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To the Rt Hon Merlyn Rees, MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SOUTH
NORFOLK DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the South Norfolk 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 7 May 1975 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the South Norfolk District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Norfolk County Council, parish councils and parish meetings in South Norfolk 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 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 South Norfolk 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) of the Local Government Act 1972 and will therefore continue to have a system of whole council elections.

5. On 30 October 1975, South Norfolk District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. They proposed to divide the area of the district into 41 wards, each returning 1, 2 or 3 members, to give a council of 47.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council. We noted a numerical imbalance between the proposed Westwood and Springfields wards; and decided to correct this by transferring the parish of Aslacton from Westwood to Springfields. We noted also the alternative names proposed by their respective parish councils for the district wards in Costessey and Wymondham; and we decided to adopt these instead of those proposed in the Council's draft scheme. We noted that the draft scheme as modified complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972, and with our own guidelines and we considered that it provided a satisfactory basis of representation for the district. We formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 30 January 1976, we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had made comments. 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 26 March 1976.

8. South Norfolk District Council accepted the draft proposals in general, but endorsed objections made by the parish councils of Aslacton and Great Moulton to the proposal to separate them by placing them in different district wards. It was said that the two parishes were indivisible, sharing common facilities and amenities. Similar views were expressed by the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and a local resident. Norfolk County Council supported these views. The County Council also thought that the parishes of Woodton and Bedingham should be placed in the same ward, but this suggestion was not made by any other body or person.

9. We considered again our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received.

10. We accepted that there were strong local ties between the parishes of Aslacton and Great Moulton which would be broken by our draft proposals. We concluded that we should modify our draft proposals to include the parish of Aslacton in the Westwood ward instead of the Springfields ward. Subject to this one modification, we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

11. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 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 new wards are defined in Schedule 2 and are illustrated on the attached map.

PUBLICATION

12. 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 South Norfolk District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council offices at Norwich. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter or have subsequently made comments.

Signed

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DISTRICT OF SOUTH NORFOLK: NUMBER OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ABBEY	1
ABBEYFIELD	1
BEAUCHAMP	1
BECKHITHE	2
BECK VALE	1
BERNERS	1
BOYLAND	1
BROADS	1
BROOKWOOD	1
CHET	1
CLAVERING	1
CRINGLEFORD AND COLNEY	1
CROMWELLS	1
CROWN POINT	1
DEPWADE	1
DICKLEBURGH	1
DISS TOWN	3
DITCHINGHAM	1
FOREHOE	1
HARLESTON	1
HEMPNALL	1
HINGHAM	1
HUMBLEYARD	1
KIDNER	1
LONG ROW	1
MARSHLAND	1
MERGATE	1
NEW COSTESSEY	2
NORTHFIELDS	1
OLD COSTESSEY	2
ROSEBERY	2
RUSTENS	1
SMOXMILL	1
SPRINGFIELDS	1
STRATTON	1
TASVALE	1
TOWN	1
VALLEY	1
WAVENEY	1
WESTWOOD	1
WODEHOUSE	1

SOUTH NORFOLK DISTRICT: DESCRIPTION OF WARDS

ABBNEY WARD

The Abbey Ward of the parish of Wymondham.

ABBNEYFIELD WARD

The parishes of Carleton St Peter, Chedgrave, Claxton and Langley with Hardley.

BEAUCHAMP WARD

The parishes of Alington, Ashby St Mary, Bergh Apton, Thurton and Yelverton.

BECKHITHE WARD

The parishes of Hethersett and Little Melton.

BECK VALE WARD

The parishes of Pulham Market, Pulham St Mary and Starston.

BERNERS WARD

The parishes of Ashwellthorpe, Tasburgh and Tharston.

BOYLAND WARD

The parishes of Bressingham and Roydon.

BROADS WARD

The parishes of Bramerton, Hellington, Holverston, Rockland St Mary and Surlingham.

BROOKWOOD WARD

The parishes of Brooke, Howe, Kirstead and Woodton.

CHEY WARD

The parishes of Loddon, Mundham, Seething and Sisland.

CLAVERING WARD

The parishes of Haddiscoe, Hales, Heckingham, Norton Subcourse, Raveningham and Thurlton.

CRINGLEFORD AND COLNEY WARD

The parishes of Colney and Cringleford.

CROMWELLS WARD

The Cromwells Ward of the parish of Wymondham.

CROWN POINT WARD

The parishes of Bixley, Caistor St Edmund, Kirby Bedon and Trowse with Newton.

DEPWADE WARD

The parishes of Brockdish, Needham and Scole.

DICKLEBURGH WARD

The parishes of Dickleburgh, Tivetshall St Margaret and Tivetshall St Mary.

DISS TOWN WARD

The parish of Diss.

DITCHINGHAM WARD

The parishes of Bedingham, Ditchingham, Hedenham, Thwaite and Topcroft.

FOREHOE WARD

The parishes of Deopham, Morley and Wicklewood.

HARLESTON WARD

The parish of Redenhall with Harleston.

HEMPNALL WARD

The parishes of Hempnall, Morning Thorpe and Shelton.

HINGHAM WARD

The parish of Hingham.

HUMBLEYARD WARD

The parishes of East Carleton, Keswick, Ketteringham and Swardeston.

KIDNER WARD

The parishes of Bawburgh, Easton, Great Melton and Marlingford.

LONG ROW WARD

The parishes of Burston, Gissing, Shelfanger, Tibenham and Winfarthing.

MARSHLAND WARD

The parishes of Aldeby, Burgh St Peter, Gillingham, Toft Monks and Wheatacre.

MERGATE WARD

The parishes of Bracon Ash, Mulbarton and Wreningham.

NEW COSTESSEY WARD

The New Ward of the parish of Costessey

NORTHFIELDS WARD

The Northfields Ward of the parish of Wymondham.

OLD COSTESSEY WARD

The Old Ward of the parish of Costessey.

ROSEBERRY WARD

The parishes of Framingham Earl, Framingham Pigot and Poringland.

RUSTENS WARD

The Rustens Ward of the parish of Wymondham.

SMOCKMILL WARD

The parishes of Flordon, Newton Flotman, Saxlingham Nethergate and Swainsthorpe.

SPRINGFIELDS WARD

The parishes of Bunwell and Carleton Rode.

STRATTON WARD

The parish of Long Stratton.

TASVALE WARD

The parishes of Shotesham and Stoke Holy Cross.

TOWN WARD

The Town Ward of the parish of Wymondham.

VALLEY WARD

The parishes of Alburgh, Denton, Earsham and Wortwell.

WAVENEY WARD

The parishes of Broome, Ellingham, Geldeston, Kirby Cane and Stockton.

WESTWOOD WARD

The parishes of Aslaeton, Fornsett, Great Moulton, Tacolneston and Warton.

WODEHOUSE WARD

The parishes of Barford, Barnham Broom, Kimberley, Rumball and Wrasplingham.

