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Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH  
OF HYNDBURN IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the borough of Hyndburn 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 13 May 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Hyndburn Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Lancashire County Council, the Altham Parish Council, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies 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 any interested bodies.
3. Hyndburn Borough 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 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 9 October 1974 the Hyndburn Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. In accordance with section 7 (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 they had exercised an option for elections by thirds and they proposed to divide the area into 17 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a Council of 47.

5. We considered the draft scheme, together with the only letter of comment which had been received. This letter from a district councillor, embodied a suggestion that the village of Belthorn should be transferred from one of the proposed wards to another. We looked at this carefully but concluded that there were insufficient grounds to justify our altering the Council's draft scheme in this manner. We noted that in terms of electoral equality the proposed wards showed a degree of unevenness on the basis of their present electorates. However, this is a borough where, in consequence of clearance schemes, development and re-development the number and distribution of the electors is changing at a fairly rapid rate and, on the basis of the Council's forecast of the electorate of the proposed wards by 1979, there would then be a much greater degree of equality. We concluded that the Council's predictions were probably reasonable ones and that we ought not to seek to propose changes to secure greater equality now. After consulting Ordnance Survey, we made some minor adjustments to the alignment of some of the boundaries in order to secure boundary lines which were more readily identifiable on the ground. We decided to adopt the ward names proposed by the Council. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

6. On 29 November 1974 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 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 24 January 1975.

7. The Hyndburn Borough Council responded recording their support for the proposals but drew attention to the inconvenience which might arise from one of the minor boundary changes which we had proposed involving a departure from a parliamentary constituency boundary. We considered this again but concluded that, in view of the parliamentary boundary review which must by Statute take place in the next few years, our boundary should be confirmed.

8. Three other comments were received. One came from the district councillor who had commented earlier about the village of Belthorn. There was no new evidence in support of the suggested modification and, having considered the matter again, we concluded that our previous decision should not be altered. Another comment proposed the enlargement of the Altham ward by the transfer of part of the Clayton-le-Moors ward, so as to create two 2-member wards. This was said to give fairer representation but we found that the draft proposals provided a better standard of representation and we decided to make no change. The third comment, from a community interest group, suggested that two of the proposed wards should have names different from those which we had proposed. We decided that the group's proposals should be adopted, and, subject to this, we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

9. 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 ward. Schedule 2 shows our proposals for the order of retirement of councillors. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the 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 Hyndburn Borough

Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the map is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

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Signed

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10. APRIL 1975.

## BOROUGH OF HYNDBURN: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
ALTHAM	1
BARNFIELD	3
BAXENDEN	3
CENTRAL	3
CHURCH	3
CLAYTON-LE-MOORS	3
EACHILL	2
HUNCOAT	3
IMMANUEL	3
MILNSHAW	3
NETHERTON	3
NORDEN	2
OVERTON	3
PEEL	3
ST ANDREWS	3
ST OSWALDS	3
SPRING HILL	3

## BOROUGH OF HYNDBURN: ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

PROPOSED WARD NAME	COUNCILLORS	YEAR OF RETIREMENT
Altham	1	1979
Eachill	1	1978 )
	1	1979 )
Norden	1	1978 )
	1	1980 )

## BOROUGH OF HYNDBURN: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

## OVERTON

Commencing at a point on the northwestern boundary of the district being N G. reference SD 7061632444, thence northwards and following the said district boundary and the northern boundary of the district to Whalley Road, thence southwards along the said road to Harwood Lane, thence southwestwards along the said lane to Park Road, thence southwards along the said road to Queen Street, thence westwards along the said street to Blackburn Road, thence southwestwards along the said road, and Lee Lane to Wilpshire Road, thence northwestwards, westwards and northwestwards along the said road to York Road, thence northwards along the said road to a point opposite N G. reference SD 7061632444 thence due west to the point of commencement.

## NETHERTON

Commencing at the point at which the unnamed stream flowing to the east of Cemetery Hotel to Norden Brook crosses the southeastern boundary of Overton Ward, thence northeastwards and following the said boundary to the northern boundary of the district, thence eastwards and following the said district boundary to the western boundary of Altham CP, thence southwestwards and following the said boundary and westwards and following Hyndburn brook to Norden Brook, thence westwards and following the said brook to the unnamed stream flowing to the east of Cemetery Hotel to Norden Brook, thence northwestwards and following the said stream to the point of commencement.

## CLAYTON-LE-MOORS WARD

Commencing at the point at which the southeastern boundary of Netherton Ward meets the western boundary of Altham CP, thence

southwestwards and following the said parish boundary to Burnley Road, thence southwestwards along the said road and Blackburn Road to the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, thence southwards along the said canal to the point at which it crosses the unnamed stream flowing to the north of Enfield Cricket Ground to Bottom Syke Brook thence westwards along the said unnamed stream to Bottom Syke Brook, thence southwards and following the said brook to Hyndburn Brook, thence westwards and following the said brook to the southeastern boundary of Netherton Ward thence, northeastwards and following the said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### NORDEN WARD

Commencing at the point at which Blackburn Road meets the western boundary of the district thence northwestwards and following the said district boundary to the southwestern boundary of Overton Ward thence eastwards, southwards and following the said boundary to the southern boundary of Netherton Ward, thence southwards and following the said boundary to the northwestern boundary of Clayton-Le-Moors Ward, thence southwards and following the said boundary to Hermitage Street thence westwards along the said street and High Street to Blackburn Road, thence southwestwards along the said road to the point of commencement.

#### EACHILL WARD

Commencing at the point at which Blackburn Road (Oswaldtwistle) meets the western boundary of the district, thence northwards and following the said boundary to the southern boundary of Norden Ward, thence northeastwards and following the said boundary to the western boundary of Clayton-Le-Moors Ward, thence southwards and following the said boundary and continuing generally southwards along Hyndburn Brook and White Ash Brook and southwestwards in a straight line to the Blackburn to Burnley railway, thence

northwestwards along the said railway to the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, thence southwards and following the said canal to the unnamed stream to the south of Accrington and District Golf Course, thence westwards and following the said unnamed stream to the access road west of Parcel No 5444 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 72/7328 Edition of 1967, thence southwards along the said access road to Blackburn Road (Oswaldtwistle), thence westwards along the said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of Redcap Garage, thence northwards, westwards and southwards along the eastern, northern and western boundaries of the said garage to Blackburn Road (Oswaldtwistle), thence westwards along the said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of Parcel No 5225 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 7128 Edition of 1956, thence northwards and westwards along the eastern and northern boundaries of the said parcel to the northern boundary of Parcel No 4423, thence westwards and southwards along the northern and western boundaries of the said parcel and continuing southward along the western boundary of Parcel No 4319 to Blackburn Road (Oswaldtwistle), thence southwestwards along the said road to the point of commencement.

CHURCH WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Eachill Ward meets the southern boundary of Clayton-le-Moors Ward, thence eastwards and following the said southern boundary to a point opposite the unnamed stream flowing north of Enfield Cricket Ground, thence eastwards to and along the said stream and southeastwards in a straight line to the southern boundary of Altham CP, thence southeastwards and following the said southern boundary to First Avenue, thence southwestwards along the said avenue and Second Avenue to Kingsway, thence southwards along Kingsway to the path leading from Kingsway to Queens Road West, thence southwestwards along the said path to Queens Road West, thence southeastwards along the said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 203 Queens Road West thence

southwestwards to and along the said boundary and westwards along the rear boundary of the said property to the northwestern boundaries of the properties on the west side of Gloucester Avenue, thence southwestwards along the said boundaries to the southern boundary of No 100 Gloucester Avenue, thence southeastwards along the said boundary to Gloucester Avenue, thence northeastwards along the said avenue to Lancaster Avenue, thence eastwards along the said avenue to a point opposite the western boundary of Milnshaw Park, thence southwards to and along the said boundary to the northern boundary of Parcel No 3493 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 7528 Edition of 1958, thence westwards and southwards along the northern and western boundaries of the said parcel to Hyndburn Road, thence westwards along the said road to Park Road, thence southwards along the said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 79 Park Road, thence westwards to and along the said boundary and the northern boundaries of No's 98 and 87 Monk Street and No 86 Princess Street to Princess Street, thence southwards along the said street and Porter Street and continuing southwards in a straight line to the Blackburn to Burnley railway, thence westwards and northwestwards along the said railway to the eastern boundary of Eachill Ward, thence northeastwards and following the said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### MILNSHAW WARD

Commencing at the point at which the southern boundary of Church Ward meets the eastern boundary of the said ward, thence northwards and following the said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Altham CP thence southeastwards and following the said southern boundary and northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of the said parish to Bolton Avenue, thence southeastwards along the said avenue to the Blackburn to Burnley railway, thence southwestwards along the said railway to Whalley Road, thence southeastwards along the said road to Castle Street, thence southwestwards along the said street to Milnshaw Lane, thence northwestwards

crossing the said lane to King Street, thence southwestwards along the said street to Hyndburn Road, thence westwards along the said road to the point of commencement.

#### PEEL WARD

Commencing at the point where Plantation Street meets Abbey Street thence northwestwards along Abbey Street and Whalley Road to the southeastern boundary of Milnshaw Ward, thence northwestwards and following the said boundary to Perry House Lane, thence southeastwards along the said lane to Burnley Road thence northeastwards along the said road to Alice Street, thence southeastwards along the said street and Surrey Street to Hodder Street, thence southwestwards along the said street to the access road northeast of No 36 Hodder Street, thence southeastwards along the said access road to the access road to the rear of the properties on the south-side of Hodder Street, thence southwestwards along the said access road to the road to the rear of Nos 20 and 18 Clarendon Street, thence southeastwards along the said road to the road to the rear of No 133 to 147 Plantation Street, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along the said road to Plantation Street, thence southwestwards along the said street to the point of commencement.

#### HUNCOAT WARD

Commencing at the point at which Plantation Street meets the eastern boundary of Peel Ward, thence northwestwards and following the said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Milnshaw Ward, thence northeastwards and following the said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Altham CP, thence northeastwards and following the said boundary to the eastern boundary of the district, thence southeastwards and following the said district boundary to the southern boundary of Parcel No 9186 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 78/7928 Revision of 1960, thence south-

westwards along the said boundary and the southern boundary of Parcel No 8000 to Kings Highway, thence westwards and northwestwards along Kings Highway to the southern boundary of Parcel No 1637 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 78/7729 Revision of 1960, thence southwestwards along the said boundary and continuing southwestwards along the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 1719 and northwestwards along the southwestern boundary of the said parcel and continuing northwestwards along the southwestern boundary of Parcel No 0027 to a point opposite the southern boundary of Parcel No 0021, thence southwestwards to and along the said southern boundary to the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 8620 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 76/7729 Edition of 1961, thence southwestwards along the said boundary to the path running northwestward through Parcel No's 8620, 7924 and 3800 thence northwestwards along the said path to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 3800 thence southwestwards to and along the said boundary and the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 2979 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 76/7728 Edition of 1969 to the path leading to Plantation Road, thence southeastwards and southwestwards along the said path to Plantation Road, thence southwestwards and westwards along the said road and continuing westwards along Plantation Street to the point of commencement.

#### ST OSWALD'S WARD

Commencing at the point where the western boundary of the district meets the southern boundary of Eachill Ward, thence southeastwards and following the said southern boundary to the southern boundary of Church Ward, thence southeastwards along the said boundary to Blackburn Road (Oswaldtwistle), thence southwestwards along the said road to Thwaites Road, thence southwards along the said road to Stanhill Lane, thence northwestwards along the said Lane and Stanhill Street to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 0843 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 7327 Edition of 1958, thence southwestwards and following the said boundary and the eastern boundary of Parcel

No 0934 to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 1634 thence southwards along the said boundary to Brookside Lane, thence westwards along the said lane to the path from Brookside Lane to Duckworth Hill Lane, passing to the west of the property known as Higher Duckworth Hill thence southwards along the said path to Duckworth Hill Lane, thence eastwards along the said lane to White Croft Road, thence southwards along the said road to Red Shell Lane thence southwards and westwards along the said lane to Elton Road, thence southeastwards along the said road to the southern boundary of the district, thence southwestwards and following the southern and western boundaries of the district to the point of commencement.

#### ST ANDREW'S WARD

Commencing at a point on the southern boundary of Church Ward opposite the stream to the east of the reservoir, thence southward to and along the said stream to the prolongation southeastwards of the northern boundary of St Mary's RC Mixed and Infants Primary School, thence northwestwards along the said prolongation to the street to the east of the said school, thence southwards along the said street to Moscow Mill Street, thence southeastwards along the said street to a point opposite the northeastern boundary of Clifton Mill, thence southeastwards to and along the said boundary to Coal Pit Lane, thence southeastwards and southwards along the said lane to Fairfield Street, thence westwards along the said street to a point opposite the stream flowing to the east of St Mary's RC Primary School, thence southwards to and along the said stream to the prolongation eastwards of the northern boundary of No 27 Laburnum Drive, thence westwards along the said prolongation and northern boundary and the northern boundary of No 25 Laburnum Drive to the southern boundary of the playing fields, thence westwards and northwestwards along the southern and western boundaries of the said playing fields to the access path southeast of No 31 Hawthorn Avenue, thence southwestwards along the said access path to Hawthorn Avenue, thence northwestwards along the said avenue to

Dene Bank Road, thence southwestwards along the said road to Malvern Avenue, thence northwestwards along the said avenue to Park Lane, thence southwestward along the said lane to Fielding Lane, thence northwestwards along the said lane to Heys Lane, thence southwestwards along the said lane to Stone Bridge Lane, thence northwestwards along the said lane to Union Road, thence southwestwards along the said road to Brookside Lane, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along the said lane to the eastern boundary of St Oswald's Ward, thence northwards and following the said boundary to the southern boundary of Church Ward, thence southeastwards and following the said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### SPRINGHILL WARD

Commencing at the point at which the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 0001 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 74/7525 Revision of 1960 meets the southwestern boundary of the said parcel, thence northwestwards along the said southwestern boundary and the southwestern boundaries of Parcel No's 7618 and 6224 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 74/7526 Revision of 1960 to the northeastern boundary of Parcel No 4922 and continuing northwestwards along the said boundary to the northeastern corner of Parcel No 4225, thence northwards in a straight line to the southern boundary of Parcel No 4434 thence eastwards and following the southern and eastern boundaries of the said parcel and continuing northwestwards along the northeastern boundary of Parcel No 4237 to the southern boundary of Parcel No 4241, thence eastwards and following the said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Parcel No 5054, thence northeastwards and following the said boundary to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 5457, thence northwards and following the said boundary to the eastern boundary of Parcel No 5363, thence northwards and westwards along the eastern and northern boundaries of the said parcel to the western boundary of Parcel No 4475, thence northwestwards and following the said boundary to the southern boundary of Parcel No 4084, thence westwards, northwards

and northwestwards along the southern western and northern boundaries of the said parcel and in prolongation of the said northern boundary to the path running to the east of Parcel No 3789, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along the said path to the southeastern corner of Parcel No 2200, thence northwestwards along the eastern boundary of the said parcel to a point opposite the issues of the unnamed stream opposite the rear boundary of No 18 Cartmel Avenue, thence due west to the said stream and northwestwards and following the said stream to the eastern boundary of St Andrew's Ward, thence northwestwards and following the said boundary to the southern boundary of Church Ward, thence eastwards along the said boundary to a point opposite Lonsdale Street, thence southwards to and along the said street to the access path to the north and east of the properties on the eastside of Lonsdale Street, thence southeastward and southward along the said access path to Charter Street, thence northeastwards along the said street to the access path to the rear of the properties on the northeastern side of Exchange Street, thence southeastwards along the said access path to Fairfield Street, thence northeastwards along the said street to Stevenson Street East, thence northeastwards along the said street to Chester Street, thence southeastwards along the said street to Willows Lane, thence southeastwards along the said lane to Ormerod Street, thence northeastwards along the said street and in prolongation thereof to the former Accrington to Stubbins railway, thence southeastwards along the said railway to Woodnook Water, thence southwestwards and following the said water to the footpath from Shoe Mill Viaduct to the unnamed road south of Victoria Cottage, thence generally southwestwards and southeastwards along the said footpath, passing east of Icohurst Cottages to the said unnamed road, thence southwestwards along the said road to the road east of Parcel No 0001 as shown on OS 1:2500 plan SD 76/7726 Revision of 1961 thence southwards along the said road to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of the said parcel, thence southwestwards to and along the said boundary to the point of commencement.

## CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at the point at which the southern boundary of Milnshaw Ward meets King Street, thence southwestwards along the said street to Edgar Street, thence southwards along the said street to Blackburn Road, thence southeastwards along the said road to Eagle Street, thence southwestwards and southwards along the said street to the prolongation northeastwards of the northern boundary of Springhill Ward, thence southwestwards along the said prolongation and continuing southwestwards and following the northern boundary of the said ward to the southern boundary of Church Ward, thence eastwards and following the said boundary to the southern boundary of Milnshaw Ward, thence eastwards and following the said boundary to the point of commencement.

## BARNFIELD WARD

Commencing at the point at which the prolongation southwestwards of the northern boundary of Parcel No 1049 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 76/7727 Edition of 1961 meets the eastern boundary of Springhill Ward, thence northwards and following the said eastern ward boundary to the eastern boundary of Central Ward, thence northeastwards and following the said boundary to the southern boundary of Milnshaw Ward, thence northeastwards and following the said boundary to the western boundary of Peel Ward, thence southeastwards and eastwards along the western and southern boundaries of the said ward to the southern boundary of Huncoat Ward, thence eastwards and following the said boundary to the eastern boundary of the district, thence southeastwards and following the said boundary to the point at which it meets Warden Brook, thence southwestwards and following the said brook to the road passing through the works on the east side of Manchester Road, thence northwestwards and westwards along the said road to Shop Lane, thence northwestwards along the said lane to

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Christ Church Street, thence southwestwards along the said street to Rough Lee Road, thence southwards and southwestwards along the said road to Royds Street, thence northwestwards along the said street to a point opposite the footpath from Royds Street to Belfield Road, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along the said footpath to the rear boundary of No 111 Belfield Road, thence southwestwards along the said boundary and the rear boundaries of No's 113 to 169 Belfield Road, thence westwards along the southern boundary of No 169 Belfield Road and continuing westward to the northern boundary of Parcel No 1049 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 76/7727 Edition of 1961, thence westwards and following the said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the point of commencement.

#### IMMANUEL WARD

Commencing at the point at which the southern boundary of the District meets the eastern boundary of St Oswald's Ward, thence northwestwards and following the said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of St Andrew's Ward, thence eastwards and following the said boundary to the western boundary of Springhill Ward, thence southeastwards and following the said boundary to the southwestern boundary of Accrington Moor, thence southeastwards along the said boundary to the northwestern boundary of Parcel No 3846 as shown on Ordnance Survey 1:2500 plan SD 76/7725 Revision of 1960, thence northeastwards along the said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the road from Accrington Moor to Roundhill Road, thence southeastwards along the said road to the southern boundary of the district, thence southwestwards and following the said district boundary to the point of commencement.

## BAXENDEN WARD

Commencing at the point at which the southern boundary of the district meets the northeastern boundary of Immanuel Ward, thence northwestwards along the said northeastern boundary to the southeastern boundary of Springhill Ward, thence northeastwards and following the said boundary to the eastern boundary of the said ward, thence northwestwards and following the said boundary to the southern boundary of Barnfield Ward, thence northeastwards and following the said boundary to the eastern boundary of the district, thence southwards and following the eastern and southern boundaries of the district to the point of commencement.

## ALTHAM WARD

The parish of Altham and that area bounded by a line commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Church Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Clayton-Le-Moors Ward, thence northwards and following the said southeastern boundary to the western boundary of Altham CP thence southeastwards and southwestwards along the said boundary to the northern boundary of Church Ward, thence westwards and following the said boundary to the point of commencement.