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**Last chance to have your say on Parliamentary constituency boundaries**

Today (17 October) the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) launched its third and final consultation on changes to Parliamentary constituencies in England, intended to come into effect for the next scheduled general election in 2022.

This is the last chance to have your say on decisions that could affect **[add the name of your local area]**. The proposals published today are a result of feedback from public consultations in September 2016 and March 2017.

Sam Hartley, Secretary to the Boundary Commission for England, said: “It's crucial we hear from people in **[add the name of your local area]**. We are calling on your local knowledge to inform our recommendations for changes to Parliamentary constituencies in England.

“This is your last chance to have your say; we have already had two consultations, therefore this time we’re really looking for any new and compelling evidence that we haven’t already considered.”

The Boundary Commission for England is an independent body that is reviewing proposals to reduce the number of constituencies in England to make them more of an equal size.

Following a decision by Parliament to reduce the number of constituencies in the UK to 600 from 650, and to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency is more equal, the Boundary Commission for England is conducting the necessary review of all English constituencies.

You can view the proposed changes and see what other people have already said about your local area online here [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk). You will find an interactive map that’s quick and easy to use to respond to the consultation in minutes.

**[Add a quote from your organisation that explains why it's important people have their say]**

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. The BCE is an independent and impartial arm’s length public body and tasked by the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended) with keeping constituencies in England under review.
2. Changes to the legislation in 2011 required the reduction of the number of UK constituencies from 650 to 600, and implemented new rules for a constituency review, to make sure constituencies were more equal in the number of electors each contained.
3. The Act specifies the electorate data to be used for this review is the figure confirmed as at 1 December 2015 of 44,722,004. England will therefore have 501 constituencies (32 fewer than there are currently), and each English constituency (except two in the Isle of Wight) must be no less than 71,031 and no more than 78,507.
4. If you wish to get in touch with the BCE, please do so by the following methods:

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