

2023 Boundary Review Partner Toolkit

Final Consultation: 8 November to 5 December 2022

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The Boundary Commission for England is holding a final public consultation on a proposed new map of constituencies in England.

In this pack, you can find information about why the 2023 Boundary Review is taking place, how people can have their say, and how you can use your channels to help promote the final consultation. If you have any questions, please get in touch - our team will be happy to help.

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The 2023 Boundary Review

Introduction

We are the Boundary Commission for England (BCE), an independent and impartial public body.

A review of parliamentary constituencies is taking place to rebalance the number of electors represented by each MP. It's an important process, and one which requires considerable change to the existing map of constituencies.

The Commission is required by law to make sure that each constituency in England has between 69,724 and 77,062 electors, excluding two 'protected' constituencies for the Isle of Wight. As part of this process, the number of constituencies in England will increase to 543.

Our task is to redraw the map of constituencies in England so that it represents local communities as best as possible, while keeping to the legal requirements outlined above.

We want members of the public to tell us their thoughts on our proposed new constituencies, so we can get them right. This is where you come in. With your support, you can help us raise awareness of our final consultation and enable others to have their say on the boundary changes.

Our final consultation

Last year, we published our initial proposals - our first draft of what the new map of constituencies should look like. We held two public consultations on these proposals, asking the public to provide their views to help us improve them - and receiving a fantastic amount of engagement.

We have taken each comment into account and made significant changes to our initial proposals based on this feedback. From 8 November 2022, our revised proposals for new constituencies (along with all comments previously sent in) will be available to view on our consultation website, bcereviews.org.uk.

We're holding one final four-week consultation on these new constituency proposals. It's the last chance to have a say - on anything from where the proposed constituency boundaries are, to our suggestions for new constituency names. From 8 November, comments can be sent in via bcereviews.org.uk, or by email or letter, but must reach us before the consultation closes on 5 December 2022.

How to get involved

A big thank you to everyone who has joined in with promoting previous consultations. It's now the last chance for people in your area to have their say on the proposed changes. This pack aims to make it easier for your team to get involved with our final consultation.

We want to raise awareness of the 2023 Boundary Review as widely and locally as possible, to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to have their voice heard.

Help others to have their say by using your communication channels to spread the word. You could start by sending this resource pack to other organisations and representatives in your community, such as housing associations and parish councils.

Please think about how you can best reach every demographic in your community. For example, do you have a Diversity Officer who can assist you in spreading the word among underrepresented communities? To help reach those who don't have easy access to the internet, can you put up posters in local venues?

Here are some more ideas:

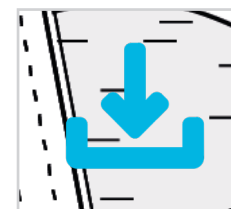
- Post our ready-made social media content, or design your own

- Include a brief paragraph in your newsletter or bulletin
- Publish our content on your organisation's website
- Distribute our posters and flyers to your offices and local venues, such as libraries
- Send a press release to your local media
- Email our factsheet to your stakeholders
- Spread the word among local community groups

And don't forget:

- Follow us on social media (**@BCEReviews**) to keep up to date with the consultation, and share our content

We will be pushing out content on our social media channels and website throughout the consultation period. Please feel free to share our posts, and join us in posting your own. To download all toolkit resources from the BCE website, click the link below and read on for more ideas. If you're having trouble with the link, search for bit.ly/bcepartnertoolkit or contact us.



Download all resources

Key messages

1

Critical part of our democracy

Reviewing constituency boundaries is an essential process to make sure that individual votes are of broadly equal weight.

Fair and impartial

Boundary Commission for England is an independent and impartial public body.

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We want to hear your views

The Boundary Commission for England wants to hear from local residents and communities, to make sure its final recommendations to Parliament take account of local views and knowledge.

It's easy to have your say

View and comment on the proposed changes online at bcereviews.org.uk

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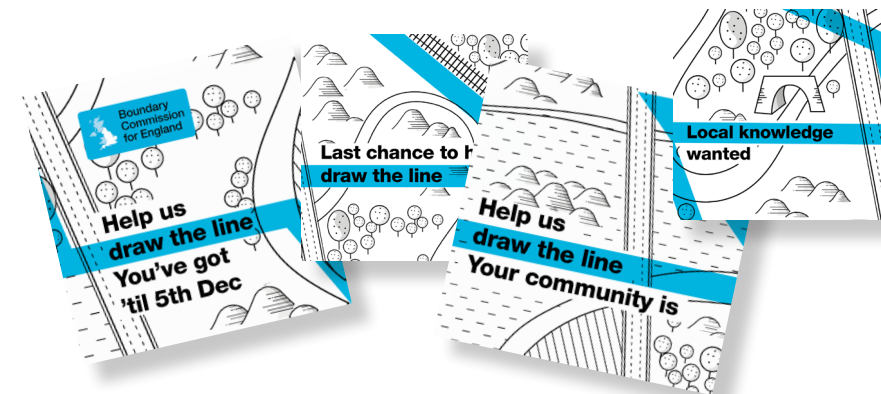
Resources

Sample posts for social media

Make sure you're following us on social media (@BCEReviews) to hear key updates about the secondary consultation, and the progress of the 2023 Boundary Review more generally.

We've created some sample social media posts below to help you spread the word. After 8 November, we encourage you to post these on your social media channels or create your own.

Please note the Commission cannot accept responses which reach us after the consultation closes on 5 December. Please take this into account when promoting the consultation on your channels, and ensure you include our consultation website address (bcereviews.org.uk) in your posts.



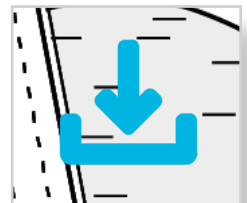
Constituencies in your area are changing - and the Boundary Commission for England @BCEReviews want to hear your thoughts on their new proposals. Have your say in the consultation before 5 December at bcereviews.org.uk

It's your last chance to have a say in Boundary Commission for England's final consultation on new constituency boundaries. See the map at bcereviews.org.uk

How should the map of constituencies look in [INSERT AREA]? Tell the Boundary Commission and help improve their suggestions in the consultation open now. Go to bcereviews.org.uk and have your say now

Parliamentary constituencies are changing to rebalance the number of electors represented by each MP. Tell the Boundary Commission @BCEReviews where to draw the line at bcereviews.org.uk

The Boundary Commission for England @BCEReviews has listened to your feedback and published new proposals for constituency boundaries. Take part in the final consultation at bcereviews.org.uk before 5 December



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Text for your website or bulletin

Please use or adapt the text below to publicise the final consultation on your own channels between 8 November and 5 December.

Shorter summary (suitable for newsletters or bulletins)

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is redrawing constituency boundaries in order to rebalance the number of electors represented by each MP, and a final consultation on proposed new constituencies is now open. A new revised map of constituency proposals, which takes into account feedback sent in by the public on the initial proposals, has been published on the consultation website bcereviews.org.uk. Send in your views before the closing date of 5 December to have your say on new parliamentary constituency boundaries.

Longer summary (suitable for webpages or news releases)

Constituency boundaries are changing, and it's your final chance to help shape the new map.

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is required by Parliament to undertake an independent and impartial review of all constituencies in England, to rebalance the number of electors in each constituency.

Constituency sizes currently vary widely due to population changes since the last boundary review. The new map proposed by the Commission will make sure each constituency has between 69,724 and 77,062 electors, so that each

MP represents roughly the same number of electors. The 2023 Boundary Review also requires that the number of constituencies in England increases from 533 to 543.

The Commission has listened to the feedback sent in from the public, and have changed nearly half of the initial proposals published last year. The new revised proposals are now available to view via an interactive map on the consultation website bcereviews.org.uk.

A final public consultation is open now until 5 December and is the last chance to provide your views on new constituency boundaries. The Boundary Commission for England has invited the public to visit bcereviews.org.uk and comment on the proposals via the website, email or letter. Hard copies of the proposals are available to view at public places of deposit listed on the Boundary Commission for England website. You can give your feedback on anything from where the proposed electoral boundaries are, to the suggestions for new constituency names.

To tell the Commission whether the new proposals for constituencies best represent your local community, visit bcereviews.org.uk and have your say before 5 December.

Follow @BCEReviews on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to keep up-to-date with 2023 Boundary Review news.

Further information and resources:

- [Boundary Commission for England website](#)
- [Guide to the 2023 Review](#)

Poster and flyer

Download and distribute our informative A4 poster and A5 flyer. Send them to your contacts to print and circulate around your offices and local venues (for example, community centres, libraries, and on parish noticeboards), to help raise awareness of the consultation at a local level.



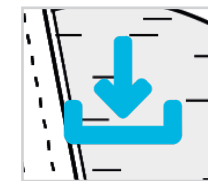
Option 2



Download

Factsheet

Download our helpful factsheet about the final consultation and the 2023 Boundary Review below. Like the poster and flyer, it's an informative but brief resource you can distribute to your offices and local venues to spread awareness of the consultation.



Download



Press release

On 8 November, we'll publish our news article and press release on our website here:

boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/category/news. You are welcome to send it to your local media, or use it for your own communications purposes - for example, to upload on your website.

Blog

Look out for blogs posted during the consultation on our website: boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/category/blogs. Post our blogs on your own website or distribute them via your newsletter or bulletin.

FAQ

Why are you reviewing constituency boundaries?

Parliament has asked the BCE to rebalance the number of electors in each constituency. Due to population changes since the last review, the number of electors in some constituencies is much higher than in others. The 2023 Boundary Review will make sure each MP represents roughly the same number of electors (between 69,724 and 77,062). The number of constituencies in England must also increase from 533 to 543. The new map of constituencies proposed by the Commission therefore has significant changes.

Have your proposals changed since the first and second consultations?

Yes. During our previous consultations, we asked you to comment on our initial proposals, first published last year. We have listened to the feedback sent in and developed new suggestions for constituency boundaries. These are available to view and comment on at bcereviews.org.uk.

How do you develop your proposals?

We must keep to the rules set by Parliament, outlined above. We also take into account existing boundaries, local geography, and local ties. We know that local knowledge can help improve our proposals, and have invited the public to participate in our final consultation. We will take into account every response when deciding on any changes to our revised proposals. Read our [Guide to the Review](#) for further information on this.

Will this review favour one political party over another?

The Boundary Commission for England is independent and impartial. We do not take into account voting patterns or the results of elections when reviewing constituency boundaries. The political parties' views on where boundaries should be do not carry any more weight than those of members of the public.

Will the changes affect my local council services?

No. The boundary changes only relate to parliamentary constituencies (the area an MP is elected to represent in Parliament). Services and council tax are set by your local authority and this review does not change local authority boundaries.

Will the name of my constituency change?

The more a constituency has changed, the more likely it is that we recommend a change of name. We welcome views on constituency names during the consultation.

What happens next, and when do the changes take effect?

Once the consultation has closed on 5 December, the Commission will look at all the feedback sent in and consider whether any changes should be made to the revised proposals for constituency boundaries. Our final recommendations will be submitted to Parliament by 1 July 2023, and the new constituencies will take effect at the next General Election thereafter.

Find out more

If you would like to find out more about the final consultation, the work of the Commission, or the 2023 Boundary Review more generally, please get in touch (see page 2 for our contact information).

Useful resources and links

- Visit our consultation website to view our revised proposals for your area, and tell us your views: bcereviews.org.uk
- Keep up to date with 2023 Boundary Review news on our main website: boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk
- Read our [Guide to the 2023 Review](#), which provides a detailed description of the 2023 Boundary Review process. An [easy read version](#) is also available to view or print from our website.



We also publish news about the Boundary Review on social media. Follow **@BCEReviews** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Giving feedback on this resource

We welcome your feedback about this partner pack. To help us improve the materials we share, email us at information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk, using the subject line 'Toolkit feedback'.

