Castle Point District.
4. That portion of Area C to the south of the northern boundary of the Appleton Ward of Castle Point District shall be transferred from the Appleton Ward of Castle Point District to the Pitsea East Ward of Basildon District.
5. That portion of Area C to the north of the northern boundary of the Appleton Ward of Castle Point District, Area E and that portion of Area G to the south of the northern boundary of the St George's Ward of Castle Point District shall be transferred from the St George's Ward of Castle Point District to the Pitsea East Ward of Basildon District.
6. Area D and Area F shall be transferred from the Pitsea East Ward of Basildon District to the St George's Ward of Castle Point District.
7. That portion of Area G northeast of the northern boundary of the St George's Ward of Castle Point District and Area J shall be transferred from the St Peter's Ward of Castle Point District to the Pitsea East Ward of Basildon District.
8. Area H shall be transferred from the Pitsea East Ward of Basildon District to the St Peter's Ward of Castle Point District.

PRINCIPAL AREA REVIEW

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FINAL PROPOSAL



BASILDON DISTRICT

CASTLE POINT DISTRICT

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