Boundary Review 2013

Submission of the Labour Party to Public Hearing

North West Region

1. This submission is made on behalf of the Labour Party, the North West and North regions of the Labour Party. It is being presented as an overall response to the Initial Proposals of the Boundary Commission following a detailed consultation process within the Labour Party involving all Members of Parliament and constituency Labour parties within the North West European electoral region, a process that is continuing. While the Labour Party is making counter proposals to those of the Commission within the region which we believe offer a configuration of constituencies which is consistent with the criteria which the Commission must apply and is likely to gain wider public support than the Commission's Initial Proposals, we do not believe that these counter proposals are themselves free from shortcomings and are open to suggestions as to how they may be amended so that they better reflect those criteria.

2. Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011

   2.1. The Labour Party notes that the timing of this review and the rules by which it is being carried out result from the amendments introduced under the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act. The Labour Party opposed that bill as it was taken through parliament because we believed that the provisions in respect of boundary reviews were likely to weaken the review process itself and to result in constituencies which served to undermine the relationship between members of parliament and electors.

   2.2. The Labour Party believes that the rules under which previous reviews had been conducted had been carefully constructed to balance the essential need for electoral equality with a sensitivity to local circumstances, specifically in their recognition of the importance of local authority boundaries, community ties and inconveniences. Furthermore, the practices adopted by the boundary commissions had allowed for proper scrutiny and accountability in the review process itself and

their willingness to adopt alternative proposals increased the legitimacy of their decisions. The new act in downgrading the importance of local circumstances in favour of over-rigid and unnecessary electoral thresholds and in its abolition of public inquiries has served to threaten the integrity of the process and the strength of the proposals that will emerge from it.

2.3. We believe that the Initial Proposals for the North West illustrate the problems resulting from the constraints which have been placed upon the Commission by the new rules.

2.4. We do though welcome the policies which the Boundary Commission for England have adopted in respect of public hearings and their allocation of an extended period of time for political parties to present their cases which we believe will offer a range of options to the Commission which will strengthen the proposals which they finally adopt.

3. Criteria

3.1. We note that under the terms of the Act[1], the Commission may, in choosing between different schemes, take into account

3.1.1. Special Geographic Circumstances, including the size shape and accessibility of a constituency
3.1.2. Local government boundaries
3.1.3. The boundaries of existing constituencies
3.1.4. Any local ties that would be broken by changes to constituencies

3.2. It is self-evident that the Commission may not be able to respect all of these criteria, or indeed in some places any of them, in every part of the region while keeping the electorates of constituencies within the permissible range. We accept that in some areas, the disruption to existing constituencies is likely to be substantial, that it may be difficult to respect local authority boundaries and that

[1] Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011, Schedule 2 Clause 5 (1).

local ties may be broken. We do though trust that where changes are necessary the Commission will take all of these criteria into account and identify the most appropriate balance between them in any given area.

4. Initial Proposals

4.1. We welcome the Commission's decision to use the European electoral regions as sub-national review areas for the purposes of their Initial Proposals. We note that the electorate of the North West region at 5,253,019 gives an entitlement under the Sainte Lague allocation to 68 seats, with an average electorate of 77,250, 609 above the Electoral Quota.

4.2. The Labour Party recognises that the Commission has been confronted with significant difficulties in parts of the North West region from a combination of geography, the size and shape of wards and the requirement that all constituencies shall have electorates within five per cent of the Electoral Quota.

4.3. We accept the Commission's policy of not dividing district and unitary authority wards between constituencies, despite the fact that in some areas, notably Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester the wards which the Commission must use have been superseded by new the new electoral arrangements within those authorities. Were the Commission to abandon the use of wards as the smallest unbreakable unit it would require them to define constituency boundaries by polling district or postcode whose own boundaries and electorates are not clearly defined and not easily accessible. Such a practice would both set a precedent that would significantly complicate the review process and probably reduce the ability of organisations and individuals to participate in the consultation process and make alternative proposals.

5. Sub-Regional Review Areas

5.1. The Labour Party notes that there is no longer any requirement on the Commission to avoid the crossing of county boundaries and that their status is now no greater than that of any other local authority boundary. We agree with the Commission

however that the counties and unitary authorities provide convenient administrative units for dividing a large region such as the North West into smaller review areas, and that as local authorities it is legitimate under the Act that their boundaries are considered as relevant to the process.

5.2. We note that the Commission has allocated a whole number of seats to Cumbria, and has considered the remaining counties as one review area. Within that the four districts of the county of Merseyside north and east of the river Mersey have also been allocated a whole number of seats.

5.3. The Labour Party accepts the regional sub-units set out by the Commission and believe that they are justified by the needs of electoral equality and the geography of the region. We note however that while these are convenient administrative units, within those units the counties concerned are of no greater status under the rules than are districts. Therefore there is not necessarily any greater merit in having fewer constituencies crossing over their boundaries if the result of that may compromise the respect for other criteria.

6. Cumbria

6.1. We note that the geography of Cumbria is such that the Commission must create a new seat either based on the towns of Kendal and Penrith or the towns of Whitehaven and Workington and we believe that there are arguments in favour of either approach. We also note that all the existing constituencies are significantly below the minimum electorate threshold of 72,810 and therefore that the net effect of the abolition of one seat must be major changes to all of the others.

6.2. We believe on balance that the better approach would be the creation of a seat based on the towns of Whitehaven and Workington which unites the industrial communities of West Cumbria.

6.3. We therefore propose that the Penrith & The Border CC should be retained, including most of the rural wards of the City of Carlisle, and part of the Borough of

Allerdale, including the town of Keswick, currently in Copeland CC, and the town of Cockermouth, currently in the Workington CC

6.4. The Westmorland & Lonsdale CC would also be retained including the four wards of Grange, Holker and Cartmel, and also ten wards of the District of Eden including the town of Appleby.

6.5. The Carlisle CC would continue to include Dalston ward and eight wards of the Borough of Allerdale including Aspatria.

6.6. The Barrow-in-Furness CC would include seven wards of the Borough of Copeland including the town of Millom.

6.7. We believe that these proposals will provide for more manageable constituencies which reflect the unique geography of the county.

6.8. The details of the constituencies as proposed are included in Appendix A.

7. Merseyside

7.1. We agree with the Commission's decision to allocate ten whole seats to the four districts of the county of Merseyside east and north of the river Mersey. We accept the Commission's proposal to keep the St. Helens North BC and St Helens South & Whiston BC unchanged which we believe will achieve widespread public support.

7.2. We also accept the Commission's proposed Southport BC, although we regret the need, contingent upon the inflexible rules on electoral equality, to divide the town of Formby through the inclusion of the Harington ward in that constituency.

7.3. We object however to the proposals for the remaining constituencies which divide the Borough of Knowsley, which has just 111,388 electors into five different constituencies, divides the City of Liverpool into six different constituencies of which four contain parts of other districts and four of which are comprised of parts of at least three existing constituencies. The result is that ties are broken specifically within Bootle where the Netherton & Orrell and St Oswald's wards are

removed to new constituencies, and in Kirkby which is divided between two constituencies and Stockbridge included in another.

7.4. We believe that this scale of disruption is unnecessary and has no justification under any of the Commission's criteria. We propose instead that the Knowsley BC should remain unchanged, that the Sefton Central constituency should be enlarged to include the Church and Victoria wards thus uniting most of Crosby in one constituency, and that the remaining six wards of the Bootle BC should in addition to the Kirkdale ward, also include the Warbreck ward of Liverpool and be renamed Bootle & Kirkdale. The Halewood wards of Knowsley should be in a constituency with six wards of the City of Liverpool, three from the Liverpool, Wavertree constituency and three from the Garston & Halewood constituency named Wavertree & Halewood. The remainder of Liverpool would be divided between three constituencies named Riverside, Walton & Edge Hill and West Derby,

7.5. The details of the counter proposal are contained in Appendix B.

8. Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool, Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Greater Manchester, Halton, Lancashire, Warrington, Wirral

8.1. We note that this review area has been allocated 53 constituencies.

8.2. Cheshire and Wirral

8.2.1. In allocating constituencies to these areas we accept that the Commission has only limited options within Cheshire and specifically the Chester area for how it may allocate whole wards to constituencies that would contain a permitted number of electors and avoid the division of the main towns. The Commission themselves state that they have been unable to identify an option which achieved all of their objectives in this area[2].

8.2.2. It is therefore the case that the allocation of seats to the whole of the review unit is dependent upon the arrangements within Cheshire, and the consequent

[2] Initial Proposals Booklet North West Region p12 para 42.

configuration of those constituencies which straddle Cheshire and Greater Manchester.

8.2.3. We note that the Commission has proposed that there be two seats containing parts of Cheshire and parts of Wirral, one of which also includes parts of the Borough of Halton. The proposed Mersey Banks CC includes, as the Commission themselves concede[3], an arrangement in which the Halton Borough wards of Ditton and Hale are effectively detached from the rest of the constituency across the Manchester Ship Canal and the River Mersey, physically remote from any other centre of population in the constituency and with no direct access whatsoever.

8.2.4. While we recognise that the Commission has few options in this area we believe this proposal to be completely unworkable and in contravention of all the criteria which the Commission may take into account. While of course the division of towns between constituencies, which the Commission believes to be the inevitable alternative, is undesirable, the inclusion of these two wards in a constituency with which they have no connection whatsoever apart from a ward boundary in the middle of a river a mile wide constitutes a matter of "accessibility" under the terms of Clause 5(1)(a) of Schedule 2 of the Act. In addition the proposal divides the towns of Widnes and Ellesmere Port (through the exclusion of the Groves & Whitby ward) and separates Bebington from Bromborough, all of which we believe to break ties in the areas concerned.

8.2.5. We therefore wish to make a counter proposal that addresses the severe problems caused by the Commission's proposals.

8.2.6. We propose instead that there should be three constituencies wholly within the Borough of Wirral, each comprising seven wards, and that the Heswall ward should be included with six wards of the Cheshire West and Chester - Blacon, City, Ledsham & Willaston, Mickle Trafford, Neston & Parkgate, Weaver - and the Beechwood ward of Halton Borough. We recognise that this proposal would divide the City of Chester in a more radical way to that proposed by the

[3] ibid

Commission but believe that overall this scheme provides for workable constituencies that pay more respect to local ties.

8.2.7. It enables the existing Birkenhead and Wallasey constituencies each to be retained intact, with the addition respectively of the Upton and Hoylake & Meols wards, with the remaining seven ward of Wirral Borough forming a revised Wirral South constituency. The whole of Ellesmere Port (four wards) would be kept intact with the Frodsham & Helsby ward and five wards of the Borough of Halton in an Ellesmere Port & West Runcorn constituency.

8.2.8. The remaining wards of the city of Chester - Boughton Heath & Vicars Cross, Hoole & Newton, Overleigh and Upton - would be included in a South West Cheshire constituency with the wards of Broxton and Gowy and the Cheshire East ward of Cholmondeley. A Mid Cheshire constituency would comprise the wards of Abbey, Eddisbury, Marbury, Northwich East & Shakerley, Northwich West, Winsford North & East and Winsford South & West - thus uniting the small industrial towns of central Cheshire in one constituency.

8.2.9. In Halton, the whole of the town of Widnes, including the wards of Ditton and Hale, would be included with five wards of the Borough of Warrington - Great Sankey North, Great Sankey South, Penketh & Cuerdley, Westbrook and Whittle Hall - in a Widnes & Warrington West seat, while the remaining wards of the Warrington North constituency would be retained in that seat along with the Bewsey & Whitecross ward.

8.2.10. The Congleton and Crewe & Nantwich constituencies would be retained unchanged as under the Commission's Initial Proposals.

8.3. Cheshire and Greater Manchester

8.3.1. We note that within the districts of Manchester, Salford, Trafford and Wigan, eight of the existing constituencies have electorates between 72,810 and 80,473 and can therefore remain unchanged, but that under the Commission's Initial Proposals just one does so. This appears to be because the Commission

has decided to add to the electorate of the Altrincham & Sale West BC by making adjustments within Trafford. The consequent changes to Wythenshawe & Sale East BC have therefore had to be accommodated by changes to the remaining seats in Manchester which have had very disruptive effects. These include

8.3.1.1. The detachment of Didsbury from the Manchester Withington BC of which it has been part for many years

8.3.1.2. The detachment of Charlestown ward from Blackley & Broughton constituency

8.3.1.3. The breaking of ties in Salford by the inclusion of much of it in the Manchester Central BC

8.3.1.4. The breaking of ties in Leigh by the division of the town between a new Leigh constituency and a new Westhoughton constituency

8.3.1.5. The inclusion of Irlam and Cadishead in the Leigh constituency to the rest of which it has no road access

8.3.2. We propose instead that the Altrincham & Sale West BC should include the Lymm ward of Warrington Borough with which it has direct road links and which is a historic village distinct from Warrington itself. The Ashton-upon-Mersey ward would be transferred to Stretford & Urmston BC, as under the Commission's Initial Proposals.

8.3.3. The following constituencies would then be unchanged:

Leigh CC
Makerfield CC
Manchester Gorton BC
Manchester Withington BC
Salford & Eccles BC
Worsley & Eccles South CC
Wigan CC
Wythenshawe & Sale East BC

8.3.4. The Blackley & Broughton BC would also be retained, with the transfer of the Moston ward from Manchester Central, which until 2010 was in the Manchester, Blackley constituency and which brings the electorates of these constituencies into the permitted range.

8.3.5. We therefore propose that, with Lymm transferred to Altrincham & Sale West, the remaining wards of Warrington South BC should form a North Cheshire seat with five wards of Halton Borough - Daresbury, Halton Castle, Norton North, Norton South and Windmill Hill - and the Bucklow and Knutsford wards of Cheshire East.

8.3.6. The Alderley ward would then be included in Macclesfield CC along with the town of Wilmslow.

8.3.7. We then propose that there should be two seats comprising part of Greater Manchester and part of Cheshire. Instead of Poynton we propose that Bollington & Disley ward be included in Hazel Grove, a seat which could be renamed Hazel Grove and Bollington. The Poynton ward would be included in Cheadle BC, a seat which could be renamed Cheadle & Poynton CC, with the Cheadle Hulme North ward included in the Stockport BC along with Bredbury & Woodley. We recognise that this divides the community of Cheadle Hulme which is a regrettable consequence of the need to keep constituency electorates within the acceptable range.

8.4. Greater Manchester

8.4.1. This then enables the Denton & Reddish constituency to be retained, with the Dukinfield ward transferred to Stalybridge & Hyde CC as under the Boundary Commission Initial Proposals and the wards of Droylsden East and Droylsden West added. The Ashton-under Lyne BC would include the St. Peter's ward, thereby uniting the town of Ashton-under-Lyne which would be divided under the Initial Proposals, rather than Chadderton South.

8.4.2. We note that the Initial Proposals of the Commission divide the town of Rochdale, a historic parliamentary constituency, with part of it included in a Rochdale North & Rawtenstall constituency which itself divides the town of Rawtenstall and the Borough of Rossendale. We propose instead that the Rochdale CC should remain unchanged, and that the Oldham East & Saddleworth CC should include the wards of Royton North and Royton South which are divided under the proposals, with the St. Mary's ward transferred to a new constituency comprising five wards of Oldham, including the all three wards of the town of Chadderton which are divided under the Initial Proposals, and five wards of the Borough of Rochdale, including most of the town of Middleton. The remainder of the Heywood & Middleton CC including the town of Heywood would be included with four wards of the Borough of Bury comprising the town of Bury itself in a Bury & Heywood CC. The Bury South constituency would be unchanged as under the Commission's Initial Proposals.

8.4.3. In Bolton we also accept the Commission's proposed Bolton South BC and propose that the existing Bolton West CC be retained intact with the addition of the Halliwell ward.

8.5. Greater Manchester and Lancashire

8.5.1. We believe that ties are better respected by having two constituencies including part of Greater Manchester and part of Lancashire. We therefore propose that the remaining five wards of Bolton North East BC should be included with six wards of the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen and the Tottington ward of Bury Borough in a Bolton North & Darwen CC. The East Rural ward would be included in Blackburn BC. The remaining three wards of the existing Bury North CC would then be included with the whole of Rossendale Borough in a Rossendale & Ramsbottom CC.

8.6. Lancashire

8.6.1. In Lancashire we believe that the Initial Proposals divide the towns of Accrington and Burnley, and we argue instead that the whole of the Hyndburn

Borough should be included in a Hyndburn & Padiham seat with the wards of Gannow, Gawthorpe, Hapton with Park and Whittlefield & Ightenhill from Burnley Borough. The remainder of Burnley Borough would be included in the Burnley & Nelson CC, while in addition to the three wards proposed by the Boundary Commission, another eight wards of Pendle Borough including the town of Colne should be transferred to the Ribble Valley CC which would include the whole of Ribble Valley Borough except for the Chipping ward and could be called Clitheroe & Colne CC.

8.7. We accept the Commission's proposals for

Blackpool North & Fleetwood BC
Blackpool South BC

which unites the centre of Blackpool in one constituency and returns to the arrangements which were in place until 2010.

8.8. We also accept the proposed Fylde CC which keeps the Fylde Borough in one constituency and the Chorley CC which is co-terminous with its district.

8.9. We believe however that in addition to the four wards of South Ribble Borough which the Commission propose should be transferred from Ribble Valley CC to South Ribble CC, the town of Bamber Bridge should also be included in that seat, thereby respecting its ties with the Farington wards and meaning that the main centres of population in the Borough would all be in that constituency.

8.10. The Rufford and Tarleton wards of West Lancashire district would be transferred to the West Lancashire CC.

8.11. The wards of Coupe Green & Gregson Lane, Samlesbury & Walton and Walton-le-Dale would be included in the Preston BC along with the Tardy Gate ward.

8.12. We also propose an alternative alignment for Lancaster where the seven wards of the City of Lancaster itself - Bulk, Castle, Duke's, John O'Gaunt, Scotforth

East, Scotforth West and University - would be included in a Lancaster & Morecambe seat, combining the urban areas of the towns and respecting the ties which are currently broken by the inclusion of the Skerton East and Skerton West wards of Lancaster in the Morecambe & Lunesdale CC. We therefore propose an alternative to the Commission's Lancaster seat including the remaining eight wards of Morecambe & Lunesdale along with the wards of Garrison, Greyfriars and Sharoe Green of Preston which might be called Garstang or Garstang & Carnforth.

8.13. The Labour Party's counter proposal for this sub-regional review area therefore comprises

8.13.1. Three constituencies in Wirral Borough

8.13.2. One constituency partly in Wirral and partly in Cheshire

8.13.3. Nine constituencies in Cheshire

8.13.4. Three constituencies partly in Cheshire and partly in Greater Manchester

8.13.5. 22 constituencies in Greater Manchester

8.13.6. Two constituencies partly in Greater Manchester and partly in Lancashire

8.13.7. 13 constituencies in Lancashire

8.14. We recognise that the counter proposal is very different from the Commission's Initial Proposals, but we believe that, particularly in its better respect for existing constituency arrangements it represents a proposal that is based upon the criteria set out in the Act and will command wide support.

9. The details are set out in Appendices C to D

Appendix A

Labour Party Counter Proposal for Cumbria

Constituency	Wards	Electorate
Barrow-in-Furness CC	Barrow-in-Furness Borough Copeland wards: Bootle, Gosforth, Haverigg, Holborn Hill, Millom Without, Newtown, Seascale South Lakeland wards: Broughton in Furness, Low Furness, Mid Furness, Ulverston (6 wards)	80,457
Carlisle CC	Allerdale wards: Aspatria, Holme, Marsh, Silloth, Solway, Wampool, Waver, Wigton Carlisle wards: Belah, Belle Vue, Botcherby, Burgh, Castle, Currock, Dalston, Denton Holme, Harraby, Morton, St. Aidan's, Stanwix Urban, Upperby, Yewdale	78,966
Penrith and The Border CC	Allerdale wards: All Saints,Boltons, Broughton St. Bridget's, Christchurch, Crummock, Dalton, Derwent Valley, Keswick, Wharrels, Warnell, Carlisle wards: Brampton, Great Corby & Geltsdale, Hayton, Irthing, Longtown & Rockliffe, Lyne, Stanwix Rural, Wetheral Eden wards: Alston, Askham, Dacre, Eamont, Greystoke, Hartside, Hesket, Kirkby Thore, Kirkoswald, Langwathby, Lazonby, Morland, Penrith (6 wards) Skelton, Ullswater.	74,211
West Cumberland CC	Allerdale wards: Clifton, Ellen, Ellenborough, Ewanrigg, Flimby, Harrington, Moor Close, Moss Bay, Netherhall, St. John's, St. Michael's, Seaton, Stainburn Copeland wards: Arlecdon, Beckermet, Bransty, Cleator Moor (2 wards), Distington, Egremont (2 wards), Ennerdale, Frizington, Harbour, Hensingham, Hillcrest, Kells, Mirehouse, Moresby, St. Bees, Sandwith,	79,311
Westmorland and Lonsdale CC	Eden wards: Appleby (2 wards), Brough, Crosby Ravensworth, Kirkby Stephen, Long Marton, Orton, Ravenstonedale, Shap, Warcop. South Lakeland wards: Ambleside & Grasmere, Arnside & Beetham, Burneside, Burton & Holme, Cartmel & Grange West, Coniston&Crake Valley, Crooklands, Grange N, Grange S, Hawkshead, Holker, Kendal (14 wards), Levens, Lyth Valley, Milnthorpe, Sedbergh & Kirkby Lonsdale, Staveley-in-Cartmel, Staveley-in-Windermere, Whinfell, Windermere (4 wards)	77,425

Appendix B

Merseyside Counter Proposal

Constituency	Wards	Electorate
Bootle and Kirkdale	Sefton wards: Derby, Ford, Linacre, Litherland, Netherton & Orrell, St Oswald's Liverpool wards: Kirkdale, Warbreck	74,046
Knowsley	**Existing constituency**	79,334
Liverpool Riverside	Liverpool wards: Central, Cressington, Mossley Hill, Princes Park, Riverside, St Michaels, Speke-Garston	76,061
Liverpool Walton & Edge Hill	Liverpool wards: Anfield, Clubmoor, County, Everton, Greenbank, Kensington and Fairfield, Picton, Tuebrook & Stoneycroft	78,563
Liverpool West Derby	Liverpool wards: Croxteth, Fazakerley, Knotty Ash, Norris Green, Old Swan, West Derby, Yew Tree	74,732
Sefton Central	Sefton wards: Blundellsands, Church, Manor, Molyneux, Park, Ravenmeols, Sudell, Victoria	77,093
Southport	**As per Boundary Commission**	77,555
St Helens North	**Existing constituency**	75,688
St Helens South & Whiston	**Existing constituency**	78,612
Wavertree and Halewood	Knowsley wards: Halewood North, Halewood South, Halewood West Liverpool wards: Allerton and Hunts Cross, Belle Vale, Childwall, Church, Wavertree, Woolton	79,659

Appendix C

Labour Party Counter Proposal for Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Wirral

Constituency	Wards	Electorate
Wirral (3 seats)		
Birkenhead	Existing constituency PLUS: Upton	74,605
Wallasey & Hoylake	Existing Wallasey PLUS: Hoylake & Meols	76,171
Wirral South	Wirral wards: Bebington, Bromborough, Clatterbridge, Eastham, Greasby, Frankby & Irby, Pensby & Thingwall, West Kirby & Thurstaston	77,735
Cheshire and Wirral (1 seat)		
North West Cheshire	Cheshire West and Chester wards: Blacon, City, Ledsham & Willaston, Mickle Trafford, Neston & Parkgate, Weaver Halton ward: Beechwood Wirral ward: Heswall	75,507
Cheshire (9 seats)		
Congleton	**Existing seat**	73,820
Crewe & Nantwich	**Existing seat**	78,845
Ellesmere Port & West Runcorn	Cheshire West & Chester wards: Central & Westminster, Frodsham & Helsby, Grange & Rossmore, Groves & Whitby, Sutton & Westminster Halton wards: Grange, Halton Brook, Halton Lea, Heath, Mersey	76,208
Macclesfield	Cheshire East wards: Alderley, Broken Cross, Macclesfield Forest, Macclesfield Town, Macclesfield West, Prestbury & Tytherington, Wilmslow North, Wilmslow South	78,711
Mid Cheshire	Cheshire West & Chester wards: Abbey, Eddisbury, Marbury, Northwich East & Shakerley, Northwich West, Winsford North & East, Winsford South & West	73,971
North Cheshire	Cheshire East wards: Bucklow, Knutsford Halton wards: Daresbury, Halton Castle, Norton North, Norton South, Windmill Hill Warrington wards: Appleton, Grappenhall & Thelwall, Hatton, Stretton & Walton, Latchford East, Latchford West, Stockton Heath	74,092
South West Cheshire	Cheshire East ward: Cholmondeley Cheshire West & Chester wards: Boughton & Vicars Cross, Broxton, Gowy, Hoole & Newton, Overleigh, Upton	73,436

Constituency	Wards	Electorate
Warrington North	Existing seat LESS Westbrook PLUS Bewsey & Whitecross	74,877
Widnes and Warrington West	Halton wards: Appleton, Birchfield, Broadheath, Ditton, Farnworth, Hale, Halton View, Hough, Kingsway, Riverside Warrington wards: Great Sankey North, Great Sankey South, Penketh & Cuerdley, Westbrook, Whittle Hall	80,283
Cheshire and Greater Manchester (3 seats)		
Altrincham and Sale West	Existing constituency LESS: Ashton upon Mersey PLUS: Lymm	74,199
Cheadle and Poynton	Cheshire East ward: Poynton Stockport wards: Bramhall North, Bramhall South, Cheadle & Gatley, Cheadle Hulme South, Davenport & Cale Green, Heald Green	74,618
Hazel Grove and Bollington	Cheshire East ward: Bollington & Disley Stockport wards: Bredbury & Romiley, Hazel Grove, Marple North, Marple South, Offerton, Stepping Hill	73,260
Greater Manchester (22 seats)		
Ashton-under-Lyne	Oldham wards: Failsworth (2 wards), Holllinwood, Medlock Vale, Werneth Tameside wards: Ashton (3 wards) St. Peter's	73,668
Blackley & Broughton	Existing constituency PLUS Manchester ward: Moston	79,909
Bolton South	**As per Boundary Commission**	78,550
Bolton West	Existing constituency PLUS: Bolton ward: Halliwell	80,265
Bury Central & Heywood	Bury wards: Church, East, Moorside, Redvales Rochdale wards: Hopwood Hall, Norden, North Heywood, West Heywood, West Middleton	74,646
Denton & Reddish	Stockport wards: Reddish (2 wards) Tameside wards: Audenshaw, Denton (3 wards), Droylsden (2 wards),	74,223
Leigh	**Existing constituency**	77,001
Makerfield	**Existing constituency**	74,856
Manchester Central	Existing constituency LESS: Moston	78,616
Manchester Gorton	**Existing constituency**	74,681
Manchester Withington	**Existing constituency**	73,656
Oldham East & Saddleworth	Existing constituency LESS St. Mary's PLUS Oldham wards: Royton North, Royton South	80,433

Constituency	Wards	Electorate
Oldham West & Middleton	Oldham wards: Chadderton (3 wards), Coldhurst, St Mary's Rochdale wards: Bamford, Castleton, East Middleton, North Middleton, South Middleton	80,295
Bury South	**Existing constituency**	75,140
Rochdale	**Existing constituency**	77,699
Salford & Eccles	**Existing constituency**	76,863
Stalybridge & Hyde	**As per Boundary Commission**	80,177
Stockport	Stockport wards: Bredbury & Woodley, Brinnington & Central, Cheadle Hulme North, Edgeley & Cheadle Heath, Heatons North, Heatons South, Manor	72,884
Stretford & Urmston	**As per Boundary Commission**	77,813
Wigan	**Existing constituency**	76,779
Worsley & Eccles South	**Existing constituency**	73,409
Wythenshawe & Sale East	**Existing constituency**	75,602
Greater Manchester and Lancashire (2 seats)		
Bolton North and Darwen	Blackburn with Darwen wards: Earcroft, Marsh House, North Turton with Tockholes, Sudell, Sunnyhurst, Whitehall Bolton wards: Astley Bridge, Bradshaw, Bromley Cross, Crompton, Tonge with The Haulgh Bury wards: Tottington	80,132
Rossendale & Ramsbottom	Bury wards: Elton, North Manor, Ramsbottom Rossendale Borough	78,380
Lancashire (13 seats)		
Blackburn	Existing constituency PLUS: Blackburn with Darwen ward: East Rural	78,049
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	**As per Boundary Commission**	80,400
Blackpool South	**As per Boundary Commission**	80,402
Burnley & Nelson	Burnley wards: Bank Hall, Briercliffe, Brunshaw, Cliviger with Worsthorne, Coal Clough with Deerplay, Daneshouse with Stoneyholme, Lanehead, Queensgate, Rosegrove with Lowerhouse, Rosehill with Burnley Wood, Trinity Pendle wards: Barrowford, Bradley, Brierfield, Clover Hill, Marsden, Reedley, Southfield, Walverden, Whitefield	80,105
Chorley	**As per Boundary Commission**	79,612

Constituency	Wards	Electorate
Clitheroe & Colne	Pendle wards: Blacko & Higherford, Boulsworth, Coates, Craven, Earby , Fouridge, Higham & Pendleside, Horsfield, Old Laund Booth, Vivary Bridge, Waterside Ribble Valley Borough LESS Chipping	79,877
Fylde	**As per Boundary Commission**	78,304
Garstang & Carnforth	Lancaster wards: Bolton-le-Sands, Carnforth, Halton-with-Aughton, Kellet, Lower Lune Valley, Silverdale, Slyne-with-Hest, Upper Lune Valley, Warton Preston wards: Garrison Greyfriars, Preston Rural East, Preston Rural North, Sharoe Green Ribble Valley ward: Chipping Wyre wards: Brock, Cabus, Calder, Catterall, Garstang, Great Eccleston, Hambleton and Stalmine-with-Staynall, Pilling, Preesall, Wyresdale	80,344
Hyndburn & Padiham	Burnley wards: Gannow, Gawthorpe, Hapton with Park, Whittlefield with Ightenhill Hyndburn Borough	79,376
Morecambe & Lancaster	Lancaster wards: Bare, Bulk, Castle, Duke's, Harbour, Heysham (3 wards), John O'Gaunt, Overton, Poulton, Scotforth East, Scotforth West, Skerton East, Skerton West, Torrisholme, University, Westgate	80,278
Preston	Preston wards: Ashton, Brookfield, Cadley, College, Deepdale, Fishwick, Ingol, Larches, Moor Park, Ribbleton, Riversway, St George's, St. Matthew's, Town Centre, Tulketh, University South Ribble wards: Coupe Green & Gregson Lane, Samlesbury & Walton, Tardy Gate, Walton-le-Dale	79,330
South Ribble	As per Boundary Commission PLUS South Ribble wards: Bamber Bridge (3 wards) LESS: South Ribble ward: Tardy Gate West Lancashire wards: Rufford, Tarleton	80,058
West Lancashire	Existing constituency PLUS West Lancashire: Rufford, Tarleton	79,205

Appendix D

Percentage of old constituency in a new seat

Existing Constituency	Maximum percentage retained in new seat			
	Labour Counter Proposal		Boundary Commission Initial Proposals	
Altrincham and Sale West	90%		90%	
Ashton-under-Lyne	**74%**		61%	
Barrow and Furness	**100%**		97%	
Birkenhead	**100%**		84%	
Blackburn BC	100%		100%	
Blackley and Broughton	**100%**		86%	
Blackpool North and Cleveleys	75%		75%	
Blackpool South	100%		100%	
Bolton North East	73%		73%	
Bolton South East	**100%**		100%	
Bolton West	**100%**		58%	
Bootle	73%		**75%**	
Burnley	**72%**		68%	
Bury North	50%		**100%**	
Bury South	100%	**Unchanged**	100%	**Unchanged**
Carlisle	**94%**		93%	
Cheadle	73%		**86%**	
Chorley	100%		100%	
City of Chester	65%		**79%**	
Congleton	100%	**Unchanged**	100%	**Unchanged**
Copeland	69%		**87%**	
Crewe and Nantwich	100%	**Unchanged**	100%	**Unchanged**
Denton and Reddish	**86%**		54%	
Eddisbury	53%		**91%**	
Ellesmere Port and Neston	**61%**		46%	
Fylde CC	100%		100%	
Garston and Halewood	**67%**		55%	
Halton	66%		**90%**	
Hazel Grove	83%		83%	
Heywood and Middleton	51%		**61%**	
Hyndburn	**87%**		52%	
Knowsley	**100%**	**Unchanged**	48%	
Lancaster and Fleetwood	46%		66%	
Leigh	**100%**	**Unchanged**	51%	
Liverpool, Riverside	**71%**		70%	

Existing Constituency	Maximum percentage retained in new seat			
	Labour Counter Proposal		Boundary Commission Initial Proposals	
Liverpool, Walton	**64%**		51%	
Liverpool, Wavertree	52%		52%	
Liverpool, West Derby	**84%**		67%	
Macclesfield	68%		**81%**	
Makerfield	**100%**	**Unchanged**	75%	
Manchester Central	**88%**		51%	
Manchester, Gorton	**100%**	**Unchanged**	72%	
Manchester, Withington	**100%**	**Unchanged**	72%	
Morecambe and Lunesdale	71%		**100%**	
Oldham East and Saddleworth	**88%**		77%	
Oldham West and Royton	43%		**89%**	
Penrith and The Border	**77%**		57%	
Preston	**100%**		94%	
Ribble Valley	58%		**73%**	
Rochdale	**100%**	**Unchanged**	60%	
	60%		60%	
Rossendale and Darwen	**60%**		59%	
Salford and Eccles	**100%**	**Unchanged**	56%	
Sefton Central	**86%**		72%	
South Ribble	81%		**89%**	
Southport	100%		100%	
St Helens North	100%	**Unchanged**	100%	**Unchanged**
St Helens South and Whiston	100%	**Unchanged**	100%	**Unchanged**
Stalybridge and Hyde	100%		100%	
Stockport	83%		83%	
Stretford and Urmston	100%		100%	
	100%		69%	
Wallasey	100%		100%	
Warrington North	**93%**		80%	
Warrington South	43%		**64%**	
Weaver Vale	35%		35%	
West Lancashire	100%		100%	**Unchanged**
Westmorland and Lonsdale	**100%**		64%	
Wigan	100%	**Unchanged**	100%	**Unchanged**
Wirral South	**80%**		40%	
Wirral West	59%		**78%**	
Worsley and Eccles South	**100%**	**Unchanged**	55%	

Existing Constituency	Maximum percentage retained in new seat			
	Labour Counter Proposal		Boundary Commission Initial Proposals	
Wyre and Preston North	59%		37%	
Wythenshawe and Sale East	**100%**	**Unchanged**	83%	

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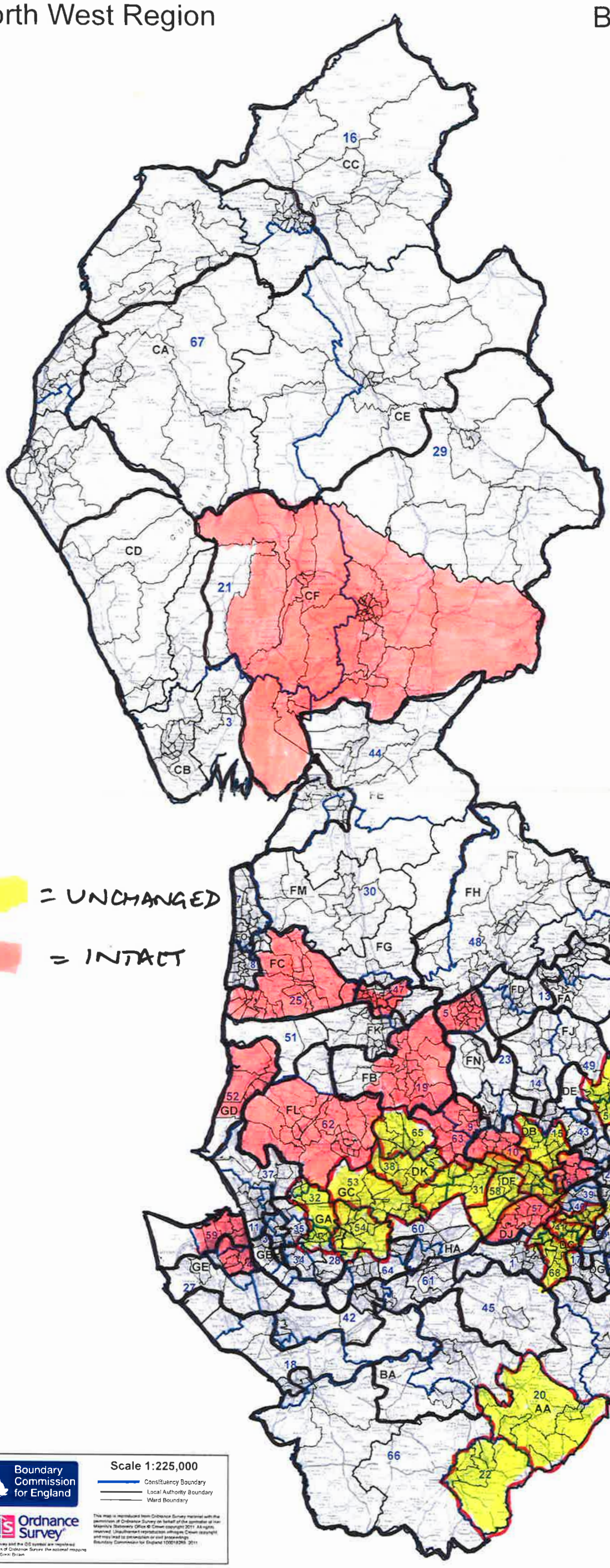
APPENDIX E
LABOUR PARTY
COUNTER PROPOSAL



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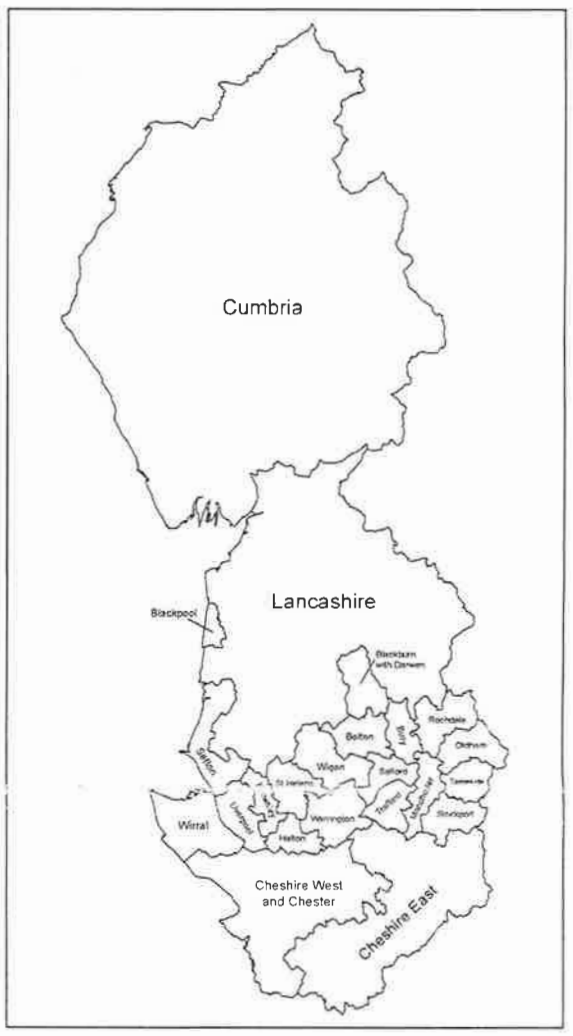

Local Authorities

Cheshire East
AA Cheshire East

Cheshire West and Chester
BA Cheshire West and Chester

Cumbria
CA Allerdale
CB Barrow-in-Furness
CC Carlisle
CD Copeland
CE Eden
CF South Lakeland

Greater Manchester
DA Bolton
DB Bury
DC Manchester
DD Oldham
DE Rochdale
DF Salford
DG Stockport
DH Tameside
DJ Trafford
DK Wigan

Halton
EA Halton

Lancash re
FA Burnley
FB Chorley
FC Fylde
FD Hyndburn
FE Lancaster
FF Pendle
FG Preston
FH Ribble Valley
FJ Rossendale
FK South Ribble
FL West Lancashire
FM Wyre

Blackburn with Darwen
FN Blackburn with Darwen

Blackpool
FO Blackpool

Merseyside
GA Knowsley
GB Liverpool
GC St Helens
GD Sefton
GE Wirral

Warrington
HA Warrington

Constituencies

1	Altrincham and Sale BC	80 385
2	Ashton-under-Lyne BC	72 954
3	Barrow-in-Furness CC	73 677
4	Birkenhead BC	76,650
5	Blackburn BC	75 468
6	Blackley and Broughton BC	80 297
7	Blackpool North and Fleetwood BC	80,400
8	Blackpool South BC	80,402
9	Bolton North BC	78,643
10	Bolton South BC	76,550
11	Bootle BC	73 546
12	Burnley North and Nelson BC	74,989
13	Burnley South and Accrington BC	76,881
14	Bury North BC	76,764
15	Bury South BC	75 140
16	Carlisle CC	79 030
17	Cheadle BC	72,826
18	Chester CC	80 313
19	Chorley CC	79,612
20	Congleton CC	73,820
21	Copeland and Windermere CC	77,712
22	Crewe and Nantwich CC	78,645
23	Darwen and Haslingden CC	79 436
24	Denton BC	72,964
25	Fylde CC	78 304
26	Hazel Grove and Poynton CC	73 091
27	Hoylake and Neston BC	77,236
28	Huyton and Halewood BC	77 277
29	Kendal and Penrith CC	79,685
30	Lancaster CC	79,694
31	Leigh CC	79 452
32	Liverpool North BC	76,960
33	Liverpool Riverside BC	80 030
34	Liverpool Wavertree BC	74 983
35	Liverpool West Derby BC	78 469
36	Macclesfield CC	80 265
37	Maghull BC	78,223
38	Makerfield CC	74,873
39	Manchester Central BC	79,576
40	Manchester Gorton BC	76 099
41	Manchester Withington BC	74 406
42	Mersey Banks CC	80,371
43	Middleton BC	75,097
44	Morecambe and Lunesdale CC	72 905
45	Northwich CC	74 003
46	Oldham and Saddleworth CC	72 810
47	Preston BC	79 733
48	Ribble Valley CC	73,653
49	Rochdale North and Rawtenstall CC	80,435
50	Rochdale South BC	78 347
51	South Ribble CC	78 375
52	Southport BC	77 555
53	St Helens North BC	75 688
54	St Helens South and Whiston BC	78 612
55	Stalybridge and Hyde CC	80 177
56	Stockport BC	72,917
57	Stretford and Urmston BC	77,813
58	Swinton BC	75 922
59	Wallasey BC	75 519
60	Warrington North BC	79 689
61	Warrington South BC	79 363
62	West Lancashire CC	73,028
63	Westhoughton CC	79,080
64	Widnes and Runcorn BC	79 581
65	Wigan CC	76 779
66	Winsford CC	74 064
67	Workington and Keswick CC	80 266
68	Wythenshawe BC	80 310

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Scale 1:225,000

Constituency Boundary
Local Authority Boundary
Ward Boundary

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