

London

Revised proposals summary

Who we are and what we do

The Boundary Commission for England is an independent and impartial non-departmental public body, which is responsible for reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England.

The 2018 Review

We have the task of periodically reviewing the boundaries of all the Parliamentary constituencies in England. We are currently conducting a review on the basis of new rules laid down by Parliament. These rules involve a significant reduction in the number of constituencies in England (from 533 to 501), resulting in the number of constituencies in London reducing by five, to 68. The rules also require that every constituency – apart from two specified exceptions¹ – must have an electorate that is no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507.

How did we conduct the 2018 Review?

We published our initial proposals for new boundaries in September 2016 and consulted on them. We received written comments and oral submissions at public hearings held in each region. We published all the comments we received and we held a second consultation exercise in relation to them in March 2017. We are very grateful for all the comments that these two consultation exercises have generated. We have now completed the next stage of the review process and we are now publishing our revised proposals. For each region, the revised proposals report sets out our analysis of all the responses to our initial proposals in the first and second consultations, and the conclusions we have reached as to how those proposals should be revised as a result. The annex to

each report contains details of the composition of each constituency in our revised proposals for the relevant region; maps to illustrate these constituencies can be viewed on our website or in hard copy at a local place of deposit near you.

What are the revised proposals for the London region?

We have revised the composition of 46 of the 68 constituencies we proposed in September 2016. After careful consideration, we have decided not to make any revisions to the composition of the remaining 22. In some instances, however, we have revised our proposed names for these constituencies.

Under our revised proposals, six constituencies in London would be the same as they are under the existing arrangements.

As it has not always been possible to allocate whole numbers of constituencies to individual London boroughs, our initial proposals grouped some local authority areas into sub-regions. Following consideration of the representations made on our initial proposals, our revised proposal groupings remain unchanged from those initial proposals, as shown in the table below.

Sub-region	Existing allocation	Revised allocation
North Thames	45	42
South Thames	28	26

In light of the responses to our initial proposals, we have revised 27 of our initial proposals in the North Thames sub-region, where we have been able to increase the number of existing constituencies retained to four: Hornchurch and Upminster, Ilford South, Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner, and Twickenham. In particular, we have tried to address significant concerns from the

¹ The specified exemptions in England to the rules on constituency size are the two constituencies in the Isle of Wight.

local communities in Chingford and Woodford, Walthamstow, Dagenham and Rainham, Enfield and Southgate, and Harrow. In attempting to address issues raised with our proposals for Enfield, our revised proposals split one ward – Brunswick Park – between constituencies. We have made a number of other changes based on the views of local communities.

In the South Thames sub-region we continue to propose that two existing constituencies remain unchanged: Kingston and Surbiton, and Richmond Park. We have made revisions to 19 of our initial proposals in the South Thames sub-region, based on responses to our consultations. In particular, we have addressed concerns raised by local communities in Wimbledon, Mitcham, Clapham Common, Vauxhall, Croydon, Beckenham and Bexley.

How to have your say

We are consulting on our revised proposals for an eight-week period, from 17 October 2017 to 11 December 2017. We encourage everyone to use this final opportunity to contribute to the design of the new constituencies – the more public views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be when we make recommendations to the Government in September 2018.

We ask everyone wishing to contribute to the design of the new constituencies to first look at the revised proposals report, and accompanying maps, before responding to us. The best way to respond to our revised proposals is through our consultation website: www.bce2018.org.uk

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