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3. Support for Sedgefield District Council's request had been expressed by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Sedgefield Town Council, Grindon Parish Council, Stillington Parish Meeting, and by those who attended the majority of local meetings held in the parishes of Sedgefield and Stillington. Cleveland and Durham County Councils had no objections to Sedgefield District Council's proposals.

4. We considered the District Council's request, as required by section 48(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having regard to the Department of the Environment Circular 33/78 and to our own Report No. 287.

5. We noted that the changes proposed were comparatively minor and that there was agreement among the interested parties. In our view the proposals met the criteria set out in paragraph 14 of the Department of the Environment Circular 33/78.

6. As a result we decided that we should undertake a review, and that the circumstances were sufficiently exceptional to enable us to shorten the normal procedure by publishing draft proposals, based on Sedgefield District Council's request, at the same time as we announced our intention to carry out a review.

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8. Our draft proposals were supported by Durham and Cleveland County Councils, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Sedgefield Town Council, Grindon Town Council, the Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils, and the Northern Regional Health Authority: no objection to them was received.

9. We are satisfied that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the boundary between the District of Sedgefield and the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees should be realigned as indicated in our draft proposals. We therefore confirm these as our final proposals.

10. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report. Schedule 1 specifies the proposed changes in local authority areas and Schedule 2 specifies the consequential adjustments to the existing electoral arrangements. The proposed boundary is shown on the attached map.

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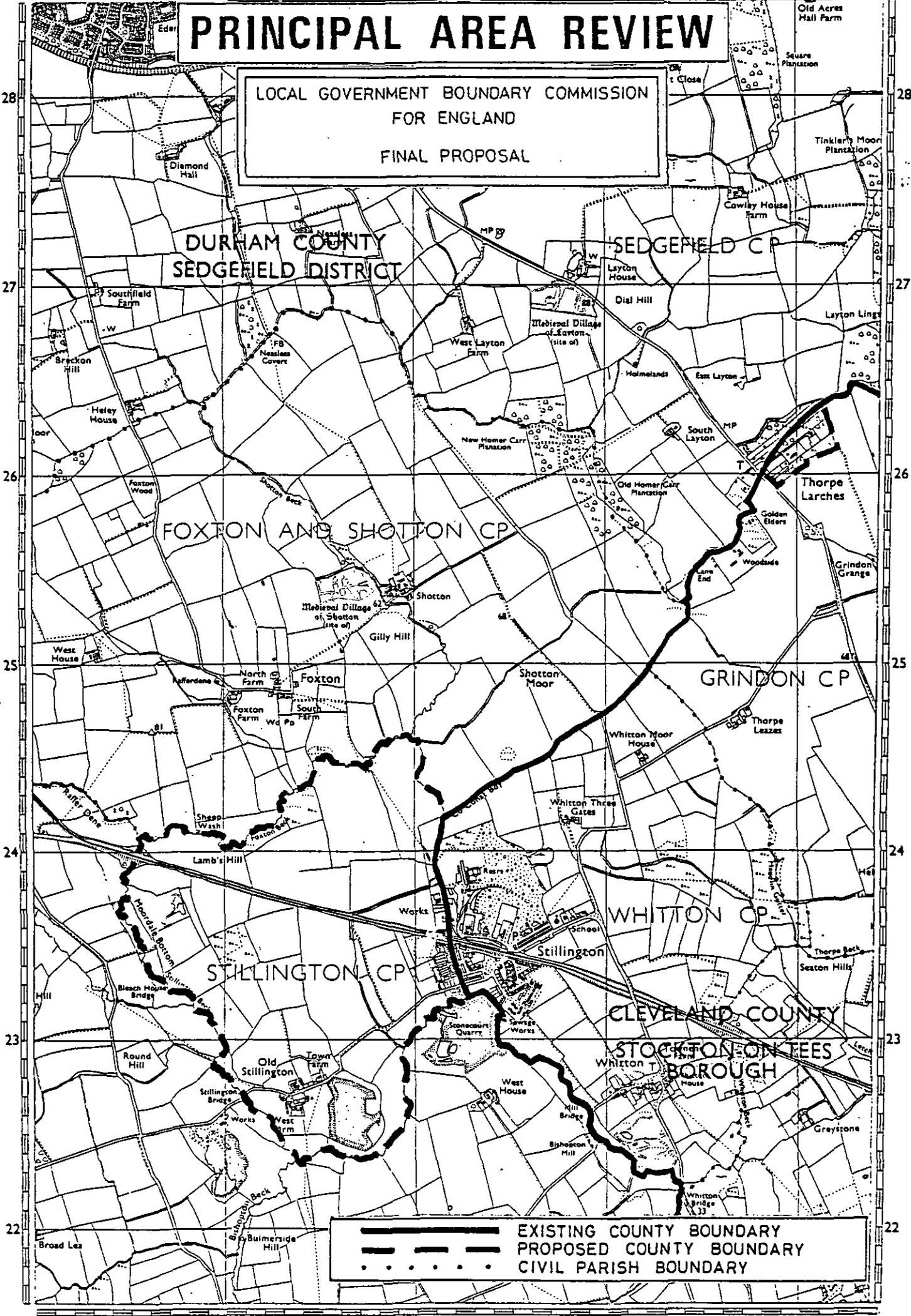
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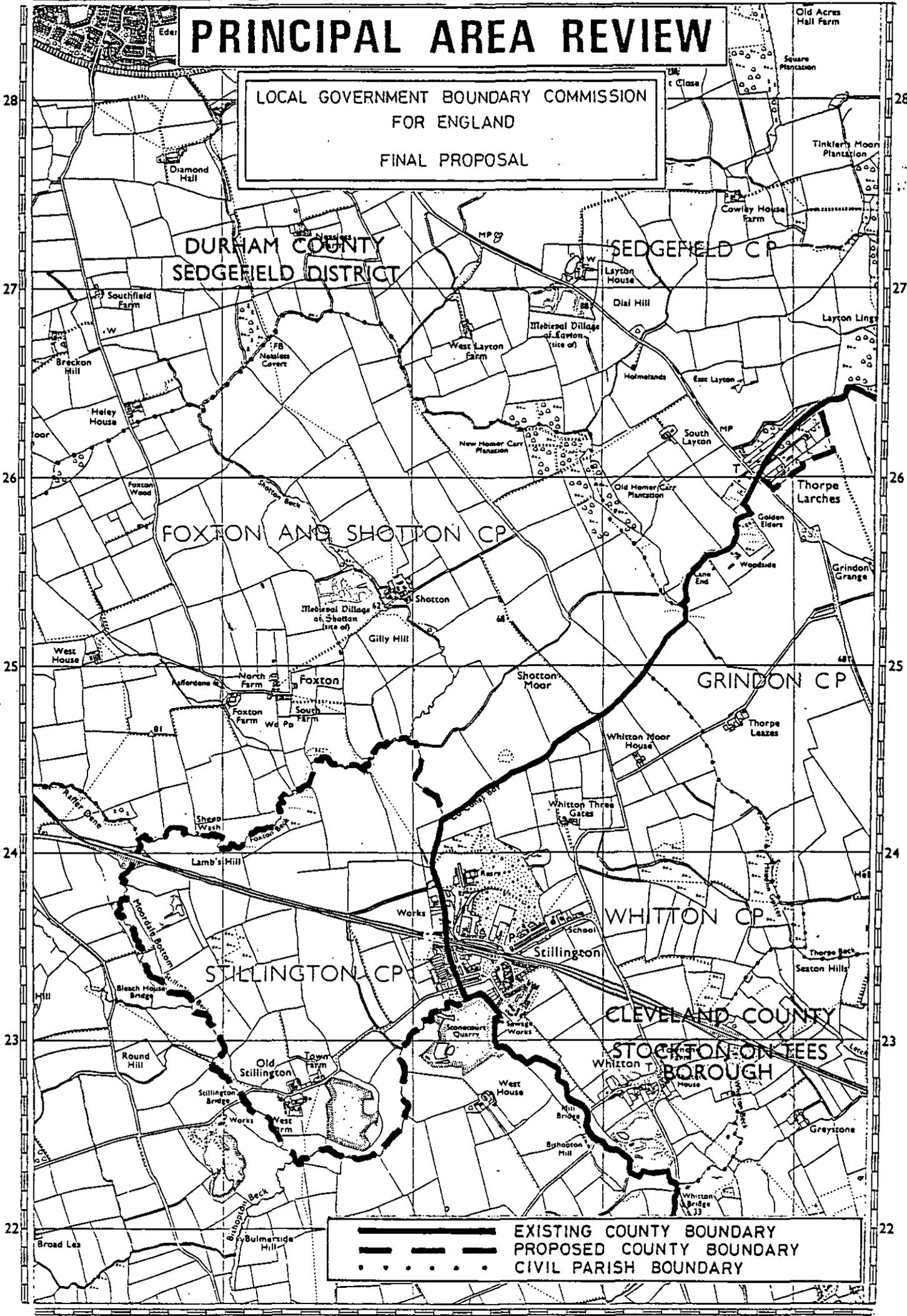
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