



Boundary Commission for England publishes guide to the 2023 review of Parliamentary constituencies

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) announces the publication of our 'Guide to the 2023 Review', which is [now available to read on our website](#).

The Guide explains the process of the 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies, which was formally launched in January this year, and describes the policies to which the BCE will work in developing boundary proposals and final recommendations. It sets out how and when the public may contribute their views

The Guide also clarifies the statutory framework within which the Commission will conduct the Review, including the changes that were most recently made to the law governing Parliamentary constituency reviews by the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020.

By clarifying the process and policies to which the BCE adheres, it is hoped that this document will encourage constituents to have their say during the consultation periods and inform the development of the BCE's final recommendations.

We are also announcing our intention to publish our Initial Proposals for new constituencies on 8 June 2021. However, while this is our current intention, we reserve the right to revise that timetable if we deem it to be necessary.

Tim Bowden, Secretary to the Boundary Commission for England, said:

'The Guide to the 2023 Review, which we publish today, sets out how the Commission will go about proposing changes to MPs' constituency boundaries in England. The first step on the journey will come in June this year, when we will publish our initial view of what the new map of England's constituencies should look like. We'll be asking for people's views at that point, and look forward to receiving representations.'

More information can be found on [our website](#). Key updates will also be released on our social media channels - follow us on Twitter at [@BCEReviews](#).

Notes to editors

1. The Boundary Commission for England is an independent and impartial advisory body, constituted under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986. It is responsible for conducting reviews of UK Parliament constituencies in England and making recommendations to Parliament. The reviews for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are the responsibility of separate Commissions in those parts of the United Kingdom.
2. The statutory framework for how a review of constituencies must be conducted was most recently changed by the [Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020](#).
3. The key changes made by this Act are summarised in [our news release](#), published 16 December 2020. These include retaining a total of 650 constituencies across the UK; an additional 'protected' constituency of Ynys Môn (Anglesey); and the removal of Parliamentary debates from the process, meaning that future draft Orders will go directly to the Privy Council.
4. The Act also requires the Commission to base this review on electorate data from 2 March 2020. According to the UK's electorate figures published on 5 January 2021 by the [Office for National Statistics](#), each constituency that we recommend must contain no less than 69,724 Parliamentary electors, and no more than 77,062 (except two 'protected' constituencies for the Isle of Wight). England will be allocated 543 constituencies for the new review, which constitutes an increase of ten constituencies.
5. The publication of our Initial Proposals for new constituencies on 8 June 2021 launches an eight week consultation period, during which the BCE will invite comments on the proposals from the public. In early 2022, we will publish the feedback to the initial proposals. We will conduct a six week secondary consultation, including a number of hearings, in which the public is invited to respond. After the publication of the revised proposals in the summer of 2022, the Commission will conduct a four-week written consultation and invite the public to respond to these proposals.
6. The Commission must then submit its final report and recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Commons by July 2023.
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