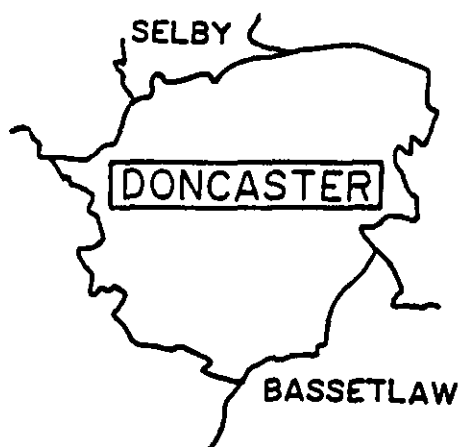


# LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

## Review of SOUTH YORKSHIRE

### DONCASTER

Boundaries with: SELBY DISTRICT (North Yorks) and  
BASSETLAW DISTRICT (Notts)



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COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT AND PROPOSALS

INTRODUCTION

1. On 1 September 1987 we wrote to Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council announcing our intention to undertake a review of Doncaster as part of our review of the Metropolitan County of South Yorkshire and its Metropolitan Districts under section 48(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. Copies of the letter were sent to the adjoining Metropolitan District Councils, the County and District Councils bordering the Metropolitan County and parishes in Doncaster and the adjoining districts; to the Local Authority Associations; the Members of Parliament with constituency interests; and the headquarters of the main political parties. In addition, copies were sent to those government departments, regional health authorities, water and port authorities, electricity and gas boards which might have an interest, as well as to British Telecom, the English Tourist Board, the local government press, and the local television and radio stations serving the area.

2. The Metropolitan Borough Councils were requested, in co-operation as necessary with the other principal authorities, to assist us in publishing the start of the review by inserting a notice for two successive weeks in local newspapers so as to give a wide coverage in the areas concerned. The Councils were also asked to ensure that the consultation letter was drawn to the attention of those involved with services such as the Police and

administration of justice, in respect of which they have a statutory function.

3. A period of seven months from the date of the letter was allowed for all local authorities, including those in the surrounding districts, and any person or body interested in the review, to send us their views on whether changes to the borough boundary were desirable and, if so, what those changes should be and how they would serve the interests of effective and convenient local government, the criterion laid down in the Act.

#### **THE SUBMISSIONS MADE TO US AND OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS/INTERIM DECISIONS**

4. In response to our letter we received representations from the Metropolitan Borough of Doncaster, Selby District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, and Nottinghamshire County Council. We also received representations from Finningley Parish Council, Scrooby Parish Council and residents of the districts concerned.

5. The submissions put to us concerned suggestions for relatively minor changes to the borough boundary.

6. We also received submissions suggesting changes to Doncaster's boundaries with Barnsley, Rotherham and Wakefield. These will be considered separately as part of the reviews of those boroughs. We also received submissions relating to Doncaster's boundary with Boothferry in Humberside. We decided to postpone consideration of this boundary until we had completed our further review of the County of Humberside and will accordingly issue a separate report on this stretch of Doncaster's boundary.

## DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR MINOR REALIGNMENTS

### The boundary between Doncaster and Bassetlaw

#### (a) A631 Tickhill to Bawtry

7. Doncaster Borough Council had suggested that the boundary be realigned from the centre to the south side of the A631 in order to simplify highway maintenance. Nottinghamshire County Council and Bassetlaw District Council supported the suggestion.

8. We noted that the recommendation had the support of all the local authorities and that it would simplify highway maintenance. We also noted that a section of boundary to the west of the recommendation was not well defined. We decided therefore to adopt Doncaster's suggestion as our draft proposal and to extend it to clarify the boundary in this area.

#### (b) Lakewood House

9. Two members of the public had suggested amending the boundary so that their properties, Lakewood House and (in part) South Lodge, would be transferred to Nottinghamshire. The suggestion was supported by Scrooby Parish Council and opposed by Nottinghamshire County Council, Bassetlaw District Council and Doncaster Borough Council. Doncaster put forward an alternative suggestion which would have the effect of uniting South Lodge in Doncaster and would also provide a clearly identifiable boundary.

10. We felt that the properties concerned had more affinity with Bawtry in Doncaster than Nottinghamshire and therefore decided to adopt Doncaster Borough Council's suggestion as our draft proposal.

(c) River Idle

11. Doncaster Borough Council had suggested realigning the boundary to the new course of the River Idle. The suggestion was supported by Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

12. We noted that the current boundary was based on the original course of the river which has since moved leaving the boundary unrelated to physical features. We decided in view of this to adopt Doncaster Borough Council's suggestion as our draft proposal.

(d) The Parish of Finningley

13. Finningley Parish Council had originally suggested that the boundary be redrawn to its position prior to 1974 thereby transferring Finningley from Doncaster to Bassetlaw. Following the election of a new parish council and a decision taken at a parish meeting this suggestion was subsequently withdrawn.

14. We noted that the majority of those residents who took part in a poll, were opposed to the idea of moving Finningley to Nottinghamshire. As we felt that the transfer would not result in any improvement in effective and convenient local government we decided to take an interim decision to make no proposal in this area.

The boundary between Doncaster and Selby

(e) Kirk Smeaton/Little Smeaton

15. We considered the boundary between Doncaster and Selby and noted that at Water Lane, Kirk Smeaton an isolated section of Water Lane was maintained by Doncaster while the rest of the road was the responsibility of North Yorkshire. This did not appear to us to be efficient in local government terms. We decided

therefore to issue a draft proposal for the area to simplify administration and to remove a length of defaced boundary.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS/INTERIM DECISIONS**

16. The letter announcing our draft proposals and interim decisions was published on 8 August 1989. Copies were sent to the local authorities concerned and to all those who had made representations to us. The Borough of Doncaster, Selby and Bassetlaw District Councils and Nottinghamshire and North Yorkshire County Councils were asked to publish a notice giving details of our decisions and to post copies of it at places where public notices are customarily displayed. They were also asked to place copies of our letter on deposit for inspection at their main offices for a period of eight weeks. Comments were invited by 13 October 1989.

#### **RESPONSE TO OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS/INTERIM DECISIONS: OUR FINAL PROPOSALS**

17. We received representations from five sources in the period we allowed for response to our draft proposals letter. They included comments from Doncaster Borough Council, Bassetlaw and Selby District Councils and North Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils. .

18. As required by section 60(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, we have carefully considered all the representations made to us and set out below our final proposals.



## MINOR REALIGNMENTS

### The boundary between Doncaster and Bassetlaw

(a) A631 Tickhill to Bawtry

19. Our draft proposal was supported by Doncaster Borough Council, Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. There were no opposing comments. We have decided to confirm our draft proposal as final.

(b) Lakewood House

20. Our draft proposal was supported by Doncaster Borough Council, Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. There were no opposing comments. We have decided to confirm our draft proposal as final.

(c) The River Idle

21. Our draft proposal was supported by Doncaster Borough Council, Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. There were no opposing comments. We have decided to confirm our draft proposal as final.

(d) The Parish of Finningley

22. We received no representations in respect of our interim decision. There were no opposing comments. We decided to confirm our interim decision as final.

### The boundary between Doncaster and Selby

(e) Kirk Smeaton/Little Smeaton

23. Our draft proposal was supported by Doncaster Borough Council, Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County

Council. There were no opposing comments. We have decided to confirm our draft proposal as final.

#### **PUBLICATION**

24. A separate letter is being sent to Doncaster Borough Council, Bassetlaw and Selby District Councils and Nottinghamshire and North Yorkshire County Councils asking them to deposit copies of this report at their main offices for inspection for six months. They are also asked to put notices to this effect on public notice boards and in the local press. The text of the notice will explain that the Commission has fulfilled its statutory role in this matter, and that it now falls to you to make an order implementing the proposals, if you think fit, though not earlier than six weeks from the date it is submitted to you. Copies of this report, to which are attached maps illustrating the proposed changes, are also being sent to all those who received our draft proposals and interim decisions letter, and to those who made written representations.

Signed

G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

J G POWELL (Deputy Chairman)

K F J ENNALS

G R PRENTICE

HELEN SARKANY

S T GARRISH  
Secretary  
22 March 1990

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FINAL PROPOSALS

Existing Boundary	—————
Proposed Boundary	- - - - -
Other existing Boundaries	.....

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**LOCATION DIAGRAM**



Map 1

NORTH YORKSHIRE

SELBY DISTRICT

Little Smeaton

River Went

Area C

Playing Field

Kirk Smeaton

Area B

Area D

Area G

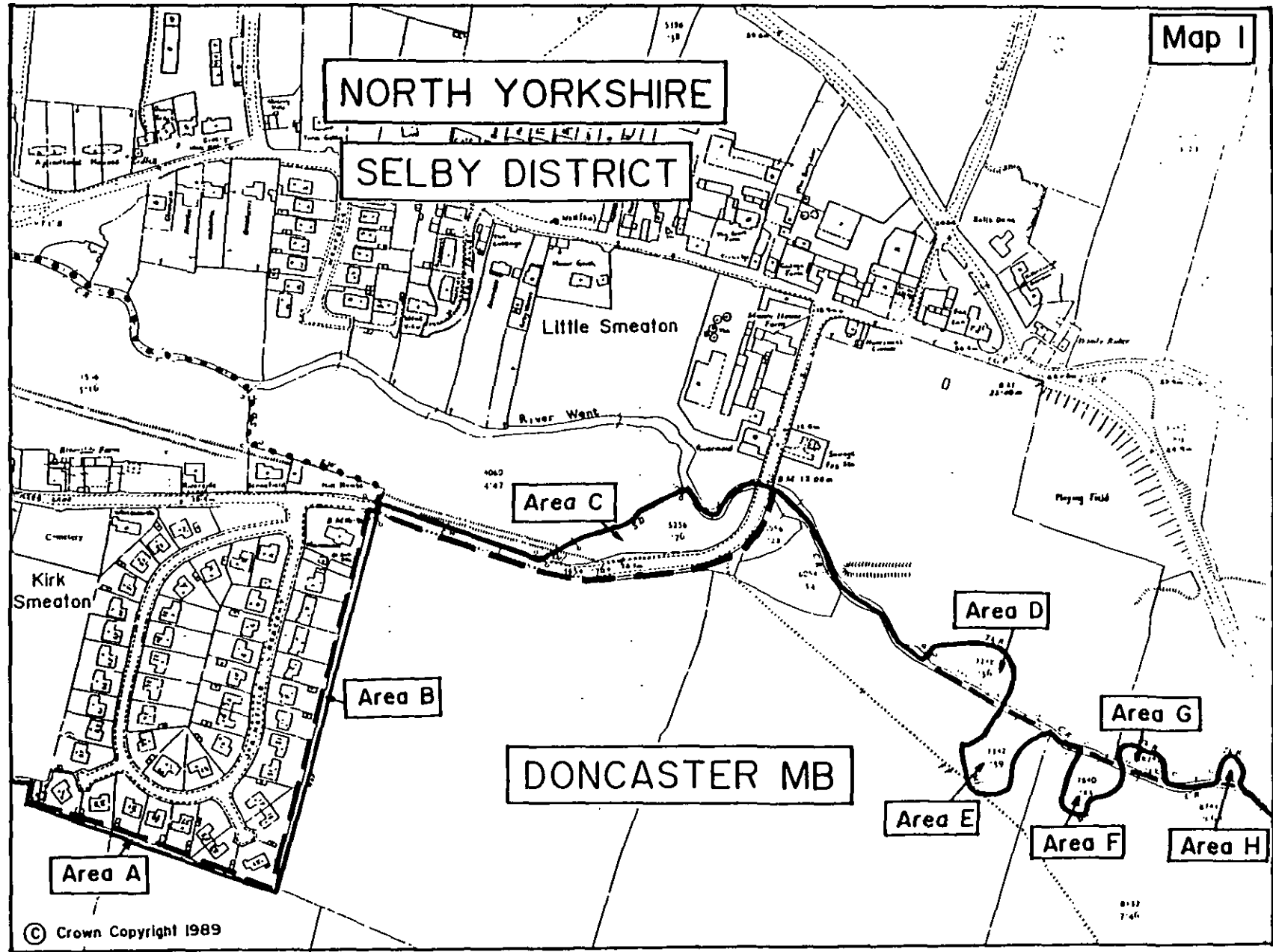
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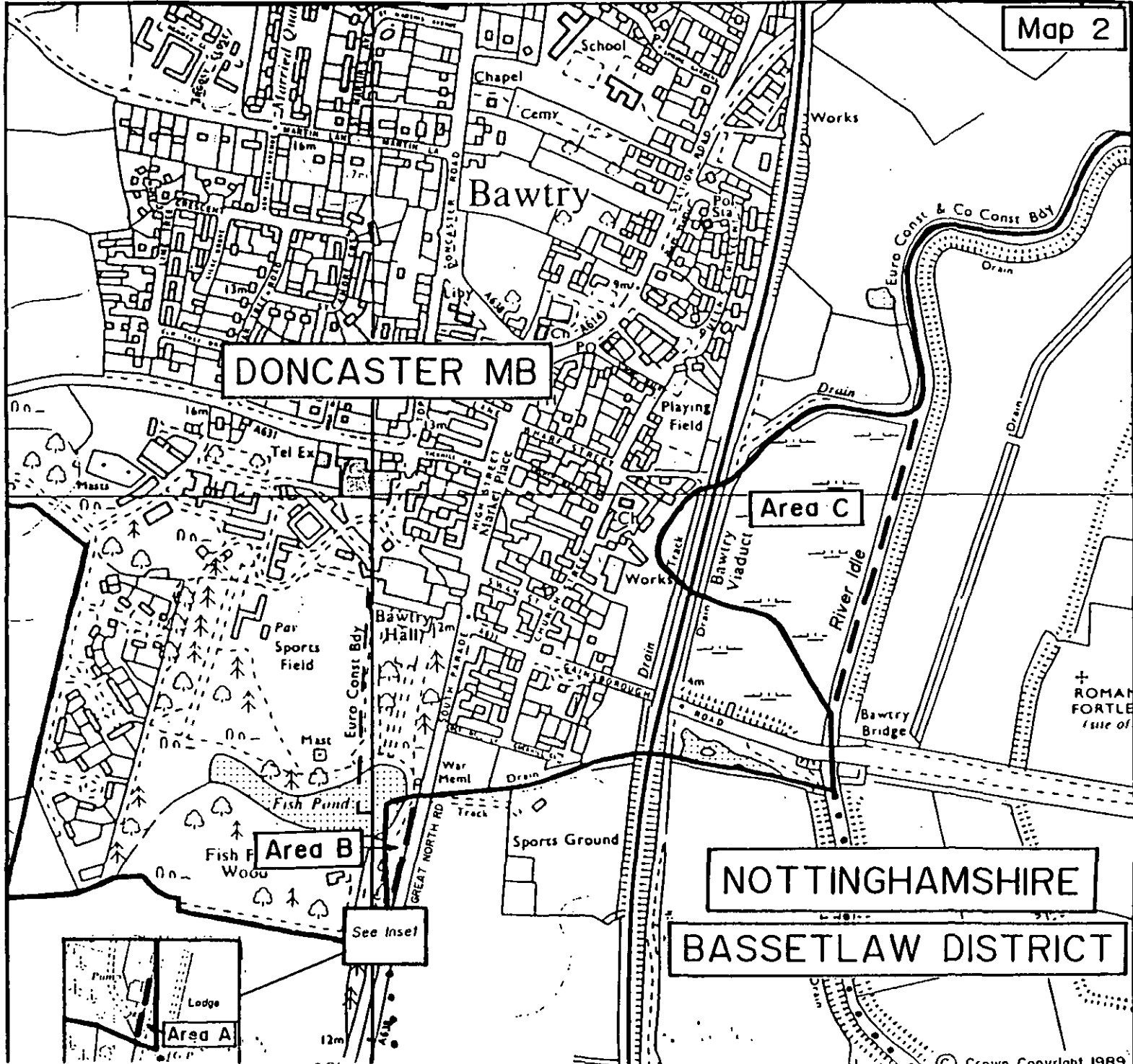
Area E

Area F

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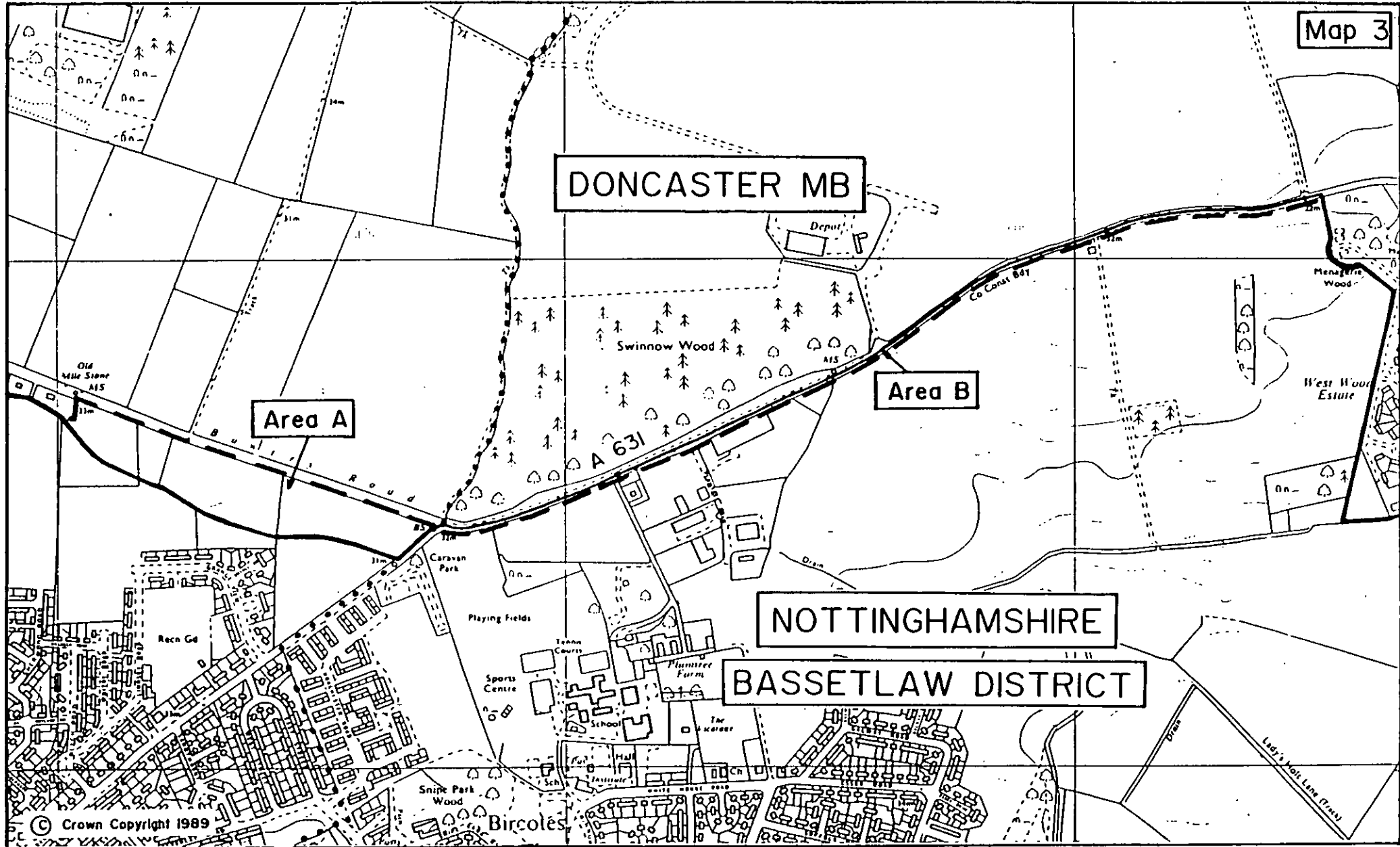


DONCASTER MB

Area A

Area B

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE  
BASSETLAW DISTRICT





# CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES

Map No.	Area Ref.	From	To
1	A B	North Yorkshire Selby District Kirk Smeaton CP Whitley Ward Osgoldcross ED	South Yorkshire Doncaster MB Norton CP Askern Ward
	E F	North Yorkshire Selby District Little Smeaton CP Whitley Ward Osgoldcross ED	South Yorkshire Doncaster MB Norton CP Askern Ward
	C D G H	South Yorkshire Doncaster MB Norton CP Askern Ward	North Yorkshire Selby District Little Smeaton CP Whitley Ward Osgoldcross ED
2	A	South Yorkshire Doncaster MB Bawtry CP South East Ward	Nottinghamshire Bassetlaw District Scrooby CP Ranskill Ward Miserton ED
	B	Nottinghamshire Bassetlaw District Scrooby CP Ranskill Ward Miserton ED	South Yorkshire Doncaster MB Bawtry CP South East Ward
	C	Nottinghamshire Bassetlaw District Scratworth CP Everton Ward Miserton ED	South Yorkshire Doncaster MB Bawtry CP South East Ward
3	A	South Yorkshire Doncaster MB Tickhill CP Southern Parks Ward	Nottinghamshire Bassetlaw District Harworth Bircotes CP Harworth West Ward Blyth and Harworth ED
	B	Nottinghamshire Bassetlaw District Harworth Bircotes CP Harworth East Ward Blyth and Harworth ED	South Yorkshire Doncaster MB Bawtry CP Sout East Ward