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PROPOSALS FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON/NEW FOREST  
DISTRICT BOUNDARY BETWEEN REDBRIDGE CAUSEWAY AND SOUTHAMPTON WATER

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out a review of the boundary between the City of Southampton and the District of New Forest in the vicinity of Redbridge Causeway and Southampton Water, now submit our report.
  
2. In February 1976 we considered a request from the Secretary of State for the Environment to review the above boundary under Section 73 of the Local Government Act 1972. Subsequently, the request was withdrawn and the Secretary of State asked the Commission to proceed under Sections 47-52 of the Local Government Act 1972.
  
3. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 21 October 1976 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in consultation letters addressed to the Southampton City and New Forest District Councils, copies of which were circulated to Hampshire County Council, the Parish Councils in the New Forest District, the Department of the Environment, The British Transport Docks Board, the Southern Water Authority, and Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned. 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. In reply we received the following representations.

4. Southampton City Council put forward two suggestions. The first proposed changes to only that part of the channel of the River Test affected by the existing docks. Their second suggestion took into account possible future dock extensions and would have involved the realignment of most of the existing boundary.
5. New Forest District Council supported Southampton City Council's proposals only insofar as they affected development already completed. They did not feel there was a strong case for realigning the boundary to take account of future development.
6. Hampshire County Council and Totton and Eling Town Council supported the view taken by New Forest District Council.
7. The Post Office registered objections to Southampton City Council's proposals because they would result in higher rates for the Post Office property situated in the area proposed to be transferred and the loss of a substantial discount for prompt payment.
8. The Member of Parliament for one of the constituencies concerned wrote with some general observations on the organisation of his constituency but made no specific point in respect of the River Test boundary review.
9. We considered all the representations. We took the view that neither of the alternatives suggested by Southampton City Council was acceptable. The first suggestion was open to the objection that it would still have left portions of a defaced boundary; not fixed by reference to the centre of the channel at low water. The second suggestion would have produced a new defaced boundary, and was in any case premature.

10. We did not feel that the Post Office's objections provided sufficient justification for retaining the existing boundary.

11. Following discussions with Ordnance Survey we concluded that their suggestion to realign the boundary along the centre of the low water channel was acceptable as a basis for our draft proposals. We therefore adopted the Ordnance Survey's line and formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

12. On 21 April 1977 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter and to those who had submitted representations thereon. Southampton City Council and New Forest District Council were asked to make our draft proposals and the accompanying map, defining the realignment of the boundary between Redbridge Causeway and Southampton Water, 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 for comments to reach us by 10 June 1977.

13. The only comments we received were from Southampton City Council, New Forest District Council, the British Transport Docks Board and the Southern Water Authority, all accepting our draft proposals. We therefore decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

14. Details of these proposals are set out on the attached map. The proposed boundary is defined on the map which also shows alterations to the boundaries of the affected wards and parishes. Schedule 1 to this report describes the consequential alterations to the electoral areas concerned.

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 map is being sent to Southampton City and New Forest District Councils, and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without map) are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

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THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S  
FINAL PROPOSALS FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON AND THE DISTRICT OF NEW FOREST, INVOLVING  
ALTERATIONS TO PARISHES ADJACENT TO THAT BOUNDARY AND  
CONSEQUENTIAL ALTERATIONS TO ELECTORAL AREAS CONCERNED

- (1) Between the point where the Southampton to Bournemouth railway crosses the River Test in the north-west and the point where the western boundary of the Borough of Eastleigh meets Southampton Water in the south-east the boundary between the areas mentioned in (a) and the area mentioned in (b), namely -
- (a) the District of New Forest and the Parishes of Totton and Eling, Marchwood and Dibden therein; and
  - (b) the City of Southampton,
- shall be in a line running along the centre for the time being of the said River Test at low water.
- (2) Between the boundary displaced by paragraph (1) and the boundary thereby established any extension which is necessary of any of the following boundaries, namely -
- (a) the boundary between the Town of Totton and Eling and the Parish of Marchwood;
  - (b) the boundary between the Parishes of Marchwood and Dibden;
  - (c) the boundary between the Dibden and Hythe North Wards in the Parish of Dibden;
- and, until the 3rd May 1979
- (d) the boundary between Wards nos 16 and 11 of the City of Southampton;
  - (e) the boundary between Wards nos 11 and 2 of the said city;
  - (f) the boundary between Wards nos 2 and 1 of the said city;
  - (g) the boundary between Wards nos 1 and 6 of the said city;
- and, on and after 3rd May 1979
- (h) the boundary between the Redbridge and Millbrook Wards

of the City of Southampton;

- (i) the boundary between the Millbrook and Bargate Wards of the said city;
  - (j) the boundary between the Bargate and Woolston Ward of the said city shall be a line running in prolongation of any such boundary from its existing junction with the boundary displaced by paragraph (1) to the boundary so established.
- (3) Any alteration of a parish made by paragraphs (1) or (2) shall extend to any ward of said parish, and any electoral division of the County of Hampshire or ward of the District of New Forest in which the parish is situated.
- (4) The alterations proposed in paragraph 2(d) - (g) shall apply (without time limits) to the corresponding electoral divisions of the County of Hampshire, namely the Southampton No 16 (Redbridge); the Southampton No 11 (Millbrook); the Southampton No 2; the Southampton No 1 and the Southampton No 6 (Woolston) divisions.