



Administrative Boundary Review

Fife council area and Perth & Kinross council area at
Keltybridge and Fife Environmental Energy Park at Westfield



Report to Scottish Ministers

Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland

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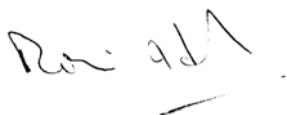
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On behalf of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, we present the Commission's report on an administrative boundary review which has been conducted under sections 14(2) and 14(3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

In accordance with the provisions of section 18(3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, copies of the report and illustrative maps are being sent to Fife Council and Perth & Kinross Council with a request that the report should be made available for public inspection at their offices. The same set of information is being sent to locations such as libraries in the area to be made available for public inspection. Copies of the report are being sent to those to whom we sent our Provisional Proposals. The report can also be found on the Commission's website: www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk.

Notice is also being given in newspapers circulating in the affected area of the fact that the report has been made so that interested persons may inspect the report at the Councils' offices.



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Introduction

1. This is the report on a review conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland into the local authority boundary between Fife council area and Perth & Kinross council area at Keltybridge and at Fife Environmental Energy Park, Westfield by Ballingry.
2. Keltybridge is a small village which is bisected by the Kelty Burn and lies on the boundary of Fife council area and Perth & Kinross council area. Fife Environmental Energy Park at Westfield by Ballingry in Fife also lies on the border between Fife council area and Perth & Kinross council area.
3. The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland was established under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and is responsible for making recommendations to Scottish Ministers for changes to local authority areas or their electoral arrangements in the interests of effective and convenient local government.

Origin and Commencement of the Review

4. The existing boundary between Fife council area and Perth & Kinross council area was established by the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, which created the current unitary local authorities.
5. In October 2013 the Commission was alerted by Fife Council to apparent inconsistencies in the boundary between Fife council area and Perth & Kinross council area. The boundary at Keltybridge does not exactly follow the Kelty Burn and also crosses a domestic dwelling - 8 Abbots Wynd - in Keltybridge. Fife Council had been asked to consider land to the south of the Kelty Burn as a candidate site for housing development for the next Local Plan and asked that the Commission consider reviewing the boundary before any possible new development took place. The Local Plan for an area sets the rules for how the area will develop over time.
6. Fife Council believed that the council area boundary at some point followed the course of the Kelty Burn, but due to changes in the course of the river it no longer did so.
7. The proposed boundary change would cause no disruption to electors as it directly affects only one dwelling. The dwelling, at 8 Abbots Wynd, at the time the review commenced was occupied by 3 registered electors (December 2013 electorate data) who have been considered to reside in the Perth & Kinross council area and will continue to do so after the review.

8. In December 2013 members of the Local Government Boundary Commission's Secretariat discussed the proposed realignment of the boundary with officers of both Councils.
9. After the initial contact with Fife Council, the Commission became aware of another section of the boundary between Fife council area and Perth & Kinross council area which would benefit from realignment. This was an area that forms the western boundary of the Fife Environmental Energy Park at Westfield, north-east of Balingry in Fife. This boundary previously cut across the site of the Energy Park and Fife Council agreed that it would be best to realign the boundary to follow the path of a ditch that previously formed the boundary. No electors would be affected at by this change at Westfield.
10. The Commission concluded at its meeting on 20 February 2014 that a review should be undertaken because the current boundary:
 - Passes through a house at Keltybridge and an industrial structure at Westfield.
 - No longer follows the watercourse of the Kelty Burn.

Commission's Initial Proposals

11. At its meeting on 10 September 2014, the Commission agreed its Initial Proposals for the area: realignment of the administrative boundary between National Grid references NT 127 956 and NT 149 957 to follow the Kelty Burn in Keltybridge as a clear and robust boundary (see Appendix B for detailed map) and also the realignment of the boundary between National Grid references NT 189 980 and NT 189 983 at Fife Environmental Energy Park at Westfield to follow the ditch at the western boundary of the site (see Appendix B for detailed map).
12. The electoral register of December 2013 indicated that the Initial Proposals would have no effect on the distribution of electors.
13. In accordance with the requirements of Section 18(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Commission wrote to Fife Council and Perth & Kinross Council in October 2014 and asked for their views on its Initial Proposals for the area. Fife Council replied on 16 December 2014; Perth & Kinross Council replied on 15 December 2014.
14. Fife Council and Perth & Kinross Council both responded in agreement to the Initial Proposals.

Publication of the Commission's Provisional Proposals

15. Public notice of the Commission's Provisional Proposals was given on 15 January 2015 in the following newspapers, as agreed with the local authorities concerned: Central Fife Times & Advertiser, Dundee Courier & Advertiser, Glenrothes Gazette, Fife Herald & St Andrews Citizen series.
16. A news release was issued via the Scottish Government's press office on 14 January 2015 publicising the period of public consultation on the Commission's Provisional Proposals. In addition to this the Provisional Proposals and supporting information were made available on the Commission's website.
17. Perth & Kinross and Fife councils also displayed the Provisional Proposals at 5 display points located at council run premises in the local area.
18. The Commission also wrote to the occupants of 8 Abbots Wynd in Keltybridge to ensure they were aware of the period of public consultation.
19. There were no responses during the public consultation period that ran from 15 January 2015 to 9 April 2015.

Conclusions

20. The Commission considered the representations received from the Councils involved and concluded that it should adopt its Provisional Proposals as its Final Recommendations for the boundary between Fife and Perth & Kinross council areas at Keltybridge and Fife Environmental Energy Park at Westfield near Ballingry.
21. In this report, the Commission has used the electoral register of December 2013, which shows that the recommendations would not transfer any electors from one council area to another.
22. The Commission makes its recommendations on the grounds that the proposed revision to the boundary will rectify the anomalous situation whereby a property straddles the existing boundary between Fife and Perth & Kinross council areas at Keltybridge and also passes through a building at the Fife Environmental Energy Park. The Commission further considers that its recommendations improve upon the existing situation by producing a well-defined and sustainable boundary, and enabling more effective and convenient local government in the area.
23. At Keltybridge the number of electors recommended for transfer is null in relation to the total number of electors in the two affected wards. Therefore, the Commission has concluded that, beyond

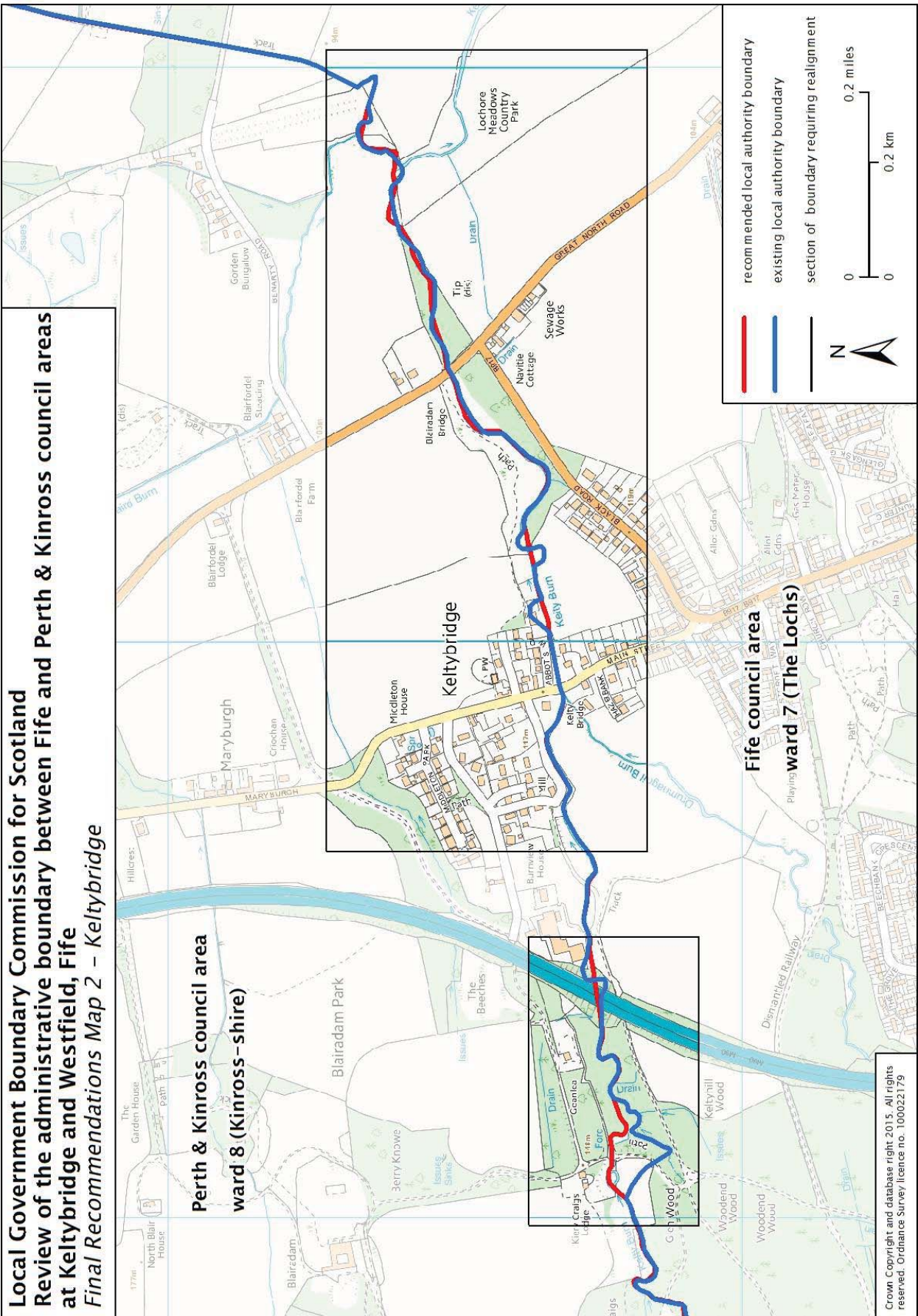
consequential amendments to ward boundaries to follow the amended administrative boundary, no further changes to these wards are necessary.

24. At Westfield the number of electors recommended for transfer is null in relation to the total number of electors in the three affected wards. Therefore, the Commission has concluded that, beyond consequential amendments to ward boundaries to follow the amended administrative boundary, no further changes to these wards are necessary. This is detailed in Appendix C.

Final Recommendations

25. The Commission recommends that the boundary should be the centre line of the Kelty Burn as it flows through Keltybridge and also at its eastern and western extents as it appears in Appendix B in this report and as described in the Initial Proposals section of this report.
26. The Commission recommends that the boundary at Westfield be as it appears in the map in Appendix C in this report and as described in the Initial Proposals section of this report.
27. A digitized description of the boundary in the form of GIS shapefiles has been securely stored on magnetic media at the date of publication of our report.

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at Keltybridge and Westfield, Fife
Final Recommendations Map 2 – Keltybridge



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