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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  
BOROUGH OF KETTERING 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 borough of Kettering 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 borough.
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 Kettering Borough 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 Kettering Borough 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 31 January 1975, Kettering Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the borough into 22 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 45.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council. We noted that the scheme complied with the rules in schedule 11 to the Local Government Act and our own guidelines. We further noted that this scheme was the result of wide consultation and had a substantial measure of local support.

7. We received an alternative scheme from a political party who objected to the draft scheme and put forward proposals for a 33 member council based on 3 member wards in the urban area. Although we would have preferred a smaller sized council, we thought the pattern of wards was less satisfactory and saw no particular advantage in creating 3 member wards in a borough which was to have whole council elections. We concluded that the Council's scheme provided the more satisfactory standard of representation for the area.

8. We also received comments suggesting alternative arrangements for some of the parishes. We carefully considered these but decided not to adopt them in our draft proposals since we preferred the arrangements in the draft scheme.

9. After consultation with Ordnance Survey, we decided to propose some slight realignment of the Wicksteed/Barton and Kingsley/All Saints ward boundaries in order to secure more readily identifiable boundaries. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

10. On 7 April 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 2 June 1975.

11. We received comments expressing support for the draft proposals.

12. The political party who had previously made representations wrote objecting to the draft proposals. They continued to press for the adoption of their alternative proposals and in this they were now supported by the group of councillors on Northamptonshire County Council representing the same political party. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments we had received and decided that since no new factors had been put forward we had no reason to change our draft proposals.

13. We formulated our final proposals accordingly.

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 Kettering Borough Council and will be made available for public inspection at the Council's

main offices. Copies of the 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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July 1975

SCHEDULE 1

BOROUGH OF KETTERING : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

| <u>NAME OF WARD</u> | <u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| ALL SAINTS          | 2                        |
| AVONDALE            | 3                        |
| BARTON              | 2                        |
| BUCCLEUCH           | 1                        |
| ISE VALLEY          | 3                        |
| KINGSLEY            | 2                        |
| LATIMER             | 2                        |
| LOATLAND            | 2                        |
| PIPERS HILL         | 2                        |
| PLESSY              | 2                        |
| QUEEN ELEANOR       | 1                        |
| ST ANDREW'S         | 3                        |
| ST GILES'           | 2                        |
| ST MARY'S           | 3                        |
| ST MICHAEL'S        | 2                        |
| ST PETER'S          | 2                        |
| SLADE               | 2                        |
| TRESHAM             | 2                        |
| TRINITY             | 2                        |
| WARKTON             | 2                        |
| WELLAND             | 1                        |
| WICKSTEED           | 2                        |



## SCHEDULE 2

### DESCRIPTION OF WARDS: KETTERING BOROUGH

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.

#### ST PETER'S WARD

Commencing at the point where Slade Brook meets the northeastern boundary of Broughton CP, thence northwestwards and following said boundary, the eastern boundaries of Cransley CP and Thorpe Malsor CP and the southern boundary of Rothwell CP to the Kettering to Leicester railway, thence southwards along said railway to a point opposite the southern boundary of the Corporation Depot and Abattoir, thence eastwards to and along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to Northfield Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to Lower Street, thence southeastwards and following said street to Gold Street, thence northeastwards along said street to Silver Street, thence generally southwards along said street and the roads known as Dalkeith Place and Horse Market and London Road to Bowling Green Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Sheep Street, thence northwards along said street to Northampton Road, thence westwards along said road to Slade Brook, thence generally southwards along said brook to the point of commencement.

#### KINGSLEY WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of St Peter's Ward meets the southern boundary of Rothwell CP, thence northeastwards and following said southern boundary, and the southern boundaries of Rushton CP and Weekley CP to the track from Weekley Wood Lane to Blandford Avenue passing through the site of the Romano-British Settlement, thence generally southwards along said track to the rear boundaries of the properties on the northern side of Blandford Avenue, thence northeastwards along

said boundaries to the rear boundaries of the properties on the eastern side of Mitchell Street, thence southeastwards along said boundaries to the southern boundary of number 2 Mitchell Street, thence southwestwards along said boundary and northwestwards along the western boundary of said property to Kingsley Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to Bath Road, thence southwards along said road to Masefield Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Hallwood Road, thence northwards along said road to Britannia Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Rockingham Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Northfield Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to the eastern boundary of St Peter's Ward, thence westwards and northwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### ALL SAINTS WARD

Commencing at the point where Grafton Street meets the eastern boundary of Kingsley Ward, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of Weekley CP, thence eastwards and southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of parcel number 6164 as shown on Ordnance Survey plan number SP 86/8780 copyright of 1972, thence generally southwestwards along said boundary and the western boundary of the Allotment Gardens to the rear boundary of number 41 Scott Road, thence southeastwards and following the rear boundaries of numbers 41 to 75 Scott Road and the western boundary of 136 Weekley Glebe Road and in continuation to said road, thence westwards along North Park Drive to a point opposite the eastern boundary of North Park Recreation Ground, thence southwards along said boundary, the eastern boundary of the disused Abattoir and the western boundary of the garages to the south of number 1 Rosewood Place, to Cedar Road, thence southwestwards along said road and Wood Street to Rockingham Road, thence northwestwards along said road to Grafton Street, thence southwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

## ST ANDREW'S WARD

Commencing at the point where Montagu Street meets the eastern boundary of St Peter's Ward, thence southwestwards and following said boundary, the eastern boundary of Kingsley Ward and the southern boundary of All Saints Ward to Bath Road, thence southeastwards and following said road to Montagu Street, thence southwestwards along said street to the point of commencement.

## AVONDALE WARD

Commencing at the point where Montagu Street meets the eastern boundary of St Andrew's Ward, thence northwards and following said boundary and the eastern boundary of All Saints Ward to the southern boundary of Weekley CP, thence southeastwards along said boundary to Stamford Road, thence southwestwards along said road and Montagu Street to the point of commencement.

## ST MARY'S WARD

Commencing at the point where St Mary's Road meets London Road, thence northwards along said London Road and the eastern boundary of St Peter's Ward to the southern boundary of St Andrew's Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of Avondale Ward to Windmill Avenue, thence southeastwards and southwards along said avenue to Elm Road, thence northwestwards along said road to St Mary's Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

## WARKTON WARD

Commencing at the point where Deeble Road meets the eastern boundary of St Mary's Ward, thence northwards and following said boundary and the eastern boundary of Avondale Ward to the southern boundary of Weekley CP, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the western boundary of Warkton CP, thence southwestwards and following said boundary and the River Ise to Deeble Road, thence westwards along said road to the point of commencement.

ST MICHAEL'S WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Broughton CP meets the eastern boundary of St Peter's Ward, thence northwards and following said ward boundary to the western boundary of St Marys Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary and London Road to a point opposite the southern boundary of number 326 London Road, thence westwards to and along said boundary and northwards along the rear boundaries of said property and number 324 London Road to the southern boundary of number 314 London Road, thence westwards along said boundary the southern boundary of the orchard, the rear boundaries of numbers 11 to 43 Netherfield Road, to and along the rear boundaries of numbers 52 to 2 Springfield Road, numbers 16 to 9 Springfield Close, numbers 7 to 9 Manor Place, the southern boundary of number 7 Highfield Road, crossing said road to the eastern boundary of the school playing fields thence southwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of numbers 59 to 63 and 106 to 102 Bishop's Drive to the Kettering to Bedford railway, thence northwestwards along said railway to the unnamed road from the road known as Headlands to Broughton Lodge, thence southwestwards along said road to the northeastern boundary of Broughton CP, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

PIPERS HILL WARD

Commencing at the point where Barton Road meets the eastern boundary of St Michael's Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of St Marys Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary and the southern boundary of Warkton Ward to the River Ise, thence southwards and following said river to Barton Road, thence westwards and following said road to the point of commencement.

## WICKSTEED WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Broughton CP meets the eastern boundary of St Michael's Ward, thence northeastwards and following said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Pipers Hill Ward, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the River Ise, thence southwards and following said river to the northern boundary of Pytchley CP, thence southwestwards and following said boundary and the northeastern boundary of Broughton CP to the point of commencement.

## ISE VALLEY WARD

Commencing at the point where Barton Road meets the eastern boundary of Pipers Hill Ward, thence northwards and following said boundary and the eastern boundary of Warkton Ward to the southwestern boundary of Warkton CP, thence southeastwards and following said boundary and western boundary of Cranford CP to Cranford Road, thence westwards and northwestwards along said road to Barton Road, thence northwards and following said road to the point of commencement.

## BARTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Wicksteed Ward meets the southern boundary of Ise Valley Ward, thence eastwards and following said southern boundary to the western boundary of Cranford CP, thence southwards and following said boundary and the northwestern boundary of Burton Latimer CP to the eastern boundary of Pytchley CP, thence westwards and following said boundary and the eastern boundary of Wicksteed Ward to the point of commencement.

## BUCCLEUCH WARD

The parishes of Cranford, Grafton Underwood, Newton, Rushton, Warkton, Weekley.

LATIMER WARD

Latimer ward of the parish of Burton Latimer.

LOATLAND WARD

Loatland ward of the parish of Desborough.

PLESSY WARD

Plessy ward of the parish of Burton Latimer.

QUEEN ELEANOR WARD

The parish of Geddington.

ST GILES' WARD

St Giles' ward of the parish of Desborough.

SLADE WARD

The parishes of Broughton, Cransley, Harrington, Loddington, Orton, Pytchley, Thorpe Malsor.

TRESHAM WARD

Tresham ward of the parish of Rothwell.

TRINITY WARD

Trinity ward of the parish of Rothwell

WELLAND WARD

The parishes of Ashley, Brampton Ash, Braybrooke, Dingley, Stoke Albany, Sutton Bassett, Weston-by-Welland, Wilbarston.