

**Parliamentary Constituency  
Boundary Review 2013**

# London Liberal Democrats

## **2nd Consultation: Our Response to representations on the Initial Proposals**



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Liberal Democrat Comments on the Response to the initial proposals

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This is the second submission to the Boundary Commission for England on behalf of London Liberal Democrats in relation to the 2013 Parliamentary Constituency review. As before it extends only to the areas covered by the London European Parliament electoral region and should be read in conjunction with the separate submissions covering the other regions.
- 1.2 This submission contains our comments on the more than 5,000 representations the Commission received during the first consultation period on the “Initial Proposals”. We will also state what view we have of the submissions submitted by the Labour and Conservative parties.
- 1.3 However, we regard the most significant single representation by far to have come not from a political party but from Prof Ron Johnson, Dr Charles Pattie and Dr David Rossiter (and which for brevity we call “the Academics’ Scheme”). We were impressed by the way their scheme has been constructed by following an explicit reasoned methodology and reflects the measurable statutory criteria more strongly than the Initial Proposals.
- 1.4 We consider this representation separately in Part 5 of this submission. Our view is that this scheme provides a substantially better starting point for the new constituency map in London than the Initial Proposals. Inevitably there are a number of locations where we think their proposals can be improved (particularly with regard to local ties) without damaging too greatly their overarching aim of maintaining stability in the constituency map. This is especially so in North London. Nevertheless, we believe the British Academy and the academic team responsible for this scheme have provided a great service to London through this work.
- 1.5 Our overall submission therefore is that the Commission should adopt the Academics’ Scheme as a revised proposal for further consultation, save for a small number of variations we outline in part 5. In particular the area of north London we identify should have a different scheme and we cannot endorse the Academics’ Scheme for that area. If the Commission is not persuaded of this, we nevertheless offer our views on other representations received so far on the Initial Proposals, including those of the Conservative and Labour parties.

## 2. Central, North and West London

### Central London

- 2.1 The Initial Proposals relating to the City of London, Westminster, Camden, Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham have proved controversial. All three parties and numerous local respondents have called for the three Holborn wards of Camden to be reunited in the same constituency. Similarly the parties, residents and the two local authorities themselves have called for the City of London to be linked with central London wards of the City of Westminster.
- 2.2 We support the contention that the City of London should remain linked to a constituency containing the heart of Government in Westminster, rather than being linked with Islington wards. However, as we stated in our initial submission we cannot accept the precedent of a self-imposed rule that the City of London can **only** be combined with wards from the City of Westminster. The Parliamentary electorate of the City is less than a single ward of the boroughs surrounding it. To restrict the constituency containing these 6,000 electors to no other electors but those from Westminster is an unwarranted restriction on the Commission’s discretion to build a scheme of constituencies across the whole region that best fits the statutory criteria as a whole. The reasons for the link of the City and Westminster are well stated in the two local authorities’ own responses.

They relate to shared geographical features of city living, a sense of representing institutions based in the area, common security threats and a shared experience of high tourist footfall. We do not accept that these factors indicate local ties with electors in (say) Westminster's Bayswater or Westbourne wards which are inner London districts well off tourists' beaten track. We submit they suggest better links with those living around Millbank and the museum and Embassy districts of South Kensington (as we and the Commission propose).

- 2.3 The Commission's proposed Camden & Regents Park constituency has proved unpopular at both ends - in Marylebone and Belsize ward. In our submission, crossing the Islington/Camden border in the north of each borough answers both these criticisms. We suggest there is ample evidence in the responses that both sides of Oxford Street should be in the same constituency.
- 2.4 In Camden, an extremely large number of replies have been received from residents of Fortune Green ward to the effect that they should not be separated from West Hampstead. This reflects a strong local campaign, with local media interest, amid a politically-aware electorate. We entirely agree that there are strong ties between the two wards that ordinarily should mean that they ought to be together in the same constituency. However, the alternative patterns are equally unpalatable. The Commission will have to split a Barnet ward, reallocate wards in Finchley and the south east corner of Barnet, take Fortis Green ward from Haringey or else propose a redrawing of boundaries across Barnet and beyond. The Commission should not assume the response from Fortis Green to splitting Muswell Hill would be any less negative than their proposal to split Fortune Green and West Hampstead. We view neither option as really acceptable, but had ultimately given the Commission's Initial Proposals the benefit of the doubt. Given the strength of this response we are now largely persuaded that it is not practical to sustain Finchley & Golders Green unchanged save for the addition of one ward (and similarly to sustain Hendon entirely unchanged). We have concluded that both seats will need significant redrawing to avoid unacceptable harm to constituencies in Camden, Haringey and Brent. We cover this in Part 5 when considering the Academics' Scheme.

### **The Conservative Submission:**

- 2.5 The Conservative submission proposes a number of amendments to the Initial Proposals in Central London, none of which we find convincing.
- 2.6 They propose to replace The City of London in the Islington South seat with the missing Holborn ward of Bloomsbury. That is clearly right. But they also want to add a 4th Camden ward (St Pancras & Somers Town) which is on the "wrong" side of the Euston Road. Many respondents from Marylebone spoke of the strength of the Marylebone Road as a physical and cultural divide. We submit that this same road has a similar impact here. The bulk of the electors in St Pancras & Somers Town do not live facing Euston Road, but are in the social housing estates around Camden Street and Chalton Street. The ward reaches within a few metres of Camden Town itself and is clearly not part of Holborn. This ward is largely separated from Islington by the East Coast mainline railway out of Kings Cross, with very few road connections to Islington to the east. But it is closely connected and has an indistinct boundary with the Camden wards to the north and west.
- 2.7 To accommodate this extra Camden ward the Conservatives would remove Canonbury ward from Islington South to a Hackney seat. There are no convincing reasons for this. Our initial submission contains ample evidence to show that Canonbury is well integrated into its neighbouring wards including St Mary's. It is a natural extension of the Georgian town house streetscape of south Islington districts to the south and north and west. It has no natural ties to Hackney and we suspect few Canonbury residents have cause to go to Hackney for services, shopping or leisure. Public transport lines go mainly to Angel and to the City rather than to Hackney. We see no supporting argument for "local ties" beyond mere proximity.
- 2.8 This extra cross-borough constituency spanning Hackney and Islington cancels out any supposed gain in respect for local government boundaries from the avoidance of a constituency spanning the Hackney-Haringey border. We also submit that this Hackney-Islington border is more real to the local communities than the permeable border between Hackney and Haringey at Stamford Hill which splits the area using Stamford Hill station and local shops. The extension of the constituency across the boundary also goes well with the radial flow of many transport routes north from the City.

Stamford Hill is the centre of an Ashkenazi Orthodox Jewish community. Figures from the 2001 Census show Haringey's Seven Sisters ward is notably different from the rest of the Tottenham constituency in having a very significant Jewish population of around 10% - a somewhat higher figure than Stoke Newington Central, for example. This is the continuation of this Stamford Hill community. The proposal to include Seven Sisters ward with Hackney wards has produced few objections. We submit this is a more convincing place to cross a borough boundary than the Islington-Hackney crossing proposed by the Conservatives.

- 2.9 The Conservative counterproposal has a significantly different arrangement for Kensington & Chelsea and the northern Westminster wards. We can see merit in maintaining at least one constituency that is predominantly in Kensington & Chelsea. However, this counterproposal splits Westminster's Harrow Road and Queen's Park wards from Westbourne ward. We believe the Commission has received ample evidence at the oral hearings of the links between these wards to see the weakness of this proposal.

### ***The Labour Submission:***

- 2.10 Labour also propose significant changes to the Initial Proposals here. We submit that their proposal for a constituency running from near Highgate Wood to the far side of Kilburn is not credible. It contains two so called "orphan wards" in a three borough constituency and has poor transport links from one end to the other, being an elongated east-west constituency fighting the generally radial communication lines. Labour would disrupt the boundaries of Barnet seats that do not need changing, yet do not take advantage of that to avoid splitting Fortune Green and West Hampstead. Church Street and Pembridge are artificially placed into their Kensington & Westminster N seat providing for weak delineation of boundary lines that do not reflect either existing boundaries, borough boundaries or local ties. However we agree that there is a credible seat to make out of the City of London, central London Westminster wards and South Kensington, even if our two proposals slightly differ.

### ***North and West London***

- 2.11 Unsurprisingly there seems general support for keeping Chipping Barnet unchanged. However, we are surprised to see so few representations making the same argument for Hendon, given there was clearly an attempt in the other Barnet constituencies to drum up support for the Commission's Initial Proposals (evidence by the identical wording of replies). We suggest there is some reassurance here that reconsidering the minimal changes to Finchley & Golders Green and Hendon might provide an acceptable solution to the Fortune Green v Fortis Green issue.
- 2.12 Few representations have been received regarding the proposals for Brent and Harrow. The main points of contention are the proposal to place College Park & Old Oak ward in Willesden. We have not found a single representation from the area in support of this suggestion. There are even representations from those north of Wormwood Scrubs opposing the move. If there are no voices in favour from these streets we suggest the Commission should conclude the idea has failed to generate any local support. We note the lack of almost any response from the wards along the Brent-Harrow border either in support or opposition to the Initial Proposals. We take this as a sign of the area's make up as a number of suburban neighbourhood localities with comparatively weak ties to any particular major town centre such as Harrow or Wembley.
- 2.13 Ealing, Hillingdon, Hounslow and the Hammersmith parts of Hammersmith & Fulham have proven problematic. The main problem areas result from the knock-on radical changes forced by the decision to transfer 4 Twickenham wards to a cross-river seat with Richmond. The resulting pairing of parts of Feltham and parts of Hayes is clearly unpopular. We note both individual respondents and a Hounslow Labour councillor at the oral hearings supporting our comments that Hanworth Park includes much of Feltham town centre and belongs best with other Feltham wards. In Ealing the three wards of Elthorne, Northfield and Walpole have a clear and separate identity from the town of Southall which is on the other side of a notorious traffic bottleneck by the hospital. They are demographically and culturally closer to Ealing and we can sympathise with the idea that they do not feel well served in a constituency that is focused on Southall.

2.14 There are robust attempts by various figures in constituency Labour parties in Hillingdon and Hounslow to promote an alternative scheme from both the Commission's and the national Labour party's plans. This seems to us a genuine attempt to improve the "community fit" of the constituencies here. It is however not entirely convincing in splitting Southall and the two Northolt wards. Also, it leaves the weak Teddington & Hanworth in place (so splitting Feltham) and leaves Yiewsley and West Drayton split. Nevertheless we submit their points about the weakness of their Initial Proposals' cross-airport seat are well made. Hillingdon Council similarly made representations to oppose a linking of Feltham and Hayes, apparently with cross-party approval. However we regard their startling full reworking of the Initial Proposals not just for their own borough but across all west London as a spectacular *folie de grandeur* that is not of great use. (Their suggestion that Hampton Wick ward could be placed in the Richmond & Twickenham seat is especially bizarre given that there is no bridge across the Thames to link it to wards on the "Surrey side"!)

### **The Conservative Submission**

2.15 The Conservatives propose some reworking of the Harrow cross borough constituencies. We do accept there is some merit in what they suggest with regard to Rayners Lane ward's ties to Pinner. However we see no real evidence in regard to Hatch End belonging better with Stanmore wards. The A4008 provides a very strong boundary line here which is far more robust than the boundary between Hatch End and Pinner, which meanders through a residential area and does not mark a clear dividing point of the two. We see no advantage in breaking the current link of this ward with Pinner. Their long and narrow "banana shaped" Wembley & Perivale stretching from South Greenford station to Colindale Retail Park on the A5 is built of hopelessly disparate wards with ties elsewhere rather than to each other, and with with poor internal communication lines.

### **The Labour submission**

- 2.16 We wholeheartedly agree with the Labour submission that College Park & Old Oak ward belongs with the other Hammersmith/Shepherd's Bush wards rather than Brent wards. There is also some merit in including East Acton ward with Hammersmith and Shepherd's Bush as there is some shared identification with East Acton tube and local shops. However, adding a second ward from Ealing is problematic - Acton Central and Acton South are both at the heart of Acton including its town centre while Southfield ward identifies with Acton town or south to Chiswick. Their solution also advocates the highly problematic removal of Hanger Hill ward from Ealing, which has proved an easy target for criticism and secured significant numbers of representations arguing for the ward to stay in Ealing. The ward clearly looks to Ealing as a town centre and should stay with it.
- 2.17 Labour's proposals for Barnet are weak. They refuse to accept the retention of Chipping Barnet on its current boundaries and also split Golders Green (which is as much in Child's Hill ward as Golders Green ward). We suggest this has no merit whatsoever on any of the statutory criteria for building constituencies. They also propose removing Brent Central's Harlesden wards and replacing them with wards north of Wembley that have never shared a constituency with the wards east of the North Circular. Preston and Barnhill are a poor fit in a seat based on Willesden. However, we can agree that Queen's Park does fit better alongside Brondesbury Park than being a further western extension of the Hampstead & Kilburn constituency.

## **3. South London**

### **South West London**

3.1 The south west London Initial Proposals have provoked major opposition in several locations. This is understandable as the Commission's Initial Proposals make many radical changes to the existing pattern of constituencies and split natural communities in many areas. There is very significant opposition to the splitting of Streatham, the placing of two Wimbledon wards (Trinity and Abbey) in the Mitcham constituency and the dismemberment of Carshalton & Wallington in a way that splits all

three of the towns that make up the constituency. We submit that the Academics' Scheme is particularly strong in South London, providing a far better match to both existing constituencies and borough boundaries. That by itself goes a long way to help avoid splitting local ties.

- 3.2 We note that by comparison there is little if any opposition to the splitting of the Tooting constituency and in particular to the proposal to put Wandsworth's Tooting and Graveney wards in a different constituency from the wards to their north and north west (Nightingale, Wandsworth Common and Earlsfield). There is a generally low level of responses from Wandsworth. We firstly suspect that this reflects institutional support for the Initial Proposals here by both the national Labour and Conservative parties. Secondly we note that Wandsworth is proposed to have 4 cross-borough seats **all** of which are made up of a majority of Wandsworth electors. Lambeth has just 1 although it has only a slightly smaller electorate. We suspect that this is a key reason why Wandsworth residents saw no threat to respond to in these proposals. We note however that there are also very few positive responses in support of the proposed new constituencies.
- 3.3 We remain firmly of the view that an objective assessment of the natural local ties in the borough would demonstrate the proposed boundaries in Wandsworth to be poor, particularly by splitting both Balham and Battersea and a poor choice of "partner" for Tooting.
- 3.4 The Initial Proposals have also failed to produce significant interest either way in the New Malden area, where we had anticipated a groundswell of support for reuniting the area in one constituency. We were however struck by the significant and spontaneous opposition of residents in the Richmond borough wards split from Twickenham town into a new Richmond/Hounslow constituency. Not only are there several dozen objectors, but many of the signatories of the petitions regarding the name also clearly oppose the creation of the constituency in the first place. All three parties have accepted similar changes to the Richmond Park and Twickenham constituencies (in one form or another) so we take this as a genuine expression of local views as to where their community ties lie. This is one case (like Clapham Common) where a focus on a name gives the clue to the reality that the constituency itself has been poorly drawn.
- 3.5 Responses from Croydon are naturally pleased to see the end of the borough's under-representation. Residents were of course not given choices of different ways of increasing Croydon's representation. We fear that some of the support for the Initial Proposals is in fact no more than support for an increase in the town's Parliamentary representation that would generate similar support if achieved in a variety of alternative ways.
- 3.6 Specifically, we note the almost total lack of support for the idea that Broad Green ward should be seen as part of "central Croydon" from any resident who actually lives there. Only a small fraction of the ward is part of the town centre. Unsurprisingly we can see no evidence in the responses that central Croydon (ie Fairfield ward) has ties to northern parts of the borough of Sutton that are remotely comparable to its ties to the rest of Croydon. We have been able to identify only 17 responses from the 4 wards proposed to go into Croydon Central & St Helier. Of these just 9 are clearly supportive and several of these do not indicate whether they are specifically approving the proposed constituency or making a more general point about the need to end Croydon's under-representation. On the Sutton side several hundreds of the responses echo the points we have made opposing the split of Carshalton, Wallington and Beddington. Accordingly, we suggest there is little evidence of positive support for "Croydon Central & St Helier" among the electors who would make up the constituency in either borough.
- 3.7 A more detailed examination of the responses around the Croydon and Sutton proposals is contained in an annexe to this submission.
- 3.8 Two other areas provoked clearly genuine community campaigns to keep Parliamentary constituencies more aligned to residents' sense of local identity: Streatham and Merton's Abbey and Trinity wards. We view both these as very powerful evidence of weaknesses in the Initial Proposals. (While our response to the Initial Proposals did reunite the 4 Streatham wards, we should make clear that the campaign run through the website "[www.saveourstreatham.com](http://www.saveourstreatham.com)" was entirely independent and non-aligned and its controlling figures have no connection with the Liberal Democrats. The Streatham campaign makes points that we are pleased to endorse - that the town centre runs through all 4 wards along the A23 and there is a strong sense of its identity across all 4

wards with many civic organisations including the Streatham Society and Streatham Action whose members made strong submissions in favour of keeping the town united.

- 3.9 The Wimbledon campaign produced an exceptionally strong response, indicating the strength of feeling that major parts of the town centre should not be removed from the Wimbledon seat. We have already acknowledged that Trinity ward in particular should remain with Wimbledon (at the expense of Merton Park). However, the strength of feeling from Abbey ward does suggest to us that this ward ought to remain with Wimbledon too. However the advocates of this go on to propose an alternative that the Merton wards of St Helier and Lower Morden be added to the Mitcham seat and Sutton & Cheam be increased by the addition of Old Malden and St James wards from Kingston. We can see no explanation in any of the many submissions in the organised lobby for this that offer any reason why these two wards fit with Sutton & Cheam other than the convenience of making the numbers add up in Wimbledon. We do not see this as acceptable. We comment below on the similar suggestion in the Academics' proposal with a possible solution.

### ***The Conservative Submission and the Labour Submission***

- 3.10 Both the official Conservative and Labour submissions support the Initial Proposals across these boroughs.
- 3.11 However we note that the poor proposed boundaries for Lambeth, where the borough is split 6 ways, disregarding established communities and including two "orphan wards", have provoked opposition from senior Labour Party figures in the borough. Labour councillors for West Norwood and Streatham as well as the former Labour MP for Streatham and some-time-agent for the Labour MP for Vauxhall have all made representations seeking to lessen the splitting of local neighbourhoods. Lambeth Council formally objected to the proposals for the borough after a cross party vote. Labour and Lib Dem councillors supporting the objection while even Conservatives only abstained, despite their national party endorsing the Initial Proposals. Similarly a former Conservative councillor in Streatham has joined the criticism of splitting Streatham three ways, and proposed an alternative scheme (022969). There is some similarity with the position in Wandsworth, which shares three cross-borough seats with Lambeth. The Labour Party submission approves all three seats and the Wandsworth Council Labour Group was evidently willing to vote in support. However Putney Labour Party and a long-serving Battersea Labour Councillor acting on behalf of the Constituency Labour Party objected to the Initial Proposals as they related to their own patches.
- 3.12 Several Conservative councillors in Merton have also made representations in favour of restoring Abbey and Trinity wards to a Wimbledon seat, despite their national party's line to support the proposed Mitcham constituency.
- 3.13 It is clear to us that while the national Labour and Conservative parties are politically comfortable with the consequences of the Initial Proposals, there are places in central south London where their local representatives have felt obliged to point out the weaknesses of the scheme, where they relate to splitting established communities. We believe the responses to the initial consultation support our contention that the proposals for central south London (at least) need radical reworking.

### ***South East London***

- 3.14 We supported the Initial Proposals for South East London in our first submission, save for some modest but significant changes to the seats in Greenwich. However, we recognise that the Initial Proposals provide for significant changes from the existing pattern of constituencies. While dividing the whole of the borough of Bromley between three whole seats has great merit, the largely redrawn constituencies in Bexley and Greenwich that follow from this are much weaker. We note that there is some support for the retention of a constituency including Bromley wards at Crystal Palace and wards from the south west of Lewisham. Were Clock House ward returned to Beckenham we would have substantially less concern that Beckenham town centre was being split by retaining such a constituency. Nevertheless there clearly should be three seats centred on each of the main towns - Beckenham, Orpington and Bromley and we note that both we and the Conservatives are happy to endorse the Commission's sensible extension of Orpington to include

the second Cray Valley ward. We have noted the strong support for reuniting Greenwich West and Peninsular wards (which our own counterproposal achieved).

- 3.15 A number of institutional objectors argued against the placing of Lambeth's Bishop's ward in the Bermondsey seat. Their main argument appeared to be that they wanted to retain a Lambeth MP and a Southwark MP to help them access networks in each borough. However the evidence they gave served only to demonstrate the strength of ties between the Bishops ward and Southwark's South Bank area. Both we and Simon Hughes MP would prefer for the Bermondsey & Old Southwark constituency to remain unchanged and for Bishops to stay with other Lambeth wards. However we accept that if the pattern of constituencies demands a northern Lambeth ward to join a Southwark-based constituency this is clearly the right place to do that.

### *The Conservative submission*

- 3.16 The Conservatives have approved the Initial Proposals here save for the swapping of two Bexley wards. We express no view on that counterproposal.

### *The Labour Submission*

- 3.17 It is clear that the large number of submissions in the borough of Greenwich stem from campaigns to promote the Labour proposals. We accept that this counterproposal has some strengths in Greenwich borough, not least in keeping a cross borough seat that unites Thamesmead. However, every other borough has had to suffer in order to bring this about. They not only reject the idea of respecting the boundaries of the borough of Bromley, but propose an awkward seat that puts Bromley town centre in the constituency of its neighbour Beckenham. The Cray Valley wards look to Orpington, whereas Bickley plainly does not, looking instead to adjacent Bromley town centre for shops and leisure.
- 3.18 The proposals in Southwark are particularly weak. They miss the ideal opportunity to unite the East Dulwich area south west of Peckham Rye in one constituency (as we, the Conservative and the Commission propose). Worse, they bizarrely split the two Rotherhithe wards of Surrey Docks and Rotherhithe. Both wards were created out of the old Dockyard ward in 2002 that then comprised the whole Rotherhithe peninsula but had grown too large after major building schemes. The main arterial road through Surrey Docks (Salter Road) loops round the peninsula - removing Surrey Docks ward would remove the top of the peninsular from the base! The Greenland Dock and South Dock provide a clear demarcation to where the Rotherhithe and Deptford communities divide - indeed this was the historic Surrey/Kent boundary. Dockyard ward was split because as with the whole of the former docks area along the river it had seen transformative regeneration with major new housing developments akin to the Docklands developments on the opposite side of the river. This ties the newly settled population here together with that along the rest of the river frontage and we are emphatic that this community should not be split. Similarly they wrongly include in this constituency Livesey ward which has divided loyalties, with a northern part that still identifies as historic Bermondsey and a southern section that looks to Peckham. Either way, this ward is neither Nunhead nor Deptford.
- 3.19 The current pattern of constituencies in Southwark recognises the three parts of the borough - a northern section highly influenced by its dockland heritage and contemporary regeneration, a second central area around the town centres and large housing estates of Peckham and Camberwell and a third section in Dulwich that is more suburban in feel and demographics. We submit that the Commission is right to identify that this southern section is the area to place into a cross borough seat, as it currently is with West Norwood. We do not accept that there is little to connect Dulwich and Sydenham. They share a similar "inner suburban" demographic, both commute from Honor Oak Park and Sydenham Hill stations, both have significant cultural attractions (the Horniman Museum and Dulwich Picture Gallery). We submit pairing the 4 southern wards of Southwark with a neighbouring community is far more convincing than pairing 4 almost randomly selected eastern wards.



3.20 Our conclusion therefore is that outside Greenwich both the Commission's Initial Proposals (with our modification) and the Academics' Scheme offer far better matches to the statutory criteria than Labour's proposals.

## 4. North East London

- 4.1 It comes as no surprise that there are large numbers of representations opposing the cross-river Lee constituency at Chingford & Edmonton. We can only repeat the points we made in our original submission that the boroughs of Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Haringey are of a sufficient size to support two seats each without large changes from the current pattern of constituencies or an unconvincing "daisy-chain" of constituencies that straddle two boroughs and are completely unrelated to the existing constituencies. It is Enfield that cannot be accommodated in this way, which make it the obvious candidate for the constituency that straddles the Lee Valley. We note that the Academic's Scheme also contains a (slightly different) Chingford & Edmonton constituency. No doubt they concluded as we had done that this is the most practical way to build a new map of constituencies that respects the statutory criteria of regard to existing constituency and local government boundaries. In any case, the alternatives are a Chingford seat that extends down into Walthamstow (splitting that community) or straddles the formidable gulf separating it from the Woodford wards. Neither are obvious alternatives justifying causing major disruption to seats on the other side of the Lee Valley.
- 4.2 We would further submit that the statutory criteria do **not** raise objections to constituencies that are diverse in their make up - a key complaint about this proposal made in many objections. They talk of local ties that would be split by the new boundaries not of disparate elements brought together. We submit that on the Waltham Forest side, there is no splitting of local ties as these wards are mostly already split from the rest of the borough.
- 4.3 We consider the small number of responses to the proposed cross borough Enfield-Haringey and Hackney-Haringey seats as an indicator that they are if not exactly desirable, then at least not wildly objectionable. It is the decision to split Stroud Green ward from Hornsey and place it with Tottenham that has proved the main controversial point in Haringey. We trust the strength of opposition here has convinced the Commission that this was misguided. We restate our initial objections and suggest that it is restored and one of the much more transferable Wood Green wards is moved in its place - or better still that both it and the "former Hornsey" area of Harringay ward be transferred so that either: (i) both Wood Green wards can join Tottenham or (ii) Woodside and Bowes wards are placed in Tottenham. This latter suggestion would mean only one constituency crossing the Enfield/Haringey boundary rather than two, and ensure there is a constituency entirely within Haringey.
- 4.4 There have been a large number of representations about the decision to split Leytonstone from the Waltham Forest wards proposed for the new Stratford constituency. We have a great deal of sympathy with this and would welcome further counterproposals that achieve this without a major reworking of the seats west of the Lee Valley. We suspect that ward sizes and geography conspire to make this impractical. The Academics' Scheme does do this, this but we do not think that the consequent Walthamstow & Wanstead constituency is a strong point of their proposals.
- 4.5 We were keen to see what response the Initial Proposals generated from the Romford and Dagenham areas. In the first consultation we had stated a marginal preference for the Commission's proposals to rework the Havering constituencies to link Rainham back with Hornchurch and Upminster in the south of the borough while placing the Harold Hill area with Romford. The downside to this was the loss of some of Romford's western districts from the constituency. While we are under no illusions that the bulk of representations are politically generated by interested parties, we cannot fail to acknowledge the strength of feeling here. In our view the balance of factors is now probably in favour of retaining more of the status quo than attempting to rebuild better constituencies from scratch. This was the Conservative Party's counterproposal for this area, and we are now persuaded to support it.

- 4.5 We have seen nothing in the replies to the consultation to convince us that the Commission's plans for Redbridge and Newham are inappropriate. The Academics propose more stability in the pattern of seats but have a poor Walthamstow & Wanstead in place of a cohesive Wanstead & Woodford. We are persuadable either way.

### **The Conservative Submission**

- 4.6 We state above that we will agree the Conservative's counterproposal in Havering and Barking & Dagenham. We are not persuaded by their claims about Ilford town and prefer the Commission's solution for Ilford North.
- 4.7 The Conservatives accept that Stroud Green should be restored to the other Hornsey wards. We reject their plan that be at the expense of Fortis Green. Fortis Green identifies as part of Hornsey and is focused on Muswell Hill for socialising and shopping and we do not accept that it has ties with Finchley. Our preference remains that the Commission should seek a solution to the "Finchley & Golders Green" problem from within Barnet. We have already noted our strong opposition to splitting Canonbury from the rest of Islington which we view as a weaker proposal than splitting Seven Sisters from the rest of Haringey. The joining of Seven Sisters ward with similar wards in north Hackney enables Fortis Green to be absorbed back into Hornsey without disturbing the cross river Lee or the Tower Hamlets constituencies. This is another strength of the proposal.

### **The Labour submission**

- 4.8 Unlike us, the Conservatives, the Commission and the Academics the Labour submission does not propose a cross river Lee constituency that includes wards from Enfield. We submit this is an error which causes inevitable major disruption to both existing constituency boundaries and their alignment with local government boundaries and in doing so splits community ties. This is most notable in the divided Tottenham wards and in Shoreditch, where they leave Queensbridge out of their Bethnal Green & Shoreditch seat (which includes the other three wards from Hackney Council's Shoreditch Neighbourhood Committee). This would have given them the opportunity to allocate two whole seats to Waltham Forest. Had they done so it would have been a significant counterweight to the lack of alignment of local government and constituency boundaries west of the River Lee. Instead they propose two constituencies crossing the border with Redbridge and a third with Newham so that there are no constituencies wholly within Waltham Forest. Snaresbrook ward has very strong ties to Wanstead ward and is horribly misplaced as an "orphan ward" in the Walthamstow seat.

## **5. The Academics' Submission**

- 5.1 It is our submission that the strongest counterproposal for London in front of the Commission is that produced by the three academic experts in the Boundary Commissions.

Their counterproposal has three great strengths:

**1. It has been produced with a clear methodology that is in keeping with the Commission's previous practice.** We submit there is great merit in an approach which says that the starting point is to assess from the current map where there are clusters of seats of the right size that can remain unamended and where there are clusters of seats that are undersized - and to pick one of the seats in that area to abolish and redistribute. This seems to us strongly analogous to previous practice. We suggest that this methodology provides a robust account of how the proposals have been arrived at. We suggest this would reinforce public confidence in the fairness of the overall process.

**2. It scores better on the measurable statutory criteria than the Commission's Initial Proposals.** The vast majority of representations relate to perceptions of local ties. This

is of course only one of the statutory factors. The Academics' Scheme uses the approach of the "Index of Change" that we used in our own submission in relation to central south London. We strongly agree that this approach is the best way to judge whether proposals respect current constituency boundaries. Similarly we agree that the key test for whether a scheme respects local government boundaries is the proportion of constituencies in the scheme which contain wards from only one borough. On both these measures the Academics' Scheme scores substantially better than the Commission's Initial Proposals.

**3. It is a scheme that has been developed by a team of analysts who are respected independent observers, free from party political affiliation.** While we appreciate that their scheme represents very substantial changes from the Initial Proposals, we suggest that the Commission should have no fear in adopting them as there can be no suggestion that they are partisan or any less fair than the Commission's own Initial Proposals.

5.2 This is not to say that their scheme is perfect. Even in the short time we have had the submission available to us, we have identified places where we would suggest alternatives that are not substantially different in the numbers of electors moved but produce fewer splits in local ties. There are also a small number of places where we suggest that notwithstanding the general approach of minimising changes there is still a strong argument on grounds of local ties for a more extensive movement of electors.

5.3 **Sutton & Cheam/Wimbledon/Kingston & Surbiton**

We can see the attraction of solving the oversize Kingston & Surbiton by the transfer of Old Malden to the undersized Sutton & Cheam. However the Sutton seats are more naturally extended north and Kingston borough ties more naturally to Wimbledon. These are the natural transport lines of road and rail. We therefore suggest an amendment to the Academic's Scheme so that Merton's St Helier ward is placed in Sutton & Cheam rather than Wimbledon. We suggest Lower Morden will fit more neatly into a Wimbledon seat than St Helier, which is essentially part of the cross borough inter-war development of the St Helier estate. We further suggest Kingston's St James ward can then be transferred to Wimbledon. This ward is continuous residential development from Wimbledon's West Barnes and is where the major highway of the A3 links the two boroughs. This proposal moves three wards between constituencies - the same as the Academics' Scheme. Although it is a little less strong in regard to local government boundaries we submit it is stronger on community ties, reflecting the universal support for Sutton & Cheam extending north and a link along the A3 between Merton and Kingston boroughs.

5.4 **Carshalton & Wallington and Croydon South West**

We have generally supported proposals aimed at keeping town centre wards together. We note there is a small part of Croydon town centre in Broad Green ward. However none of the town centre is in Waddon ward. Roman Way is a very clear end to the commercial zone and the ward contains none of the Croydon "Business Improvement District". We therefore suggest that rather than include Broad Green ward in Carshalton & Wallington that Waddon ward should be included. Waddon is also more easily accessible to the Sutton communities as it is connected by both rail and the A232 where Broad Green is separated by the Purley Way retail park. This does create an elongated Croydon SW constituency which we appreciate may not be attractive. We would not therefore have any objection if the Commission preferred to stick with Broad Green as this is still a far better pattern of constituencies than the Initial Proposals.

5.4 **Brent, Camden, Barnet and Harrow**

In our view the proposed constituencies in Brent and Camden are by some way the weakest part of the Academic's scheme. Hampstead Town ward is left out of the Brent East & Hampstead seat. Also the Brent Central constituency is an unconvincing amalgam of wards with different focuses, and in particular Willesden Green and Dudden Hill are split from Mapesbury and Brondesbury Park, all of which have close ties to each other and Willesden town centre. The Wembley seat they propose crosses into Harrow at just the wrong place, so that it includes Harrow's town centre in Greenhill ward. We cannot believe this will garner local support.

5.5 We cannot see a way to remedy this without accepting that the simple solution of retaining Finchley & Golders Green with the addition of on reward from another borough. Since neither ward that works mathematically is readily acceptable on community ties grounds we suggest this is not a great sacrifice. In our view the wards in the Academics proposed **Camden Town & Highgate, Finchley & Golders Green** (less Fortis Green), **Hendon, Brent East & Hampstead, Wembley** and **Brent Central** need to be reordered. Harrow's Greenhill ward should be returned to a seat with other Harrow wards and which does not contain the rival centre of Wembley. This will no doubt mean an alternative Harrow ward will have to be combined with the above reordered constituencies. We therefore also include **Harrow East** in this list. We do not endorse the Academics' Scheme as it relates to these proposed constituencies.

5.6 We have considered several possible ways to do this and state them in the enclosed annexe. We suggest all the alternatives (and no doubt others) could provide an overall more satisfactory pattern of constituencies here than either the initial proposals or the Academics' Proposals. If the Commission agrees to suggest alternative proposals for this area we will make clear our preferred option in the consultation that follows.

### 5.7 *Haringey and Hackney*

As noted above, we prefer the Initial Proposals solution for Hackney that includes Seven Sisters in a north Hackney constituency. This enables Fortis Green to be returned to a Hornsey constituency.

### 5.8 *Battersea & Victoria*

Undoubtedly the controversial point in the Academic's Scheme is their proposed Wandsworth-Westminster linking seat of Battersea & Victoria. We had taken the view that a constituency crossing the river Thames east of Richmond would struggle to gain popular acceptance. However, having considered the responses to the Initial Proposals from central south London and from the areas north and west of Twickenham we accept that we should revise that view. It is accepted that there must be a constituency that crosses the Thames. We consider that doing this in a Richmond & Twickenham seat has failed to create a workable pattern of constituencies. There is major disruption through the west of Richmond-upon-Thames, Hounslow and Hillingdon that has produced constituencies that fail to reflect any of the statutory criteria - neither acknowledging existing constituency nor borough boundaries nor avoiding splitting established local ties. The impact in south west London is worse still with the Initial Proposals suggesting even greater disruption to existing boundaries, only 5 of the 14 seats wholly within one borough, no seat wholly within Wandsworth, Merton or Sutton, and huge community opposition in Streatham, Wimbledon, Carshalton and Wallington. The proposed Battersea & Victoria, would function like Chingford & Edmonton - a difficult seat of disparate parts but one which enabled far stronger constituencies to be constructed around it. For that reason, and provided it formed part of a pattern of constituencies as robust on the statutory criteria as those proposed in the Academics' Scheme, it is a proposal we can endorse.

5.9 We would suggest some alternative names for the constituencies in the Academics' Scheme:

- For **Battersea & Victoria** we prefer **Battersea & Pimlico** which describes the community in the Westminster wards better than a reference to the railway station at one end of them.
- For **Islington South & Holborn** we prefer **Islington, Finsbury & Holborn** as we would wish to retain the longstanding name Finsbury. We also suggest Islington refers to the place centred on the Angel so no compass point is needed. The Commission is clearly moving away from "borough" names to use the name of the district itself.
- For **Islington North** we prefer **Holloway**, as this better describes the constituency centred on the Holloway Road whereas Islington refers to a different location in the south of the borough.
- For **Ealing, Southall** we prefer **Southall & Hanwell**. As all of Hanwell is now in this constituency it would be right to recognise that this constituency is made up of two very

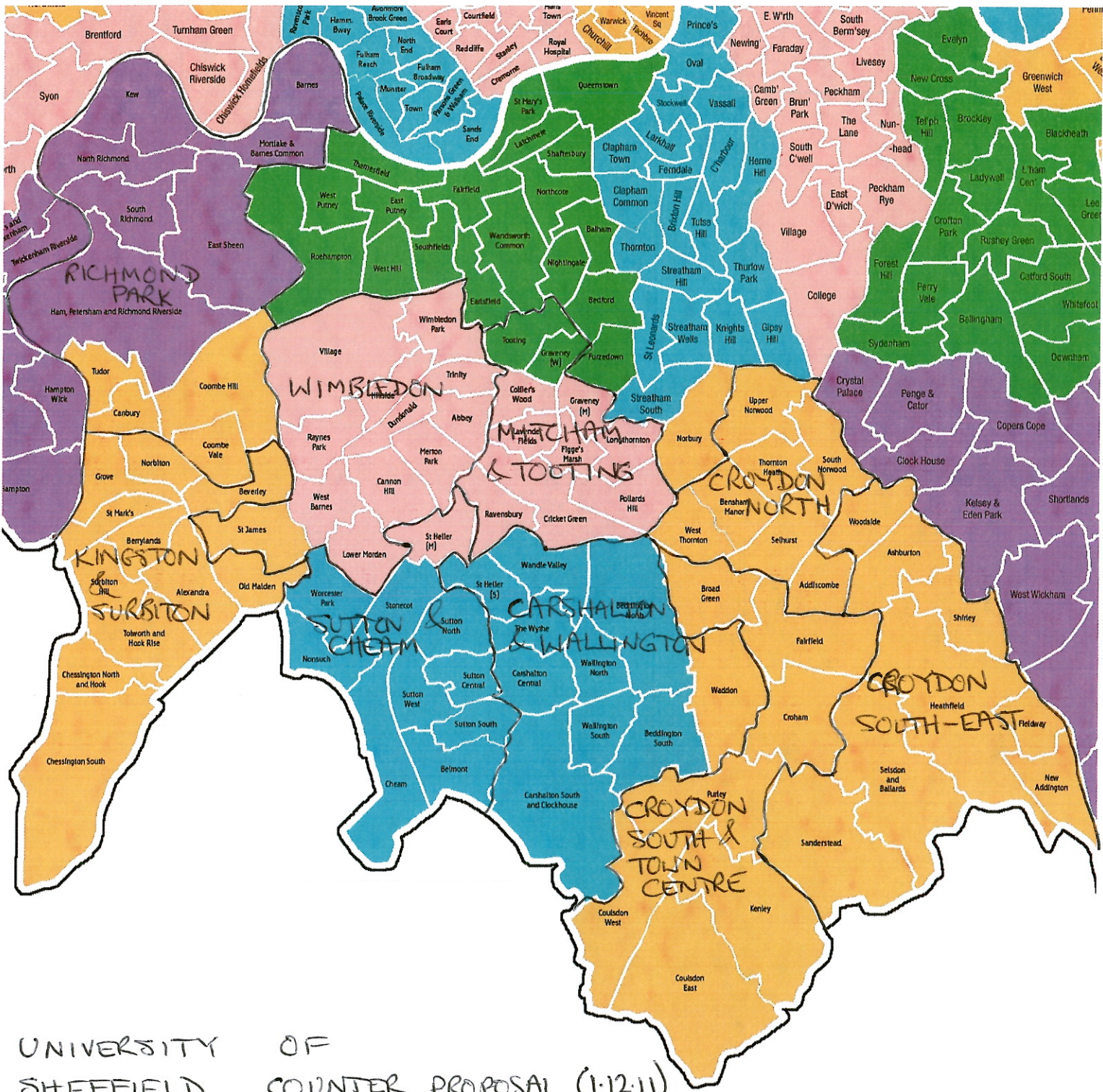
separate localities divided by a significant physical break at the hospital. We hope that recognising the community east of the hospital in the title of the constituency will reassure residents there that they are not mere adjuncts to Southall.

- For **Ealing Central** we prefer **Ealing & Acton** or **Ealing Broadway & Acton Town** as this constituency contains both Acton and Ealing town centres.
- For **Streatham** we prefer **Streatham & Brixton South** and for **Vauxhall** we prefer **Vauxhall & Brixton North**. The proposals for Lambeth do not contain a new Brixton constituency, but do limit its division into 2 rather than 3 constituencies. As both the proposed Lambeth constituencies have a name that reflects a location at either end of the borough we suggest it would be desirable to indicate how the 50,000 Brixton electors at the centre of the borough are represented.
- For **Harrow North & Northwood** we suggest **Harrow North West & Northwood** is a more accurate name. This constituency contains neither the northern parts of Harrow town itself nor the most northern parts of the borough at Stanmore.

## 6. Conclusions

6.1 In conclusion we record our views as:

1. The Academics' Scheme meets the statutory criteria better than the Initial Proposals and should (largely) form the basis for a revised set of proposals for London.
2. We suggest small changes to the Academics' scheme in Merton, Sutton, Croydon and Kingston upon Thames, and in Haringey and Hackney. However we submit the Academics' Scheme proposals for Camden, Barnet, Brent and Harrow referred to in 5.5 need substantial reworking. We are able to suggest a number of possible alternatives at this point.
3. If the Commission is not persuaded that the Academics' Scheme should replace the Initial Proposals we offer throughout this submission our views on the responses received by the Commission in the first consultation.



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<b>University of Sheffield modified</b>	Minimum	Quota	Maximum
	72810	76641	80473
% of mean	95.00%	100.00%	105.00%
	<b>Carshalton &amp; Wallington</b>		
		<b>BCE</b>	
<b>BCE const.</b>		<b>electorate</b>	<b>Borough</b>
Croydon Central & St.Helier	St Helier (Sutton)	7500	Sutton
Croydon Central & St.Helier	The Wrythe	7442	Sutton
Croydon Central & St.Helier	Wallington North	7537	Sutton
Croydon Central & St.Helier	Wandle Valley	7408	Sutton
Croydon Central & St.Helier	Beddington North	7412	Sutton
Purley & Carshalton	Beddington South	7723	Sutton
Purley & Carshalton	Carshalton Central	7279	Sutton
Purley & Carshalton	Carshalton South & Clockhouse	7220	Sutton
Purley & Carshalton	Wallington South	7523	Sutton
Croydon Central & St.Helier	Waddon	10912	Croydon
	Total	77956	
% of mean		101.72%	
	<b>Croydon South &amp; Town Centre</b>		
Purley & Carshalton	Coulsdon West	10099	Croydon
Purley & Carshalton	Coulsdon East	9394	Croydon
Purley & Carshalton	Kenley	10679	Croydon
Purley & Carshalton	Purley	10496	Croydon
Croydon Central & St.Helier	Croham	10819	Croydon
Croydon Central & St.Helier	Fairfield	10483	Croydon
Croydon Central & St.Helier	Broad Green	10945	Croydon
		72915	
		95.14%	
	<b>Croydon North</b>		
Croydon North	Upper Norwood	10501	Croydon
Croydon North	South Norwood	10490	Croydon
Croydon North	Thornton Heath	10244	Croydon
Croydon North	Bensham Manor	10554	Croydon
Croydon North	West Thornton	10870	Croydon
Croydon North	Selhurst	10754	Croydon
Croydon East	Addiscombe	10982	Croydon
		74395	
		97.07%	
	<b>Croydon South East</b>		
Croydon East	New Addington	7202	Croydon
Croydon East	Fieldway	6849	Croydon
Croydon East	Heathfield	9912	Croydon
Croydon East	Shirley	10569	Croydon
Croydon East	Ashburton	10411	Croydon
Croydon East	Sanderstead	9728	Croydon
Croydon East	Selsdon & Ballards	9427	Croydon
Croydon East	Woodside	10572	Croydon
		74670	
		97.43%	

## Improvements to Academics' Scheme in Camden, Brent, Barnet & Harrow

### Option I

#### Hampstead, Hendon & Golders Green

Fortune Green	Camden	7,181
Frognaal and Fitzjohns	Camden	7,036
Hampstead Town	Camden	7,047
West Hampstead	Camden	7,693
Childs Hill	Barnet	10,559
Garden Suburb	Barnet	9,906
Golders Green	Barnet	9,733
Hendon	Barnet	10,233
West Hendon	Barnet	9,654
		79,042

#### Camden Town & Highgate

Belsize	Camden	7,555
Camden Town with Primrose Hill	Camden	8,184
Cantelowes	Camden	7,888
Gospel Oak	Camden	7,302
Haverstock	Camden	7,880
Highgate	Camden	7,634
Kentish Town	Camden	8,654
Regent's Park	Camden	8,115
St Pancras and Somers Town	Camden	8,204
Swiss Cottage	Camden	7,916
		79,332

#### Harrow & Kenton

Kenton East	Harrow	7,661
Greenhill	Harrow	7,666
Harrow on the Hill	Harrow	7,820
Marlborough	Harrow	7,822
Kenton West	Harrow	8,474
Kenton	Brent	8,922
Northwick Park	Brent	9,146
Sudbury	Brent	9,160
Queensbury	Brent	10,080
		76,751

#### Wembley & Harlesden

Welsh Harp	Brent	7,908
Harlesden	Brent	8,254
Fryent	Brent	8,274
Alperton	Brent	8,742
Tokington	Brent	8,961
Stonebridge	Brent	9,240
Preston	Brent	9,256
Wembley Central	Brent	9,295
Barnhill	Brent	9,773
		79,703



**Stanmore & Edgware**

Edgware	Barnet	11,013
Hale	Barnet	11,310
Wealdstone	Harrow	7,255
Stanmore Park	Harrow	8,409
Queensbury	Harrow	8,073
Harrow Weald	Harrow	8,265
Edgware	Harrow	7,280
Canons	Harrow	9,173
Belmont	Harrow	7,947
		78,725

**Finchley & Mill Hill**

Burnt Oak	Barnet	10,248
Colindale	Barnet	9,777
East Finchley	Barnet	10,363
Finchley Church End	Barnet	10,091
Mill Hill	Barnet	12,094
West Finchley	Barnet	9,863
Woodhouse	Barnet	11,080
		73,516

**Willesden & Kilburn**

Willesden Green	Brent	7,412
Dollis Hill	Brent	7,627
Kensal Green	Brent	7,677
Dudden Hill	Brent	7,947
Brondesbury Park	Brent	7,961
Mapesbury	Brent	8,359
Queens Park	Brent	8,882
Kilburn	Brent	9,777
Kilburn	Camden	7,504
		73,146

**Option 2**

<b>Hampstead, Hendon &amp; Golders Green</b>		
Belsize	Camden	7,555
Fortune Green	Camden	7,181
Frognaal and Fitzjohns	Camden	7,036
Hampstead Town	Camden	7,047
West Hampstead	Camden	7,693
Childs Hill	Barnet	10,559
Garden Suburb	Barnet	9,906
Golders Green	Barnet	9,733
Hendon	Barnet	10,233
		<b>76,943</b>

<b>Camden Town &amp; South Hampstead</b>		
Camden Town with Primrose Hill	Camden	8,184
Cantelowes	Camden	7,888
Gospel Oak	Camden	7,302
Haverstock	Camden	7,880
Highgate	Camden	7,634
Kentish Town	Camden	8,654
Kilburn	Camden	7,504
Regent's Park	Camden	8,115
St Pancras and Somers Town	Camden	8,204
Swiss Cottage	Camden	7,916
		<b>79,281</b>

<b>Wembley</b>		
Harrow on the Hill	Harrow	7,820
Kenton East	Harrow	7,661
Alperton	Brent	8,742
Kenton	Brent	8,922
Northwick Park	Brent	9,146
Stonebridge	Brent	9,240
Sudbury	Brent	9,160
Tokynnton	Brent	8,961
Wembley Central	Brent	9,295
		<b>78,947</b>

<b>Brent North &amp; Colindale</b>		
Barnhill	Brent	9,773
Burnt Oak	Barnet	10,248
Colindale	Barnet	9,777
Fryent	Brent	8,274
Preston	Brent	9,256
Queensbury	Brent	10,080
Welsh Harp	Brent	7,908
West Hendon	Barnet	9,654
		<b>74,970</b>

<b>Harrow East</b>		
Belmont	Harrow	7,947
Canons	Harrow	9,173
Edgware	Harrow	7,280
Greenhill	Harrow	7,666
Harrow Weald	Harrow	8,265
Kenton West	Harrow	8,474
Marlborough	Harrow	7,822
Queensbury	Harrow	8,073
Stanmore Park	Harrow	8,409
Wealdstone	Harrow	7,255
		<b>80,364</b>

<b>Finchley &amp; Mill Hill</b>		
East Finchley	Barnet	10,363
Edgware	Barnet	11,013
Finchley Church End	Barnet	10,091
Hale	Barnet	11,310
Mill Hill	Barnet	12,094
West Finchley	Barnet	9,863
Woodhouse	Barnet	11,080
		<b>75,814</b>

<b>Brent East</b>		
Brondesbury Park	Brent	7,961
Dollis Hill	Brent	7,627
Dudden Hill	Brent	7,947
Harlesden	Brent	8,254
Kensal Green	Brent	7,677
Kilburn	Brent	9,777
Mapesbury	Brent	8,359
Queens Park	Brent	8,882
Willesden Green	Brent	7,412
		<b>73,896</b>

**Option 3**

<b>Hampstead &amp; Golders Green</b>		
Fortune Green	Camden	7,181
Frognal and Fitzjohns	Camden	7,036
Hampstead Town	Camden	7,047
Highgate	Camden	7,634
Kentish Town	Camden	8,654
West Hampstead	Camden	7,693
Childs Hill	Barnet	10,559
Garden Suburb	Barnet	9,906
Golders Green	Barnet	9,733
		<b>75,443</b>

<b>Camden Town &amp; Kilburn</b>		
Belsize	Camden	7,555
Camden Town with Primrose Hill	Camden	8,184
Cantelowes	Camden	7,888
Gospel Oak	Camden	7,302
Haverstock	Camden	7,880
Kilburn	Camden	7,504
Regent's Park	Camden	8,115
St Pancras and Somers Town	Camden	8,204
Swiss Cottage	Camden	7,916
Kilburn	Brent	9,777
		<b>80,325</b>

<b>Wembley</b>		
Harrow on the Hill	Harrow	7,820
Kenton East	Harrow	7,661
Alperton	Brent	8,742
Kenton	Brent	8,922
Northwick Park	Brent	9,146
Preston	Brent	9,256
Sudbury	Brent	9,160
Tokington	Brent	8,961
Wembley Central	Brent	9,295
		<b>78,963</b>

<b>Brent North &amp; Edgware</b>		
Barnhill	Brent	9,773
Burnt Oak	Barnet	10,248
Colindale	Barnet	9,777
Edgware	Barnet	11,013
Hale	Barnet	11,310
Fryent	Brent	8,274
Queensbury	Brent	10,080
Welsh Harp	Brent	7,908
		<b>78,383</b>

<b>Harrow East</b>		
Belmont	Harrow	7,947
Canons	Harrow	9,173
Edgware	Harrow	7,280
Greenhill	Harrow	7,666
Harrow Weald	Harrow	8,265
Kenton West	Harrow	8,474
Marlborough	Harrow	7,822
Queensbury	Harrow	8,073
Stanmore Park	Harrow	8,409
Wealdstone	Harrow	7,255
		80,364

<b>Finchley &amp; Mill Hill</b>		
East Finchley	Barnet	10,363
Finchley Church End	Barnet	10,091
Hendon	Barnet	10,233
Mill Hill	Barnet	12,094
West Finchley	Barnet	9,863
West Hendon	Barnet	9,654
Woodhouse	Barnet	11,080
		73,378

<b>Brent East</b>		
Brondesbury Park	Brent	7,961
Dollis Hill	Brent	7,627
Dudden Hill	Brent	7,947
Harlesden	Brent	8,254
Kensal Green	Brent	7,677
Stonebridge	Brent	9,240
Mapesbury	Brent	8,359
Queens Park	Brent	8,882
Willesden Green	Brent	7,412
		73,359

**Option 4**

<b>Hampstead, Hendon &amp; Golders Green</b>		
Frognal and Fitzjohns	Camden	7,036
Hampstead Town	Camden	7,047
Fortune Green	Camden	7,181
Highgate	Camden	7,634
West Hampstead	Camden	7,693
West Hendon	Barnet	9,654
Golders Green	Barnet	9,733
Hendon	Barnet	10,233
Childs Hill	Barnet	10,559
		<b>76,770</b>

<b>Camden Town &amp; South Hampstead</b>		
Gospel Oak	Camden	7,302
Kilburn	Camden	7,504
Belsize	Camden	7,555
Haverstock	Camden	7,880
Cantelowes	Camden	7,888
Swiss Cottage	Camden	7,916
Regent's Park	Camden	8,115
Camden Town with Primrose Hill	Camden	8,184
St Pancras and Somers Town	Camden	8,204
Kentish Town	Camden	8,654
		<b>79,202</b>

<b>Wembley</b>		
Harrow on the Hill	Harrow	7,820
Harlesden	Brent	8,254
Alperton	Brent	8,742
Tokington	Brent	8,961
Northwick Park	Brent	9,146
Sudbury	Brent	9,160
Stonebridge	Brent	9,240
Preston	Brent	9,256
Wembley Central	Brent	9,295
		<b>79,874</b>

<b>Stanmore &amp; Edgware</b>		
Colindale	Barnet	9,777
Burnt Oak	Barnet	10,248
Edgware	Barnet	11,013
Edgware	Harrow	7,280
Belmont	Harrow	7,947
Queensbury	Harrow	8,073
Harrow Weald	Harrow	8,265
Stanmore Park	Harrow	8,409
Canons	Harrow	9,173
		<b>80,185</b>

<b>Harrow &amp; Kenton</b>		
Wealdstone	Harrow	7,255
Kenton East	Harrow	7,661
Greenhill	Harrow	7,666
Marlborough	Harrow	7,822
Kenton West	Harrow	8,474
Barnhill	Brent	9,773
Fryent	Brent	8,274
Kenton	Brent	8,922
Queensbury	Brent	10,080
		75,927

<b>Finchley &amp; Mill Hill</b>		
West Finchley	Barnet	9,863
Garden Suburb	Barnet	9,906
Finchley Church End	Barnet	10,091
East Finchley	Barnet	10,363
Woodhouse	Barnet	11,080
Hale	Barnet	11,310
Mill Hill	Barnet	12,094
		74,707

<b>Brent East</b>		
Brondesbury Park	Brent	7,961
Dollis Hill	Brent	7,627
Dudden Hill	Brent	7,947
Kensal Green	Brent	7,677
Kilburn	Brent	9,777
Mapesbury	Brent	8,359
Queens Park	Brent	8,882
Welsh Harp	Brent	7,908
Willesden Green	Brent	7,412
		73,550