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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: FOI Communications  
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Dear [REDACTED]

BCE-FOI-2024-11

Thank you for your email request for information to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) on 26 September 2024, which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

In your request for information you asked:

1. Please provide details of correspondence from and to Hyndburn Council with the Boundary Commission in the last 36 months?
2. In your reply you state that; "Hyndburn Borough Council provided their register of electors by email on 5 April 2024. This took the form of three emails, one providing the data, one providing a password to access said data and one confirming that these had been sent to the Commission. The Commission acknowledged receipt of the data by email on the same day." Did the Boundary Commission request this data?

BCE response: I confirm that we hold the data requested.

29 November 2021 The Commission emailed every English principal local authority for their anonymised register of electors and the parliamentary electorate of every polling district within their area.

23 December 2021 Hyndburn Borough Council provided the requested data by email.

8 March 2022 Hyndburn Borough Council used the Commission's online consultation portal to provide comment BCE-88389 during the secondary consultation on the Commission's initial proposals for the 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

30 March 2022 Hyndburn Borough Council used the Commission's online consultation portal to provide comment BCE-92238 during the secondary consultation on the Commission's initial proposals for the 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

1 December 2022 The Commission emailed every English principal local authority for their anonymised register of electors and the parliamentary electorate of every

polling district within their area.

5 December 2022 Hyndburn Borough Council used the Commission's online consultation portal to provide comment BCE-115079 during the final consultation on the Commission's revised proposals for the 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

7 December 2022 Hyndburn Borough Council provided the requested data by two emails.

24 November 2023 The Commission emailed every English principal local authority for their anonymised register of electors and the parliamentary electorate of every polling district within their area.

22 March 2024 The Commission emailed those local authorities which had not responded to the request of 24 November 2022 to remind them of the request.

5 April 2024 Hyndburn Borough Council provided the requested data by three emails.

5 April 2024 The Commission acknowledged receipt of the data.

The three representations mentioned above are attached as a pdf.

The annual register of elector and parliamentary electorate data collection mentioned above forms part of the Commission's work for the statutory purpose of the continuous review of the distribution of seats at parliamentary elections. It follows the annual canvas of electors. The Commission is entitled to receive the register of electors under section 101 of the Representation of the People Regulations (England and Wales) 2001.

The names of any persons sending and receiving these communications constitutes personal data, and is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA. Disclosure of this data would break the first principle of data protection - that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner.

There is no strong legitimate interest that would override the prejudice that disclosure would cause to the rights and freedoms of the individuals concerned. So we are withholding the information under section 40(2) of the FOIA

Under the provisions of the FOIA , 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  
Boundary Commission for England  
2 Marsham Street  
London  
SW1P 4DF

Email: [information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk](mailto: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  
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Regards



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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 02 October 2024 11:21  
**To:** Information - Boundary Commission for England  
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Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

BCE-88389

As [REDACTED] I am writing to inform the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) that I again support your proposals for the Hyndburn CC constituency area and understand the reasons behind the recommendations even within this digital world based on natural contours, community ties and linkages.

In this latest round of consultation we support the Commission's proposals for the Hyndburn constituency which includes the loss of the Haslingden area to the West Pennine Moors constituency and the gain of three additional wards (Billington & Langho; East Whalley, Read & Simonstone; Whalley & Painter Wood) from the Ribble Valley constituency, whilst keeping Hyndburn coterminous with the district council's boundary.

I acknowledge the submissions put forward by the main political parties which support the boundary commissions initial draft proposals with just one highlighting Whalley, not to be divided which is a decision for the Boundary Commission. However, looking at proposals i feel there is some confusion between local council and parliamentary boundaries, but the consensus support is for keeping with the Commission's recommendations.

It's also important that electorate equality is fair and within the tolerance level as set out in the guidance. So on that note, I fully support the latest round of consultations and recommendations as laid out by the Boundary Commission for England.

Again, as [REDACTED] I would like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to comment and all the hard work in developing these proposals.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Hyndburn Borough Council

BCE-92238

Dear The Boundary Commission

Hyndburn Borough Council supports the Boundary Commission's initial proposals on keeping Hyndburn as one parliamentary constituency area and the name 'Hyndburn CC' (County Constituency) given to the constituency.

The Council also requests that the Boundary Commission for England includes Whalley as a whole in the new Hyndburn constituency, with consideration being given to the constituency being renamed Hyndburn and Whalley CC.

The Council would like to thank the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) for this opportunity to comment on the initial proposals and for the work of the Commission in developing these proposals.

The Council understands there may be differing views regarding which additional wards should make up electorate numbers within a parliamentary seat; the Council support's the Commissions impartiality and understands the seat requires a certain number of electorates to

represent voter equality, while being within electorate tolerance level as set out in the Commission's guidance.

However, any further proposals to change the name and not keep Hyndburn coterminous in one parliamentary seat (unless for the purposes described in the second paragraph of this response) would not receive the Council's full support.

The matter was discussed in depth at a meeting of Full Council on 24th March 2022, the minutes of which can be found here <https://democracy.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=2606&Ver=4>

Yours Sincerely



BCE-115079

Dear The Boundary Commission,

Hyndburn Borough Council would like to thank the Boundary Commission for England for the opportunity to comment on their recommendations and for all their hard work in developing these proposals for the revised Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review 2023.

At a Full Council meeting on the 1st December the Council supported the Commission's proposal to keep the Borough of Hyndburn as one parliamentary constituency (including the two wards of Greenfield and Worsley from the Rossendale Borough Council area).

The Council at the same meeting also considered the Commission's proposed name for the constituency as Hyndburn CC (County Constituency), however after discussion the Council requests the Commission consider the name 'Hyndburn and Haslingden' to formally recognise that part of the proposed constituency which is not within the Hyndburn Borough boundary.

Yours sincerely,

