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## **Boundary Commission for England publishes initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies**

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) today (8 June) has published its initial proposals for new constituency boundaries. The public are now able to view and provide feedback on the proposed constituencies as part of an eight-week consultation process.

The 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies was formally launched in January this year. The Commission is required to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency is more equal; in doing so, the number of constituencies in England will increase from 533 to 543. The Commission is undertaking an independent review of all constituency boundaries in England and will present final recommendations to Parliament by July 2023.

Publication of the initial proposals today is the first time people get to see what the map of new constituencies might look like. The rules that the Commission work to are such that wide scale change is inevitable. Under the proposals announced today, just under 10% of the existing 533 English constituencies remain unchanged.

Members of the public are encouraged to visit [www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk) to view maps showing the proposed new boundaries and provide feedback before the consultation closes on **2 August 2021**. People can comment on anything from where the proposed new boundary lines are to the names of the constituencies. There will be a further two rounds of consultation in 2022. Following the conclusion of all three consultation periods, the Commission will look at all the evidence received and form its final recommendations.

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

**“Today’s proposals mark the first time people get to see what the new map of Parliamentary constituencies might look like. But they are just the Commission’s initial thoughts. Help us draw the line to make the number of electors in each Parliamentary constituency more equal. Each constituency we recommend is required by law to contain between 69,724 and 77,062 electors, meaning there will be significant change to current boundaries. We want to hear the views of the public to ensure that we get the new boundaries for Parliamentary constituencies right.”**

**We consider all feedback received during the consultation process, and it is your local knowledge that helps us to shape constituencies that best reflect your local area. It is easy to get involved - view our proposals and have your say on our online consultation portal - [www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk).**

## 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 today (8 June 2021) launches an eight week consultation period, in which the BCE invites comments on the proposals from the public. Members of the public can view and comment on the initial proposals online at [www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk). Hard copies of the proposals can be viewed at places of deposit in each constituency.
6. In early 2022, we will publish the feedback to the initial proposals. We will conduct a six week secondary consultation, including holding a number of public hearings across the country, in which the public is invited to respond. After the publication of the revised proposals in the autumn of 2022, the Commission will conduct a four-week written consultation and invite the public to respond to these proposals.
7. The Commission must then submit its final report and recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Commons by 1 July 2023.
8. Our Guide to the Review, which explains the statutory framework and policies followed by the Commission in conducting the Review, is available to read on our website [here](#).
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