Report on Interim Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

with respect to the areas comprised in the constituencies of Ayr, Cunninghame South, Clackmannan, Perth and Kinross, Dumbarton, Stirling, East Lothian, Roxburgh and Berwickshire, Edinburgh South, Midlothian, Hamilton, East Kilbride, Strathkelvin and Bearsden, and Clydebank and Milngavie.

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In accordance with Part I of the First Schedule to the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1949, as amended by paragraph I of the Schedule to the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1958, the Commission was constituted as follows:

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The Speaker of the House of Commons, Chairman.

And three other Members

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Mr Adam R Napier—appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland. Professor Urlan A Wannop—appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland.

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The Director General of Ordnance Survey.

Secretary

Mr A Simmen—appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Boundary Commission for Scotland

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MALCOLM RIFKIND QC MP Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Scotland

- 1. We, the Boundary Commission for Scotland, are constituted in accordance with the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Acts 1949 to 1979 for the purpose of the continuous review of the distribution of seats at parliamentary elections in Scotland. We are required to make periodical reports at intervals of not less than ten or more than 15 years from the date of our last report. In addition, under section 2(3) of the 1949 Act, we are empowered to make reports from time to time with respect to the area comprised in any particular constituency or constituencies in Scotland.
- 2. Our last report on parliamentary constituencies, the Third Periodical Report (Cmnd 8794), was submitted to the Secretary of State in February 1983 and the recommendations in that report were given effect to by the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1983 (SI 1983 No 422) made in March 1983. In that report (paragraph 278) we indicated that, before the date of the next periodical report due in 10–15 years' time, we would, as necessary, make recommendations under section 2(3) of the 1949 Act in the light of any significant changes in the size of electorate in certain areas and of alterations of local authority boundaries. This report is made under section 2(3) of the 1949 Act and recommends changes in the boundaries of the following parliamentary constituencies in order that they may conform with changes in local authority boundaries which have come into operation since February 1983:
 - (i) Ayr county constituency and Cunninghame South county constituency;
 - (ii) Clackmannan county constituency and Perth and Kinross county constituency;
 - (iii) Dumbarton county constituency and Stirling county constituency;
 - (iv) East Lothian county constituency, and Roxburgh and Berwickshire county constituency;
 - (v) Edinburgh South burgh constituency and Midlothian county constituency;
 - (vi) Hamilton burgh constituency and East Kilbride county constituency;
 - (vii) Strathkelvin and Bearsden county constituency, and Clydebank and Milngavie county constituency.
- 3. Notice of our intention to consider making a report with respect to these areas was submitted to you on 13 February 1986 and was published in the Edinburgh Gazette on 25 February 1986. The enumeration date for this interim review is therefore 25 February 1986 and our recommendations are based on the numbers of parliamentary electors in these areas on that date. We issued our provisional recommendations on 12 March 1986 and, as required by the Acts, we published the recommendations in at least one newspaper circulating in each of the areas affected, inviting any persons who wished to do so to make representations to us about our proposals within the statutory period of one month. Copies of the recommendations, with illustrative maps, were made available for public inspection at local authority offices and other suitable places within each constituency affected. We are grateful to the local authorities and their officers for their co-operation in these arrangements. In addition, copies of the recommendations and maps were sent to the political parties in Scotland and to the Members of Parliament for the constituencies affected, and copies were deposited in the Library of the House of Commons for inspection there.
- 4. The considerations which led to our proposals are set out below.

(i) Ayr county constituency and Cunninghame South county constituency The Kyle and Carrick District and Cunninghame District (Drybridge and Barassie/Gailes Foreshore) Boundaries Amendment Order 1984, which came into operation on 1 April 1984, transferred an area extending to almost three acres at Drybridge Village, and an area of foreshore at Barassie/Gailes extending to about one and three-quarter miles, from Kyle and Carrick District to Cunninghame District, thereby altering the district boundary which formed part of the constituency boundary between Ayr CC and Cunninghame South CC. These transfers affect 14 parliamentary electors at Drybridge at present in Ayr CC. Our provisional recommendation was that the constituency boundary be altered to conform with the new district boundary. No representations were received.

We recommend the adoption of our provisional recommendation.

Constituency	Parliamentary electorate 1986	Net change in electorate	Electorate after recommended alteration
Ayr CC	67,066	- <u>- 14</u>	67.052
Cunninghame South CC	50,498	+14	50.512

(ii) Clackmannan county constituency and Perth and Kinross county constituency The Central and Tayside Regions and Clackmannan District and Perth and Kinross District (Backhill, Glendevon) Boundaries Amendment Order 1984, which came into operation on 1 April 1985, transferred an area of about 300 acres at Backhill, Glendevon, from Central Region and Clackmannan District to Tayside Region and Perth and Kinross District, thereby altering the regional and district boundary which formed part of the constituency boundary between Clackmannan CC and Perth and Kinross CC. This transfer affects two parliamentary electors at Backhill, Glendevon at present in Clackmannan CC. Our provisional recommendation was that the constituency boundary be altered to conform with the new regional and district boundary. No representations were received.

We recommend the adoption of our provisional recommendation.

Constituency	Parliamentary electorate 1986	Net change in electorate	Electorate after recommended alteration
Clackmannan CC	49,375		49,373
Perth and Kinross CC	63,509	+2	63,511

(iii) Dumbarton county constituency and Stirling county constituency The Central and Strathclyde Regions (Croftamie) Boundaries Order 1982, which came into operation on 1 April 1983, transferred an area of some 1,500 acres including the village of Croftamie from Strathclyde Region and Dumbarton District to Central Region and Stirling District, thereby altering the regional and district boundary which formed part of the constituency boundary between Dumbarton CC and Stirling CC. This transfer affects 204 parliamentary electors in the Croftamie area at present in Dumbarton CC. Our provisional recommendation was that the constituency boundary should be altered to conform with the new regional and district boundary. Mr Ian Campbell MP (Member for Dumbarton) and Mr Michael Forsyth MP (Member for Stirling) wrote to us in support of the proposal, while Dumbarton District Council informed us that they had no observations to make. No other representations were received.

We recommend the adoption of our provisional recommendation.

Constituency	Parliamentary electorate 1986	Net change in electorate	Electorate after recommended alteration
Dumbarton CC	59,235	-204	59.031
Stirling CC	58,178	+204	58,382

(iv) East Lothian county constituency and Roxburgh and Berwickshire county constituency The main effect of the Lothian and Borders Regions and East Lothian and Berwickshire Districts (Monynut and Bothwell Valleys) Boundaries Amendment Order 1984, which came into operation on 1 April 1985, was to transfer an area of about 7,900 acres at Monynut and Bothwell valleys from Lothian Region and East Lothian District to Borders Region and Berwickshire District, thereby altering the regional and district boundary which formed part of the constituency boundary between East Lothian CC and Roxburgh and Berwickshire CC. This transfer affects 32 parliamentary electors in the Monynut and Bothwell valleys at present in East Lothian CC. Our provisional recommendation was that the constituency boundary be altered to conform with the new regional and district boundary. Lothian Regional Council informed us that they had no representations to make in regard to the proposal. No other representations were received.

We recommend the adoption of our provisional recommendation.

Constituency	Parliamentary electorate 1986	Net change in electorate	Electorate after recommended afteration
East Lothian CC Roxburgh and Berwickshire CC	65,478 43,350	-32 +32	- 65,446 43,382

(v) Edinburgh South burgh constituency and Midlothian county constituency The City of Edinburgh District and Midlothian District (Danderhall) Boundaries Amendment Order 1985, which came into operation on 1 April 1986, transferred areas of about 15 acres at Danderhall from the City of Edinburgh District to Midlothian District and an area of about 31 acres from Midlothian District to the City of Edinburgh District, thereby altering the district boundary which formed part of the constituency boundary between Edinburgh South BC and Midlothian CC. These transfers affect 15 electors in the Danderhall area at present in Edinburgh South BC. Our provisional recommendation was that the constituency boundary be altered to conform with the new district boundary. Lothian Regional Council informed us that they had no representations to make in regard to the proposal. No other representations were received.

We recommend the adoption of our provisional recommendation.

Constituency	Parliamentary electorate 1986	Net change in electorate	Electorate after recommended alteration
Edinburgh South BC	63,580	-15	63,565
Midlothian CC	61,088	+15	61,103

(vi) Hamilton burgh constituency and East Kilbride county constituency The East Kilbride and Hamilton Districts (Greenhall Estate. Blantyre and Torrance House, East Kilbride) Boundaries Amendment Order 1984, which came into operation on 1 April 1985, transferred an area of about 13 acres at Greenhall Estate. Blantyre from East Kilbride District to Hamilton District and an area of about 38 acres at Torrance House, East Kilbride from Hamilton District to East Kilbride District, thereby altering the district boundary which formed part of the constituency boundary between Hamilton BC and East Kilbride CC. There are no parliamentary electors in either of the areas transferred. Our provisional recommendations were that the constituency boundary be altered to conform with the new district boundary. No representations were received.

We recommend the adoption of our provisional recommendations.

Constituency	Parliamentary electorate 1986	Number of electors affected
Hamilton BC	63,072	Nil
East Kilbride CC	63,630	Nil

(vii) Strathkelvin and Bearsden county constituency and Clydebank and Milngavie county constituency The Strathkelvin District and Bearsden and Milngavie District (Dougalston) Boundaries Amendment Order 1986, which came into operation on 1 April 1986, transferred areas of about 12 acres and 44 acres at Dougalston from Strathkelvin District to Bearsden and Milngavie District, thereby altering the district boundary which formed part of the constituency boundary between Strathkelvin and Bearsden CC and Clydebank and Milngavie CC. These transfers affect two parliamentary electors in the Dougalston area at present in Strathkelvin and Bearsden CC. Our provisional recommendation was that the constituency boundary be altered to conform with the new district boundary. No representations were received.

We recommend the adoption of our provisional recommendation.

Constituency	Parliamentary electorate 1986	Net change in electorate	Electorate after recommended alteration
Strathkelvin and Bearsden CC	63,547	-2	63.5 4 5
Clydebank and Milngavie CC	51,212	+2	51,214

5. The detailed administrative contents of our final recommendations, which are the same as our provisional recommendations, are set out in Appendix A. Maps illustrating the recommended changes are contained in Appendix B.

C. K. DAVIDSON

Deputy Chairman for the Boundary Commission for : Scotland

St Andrew's House EDINBURGH 29 December 1986

Appendix A

Proposed contents of Parliamentary Constituencies in respect of which changes in boundaries are recommended

- Ayr CC 1. Electoral divisions 97 (Ayr North), 98 (Ayr South) and 100 (North Kyle) in Kyle and Carrick District;
 - 2. wards 11 (St Cuthberts), 12 (St Nicholas) and 13 (Kingcase) of Kyle and Carrick District.
- Cunninghame South CC Electoral divisions 88 (Irvine Central), 89 (Irvine South) and 90 (Kilwinning and Stevenston) in Cunninghame District.
 - Clackmannan CC 1. Clackmannan District; 2. electoral division 13 (Carseland) in Stirling District;
 - 3. electoral division 29 (Kinnaird) in Falkirk District.
 - Perth and Kinross CC

 1. Electoral divisions 33 (Inveralmond), 34 (Moncreiffe), 35 (St Johnstoun), 36 (Viewlands), 37 (Letham), 41 (Strathearn), 42 (Tullibardine), 45 (Gowrie) and 46 (Kinross) in Perth and Kinross District;
 2. ward 43 (Gowrie) of City of Dundee District.
 - Dumbarton CC Dumbarton District.
 - Stirling CC Stirling District except electoral division 13 (Carseland).
 - East Lothian CC East Lothian District.
 - Roxburgh and 1. Roxburgh District; Berwickshire CC 2. Berwickshire District.
 - Edinburgh South BC Electoral divisions 32 (Merchiston/Morningside), 33 (Sciennes/Marchmont), 34 (Prestonfield/Mayfield), 37 (Alnwickhill/Kaimes) and 38 (Inch/Gilmerton) in City of Edinburgh District.
 - Midlothian CC Midlothian District.
 - Hamilton BC Electoral divisions 63 (Hamilton East), 64 (Hamilton West) and 66 (Hamilton North) in Hamilton District.
 - East Kilbride CC East Kilbride District.
 - Strathkelvin and Bearsden CC 1. Electoral divisions 46 (Kirkintilloch) and 47 (Bishopbriggs) in Strathkelvin District;
 - 2. electoral division 45 (Bearsden) in Bearsden and Milngavie District:
 - 3. ward 5 (Kilmardinny) of Bearsden and Milngavie District.
- Clydebank and Milngavie CC

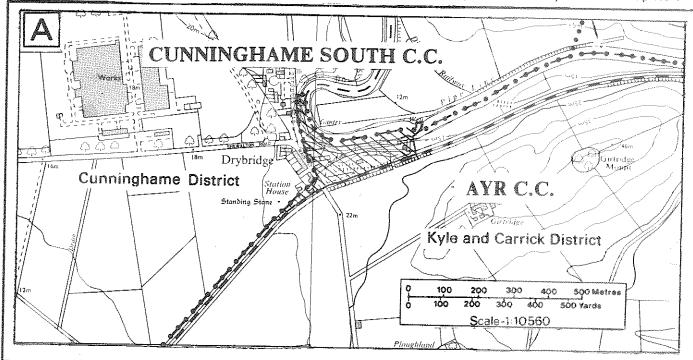
 1. Clydebank District;
 2. wards 1 (Barloch), 2 (Keystone), 3 (Craigdhu) and 4 (Clober) of Bearsden and Milngavie District.

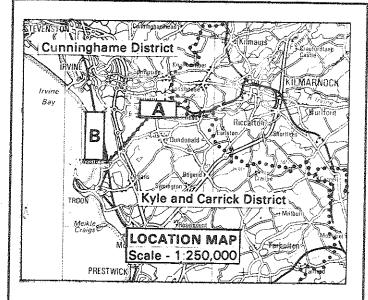
Appendix B

1. The changes to constituencies recommended in this report are illustrated on the following maps:

Map No 1	Ayr county constituency Cunninghame South county constituency
Map No 2	
Map No 3	
Map No 4	•
Map No 5	
Map No 6	
Map No 7	Strathkelvin and Bearsden county constituency Clydebank and Milngavie county constituency.

2. Maps of the areas affected by the recommended changes have been deposited in the House of Commons Library for reference by Members of Parliament.





FINAL RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN AYR COUNTY CONSTITUENCY AND CUNNINGHAME SOUTH COUNTY CONSTITUENCY AT DRYBRIDGE AND AT BARASSIE/GAILES FORESHORE

Existing Constituency Boundary

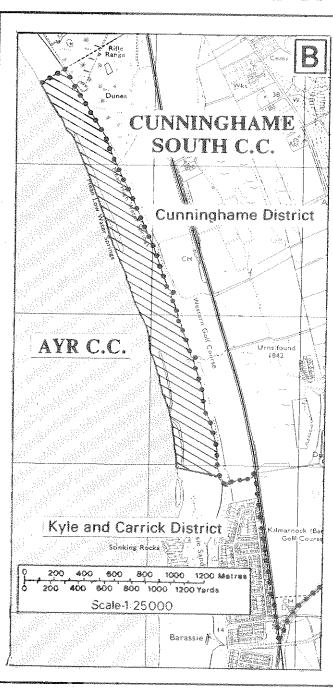
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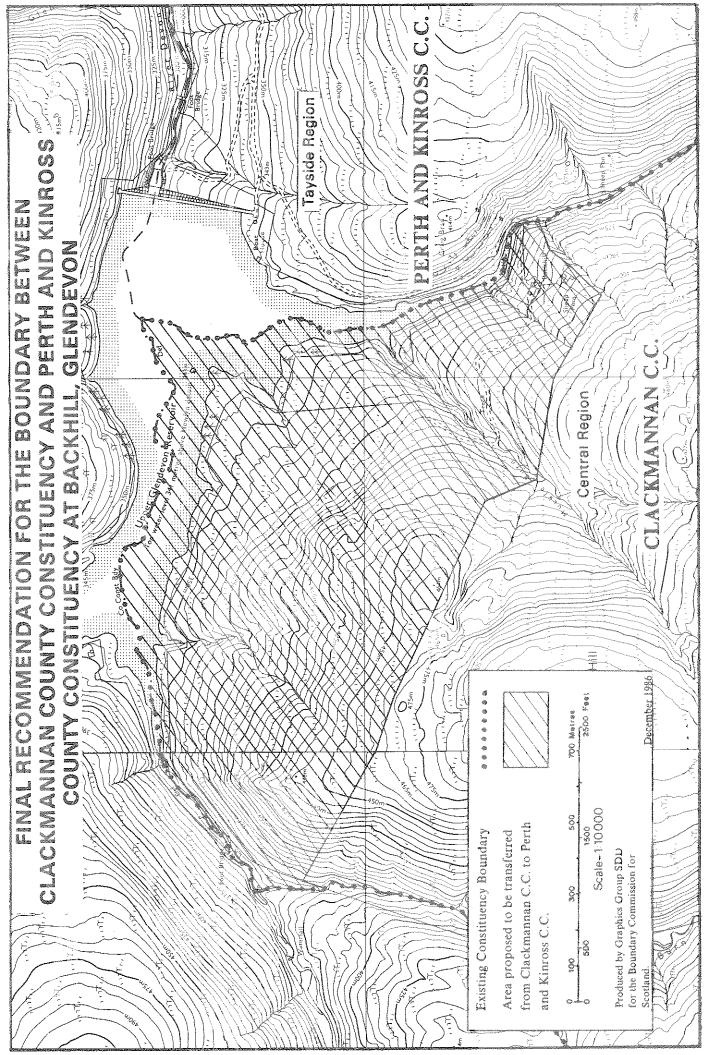
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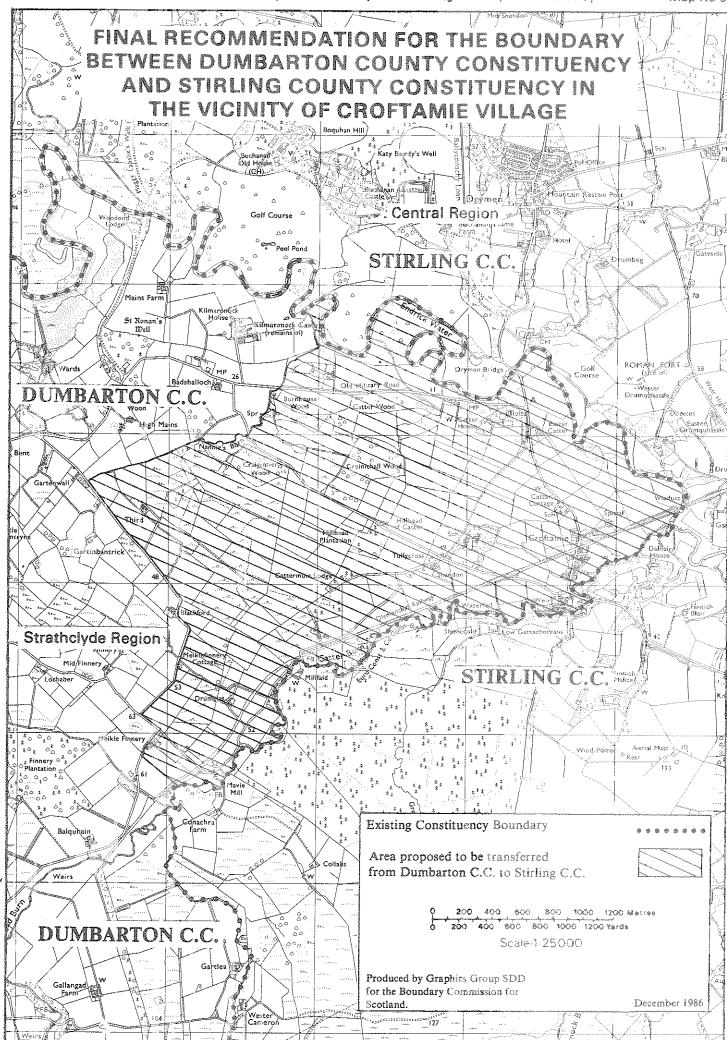


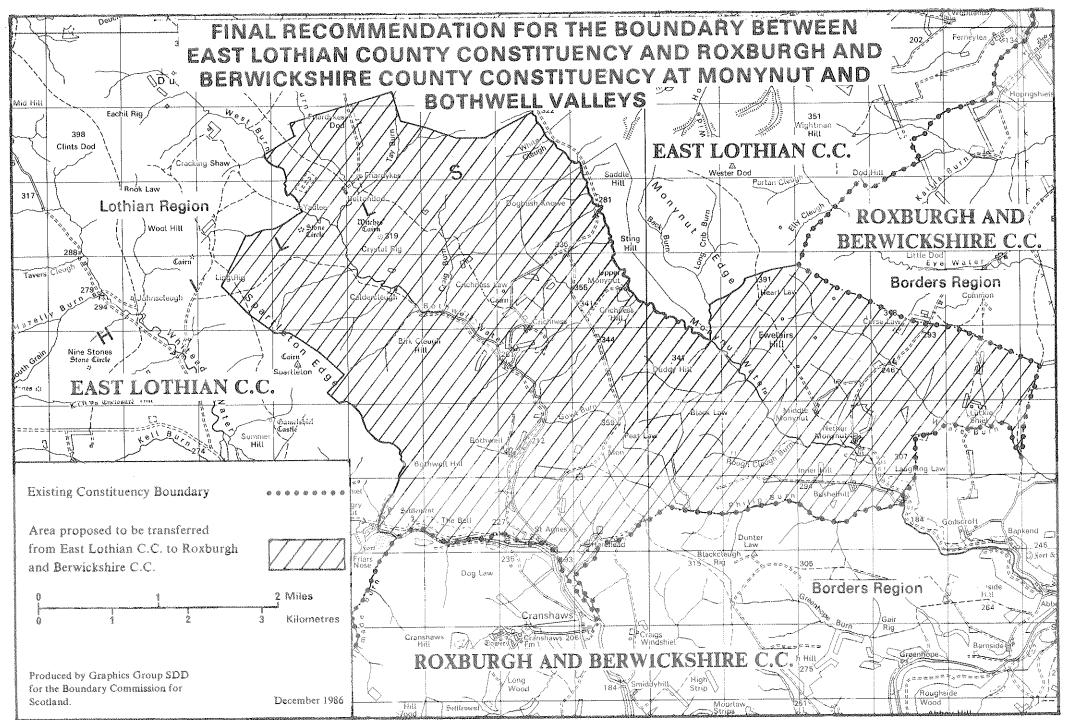
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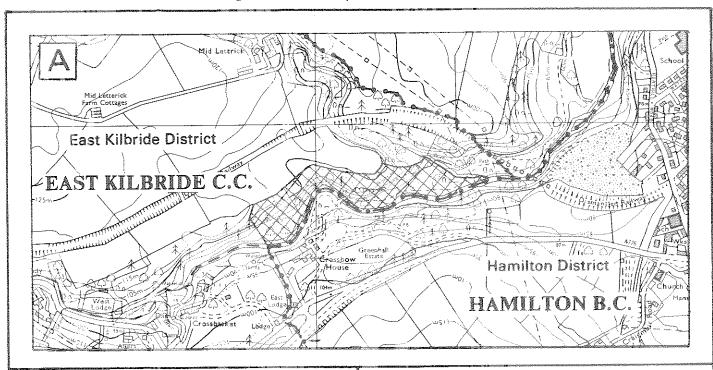
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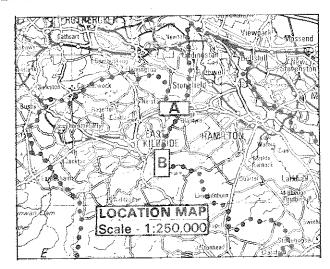












FINAL RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN HAMILTON BURGH CONSTITUENCY AND EAST KILBRIDE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY AT GREENHALL ESTATE, BLANTYRE AND TORRANCE HOUSE, EAST KILBRIDE

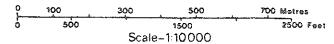
Existing Constituency Boundary

A Area proposed to be transferred from East Kilbride C.C. to Hamilton B.C.



B Area proposed to be transferred from Hamilton B.C. to East Kilbride C.C.





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