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Final chance for public to help reshape constituency map as Boundary Commission for England launches consultation on new revised proposals for constituencies

The Boundary Commission for England today (8 November) publishes new revised proposals for constituencies across the country and opens a final month-long consultation, giving the public a last opportunity to send in their views.

The Commission has taken into consideration over 45,000 comments sent in by the public during the previous two stages of public consultation, and has changed nearly half of its initial proposals based on this feedback. A third and final consultation on the new map of revised constituency proposals is open now until 5 December. The public are invited to view and comment on the new map at bcereviews.org.uk.

The Commission is undertaking an independent review of all constituencies in England as requested by Parliament. The number of electors within each constituency currently varies widely due to population changes since the last boundary review. The 2023 Boundary Review will rebalance the number of electors each MP represents, resulting in significant change to the existing constituency map. As part of the review, the number of constituencies in England will increase from 533 to 543.

After this final consultation has closed on 5 December, the Commission will analyse the responses and form its final recommendations. These will be submitted to Parliament by 1 July 2023.

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

“Today we are announcing the publication of our revised proposals. Last year we published our initial proposals for new constituency boundaries - our first go at what the map should look like. We are delighted with the huge number of comments from members of the public on our initial proposals, many which included valuable evidence about local communities.

Today’s publication is the culmination of months of analysis and we have revised nearly half of our initial proposals based on what people have told us. We now believe we are close to the best map of constituencies that can be achieved under the rules we are working to.

However, we still want people to tell us what they think of this latest map before we submit our final recommendations to Parliament next year. This is our final consultation and I encourage you to participate in the 2023 Boundary Review.”

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 in England for 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. Our initial proposals for new constituencies were published on 8 June 2021, and an eight-week consultation period was held inviting comments on the proposals from the public. The Commission received 34,000 representations in response to that consultation and subsequently published all responses received during this stage on the consultation website.
6. A six-week secondary consultation was held between 22 February and 4 April 2022, including 32 public hearings across the country. After the conclusion of this stage, the Secretariat and Assistant Commissioners reflected on all written and oral representations received during the initial and secondary consultation periods, and submitted reports to the Commissioners recommending whether changes should be made to the initial proposals based on the feedback received. After these recommendations were considered by the Commissioners, written reports were produced summarising any revisions made to the proposals in each region.
7. At 00:01 on 8 November, the Commission will publish these reports and invite the public to participate in a final written consultation on revised proposals for new constituency boundaries. This consultation will be held over four weeks, concluding on 5 December. Representations received during the secondary consultation, including transcripts from the public hearings, will be published on the consultation website bcereviews.org.uk.
8. The Commission must then submit its final report and recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Commons by 1 July 2023.

9. 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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