



Boundary Commission for England launches public consultation on proposed constituencies

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) invites comments during its secondary public consultation on constituency boundaries, which is open now until 4 April 2022.

The Commission is undertaking an independent and impartial review of all constituencies in England, to make the number of electors in each constituency roughly the same. The number of constituencies in England will also increase to 543. The 2023 Boundary Review requires substantial changes to the map of constituencies across England, and the Commission wants members of the public to help shape the boundaries in their area by taking part in a consultation, running 22 February - 4 April.

View the initially proposed constituency boundaries for your area and provide views on them by visiting the consultation website bcereviews.org.uk. Responses can also be sent in by letter, email or provided in person at a public hearing. The Commission will hold 32 public hearings across the country throughout the consultation period, allowing members of the public to have their say in person about the proposed changes in their area. Book a 10 minute slot to speak at a hearing in your region on the Boundary Commission website: bit.ly/bcepublichearings. A video of each hearing will be available to watch on the Boundary Commission for England's YouTube channel shortly after it has taken place.

The Commission received over 34,000 responses from the public during its first consultation last year. These comments are now available to view by area, along with the initial proposals for constituencies, on the consultation website.

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

“The 2023 Boundary Review will rebalance the number of electors represented by each MP. It's important that the constituencies we shape reflect your local community as best as possible. We received over 34,000 responses during our first consultation last year which are available online for the public to read and comment on. We're inviting more people to have their say in our current secondary consultation, which is open now until 4 April.

Help us to get our proposals right for your area by telling us your views via bcereviews.org.uk, or at a public hearing in your region. We're looking forward to hearing your feedback, and we take every response into account during our review of constituency boundaries.”

Notes to editors

1. Editors are strongly encouraged to include the bcereviews.org.uk consultation website address, to ensure members of the public are aware of where they should submit their representations.
2. 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.
3. The statutory framework for how a review of constituencies must be conducted was most recently changed by the [Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020](#).
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 it published all responses received during this stage on the consultation website.
7. The public is again invited to respond to our initial proposals during our six-week secondary consultation, which started on 22 February and will conclude on 4 April 2022. We are holding 32 public hearings across the country as part of this consultation. Further information about the public hearings, including the dates, locations, and where to book a slot to speak, is found on our [website](#) and in our [Guide to public hearings](#).
8. After this secondary consultation has concluded, the Commission will then reflect on all the representations received. If it is minded to change its proposals, it will conduct a four-week written consultation on its revised proposals.
9. The Commission must then submit its final report and recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Commons by 1 July 2023.

10. 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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