



BY EMAIL

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) of the 21 May 2018. This email is being considered as a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

In your email you asked the following:

I am writing to request as to whether a final submission from the Boundary Commission has ever failed to be passed by Parliament?

Not so much rejected, just simply never made through both houses.

We do not hold any information that is not otherwise publicly available. Nevertheless, we have investigated and provided the following information in order to assist you.

To date, since permanent Boundary Commissions were established in 1944, there have been six general reviews that have completed and reported: the Initial Review, followed by five 'periodic reviews'. The BCE's report of the 2nd Periodic Review of UK Parliamentary constituencies was submitted in 1969, but the resulting draft Order was rejected by the House of Commons, being voted against by the government. However, following the election in 1970, the recommendations were brought before Parliament again, and were this time passed with the support of the new government. The revised constituencies came into force for the election of February 1974.

We are not aware of any other instance of a set of final recommendations from the BCE failing to be passed by Parliament, whether from a general review or the smaller-scale interim reviews that previous legislation provided for.

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

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

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Fitzalan Court,
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Email: bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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

The Office of the Information Commissioner,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
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Regards



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