# Constituencies are changing. Have your say now.

# What is the 2023 Boundary Review?

- The number of people represented by an MP is much higher in some constituencies than in others.
- The Boundary Commission for England is required by Parliament to conduct an independent and impartial review of all constituencies in England.
- The 2023 Boundary Review will rebalance the number of electors in each constituency, and increase the number of constituencies in England to 543.
- The Commission has launched a public consultation (22 February to 4 April) on the proposed new map of constituencies. You are invited to help improve these suggestions.

## How to have your say

- Go to bcecreviews.org.uk to view the proposed new constituencies and submit your feedback online.
- Or provide your views in person at a public hearing in your region. Check the location and dates for the hearing nearest you at **bit.ly/bcepublichearings** and book a slot to speak. Call us (see reverse) to book via phone instead.
- You can also submit your views via email or letter (see 'Get in touch' on the reverse of this sheet).
- Responses to the previous consultation are also available to view on bcereviews.org.uk.
- Make sure your submission reaches the Commission before the 4 April deadline.

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# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### Have your proposals changed since the first consultation?

No. After the secondary consultation has concluded, we will analyse the responses sent in and decide on any changes to our proposals.

### Will this review favour one political party over another?

The Boundary Commission for England is independent and impartial. We will not take into account patterns of voting 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 - bin collections or schools, for example?

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

### When would the proposed changes take effect?

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.

# Will the name of my constituency change following the review?

Generally, the more a constituency has changed, the more likely it is that the BCE will recommend a change of name. The Commission welcomes views on the naming of proposed constituencies during the consultation.

## What happens at a public hearing?

Read our <u>Guide to public hearings</u> to find out everything you need to know about the hearings. It's available on our public hearings page: **bit.ly/bcepublichearings**.

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