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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information, which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

In your email you ask for the following information:

Please would you provide a list of the ten initially proposed constituencies that received the most comments in the first round of comments that ended on 5th December 2016 – ie the top ten? If it is necessary to invoke the Freedom of Information legislation, please regard this as a Freedom of Information request.

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) does not hold the information you request, as the responses we have received as part of the consultation processes are recorded in relation to existing - rather than initially proposed - constituencies. The BCE has taken this approach because the existing constituencies are a fixed entity throughout the review, whereas proposed constituencies may - and in many instances do - change during the course of the 2018 Review.

Should you be interested in which existing constituencies received the most comments during our initial consultation, the data to enable you to see this is publicly available by downloading a CSV of the representations from the BCE consultation website www.bce2018.org.uk and filtering appropriately. Nevertheless, under the FOIA duty to advise and assist, we have used that data to provide you with the following table, which shows the top ten existing constituencies by number of individual representations received about that constituency:

Ranking	Existing constituency	Number of representations
1.	Hampstead and Kilburn Borough Constituency	711
2.	Wimbledon Borough Constituency	559
3.	South Cambridgeshire County Constituency	352
4.	Wellingborough County Constituency	319
5.	Croydon Central Borough Constituency	296
6.	North Cornwall County Constituency	266
7.=	Croydon South Borough Constituency	248
7.=	Enfield, Southgate Borough Constituency	248

9.	Hexham County Constituency	225
10.	Kensington Borough Constituency	220

If you have any queries about the content of this reply please contact me direct, quoting the above reference number on any communication.

Under the provisions of the FOI Act if you are dissatisfied with the response provided you may wish to ask for an internal review. The BCE has a reciprocal arrangement with the Boundary Commission for Wales and in this case you should write to:

The Secretary to the Boundary Commission for Wales,
Ground Floor,
Fitzalan Court,
Cardiff,
CF24 0BL
Email: bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk

If it transpires you are not content with our response or the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the BCE. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Office of the Information Commissioner,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,



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