

# **Review of the Lothian / Borders Regional Boundary at Carlops**

**Report to the Secretary of State for Scotland**

**Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland**

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TO THE RT HON MALCOLM RIFKIND QC MP  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, present our report on a review which we have carried out on the Lothian/Borders Regional boundary at Carlops.

ORIGIN AND COMMENCEMENT OF REVIEW

2. In November 1988, we informed Lothian Regional Council, Borders Regional Council, Midlothian Regional Council and Tweeddale District Council that we were considering carrying out a review of the local authority boundary at Carlops. We invited them to comment on a possible realignment of the regional boundary at Carlops because at the property known as Paties Mill the house and part of its garden grounds is situated within Lothian Region while the remainder of the garden ground and access lies within Border Region. Paties Mill appeared to be part of the Carlops community and therefore in terms of effective and convenient local government it seemed appropriate to transfer that property from Midlothian District of Lothian Region to Tweeddale District of Borders Region.

REPRESENTATIONS

3. All the local authorities consulted confirmed that they had no objection to the proposed change. The owner of the property concerned also confirmed that he approved of the proposed transfer.

THE COMMISSION'S PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATION

4. Our provisional recommendation involved the transfer of an area extending to 0.35 hectares or thereby with consequential adjustments to the electoral divisions affected in Lothian and Borders Regions and the wards affected in Midlothian and Tweeddale Districts.

PUBLICATION OF THE COMMISSION'S PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATION

5. On 13 March 1989 we intimated, by public notice in newspapers circulating in the area, our provisional recommendation. We sent copies of the recommendation to the affected local authorities, the Electoral Registration Officers of Lothian Region and Borders Region, the community councils directly concerned, the Members of Parliament with a constituency interest, the Scottish headquarters of the political parties, the editors of local newspapers and the local government press. Comments were invited by 7 April 1989.

CONSIDERATION OF REPRESENTATIONS

6. No representations or objections were received. We have accordingly adopted our provisional proposal as our final recommendation for the Lothian/Borders Regional boundary at Carlops.

FINAL RECOMMENDATION

7. Having carried out a review of the boundary of the said Regions, we recommend that the area, the boundaries of which are described in

Schedule 1 to the report should be transferred from Midlothian District of Lothian Region to Tweeddale District of Borders Region. We propose that, as a consequence of the transfer, alterations should be made to wards in Midlothian District and Tweeddale District as specified in Schedule 2 to the report and to electoral divisions in Lothian Region and Borders Region as specified in Schedule 3 to the report. The map incorporated in our report shows the area proposed for transfer as described in Schedule 1 to the report, and the new boundary constituted by the transfer.

8. We make our recommendation on the grounds that the transfer of property known as Paties Mill from Midlothian District of Lothian Region to Tweeddale District of Borders Region will bring that property within the community of Carllops, with which the owners clearly identify, and will therefore result in more effective and convenient local government.

9. Our proposals for consequential change in electoral areas are straightforward involving a transfer between related wards and electoral divisions affected. Two electors are involved.

#### PUBLICATION

10. In accordance with the provisions of section 18(3) of the 1973 Act we are arranging for copies of the report to be deposited for inspection by the public at the main offices of Lothian Regional Council, Borders Regional Council, Midlothian District Council and Tweeddale District Council. In addition copies of our report are being sent to those who received our consultation letter, and to others who have expressed an interest. Notice has been given in newspapers circulating in the area of the fact that the report has been made. The notice invites interested persons to inspect the report and map at the offices of the 4 Councils.

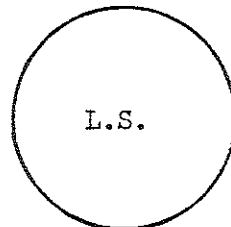
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SCHEDULE 1

DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDARY OF AREA OF PROPOSED TRANSFER FROM  
LOTHIAN REGION TO BORDERS REGION AT CARLOPS

Commencing on the existing Lothian/Borders regional boundary at a point (Grid Ref NT 1602 5619) on the River North Esk; then generally northwards, eastwards and southwards by fenceline, which forms the curtilage boundary of property known as Paties Mill on the north side of the River North Esk, to rejoin the said regional boundary at a point (Grid Ref NT 1612 5619) on the River North Esk; then generally westwards along the said regional boundary to the point of commencement.

## SCHEDULE 2

CONSEQUENTIAL ALTERATION TO WARD 1 (PENICUIK SOUTH WEST) OF  
MIDLOTHIAN DISTRICT IN LOTHIAN REGION AND TO WARD 8 (LINTON)  
OF TWEEDDALE DISTRICT IN BORDERS REGION

District	Ward	Proposed Alteration	1989 Electorate	
			Before Alteration	After Alteration
Midlothian	1	The area described in Schedule 1 to this report shall cease to be part of this Ward	4,792	4,790
Tweeddale	8	The area described in Schedule 1 to this report shall be transferred from Ward 1 of Midlothian District to this Ward	1,274	1,276

SCHEDULE 3

CONSEQUENTIAL ALTERATIONS TO ELECTORAL DIVISION 40  
(PENICUIK) OF LoTHIAN REGION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION 3  
(WEST TWEEDDALE) OF BORDERS REGION

Electoral Division	Region	Present Content	Proposed Content	1989 Electorate	
				Before Alteration	After Alteration
40	Lothian	Wards 1, 2 and 3 in Midlothian District	Wards 2 and 3 in Midlothian District and Ward 1 in the same District as altered in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this report	13,287	13,285
3	Borders	Wards 8, 9 and 10 in Tweeddale District	Wards 9 and 10 in Tweeddale District and Ward 8 in the same District as altered in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this report	3,455	3,457

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