

From: [Information - Boundary Commission for England](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: MP Boundary change
Date: 05 June 2024 16:21:00

Dear [REDACTED]

BCE-FOI-2024-06

Thank you for your email request for information to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) on 24 May 2024, which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

In your request for information you asked:

When were you planning to tell me (and the rest of affected Sittingbourne residents) that you have decided that, despite my postal address being SITTINGBOURNE, you have moved us into the FAVERSHAM & MID KENT area for our MP?

This was only discovered by me yesterday evening when looking on a local Facebook page! So, under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide a copy of your notification as I don't seem to have received any!

BCE response:

We do not have the information you have requested as no such notification was produced.

The 2023 review of constituencies in England was undertaken, simultaneously, in every constituency in England. It is not a duty of the Commission to individually inform every address in the country of the changes that have been proposed at various stages of the consultation, nor is it feasible.

The Commission placed advertisements online on various social media, including Google, Spotify, and regional news websites. Advertisements were placed in the print media, and news outlets across England were alerted to the consultations, across printed media, TV and radio, and the Commission took part in numerous media interviews. Councils were provided with materials to promote the consultations in their area including, for example, content about the Review to place in their regular communications material, posters to put in their buildings, and a partner pack to make it as easy as possible for them to publicise the review, all to help raise local awareness and engagement with the Review. Three periods of public consultation were held during 2021 and 2022, which were widely advertised.

The Commission is satisfied that it has fully complied with its statutory requirements and that appropriate notification of its proposals were made within the time constraints within which it had to undertake the Review, and the budget with which it was provided.

I have provided a link to our website in which all the information about the 2023 Review can be accessed.

<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/>

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 Acting Secretary to the Boundary Commission for England
c/o 2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF
Email: information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk

If you are not content with our response following an 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

Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2024 8:55 AM
To: Information - Boundary Commission for England <information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk>
Subject: MP Boundary change

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It's wholly unacceptable that without notice, you have moved me.

Yours

[REDACTED]

(Now apparently Faversham)
Instead of Sittingbourne
Kent

Sent from my iPad