



Initial proposals - London

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Electoral Quota = 73,393

Electorate range = 69,724 - 77,062

Allocation of constituencies

Table 1: Allocation of constituencies

North/South London	Electorate	Mathematical Constituency entitlement
'North London'*	3,428,454	46.71
'South London'**	2,122,000	28.91
Totals	5,550,454	75.62

* Consisting of that part of London north of the River Thames

** Consisting of that part of London south of the River Thames

Sub-regions

Table 2: Headline numbers by sub-region

Sub-region*	Electorate	Mathematical Constituency entitlement	Existing constituencies	Proposed constituencies	Average constituency size of proposed sub-region
Preferred sub-regions					
North East	1,030,895	14.05	13	14	73,635
North West and Central	2,397,559	32.66	32	32	74,710
South East	583,610	7.96	8**	8	72,951
South West and Central	1,538,390	20.95	20**	21	73,377
Alternative scheme 1 (changes only)					
South West	667,980	9.10	9	9	74,220
South Central	870,410	11.85	11	12	72,534
Region Totals	5,550,454	75.62	73	75	74,006

* The component parts of each sub-region are defined in the body text below.

**** The existing Lewisham West and Penge constituency crosses between the proposed South East, and South West and Central, sub-regions. However, since the majority of its wards are in the proposed South West and Central sub-region, it has been included in this sub-region for the purposes of Table 2.**

The London region (hereafter referred to as London) comprises 33 local authorities: the 32 London boroughs and the City of London Corporation. These local authorities have been grouped into four sub-regions in the preferred scheme of constituencies, and five sub-regions in the alternative scheme. None of the sub-regions require constituencies that cross the River Thames.

The North East sub-region comprises the boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, and Waltham Forest. This sub-region is allocated 14 constituencies for the 2023 Review, an increase of one from the current number.

The North West and Central sub-region comprises the boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Enfield, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Haringey, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, Richmond upon Thames (that part which lies on the North side of the River Thames), Westminster, and the City of London. While mathematically possible for North West and Central to be separated into two sub-regions, a standalone North Central sub-region would require an average constituency size of 76,420 electors, making it difficult in practice to create a scheme of constituencies here without multiple ward splits. Combining North West and North Central into one sub-region requires an average constituency size of 74,710 electors, thereby allowing for greater flexibility.

The South East sub-region comprises the boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich, with an allocation of 8 constituencies. The South West and Central sub-region comprises the boroughs of Croydon, Kingston upon Thames, Lambeth, Lewisham, Merton, Richmond upon Thames (that part which lies on the South side of the River Thames), Southwark, Sutton, and Wandsworth. It is mathematically possible to treat South West and South Central as two separate sub-regions, and a scheme of constituencies adhering to such an approach is presented as an alternative option. While this option reduces the number of borough boundary crossings by one, it increases the number of proposed ward splits across South West and South Central London from two to four. The Secretariat therefore considers it preferable to treat these areas as one sub-region.

Headline numbers and summary of schemes

Table 3: Headline numbers for schemes

Schemes	Constituencies - ward changes				Districts in constituencies incl. Unitary Authorities			Constituencies crossing more than one ceremonial/metropolitan county	Split wards	Orphan wards	Const. names retained
	Number wholly unchanged	Number changed by rewording only	Minor substantive changes (1-2 wards)	Major substantive changes (3+ wards)	One	Two	Three or more				
Preferred Scheme	3	9	30	33	44	31	0	N/A	3	5	46
Alternative Scheme	3	6	28	38	45	29	0	N/A	4	6	45

Names of wards to be split:

- **Preferred Scheme:** Fairfield (Wandsworth), Hylands (Havering), Waddon (Croydon)
- **Alternative Scheme:** Fairfield (Wandsworth), Clapham Common, Stockwell, Streatham Hill (Lambeth)

The following discussion is structured by sub-region, with preferred and alternative schemes presented for each sub-region rather than for the whole of London. This is because each sub-region can be examined on its own, and the merits of the preferred and alternative options evaluated, without impacting upon the other sub-regions.

Table 3 above presents the totals for all the preferred sub-region schemes combined, and all the alternative sub-region schemes combined.

Breakdown of schemes by sub-region

North East sub-region

Table 4A: North East sub-region - preferred and alternative scheme breakdown

North East sub-region	Constituencies - ward changes				Districts in constituencies incl. Unitary Authorities			Constituencies crossing more than one ceremonial/metropolitan county	Split wards	Orphan wards	Const. names retained
	Number wholly unchanged	Number changed by rewarding only	Minor substantive changes (1-2 wards)	Major substantive changes (3+ wards)	One	Two	Three or more				
Preferred Scheme	1	1	7	5	9	5	0	N/A	1	1	11
Alternative Scheme	0	0	5	9	10	4	0	N/A	0	0	7

Names of wards to be split:

- **Preferred Scheme:** Hylands (Havering)

The existing arrangement of constituencies in the North East sub-region pairs Havering with Barking and Dagenham, and Redbridge with Waltham Forest. Despite these pairings having mathematical entitlements (ME) of 4.13 and 4.9 respectively, which

would potentially allow us to allocate them four and five constituencies each, ward sizes negate the possibility of the pairings being retained without splitting any wards. Thus, these four boroughs are treated as one group of four, rather than two groups of two, and allocated nine constituencies.

Tower Hamlets and Newham together have a ME of 5.02, allowing us to create five constituencies. Significant growth in the number of electors in this area requires an additional constituency to be created for this pair of boroughs, which also provides the optimal place for a constituency crossing the River Lea (which is effectively required at some point). The Secretariat considers a crossing at Stratford to be preferable to a crossing at Canning Town, given the greater number of transport links (such as the A118 road, the Central line, the Docklands Light Railway, and national rail services) and pedestrian crossing points between Stratford and Bow. While there will be unavoidable disruption caused by the creation of an additional constituency, the Secretariat has aimed to preserve the four existing constituencies in Tower Hamlets and Newham as far as is practicable. The arrangement of constituencies across these two boroughs is the same in the preferred and alternative schemes.

Splitting Hylands ward in Havering in the preferred scheme enables the existing constituencies in Havering, Barking and Dagenham, Redbridge, and Waltham Forest to all be much better preserved than in the whole-ward alternative scheme. Walthamstow remains wholly unchanged; Leyton and Wanstead is changed by rewarding only; and five of the remaining seven constituencies are changed only by one or two wards. Ilford North and Ilford South are altered by three wards each. In contrast, the alternative scheme requires six of the existing nine constituencies across Havering, Barking and Dagenham, Redbridge, and Waltham Forest to be significantly reconfigured, resulting in much more extensive change to existing constituencies and breaking of local ties. While the alternative scheme decreases the number of borough boundary crossings by one, and requires no ward split, the Secretariat considers this significant disruption of existing constituencies and the division of communities such as Walthamstow and Ilford outweighs the scheme's benefits.

The split at Hylands ward in the preferred scheme also presents active advantages in terms of community ties. Hornchurch Sports Centre and Hornchurch High School are located in polling districts HY3 and HY4 on the south-eastern side of the ward, indicating that this part of the ward associates with Hornchurch rather than Romford. This supports our proposal to place polling districts HY2, HY3 and HY4 into the Hornchurch and Upminster constituency, and HY1 and HY5 into the Romford constituency. It is noted that

the Ravensbourne stream runs along the boundary of Hylands and St Andrew's wards, but the A124 road provides a transport link, in addition to pedestrian crossing points, and there is continuous residential development across the stream north of the A124.

North West and Central sub-region

Table 4B: North West and Central sub-region - preferred and alternative scheme breakdown

North West and Central sub-region	Constituencies - ward changes				Districts in constituencies incl. Unitary Authorities			Constituencies crossing more than one ceremonial/metropolitan county	Split wards	Orphan wards	Const. names retained
	Number wholly unchanged	Number changed by rewarding only	Minor substantive changes (1-2 wards)	Major substantive changes (3+ wards)	One	Two	Three or more				
Preferred Scheme	1	3	12	16	14	18	0	N/A	0	3	15
Alternative Scheme	2	2	10	18	14	17	1	N/A	0	5	19

The preferred and alternative schemes present the same configuration of constituencies across the boroughs of Barnet, Enfield, Haringey, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, and Richmond upon Thames (North). In Enfield, the existing Edmonton constituency and Enfield North constituency are unchanged besides rewarding. The existing Enfield Southgate constituency, currently below the permitted electorate range, necessarily takes in two Barnet wards in the proposed arrangement. Consequently, the existing Chipping Barnet constituency is reconfigured to include Mill Hill and Edgwarebury wards, giving rise to a change of constituency

name. The proposed Finchley and Muswell Hill constituency crosses from Barnet to Haringey; Haringey's two existing constituencies are thereby reconfigured, and two Hackney wards are included in the proposed Tottenham constituency.

The current arrangement of constituencies in the North West and Central sub-region means that only one constituency, Hampstead and Kilburn, crosses the A5 road, which serves as a boundary between boroughs until it reaches Westminster. However, given that a significant amount of change is required in this sub-region to bring each constituency within the permitted electorate range, the Secretariat deems that crossing the A5 in a Barnet-Harrow constituency and a Barnet-Brent constituency enables a better reflection of the statutory factors across the sub-region as a whole. To that end, an Edgware and Stanmore constituency (crossing from Barnet to Harrow) and a Hendon and Golders Green constituency (crossing from Barnet to Brent) are proposed. The existing Brent North constituency is reconfigured to include two Harrow wards.

Little change is required elsewhere in the boroughs of Harrow and Hillingdon. The existing Harrow West constituency, Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner constituency, and Uxbridge and South Ruislip constituency, are changed by only one ward each. The Hayes and Harlington constituency is wholly unchanged.

The three existing constituencies in Richmond upon Thames (North) and Hounslow are all above the permitted electorate range. To bring them within range, our proposed arrangement includes Whitton ward (from the existing Twickenham constituency) and Heston East ward (from the existing Feltham and Heston constituency) in the proposed Brentford and Isleworth constituency. Consequently, the three Chiswick wards from the existing Brentford and Isleworth are grouped with Hammersmith, to produce a Hammersmith and Chiswick constituency.

The arrangement in Ealing differs in the preferred and alternative schemes. In the preferred scheme, Ealing North remains unchanged besides rewording; Ealing Southall includes Walpole ward from the existing Ealing Central and Acton constituency; and Ealing Central and Acton extends east to include two Hammersmith wards. Conversely, in the alternative scheme, Ealing Central and Acton remains wholly unchanged; Ealing Southall includes two wards from the existing Ealing North; and Ealing North crosses the boundary into Brent to include Alperton ward.

The distribution of constituencies across Hammersmith, Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster, Camden, Islington, and the City of London differs notably between the preferred and alternative schemes. The existing Cities of London and Westminster constituency is below the permitted electorate range and therefore needs to be reconfigured. In the preferred scheme, the City of London is paired with the borough of Islington to produce a proposed City of London and Islington South constituency. In the alternative arrangement, the City of London remains paired with Westminster, and the proposed constituency includes Brompton and Hans Town ward from Kensington and Chelsea, and Church Street ward from the existing Westminster North constituency.

The existing Islington North constituency is in the preferred scheme changed by two wards, and includes one Hackney ward. The existing Camden constituency of Holborn and St Pancras is reconfigured to include the Tufnell Park ward from Islington. The proposed Camden Town and St John's Wood constituency crosses the boundary between Camden and Westminster, while the proposed West Hampstead and Kilburn constituency crosses the A5 between Camden and Brent, as in the existing Hampstead and Kilburn constituency.

In the preferred scheme, the proposed Westminster and Chelsea East constituency includes two Kensington and Chelsea wards. The existing Kensington, and Chelsea and Fulham, constituencies are consequently reconfigured: the proposed Kensington and Westbourne constituency crosses into Westminster at the northernmost part of the shared borough boundary, and the proposed Fulham and Chelsea West constituency includes an additional two Hammersmith wards. The proposed Hammersmith and Chiswick constituency joins the central portion of the borough of Hammersmith with three Hounslow wards: Chiswick Homefields, Chiswick Gunnersbury and Chiswick Riverside.

In the alternative scheme, these three Chiswick wards are grouped with the whole northern half of the borough of Hammersmith. This requires more extensive change to the existing Chelsea and Fulham constituency and results in potentially greater disruption to the Hammersmith and Chelsea communities. The proposed Kensington constituency includes the Bayswater ward from Westminster.

The existing Hampstead and Kilburn constituency is in the alternative scheme changed by two wards, while the existing Westminster North constituency is reconfigured to include three Camden wards. Consequently, two Camden-Islington constituencies are proposed. Camden is thus divided between four constituencies in the alternative scheme, compared to three in

the preferred scheme. The third Islington constituency in the alternative scheme includes one Hackney ward. The two existing Hackney constituencies are changed only by two to three wards in both the preferred and alternative schemes.

South East sub-region

Table 4C: South East sub-region - preferred and alternative scheme breakdown

South East sub-region	Constituencies - ward changes				Districts in constituencies incl. Unitary Authorities			Constituencies crossing more than one ceremonial/metropolitan county	Split wards	Orphan wards	Const. names retained
	Number wholly unchanged	Number changed by rewording only	Minor substantive changes (1-2 wards)	Major substantive changes (3+ wards)	One	Two	Three or more				
Preferred Scheme	0	1	3	4	6	2	0	N/A	0	0	5
Alternative Scheme	0	0	5	3	5	3	0	N/A	0	1	4

The existing Lewisham West and Penge constituency crosses the boundary between Bromley and Lewisham boroughs (hence, between the South East, and South West and Central, sub-regions) and includes three Bromley wards: Crystal Palace, Penge and Cator, and Clock House. Since no crossing between Bromley and Lewisham is required in the 2023 Review, the three wards in question have been included in the proposed Beckenham constituency. Consequently, Hayes and Coney Hall ward and Bromley Common and Keston ward (both part of the existing Beckenham constituency) have been included in the proposed Bromley

constituency, which also includes Petts Wood and Knoll ward. The existing Orpington constituency remains broadly similar, with only two ward changes.

Bromley's ME of 3.24 necessitates a constituency that crosses from Bromley into either Bexley or Greenwich. Bromley is separated from Bexley by the A20 road, which runs along the shared borough boundary, whereas there is continuous residential development and numerous road links across the Bromley-Greenwich boundary. The Secretariat therefore considers the crossing into Greenwich to be the more attractive option in terms of community ties, and to this end we propose an Eltham and Chislehurst constituency.

In the preferred scheme, the existing Old Bexley and Sidcup constituency remains unchanged besides rewarding changes, while the Bexleyheath and Crayford constituency includes Northumberland Heath ward. The Erith and Thamesmead constituency includes Shooters Hill and Glyndon wards, which presents the advantage of uniting the Plumstead community (which is divided between three constituencies in the existing configuration). The existing Greenwich and Woolwich constituency remains largely unchanged, with just one ward being allocated to the Erith and Thamesmead constituency.

The alternative scheme presents a different configuration of the existing Old Bexley and Sidcup, Bexleyheath and Crayford, and Erith and Thamesmead constituencies. St Mary's & St James ward is included in Bexleyheath and Crayford (rather than Old Bexley and Sidcup); Northumberland Heath ward is included in Erith and Thamesmead (rather than Bexleyheath and Crayford) and the Shooters Hill ward is included in the proposed Sidcup and Welling constituency (rather than Erith and Thamesmead). While having the advantage of preserving community ties in Erith, by the Northumberland Heath ward being included in Erith and Thamesmead, this arrangement causes greater disruption to the existing Old Bexley and Sidcup, and Bexleyheath and Crayford, constituencies; introduces an additional borough boundary crossing from Bexley to Greenwich; and causes Shooters Hill ward to become an orphan ward with poor links to the rest of its constituency.

South West and Central sub-region

Table 4D: South West and Central sub-region - preferred and alternative scheme breakdown

South West and Central sub-region	Constituencies - ward changes				Districts in constituencies incl. Unitary Authorities			Constituencies crossing more than one ceremonial/metropolitan county	Split wards	Orphan wards	Const. names retained
	Number wholly unchanged	Number changed by rewarding only	Minor substantive changes (1-2 wards)	Major substantive changes (3+ wards)	One	Two	Three or more				
Preferred Scheme	1	4	8	8	15	6	0	N/A	2	1	15
Alternative Scheme	1	4	8	8	16	5	0	N/A	4	0	15

Names of wards to be split:

- **Preferred Scheme:** Fairfield (Wandsworth), Waddon (Croydon)
- **Alternative Scheme:** Fairfield (Wandsworth), Clapham Common, Stockwell, Streatham Hill (Lambeth)

The preferred scheme treats South West and South Central London as one sub-region, whereas in the alternative scheme, South West London (comprising the boroughs of Kingston upon Thames, Merton, Richmond upon Thames (South), Sutton and

Wandsworth) and South Central London (comprising the boroughs of Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham, and Southwark) are treated separately.

The arrangement of constituencies in Lewisham, Southwark and the northern part of Lambeth is the same in both the preferred and alternative schemes. Lewisham East and Lewisham Deptford remain unchanged other than for rewording. The existing Bermondsey and Old Southwark, and Camberwell and Peckham, constituencies are reduced in size by one to two wards in order to bring them within the permitted electorate range. Consequently, the proposed Vauxhall and Camberwell constituency crosses the borough boundary between Lambeth and Southwark to include three Southwark wards. A further cross-borough constituency is introduced with the proposed Dulwich and Sydenham, which spans Southwark and Lewisham.

The configuration of constituencies in Croydon and the southern part of Lambeth differs in the preferred and alternative schemes. Croydon's ME of 3.46 means that the borough is unable to accommodate a whole number of constituencies and therefore at least one of its constituencies must extend beyond the borough boundary. Furthermore, due to the arrangement and sizes of wards in Croydon and Lambeth, at least one ward split is required across these two boroughs to produce constituencies that fall within the electorate range and sufficiently adhere to the statutory factors.

In the preferred scheme, the proposed Norwood constituency includes two Lambeth wards (Knight's Hill and Gipsy Hill) in addition to its five Croydon wards, and the proposed Croydon North constituency includes Longthornton ward from Merton. Waddon ward is then split between Croydon North and Croydon South to bring Croydon South into the permitted electorate range. In Lambeth, the proposed Streatham constituency includes Thurlow Park ward rather than Thornton and Clapham Common wards as in the existing arrangement, and the proposed Clapham and Brixton comprises wards from the existing Streatham, Vauxhall, and Dulwich and West Norwood constituencies.

The alternative scheme, in contrast, presents three ward splits in Lambeth, although the overall arrangement of constituencies in Lambeth and the north of Croydon is broadly similar to the preferred scheme. The proposed Norwood constituency in the alternative scheme now includes an additional Lambeth ward (in place of Woodside ward in Croydon), and the STE polling district from Streatham Hill ward is added to this constituency to bring it within the electorate range. Consequently, it is necessary to split Clapham Common and Stockwell wards to bring the Streatham, and Clapham and Brixton, constituencies within range. Splitting

these three wards in Lambeth enables three Croydon constituencies to be wholly contained within borough boundaries. However, the Secretariat deems the inconveniences attendant upon splitting three wards rather than one across Croydon and Lambeth to outweigh the inconveniences of one additional borough boundary crossing.

The arrangement of constituencies across South West London is very similar in both the preferred and alternative schemes. The two Sutton constituencies are unchanged other than for rewording, and remain coterminous with the borough boundary. Wandsworth's ME of 3.02 means that the borough can also accommodate a whole number of constituencies. Tooting remains wholly unchanged, and a proposed ward split in Fairfield ward enables Putney and Battersea constituencies to remain largely unchanged. It is possible to produce whole-ward solutions for Wandsworth, but they necessitate a complete reconfiguration of Tooting, Putney, and Battersea constituencies, resulting in a configuration which divides communities and breaks local ties.

The existing Richmond Park constituency is reduced in size by one ward, Coombe Vale, which is included in the proposed Kingston and Surbiton constituency. The Kingston upon Thames wards of St James and Old Malden are consequently included in the Wimbledon constituency, thereby creating a constituency that spans the boroughs of Merton and Kingston upon Thames. Having considered various potential pairs of Kingston upon Thames wards to be included in the Wimbledon constituency, the Secretariat deemed the proposed pair most appropriate, given the greater number of transport links at this southernmost part of the shared borough boundary.

In the preferred scheme, the proposed Mitcham and Morden constituency gains the Cannon Hill ward, currently in Wimbledon, while (as previously discussed) the Longthornton ward is included in Croydon North. In the alternative scheme, Longthornton remains in Mitcham and Morden and the constituency gains the Merton Park ward, currently in Wimbledon.

Names of constituencies (preferred scheme)

Table 5: Constituency names and designations

Constituency name and designation	Name unchanged?	Designation unchanged?
Barking BC	✓	✓
Battersea BC	✓	✓
Beckenham BC		
Bermondsey and Old Southwark BC	✓	✓
Bethnal Green and Whitechapel BC		
Bexleyheath and Crayford BC	✓	✓
Brent Central BC	✓	✓
Brentford and Isleworth BC	✓	✓
Bromley BC		
Camden Town and St John's Wood BC		
Carshalton and Wallington BC	✓	✓
Chingford and Woodford Green BC	✓	✓

City of London and South Islington BC		
Clapham and Brixton BC		
Croydon East BC		
Croydon North BC	✓	✓
Croydon South BC	✓	✓
Dagenham and Rainham BC	✓	✓
Dulwich and Sydenham BC		
Ealing Central and Acton BC	✓	✓
Ealing North BC	✓	✓
Ealing Southall BC	✓	✓
East Ham BC	✓	✓
Edmonton BC	✓	✓
Eltham and Chislehurst BC		
Enfield North BC	✓	✓
Erith and Thamesmead BC	✓	✓
Feltham and Heston BC	✓	✓

Finchley and Muswell Hill BC		
Fulham and Chelsea West BC		
Greenwich and Woolwich BC	✓	✓
Hackney North and Stoke Newington BC	✓	✓
Hackney South and Shoreditch BC	✓	✓
Hammersmith and Chiswick BC		
Harrow BC	✓	✓
Hayes and Harlington BC	✓	✓
Hendon and Golders Green BC		
High Barnet and Mill Hill BC		
Hornchurch and Upminster BC	✓	✓
Hornsey and Wood Green BC	✓	✓
Ilford North BC	✓	✓
Ilford South BC	✓	✓
Islington North BC	✓	✓
Kensington and Westbourne BC		

Kentish Town and Bloomsbury BC		
Kenton and Wembley West BC		
Kingston and Surbiton BC	✓	✓
Lewisham Deptford BC	✓	✓
Lewisham East BC	✓	✓
Leyton and Wanstead BC	✓	✓
Mitcham and Morden BC	✓	✓
Norwood BC		
Old Bexley and Sidcup BC	✓	✓
Orpington BC	✓	✓
Peckham BC		
Poplar and Limehouse BC	✓	✓
Putney BC	✓	✓
Richmond Park BC	✓	✓
Romford BC	✓	✓
Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner BC	✓	✓

Southgate and East Barnet BC		
Stanmore and Edgware BC		
Stratford and Bow BC		
Streatham BC	✓	✓
Sutton and Cheam BC	✓	✓
Tooting BC	✓	✓
Tottenham BC	✓	✓
Twickenham BC	✓	✓
Uxbridge and South Ruislip BC	✓	✓
Vauxhall and Camberwell BC		
Walthamstow BC	✓	✓
West Ham and Beckton BC		
West Hampstead and Kilburn BC		
Westminster and Chelsea East BC		
Wimbledon BC	✓	✓