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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

1. In accordance with the responsibilities imposed by Section 48, subsection (8) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Medina Borough Council conducted a parish review and reported to us on 19 August 1982. The Borough Council's report, with supporting documents is enclosed. It recommends the constitution of three new parishes, Gurnard, Wootton and St. Helens, all of which would be unwarded and represented by 9, 10 and 8 members respectively. Changes to district ward/county division boundaries recommended in the Carisbrooke, Cowes and Newport areas as a tidying up of "demonstrable anomalies" were not consequences of the three new parishes and were therefore outside the scope of the parish review. The Borough Council decided that no changes were necessary for the remainder of this area.

2. We considered the Borough Council's report and associated comments in accordance with the requirements of Section 48(9) of the Act, together with the enclosed representations which were received direct and are listed in the attached Schedule. We are satisfied that the review was carried out in accordance with the requirements of Section 60 of the Act.

3. As a result of our initial consideration we were disposed, bearing in mind the guidelines contained in Department of the Environment Circular 121/77, to adopt the proposals for the new parishes of Gurnard, Wootton and St Helens recommended by the Borough Council, as apt for securing effective and convenient local government; however, we had reservations about the Borough Council's decision not to recommend a parish for Cowes. We noted that the Council's reason for not recommending the parish was the limited response by local residents to a referendum held in the area. Nevertheless, we also noted that although there appeared to be some apathy, a majority of those local residents who had reacted positively was in favour of a parish. We regarded the degree of local support as critical in this instance and decided that we should exercise the powers conferred on us by Section 48, subsection (9) of the 1972 Act and review the area ourselves for the purpose of considering whether it would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government for us to make a proposal for a parish for Cowes.

4. In making this decision, we concluded that the circumstances were sufficiently exceptional to enable us to shorten the normal procedure by publishing draft proposals at the same time as we announced our intention to carry out a review. On 27 June 1983 we issued a consultation letter announcing the start of a review and publishing our draft proposals, based on the area which the Borough Council had considered for possible parishing during their review. Our draft proposals also contained details of warding arrangements for the new parish, which would be divided into five wards to be

represented by sixteen parish councillors, as follows: Cowes Castle (East) - 1,455 electors (3 councillors), Cowes Castle (West) - 1,624 electors (4 councillors), Cowes Central - 1,920 electors (4 councillors), Cowes Medina (East) - 2,052 electors (4 councillors), and Cowes Medina (West) - 485 electors (1 councillor). The letter was addressed to Medina Borough Council; copies were sent to the Isle of Wight County Council, the Member of Parliament for the constituency, the headquarters of the main political parties, the Isle of Wight Association of Parish and Town Councils, local newspapers circulating in the area, local radio stations and the local government press. Notices in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and interested bodies.

5. Twelve comments were received in response to our draft proposals. Ten of these strongly supported the constitution of a parish of Cowes. The Isle of Wight County Council had no comments to make on the proposal and Medina Borough Council wished to adhere to their previous recommendation. We have decided that the degree of local support and the lack of local opposition was sufficient to justify a parish of Cowes. We decided therefore to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

6. We accordingly make to you the proposals recommended by Medina Borough Council for the formation of the three new parishes of Gurnard, Wootton and St Helens, together with our own final proposals for a new parish of Cowes, including the warding arrangements described in paragraph 4 above. Full details of our proposals are set out in the Schedules to this report, and illustrated by sketch maps.

7. A letter is being sent with copies of this report (excluding enclosures) to Medina Borough Council asking them in accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, to place copies on deposit at their main offices, and to put notices to this effect on public notice boards and in the local press. The text of the notice will suggest that any comments on the Commission's report should be addressed to you, in writing, preferably within six weeks of the date of the letter.

Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

SIGNED: G J ELLERTON (Chairman)

WILFRED BURNS (Deputy Chairman)

JOAN ACKNER

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Secretary

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REPRESENTATIONS MADE DIRECT TO THE COMMISSION AFTER PUBLICATION
OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S REPORT

1. Isle of Wight Association of Parish and Town Councils
2. Mr G A Gibbons
3. Isle of Wight County Council

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BOROUGH OF MEDINA - CIVIL PARISH REVIEW

FINAL PROPOSALS

- NOTE:
- i. Where a boundary is described as following a road railway, river, canal or similar feature, it shall be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature, unless otherwise stated.
 - ii. the District Wards referred to in this description are those defined in the Borough of Medina (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976.
 - iii. the County Electoral Divisions referred to in this description are those defined in the County of Isle of Wight (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980.

SCHEDULE 1.

Creation of a new Civil Parish.

It is proposed that a new Civil Parish, to be known as Cowes, shall be created and will comprise the areas described below:

1. The Medina Borough Wards of Cowes Castle

Cowes Central

Cowes Medina

2. Area A: that part of the Medina Borough Ward of Cowes Northwood bounded by a line commencing on the eastern boundary of said Ward at a point opposite the northern side of the access road to Solent Middle School, thence northwestwards to and along the northern side of said access road to the eastern boundary of said School, thence northeastwards and northwestwards along said eastern boundary and northeastwards, southeastwards, northwards and northwestwards along the eastern and northeastern boundaries of the Solent Middle School Playing Field to its northernmost corner, thence due northwest from said corner to the northern boundary of Cowes Northwood Ward, being MLW, thence northeastwards along said Ward boundary to the northeastern boundary of said Ward, thence southwards and southwestwards along said northeastern boundary to the point of commencement.

Area B: that part of the Medina Borough Ward of Cowes Northwood bounded by a line commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of said Ward meets the Path following the line of the Dismantled Railway to the southwest of the Boatbuilding Yard, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the culvert of the unnamed stream flowing eastwards from Northwood Cemetery, thence westwards along said stream to its Issues, thence due west to the eastern boundary of Northwood Cemetery, thence northwards along said eastern boundary to the northeastern boundary of Cowes Northwood Ward, thence eastwards and southwards along said Ward boundary to the point of commencement.

SCHEDULE 2

Proposed Wards for Cowes CP.

It is proposed that the proposed Cowes CP as described in Schedule 1, shall be divided into five Civil Parish Wards as described below.

1. Cowes Castle West Ward

Area A, as described in Schedule 1

and that part of the Medina Borough Ward of Cowes Castle bounded by a line commencing at the junction of the southern and western boundaries of said Ward, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along said western boundary and eastwards along Baring Road to Ward Avenue, thence southwards along said avenue to Park Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Princes Street, thence southeastwards along said street to the southern boundary of Cowes Castle Ward, thence southwestwards, northwestwards and southwestwards along said Ward boundary to the point of commencement.

2. Cowes Castle East Ward.

That part of the Medina Borough Ward of Cowes Castle not included in Cowes Castle West CP Ward

3. Cowes Central Ward

The Medina Borough Ward of Cowes Central

and Area C, being that part of the Medina Borough Ward of Cowes Medina bounded by a line commencing at the junction of Victoria Road and Newport Road being a point on the southeastern boundary of the Cowes Central ED of the Isle of Wight County, thence southwards and westwards along said ED boundary to the southeastern boundary of Cowes Central Ward, thence northwards and northeastwards along said Ward boundary to the point of commencement.

4. Cowes Medina West Ward

That part of the Medina Borough Ward of Cowes Medina which is within the Northwood ED of the Isle of Wight County.

5. Cowes Medina East Ward

Area B as described in Schedule 1

and that part of the Medina Borough Ward of Cowes Medina not included in the proposed Cowes Central or Cowes Medina West Wards.

SCHEDULE 3

Revised Borough electoral arrangements, consequent upon the proposals described in Schedules 1 and 2.

It is proposed that the Borough Wards, as defined in the Borough of Medina (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976, shall be altered as described below.

1. Cowes Castle Ward shall be extended by the addition of Area A, as described in Schedule 1, and will comprise the proposed Cowes Castle East and Cowes Castle West CP Wards.

2. Cowes Medina Ward shall be extended by the addition of Area B as described in Schedule 1, and reduced by the deduction of Area C, as described in Schedule 2, and will comprise the proposed Cowes Medina East and Cowes Medina West CP Wards.

3. Cowes Central Ward shall be extended by the addition of Area C, as described in Schedule 2, and will comprise the proposed Cowes Central CP Ward.

4. Cowes Northwood Ward shall be reduced by the deduction of Area A and Area B, as described in Schedule 1.

SCHEDULE 4

Revised County electoral arrangements, consequent upon the proposals described in Schedules 1 and 2.

It is proposed that the County Electoral Divisions, as defined in the County of Isle of Wight (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980, shall be altered as described below.

1. Cowes Castle ED shall be extended by the addition of Area A, as described in Schedule 1, and will comprise the proposed Cowes Castle East and Cowes Castle West CP Wards.
2. Cowes Medina ED shall be extended by the addition of Area B, as described in Schedule 1, and will comprise the proposed Cowes Medina East CP Ward.
3. Gurnard ED shall be reduced by the deduction of Area A, as described in Schedule 1.
4. Northwood ED shall be reduced by the deduction of Area B, as described in Schedule 1.

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