

# What is the 2018 Review of Parliamentary boundaries?

Some MPs represent more electors than others.

So, many Parliamentary constituencies are changing, to make them more equal.

Local knowledge and views are needed to help shape the new areas.

It's easy to have your say:

- Go online to view and comment on the proposals for your area  
OR
- Attend a local public hearing to have your say in person

Details available at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk)

## What is happening when?

- 13 September 2016 – initial proposals for new constituencies in England published
- 12 week consultation on initial proposals, including open public hearings around the country from 11 October to 18 November 2016
- 5 December 2016 – last day of consultation on initial proposals
- Spring 2017 – all responses to initial proposals consultation published
- Four week consultation for people to submit comments on responses to initial proposals
- Late 2017/early 2018 – revised proposals published
- Eight week consultation on revised proposals
- September 2018 – final recommendations and report published and submitted to Parliament
- As soon as possible after September 2018 – Parliament debates the recommended changes
- May 2020 – if Parliament approves the changes, the new constituencies will be used for the scheduled General Election.



### **Why are you making these changes?**

Currently some MPs represent more electors than others. Constituency boundary changes will ensure these numbers are more equal.

### **Is my MP or constituency going to be affected by the changes?**

Many constituencies are likely to be affected, at least partly, though some may stay the same. You can view the proposals for your area online to find out if your constituency is affected. Just type your postcode in the search box on our website at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk).

### **Will the changes affect my local council services, or schools, for example?**

No. These changes only relate to the shape and name of Parliamentary constituencies (the area an MP is elected to represent in Parliament). Providers of other local public services and schooling in your area will not be directly affected by this review, nor will your council tax, house and insurance prices, or addresses and postcodes.

### **Will the name of my constituency change following the review?**

Possibly. If the shape of the constituency and where it covers is proposed to change significantly, then the name will probably change to reflect that. Naming of proposed constituencies is certainly something we welcome views on through the consultation.

### **Why do you need my views?**

We want to make sure that the final recommendations have been able to take into account local views and knowledge.

### **When would the proposed changes take effect?**

The Boundary Commission will make its final recommendations to Parliament in September 2018 (which is why you will find this review referred to as ‘the 2018 Review’). If Parliament agrees the changes, the new constituencies will take effect at the next scheduled General Election in 2020.

***Don't leave it to the last moment to give us your views though – have your say before this consultation closes on 5 December 2016!***

