
Re: Freedom of Information Request

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Boundary Commission England Information Mailbox
<information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk>23 August 2021 at
09:42

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

BCE FOI/2021/11

Thank you for your email request for information to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) on 3rd August 2021, which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. In your request for information you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could I ask whether it would be at all possible to be provided with any and all documentation relating to the planning and production of both initial and revised proposals for English constituencies which were done for both the 2013 and 2018 reviews, both of which were now defunct. I am particularly interested in what alternative constituencies were come up with before the Commission decided on those that went forward into the initial and revised proposals.

I understand that this information was previously withheld during the process of those previous reviews, but considering that the current review has been conducted under a different set of guidelines, namely retaining 650 constituencies rather than reducing to 600, I hope that this information could now be published without there being a detrimental impact on the current review.

Providing you with any correspondence between review officers/managers and Assistant Commissioners/Commissioners would exceed the FOI time limit. Not only this, but as most of the staff from this review have now left the Commission, we would not have access to a large majority of the correspondence. May I therefore direct you to the National Archives where we have the initial proposals, the revised proposals and the commission papers and minutes from both the 2013 and 2018 review. Links can be found below:

2013 Review

Website Main Page 2013:

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20140404084345/http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

Initial Proposals 2013:

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120603133947/http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/whats-proposed/>

Revised Proposals 2013:

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20140404084442/http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/whats-proposed/>

Commission Papers & Minutes 2013:

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20140404084432/http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/publications/>

2018 Review

Website Main Page 2018:

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20180523162809/https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

Initial Proposals 2018:

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20180523162802/https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2018-review/ip-england/>

Revised Proposals 2018:

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20180523162810/https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2018-review/rp-england/>

Commission Papers & Minutes 2018:

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20200401133824/https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/about-us/the-commissioners/commission-meetings/>

If you have any further queries regarding this response, please contact the Commission, quoting the reference number above. Under the provisions of the FOI Act if you are dissatisfied with the response provided you may wish to ask for an internal review. If this situation arises you should write to:

The Secretary to the Boundary Commission for England
35 Great Smith Street
Westminster
London
SW1P 3BQ
Email: information@boundarycommissionengland.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,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

Kind regards,
Tia Martin



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w: www.bcereviews.org.uk



On Tue, 3 Aug 2021 at 16:36, [REDACTED] > wrote:

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]