

**U DEY**

**Records of the East Yorkshire Action Group**

**1974-1994**

**Accession number:** 1994/17; 1995/07

**Historical Background:**

The East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) was formed in 1974, in response to the creation of the County of Humberside earlier the same year. Humberside was created by abolishing the County of East Riding of Yorkshire and merging it with part of the County of Lincolnshire. The new county spanned the Humber Estuary and was run by Humberside County Council (HCC). The EYAG focused on the return of the East Riding of Yorkshire and the abolition of Humberside, which they believed did not recognise the cultural, social and economic differences between the opposite banks of the Humber. Richard Wilson was a primary campaigner with the EYAG movement which eventually helped force the abolition of Humberside in 1995.

**Custodial history:**

Donated by Richard Wilson in two sections between 1994 and 1995

**Description:**

The collection primarily includes materials relating to the East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) campaign to abolish Humberside between 1981 and 1994. It includes letters, submissions and correspondence written by both Richard Wilson and EYAG Chairman Trevor Pearson, to numerous public figures including David Davis MP, James Cran MP, Michael Portillo MP and Michael Heseltine MP. Also included are various drafts, reports, papers, speeches, memoranda and notes from the EYAG written to, and concerning, a diverse range of civil organisations involved in the Humberside debate. These include the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBC), Humberside County Council (HCC), Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and Glanford Borough Council. A smaller section of material contains documents relating to a perceived decline in the Beverley and District Civic Society. There are also many EYAG campaign materials (such as petitions and bumper stickers) and a large amount of related press cuttings, articles, adverts and pictures compiled by Richard Wilson to demonstrate regional support for the abolition of Humberside.

U DEY/2 contains publications relating to the work of the LGBC. This includes reports and reviews by the LGBC with regards to research into the revision of the boundaries of Humberside, as well as subsequent reports, reviews and comments on these findings and proposals by numerous organisations, including the EYAG, HCC and LCC.

U DEY/3 contains various publications relating to the Humberside debate, including various magazines, booklets and articles; studies on housing and industrial land availability around Hull and Beverley as well as statistical and financial reports produced by HCC, LCC and other bodies relating to the economic viability of Humberside.

**Arrangement**

U DEY/1 Correspondence and subject files of the East Yorkshire Action Group

U DEY/2 Published reports relating to the Local Government Boundary Commission

U DEY/3 Brochures, magazines and booklets relating to the Humberside debate

**Extent:** 1 linear metre (6 boxes)

**Related material:**

Association of British Counties [U DAB]

Records of the Beverley Minster Open Space Campaign [U DBE]

Humberside District Councils Association [C WQ]

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

**Language:** English

U DEY/1	<p><b>Correspondence and subject files of the East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG)</b> <b>Correspondence files compiled by Richard Wilson relating to the campaign work of the EYAG, in particular the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) review of Humberside. Includes letters to and from EYAG members and MPs regarding the abolition campaign as well as draft responses to reports by the LGBC and other involved parties, and various press cuttings relating to the Humberside issue from newspapers including the Hull Daily Mail, the Beverley Guardian, the Beverley Advertiser, the Evening Standard and the Sunday Times. There is some overlap and duplication of content between the files.</b></p> <p><b>24 files</b></p>	1974-1994
U DEY/1/1	<p>File. Correspondence Contains correspondence to and from various MPs, including David Davis, James Cran, David Heseltine, John Townend and Michael Brown. Includes a draft statement for the opening of the Humber Bridge, a review of draft proposals of Humberside boundaries by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBC), the first issue of the East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) newsletter entitled 'The East Yorkshire News' and various related press cuttings.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1986-1989

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U DEY/1/2	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Contains correspondence and other papers predominantly from the 1980s, including letters between East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) and the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) as well as between the EYAG and several MPs, including, Michael Portillo and John Townend. Includes a report in reaction to a Boothferry Borough Council review of the commission's outcome; a transcript of an interview with Councillor Terry Geraghty; various related press cuttings and photocopies of petitions calling for the abolition of Humberside.</p> <p>2 files</p>	1974-1991
U DEY/1/3	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Includes letters between East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) and MPs, including James Cain and Stuart Randall, as well as papers relating to the Humber Bridge and future tolls and to the existence of an East Yorkshire identity. There is also a draft report of comments in response to the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) report 563.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1988-1992
U DEY/1/4	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Contains letters and draft letters from Joseph Higgins MP, and to the Speaker of the House of Commons, Bernard Weatherill MP, Michael Heseltine MP, the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC), Lincolnshire County Council and East Riding County Council.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1991-1992
U DEY/1/5	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Includes a letter to the Secretary of State from Lincolnshire County Council as well as letters to the East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) from Lord Henry [Hotham], David Davis MP, Isabelle Earle, W. D. Toulman and others. There are also various press cuttings.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1990-1994
U DEY/1/6	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Includes correspondence and various press cuttings relating to the Humberside debate. Contains letters from Councillor Terry Geraghty and Sylvia Grimes.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1990-1991

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U DEY/1/7	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Includes notes made by Richard Wilson relating to the Humberside debate and the work of the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC); letters from Lord Middleton, the Department of the Environment and the Department of Transport as well as draft letters to Margaret Thatcher MP and John Townend MP.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1988-1989
U DEY/1/8	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Includes correspondence between the East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) and the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) as well as letters from Sir Hugh Rossi MP and A. R. Knight (Beverley College of Further Education). Also contains the final speech of Christopher Cochrane QC; a short report by the Borough of Scunthorpe Policy and Resources Committee on the Further Draft Proposals of the LGBC (Dec 1990) and various press cuttings relating to the Humberside debate.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1988-1990
U DEY/1/9	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Includes letters from The Earl of Halifax, James Cran MP, Dudley Proctor (Lincolnshire County Council) and Terry Geraghty (Humberside County Council). Also contains press cuttings indicating regional and cultural identity in Humberside and meeting notes regarding provision of a Beverley Town Council.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1990-1991
U DEY/1/10	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Includes letters from Roy Chapman (Lincolnshire County Council), Krystyna Robinson (County Economic Development Officer, Humberside County Council) and East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) Chairman Trevor Pearson. Also contains draft petition letters addressed to various EYAG sympathetic MPs; LGBC Press Release for the Draft Proposal for Humberside (Nov 1990); Borough of Glanford press statement and various press cuttings relating to the Humberside issue.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1989-1991
U DEY/1/11	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Includes a draft East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC); a letter from Councillor Terry Geraghty (Humberside County Council) and press cuttings relating to East Yorkshire cultural identity and the anti-abolition group Nalgo.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1988-1991

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U DEY/1/12	File. Correspondence Includes draft East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) report to the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) (Oct 1988); EYAG draft for The Case Against Humberside comments on LGBC reports (Oct 1988); miscellaneous related press cuttings and letters from J. F. Daniels (Department of Transport). 1 file	1988
U DEY/1/13	File. Correspondence Includes letters from Richard Wilson to Paul Channon MP (Secretary of State) and A. J. Simcock (Department of the Environment); handwritten notes by Richard Wilson; a letter from Michael Doherty, solicitor for Glanford Borough Council; Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) responses to letters for the review of Humberside; several tourist brochures for the city of Hull, the Humberside region and Yorkshire as well as various related press cuttings. 1 file	1985-1991
U DEY/1/14	File. Correspondence Includes Humberside County Council letter to all Education Service Staff (Nov 1990); East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) campaign leaflets and petition sheets; related press cuttings as well as letters from Stephen Garrish (Local Government Boundary Commission), Michael Heseltine MP and Trevor Pearson (EYAG) Chairman. 1 file	1990
U DEY/1/15	File. Correspondence Includes draft correspondence between East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) and the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC); cuttings of statistical information about Yorkshire administrative units; related press cuttings and photocopied petition papers. 1 file	1988-1989
U DEY/1/16	File. Correspondence Includes press cuttings relating to the Humberside debate; draft notes relating to East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) business by Richard Wilson; draft of ideas for Lord Halifax to debate in the House of Lords (Jun 1990) and letters from EYAG Chairman Trevor Pearson to Lord Middleton and Lady Kinloss. 1 file	1988-1992

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U DEY/1/17	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Includes records relating to the Humberside debate and Richard Wilson's contributions to stop the decline of the civic society in Beverley. Contains letters between Richard Wilson and James Cran MP; a draft press release on 'The Loss of Beverley's Character' (May 1988); Beverley and District Civic Society Newsletters (1987-1988); Beverley Friends of the Earth newsletter and various other related press cuttings and pamphlets.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1986-1994
U DEY/1/18	<p>Subject File. Civic Society</p> <p>Includes materials used for a talk to the Civic Society [by Richard Wilson]. Contains press cuttings and an Intercity Magazine (Mar-Apr 1988).</p> <p>1 file</p>	1988
U DEY/1/19	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Includes correspondence between Richard Wilson and James Cran MP; conservative candidate message from James Cran MP [1987]; Beverley and District Civic Society Newsletter (Autumn 1987) and several press cuttings highlighting the decline in the civic society.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1986-1988
U DEY/1/20	<p>Subject File. Population</p> <p>Contains statistical reports and projections relating to the population of Humberside (1981-2006).</p> <p>1 file</p>	1981-1990
U DEY/1/21	<p>Subject File. Press Cuttings</p> <p>Includes press cuttings from various newspapers, such as the Hull Daily Mail and the Beverley Guardian, relating to both sides of the Humberside debate. Some of the cuttings are photocopies and some have typed or handwritten annotations.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1988-1991
U DEY/1/22	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Includes letters, some with attached press cuttings, relating to the Humberside debate. Correspondents include the Earl of Halifax, Roy Chapman, Richard Wilson, Trevor Pearson, James Cran MP, Michael Brown MP, the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC), Stuart Randall MP, John Townend MP, Lincolnshire County Council, Glanford Borough Council and Humberside County Council.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1988-1992

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U DEY/1/23	<p>Subject File. Open University proposal Documents relating to Richard Wilson's proposal to set up the University of Lincolnshire along the lines of the Open University, with the aim of uniting the county of Lincolnshire. Includes a copy of the original proposal; correspondence from Derek Robbins (Head of the Local Government Review) and various press cuttings. 1 file</p>	1990-1991
U DEY/1/24	<p>Subject File. East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) draft documents and related papers Includes an agenda of a meeting between North Lincolnshire Group, EYAG, Glanford Borough Council and Lincolnshire County Council (9 Jun 1990); handwritten notes by Richard Wilson; diagrams, maps and statistical charts relating to the Humberside debate; tourist information pamphlets; East Yorkshire bumper sticker; draft responses to Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) reports and a draft speech to be delivered by [Lord Halifax] in the House of Lords as well as other related papers. 1 file</p>	1989-1991
U DEY/2	<p><b>Reports. Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC)</b> <b>Includes published reports and other official documents produced by the LGBC, government departments, the East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) and Humberside County Council, relating to the LGBC.</b> <b>34 items</b></p>	1988-1994
U DEY/2/1	<p>Report. Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Review of Non-Metropolitan Counties, Further Review of the County of Humberside Report No. 604. 1 item</p>	[1990]
U DEY/2/2	<p>Report. The County of Humberside: A Report to the Boundary Commission 1 item</p>	[1989]

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U DEY/2/3	Report. Final Report of [ARUP] Economic Consultants Contains the Final Report of [ARUP] Economic Consultants on The Costs and Benefits for the Alternative Options for the Future of Humberside, commissioned by The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) for England (Dec 1989); includes seperate note to [Richard Wilson] from Sir John [Daleman] representing the LGBC, regarding Final Recommendations as to the future of local government in North Yorkshire, Humberside and Lincolnshire: a report to the Secretary of State for the Environment (1994). 2 items	1990
U DEY/2/4	Report. Glanford Borough Council - Further Review of Humberside: Comments on the Interim Report of the Boundary Commission 1 item	Apr 1991
U DEY/2/5	Report. The County of Humberside: A Report by Humberside County Council to the Boundary Commission 1 item	Jan 1991
U DEY/2/6	Report. Glanford Borough Council - Further Review of Humberside: Comments on Draft Proposal of the Boundary Commission 1 item	Jan 1991
U DEY/2/7	Submissions. Local Government Review Copy submissions to The Local Government Boundary Commission from Glanford Borough Council and the Humberside District Councils Association sent to Richard Wilson. 1 item	1992
U DEY/2/8	Report. The Local Government Commission for England - The Future of Local Government of Cleveland and Durham: A Report to Local People 1 item	1993
U DEY/2/9	Report. The Local Government Commission for England - The Future of Local Government for the area of The Humber: A Report to Local People 1 item	1993
U DEY/2/10	Report. The East Yorkshire Action Group - Further Detailed Comments on Humberside County Council's January 1991 report to the Local Government Boundary Commission 1 item	Feb 1991



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U DEY/2/11	Report. The East Yorkshire Action Group - Comments on Humberside County Council's January 1991 report to the Local Government Boundary Commission, concerning LGBCs November 1990 letter about Humberside 1 item	Feb 1991
U DEY/2/12	Report. The East Yorkshire Action Group - Support for and Response to the Local Government Boundary Commission Draft Proposals of 28 November 1990 (Revised) 1 item	Jan 1991
U DEY/2/13	Report. The East Yorkshire Action Group - Further Evidence and Appendices: Relating to Local Government Boundary Commission Draft Proposals of 31 January 1991 (Part 1) 1 item	Jan 1991
U DEY/2/14	Report. The East Yorkshire Action Group - Further Evidence and Appendices: Relating to Local Government Boundary Commission Draft Proposals of 31 January 1991 (Part 2) 1 item	Jan 1991
U DEY/2/15	Report. Consolidated Reply by The East Yorkshire Action Group, to Humberside County Councils May 1989 Submission to The Local Government Boundary Commissioners 1 item	Oct 1989
U DEY/2/16	Report. The Local Government Commission for England - Final Recommendations on the Future Local Government of North Yorkshire, Humberside and Lincolnshire: A report to the Secretary of State for the Environment 1 item	Jan 1994
U DEY/2/17	Report. The Case for Unity: Comments of Lincolnshire County Council on Humberside County Council's Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission 1 item	[1989]
U DEY/2/18	Pamphlet. Review of the County of Humberside: Half a Million People Can't be Wrong! Pamphlet produced by Glanford Borough Council and Lincolnshire County Council in conjunction with East Yorkshire Action Group (EYAG) and the North Lincolnshire Association. 1 item	[1990]

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U DEY/2/19	Report. Review of The County of Humberside: Response of Lincolnshire County Council to the Interim Decision of the Local Government Boundary Commission. 1 item	Apr 1990
U DEY/2/20	Report. East Yorkshire Action Group Response to the Local Government Boundary Commission Interim Review Mar 1990. 1 item	Mar 1990
U DEY/2/21	Report. East Yorkshire Action Group Response to the Consultation Paper on Local Government Reform: The Structure of Local Government in England Apr 1991. 1 item	20 May 1991
U DEY/2/22	Report. Glanford Borough Council Review of Humberside: What the People Say Includes a review of the findings of the Attitude Survey carried out by Research Services of Great Britain Ltd. on behalf of the Boundary Commission and the findings of the Harris Opinion Poll survey. 1 item	[1989]
U DEY/2/23	Statement. Secretary of State for the Environment Relates to the progress on the review of Local Government. 1 item	21 Mar [1989]
U DEY/2/24	Report. Glanford Borough Council Further Review of Humberside Comments on the response of Humberside County Council to the Interim Report of the Boundary Commission. 1 item	[1990]
U DEY/2/25	Press release. Department of the Environment Includes a government statement on the Humberside boundary. 1 item	23 Aug 1991
U DEY/2/26	Publication. The Future of Humberside: Information Pack for Members Produced by [Humberside County Council] and includes information on the case for Humberside. 1 item	[1989]

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U DEY/2/27	Paper. Local Government Review: The Structure of Local Government in England A Consultation Paper produced by the Department of the Environment. 1 item	Apr 1991
U DEY/2/28	Paper. Local Government Review: A New Tax for Local Government A Consultation Paper produced by the Department of the Environment with the Scottish and Welsh Offices. 1 item	Apr 1991
U DEY/2/29	Report. Local Government Boundary Commission for England Report No. 563 Review of Non-Metropolitan Counties: The County of Humberside and its Boundaries with Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire. 1 item	Jul 1988
U DEY/2/30	Report. Attitudes towards and Preferences for the Pattern of Counties on Humberside: Report of Research Findings Produced by Research Surveys of Great Britain Ltd. for the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. 1 item	Jan 1990
U DEY/2/31	Report. A Case Against Humberside: East Yorkshire Action Group's Submission to the Boundary Commissioners A draft copy of the report with handwritten annotations. 1 item	29 May 1989
U DEY/2/32	Report. Review of the County of Humberside: Response of Lincolnshire County Council to the Draft Proposal of the Local Government Boundary Commission. 1 item	Jan 1991
U DEY/2/33	Booklet. The Review of Parliamentary Constituencies Booklet published by the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England. 1 item	1991
U DEY/2/34	Report. The County of Humberside: A Report to the Boundary Commission Report published by Humberside County Council providing the case against the abolition of Humberside. Includes a separate volume of appendices. 1 item	May 1989

<b>U DEY/3</b>	<b>Brochures, magazines and booklets relating to the Humberside debate</b> <b>Includes brochures, booklets, magazines, articles and other publications relating to the Humberside debate, many of which were published by Humberside County Council.</b> <b>32 items</b>	<b>1980-1994</b>
U DEY/3/1	Publication. The Sunday Times magazine, 'Britain's Born Again Cities' Case for the abolition of Humberside, as Hull is not included in the article focused on rejuvenated cities. 1 item	29 Nov 1989
U DEY/3/2	Pamphlet. Beverley: 'so splendid, so precious' Tourist information pamphlet on the Humberside county town of Beverley. 1 item	[1980-1990]
U DEY/3/3	Souvenir programme. Opening of the Humber Bridge 1 item	1981
U DEY/3/4	Publication. Select, a Beverley and West Hull magazine 1 item	Apr-May 1988
U DEY/3/5	Publication. Select, a Beverley and West Hull magazine. Contains article written by Richard Wilson, arguing why the county of Humberside should be abolished. 1 item	Aug-Sep 1988
U DEY/3/7	Publication. Introducing Humberside Brochure produced by Humberside County Council to advertise the region, both in business and tourism. 1 item	[1987-1990]
U DEY/3/8	Publication. Lincolnshire Official Visitor's Guide newspaper 1 item	1990-1991
U DEY/3/6	Publication. Select, a Beverley and West Hull magazine 1 item	Oct-Nov 1989
U DEY/3/9	Publication. North Sea Ferries brochure 1 item	1990
U DEY/3/10	Publication. Yorkshire Out 'N' About Magazine 1 item	Apr-May 1990
U DEY/3/11	Publication. Yorkshire Artscene Magazine 1 item	Apr 1990

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U DEY/3/12	Publication. 'Save Britain's Heritage - Beverley: Will housing sprawl engulf Minister? 1 item	Mar 1981
U DEY/3/13	Newsletter. CPRE Countryside Campaigner Spring edition newsletter of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE). 1 item	1988
U DEY/3/14	Booklet. Prehistoric Humberside Published by the Archaeology Unit, Humberside County Council. 1 item	[1989]
U DEY/3/15	Report. Prospectus: the Natural Route for Europe, 'The Humber Estuary Partnership' A report produced by Humberside County Council on the Humber Estuary Partnership. 1 item	Dec 1990
U DEY/3/16	Booklet. Lincolnshire: the Case for Unity Booklet, outlining the case for unity, produced by Lincolnshire County Council. 1 item	28 Apr 1989
U DEY/3/17	Booklet. The Humber Estuary: The Natural Route for Europe Booklet promoting the Humber Estuary and the Natural Route Campaign, produced by Humberside County Council. 1 item	[1990]
U DEY/3/18	Booklet. The Future of Humberside Produced by Humberside County Council to support the case against the abolition of Humberside. 1 item	n.d.
U DEY/3/19	Publication. Humberside: Facts and Figures 1988 1 item	1988
U DEY/3/20	Publication. Humberside Industry Map 1 item	[1980-1990]
U DEY/3/21	Annual Report. Lincolnshire County Council With financial statistics. 1 item	1990

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U DEY/3/22	Publication. Proposed Revision of Tolls and Classification of Vehicles in Repect of the Humber Bridge Public local inquiry led by inspector Philip M. Vine, working on behalf of [The Department of the Environment], under the Humber Bridge Act 1971 into the revision of tolls for vehicles crossing the Humber Bridge. Original file No: DP1/05/1/15. 1 item	11-18 Oct 1988
U DEY/3/23	Publication. Humberside County Council - Humberside Facts and Figures 1 item	1989
U DEY/3/24	Report. Hull Area Joint Housing Study Progress Report 1985-86 1 item	1985-1986
U DEY/3/25	Report. Hull Area Joint Housing Study: A First Report Includes a separate document with comments about the report prepared by the Beverley Heritage Alliance. 2 items	[1981]
U DEY/3/26	Publication. Industrial Land Avaiiability Schedule: The East Yorkshire Borough of Beverley Borough Council 1 file	[1988-1989]
U DEY/3/27	Publication. Development Review Journal Vol. 1, No. 6. 1 item	Apr-May 1988
U DEY/3/28	Publication. Housing Land Avaiiability Schedule: The East Yorkshire Borough of Beverley Borough Council 1 item	Jul 1987
U DEY/3/29	Publication. Humberside: Facts and Figures 1990 1 item	1990
U DEY/3/30	Report. Building on Success: The Annual Report of Humberside Leisure Services, 1989/1990 1 item	1989-1990
U DEY/3/31	Publication. Humberside Today and Tomorrow Published by the Hull and East Riding Branch of the British Institute of Mangement to highlight the economic importance of building the Humber Bridge for the region. 1 item	Nov 1973

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Publication. Lincolnshire County Council, Setting the Record Straight: The Facts  
Regards Lincolnshire County Council explaining the reasons for South Humberside being returned as part of Lincolnshire.  
1 item

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