

From: [Information - Boundary Commission for England](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request – Constituency-Level Administrative Records
Date: 06 October 2026 14:03:20
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Dear [REDACTED]

BCE-FOI-2026-15

Thank you for your email request for information to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) on 8 September 2026, which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

In your request for information you asked:

Please provide:

1. A list of all constituencies or proposed constituencies considered as part of the 2023 Parliamentary Constituency Review for which the Commission holds administrative, working or supporting records.
2. For each constituency or proposed constituency, please indicate, if this information is recorded:
 - the name of the constituency/proposed constituency;
 - the region in which it fell;
 - whether the Commission holds a distinct set of records or files relating to it; and
 - whether those records include administrative or working material beyond the material published on the Commission's website.
3. Please provide any recorded information explaining how the Commission organises or identifies records relating to individual constituencies or proposed constituencies, including any file structure, document register, inventory, index, naming convention or equivalent record, insofar as this exists.
4. Please confirm whether the Commission's records concerning individual constituencies can be identified and searched on a constituency-by-constituency basis.
5. If so, please confirm whether it would be possible for an applicant to submit separate FOI requests for the administrative record relating to individual constituencies, rather than requesting records concerning a large number of constituencies in a single request.

Our response:

1. I attach an Excel file listing all the constituency names as at the beginning of the 2023 Review on 5 January 2021, and as published in our Initial Proposals of 8 June 2021, Revised Proposals of 8 November 2022 , and Final Recommendations of 27 June 2023. We do not hold lists of names of other constituency configurations which might have been considered during the review, but rejected prior to publication.
2. The Excel file includes the names of each constituency, and gives the English region of which it is part.

We do not hold individual records for constituencies.

We hold records relating to constituencies beyond those on our website. Examples of these are included in the data provided in response to your previous request reference BCE-FOI-2026-13.
3. Most of our records are divided by year, by region, and by stage of the review. Some review teams also broke their records down by sub-region, but this was not required. In some cases there are separate sub-region records, and in others there may be county records, or they form part of regional records. I attach a txt file showing our file structure as it relates to the 2023 Review, with names and initials of individuals redacted.
4. As mentioned above, we do not hold separate records for individual constituencies. We are able to search our regional records for mention of individual constituencies.
5. We will always comply with Freedom of Information requests relating to individual constituencies as far as we are able within the legislation, but the volume of material which must be searched for each request will vary widely, and will inevitably mention other constituencies besides the one on which each specific request focuses. Some constituencies are mentioned less, or are part of smaller sub-regions, so the volume of records may be small. In larger more complex areas such as the West Midlands, there can be many more knock-on effects from proposed changes, leading to more records requiring checking before they can be provided to any requestor. This will also mean that additional constituencies other than the one for which a request has been submitted will be mentioned in most cases.

My only suggestion to make any request as actionable as possible is to narrow each as far as you are able. You might consider reviewing our published reports and commission meeting papers to see if your specific area of interest is covered in sufficient detail for the purposes of your enquiry.

Please also bear in mind that, following the conclusion of the 2023 Review, the Commission is largely dormant and operating at much reduced levels, with 0.7 staff currently allocated to roles.

In order to put the above into context, the following explains some of how we carry out our reviews.

A review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries is a review of the configuration of constituencies across all of the United Kingdom simultaneously. There are separate commissions for each of the four parts of the United Kingdom. The Boundary Commission for England carries out that part of the review that relates to constituencies in England. For the purposes of a review, England is broken down into nine regions.

It is our usual practice to combine county and unitary authority areas together into sub-region groupings, but then propose not to cross the boundaries between these sub-regions. We do this in order to seek to minimise the number of constituencies which cross between neighbouring authorities. The sub-regions used for the 2023 Review are explained in our reports which are available on our website [2023 Review | Boundary Commission for England](#).

A change to one constituency has knock-on effects on its neighbours. These will usually ripple out across a wide area, so our reviews must work more widely than a single constituency. It is for this reason that we do not hold individual records for each constituency.

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

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
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Kind regards



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From: Information - Boundary Commission for England

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Sent: 28 September 2026 11:33

To: 

Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Request – Constituency-Level Administrative Records

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Dear 

BCE-FOI-2026-15

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, dated 8 September 2026.

You will receive a full reply to your query within the statutory 20 working days.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please respond quoting the reference number above.

Kind regards





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From: [REDACTED]

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To: Information - Boundary Commission for England

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Subject: Freedom of Information Request – Constituency-Level Administrative Records

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

I am writing to make a new request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, following the Commission's response to my previous request, reference BCE-FOI-2026-13.

In that response, the Commission explained that its search for records relating to the development of the Bloxwich and Brownhills / Aldridge-Brownhills and Walsall and Bloxwich proposals identified over 600 MB of files. The response also distinguished between the underlying records held by the Commission and material already published online.

I am therefore seeking information to understand how the Commission's records from the 2023 Parliamentary Constituency Review are structured and, in particular, whether comparable records exist for individual constituencies.

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For the avoidance of doubt, I am not requesting the underlying records for every constituency as part of this request. I am seeking the recorded information necessary to establish whether such constituency-level records exist, how they are organised, and the constituencies to which they relate.

If the Commission does not hold a list of constituencies in the form requested at paragraph 1, I would be grateful if it could provide the closest equivalent recorded information from which the constituencies for which such records are held can be identified.

I would also appreciate any reasonable assistance under section 16 of the FOIA in identifying the most appropriate way to make subsequent, more focused requests for records relating to individual constituencies, should such records be held in the manner described above.

Kind regards...

