

# What is the 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies?

- Some MPs represent more electors than others. So, Parliamentary constituencies are changing, to make the number of electors in each one more equal.
- The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is an independent and impartial nondepartmental public body, which is responsible for reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England.
- Local knowledge is needed to help reshape the map of constituencies.

## How do I get involved?

- Go online at www.bcereviews.org.uk to view and comment on the proposed changes.
   You have until 2 August, when the consultation closes, to submit your feedback.
- The Boundary Commission for England welcomes your views on the proposed new boundaries and constituency names, and will consider all feedback.

## What happens next?

 There will be a further two rounds of consultation in 2022. Following the conclusion of all three consultation periods, the Commission will look at all the evidence received and form its final recommendations. These will be submitted to Parliament by 1 July 2023.

### **FAQ**

 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 will the new constituencies take effect?

After the final report from all four Parliamentary Boundary Commissions has been laid by the Speaker, the Government is required to submit to the Privy Council an Order that gives effect to all four Commissions' recommendations. After the Privy Council approves the Order, the new constituencies take effect at the next General Election. Any by-elections held in the meantime have to be held on the basis of the old (existing) constituencies.

Will the name of my constituency change following the review?
 Possibly. As well as looking at where the boundaries of constituencies should be, the BCE will recommend a specific name for each constituency. 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.

Visit www.bcereviews.org.uk to view and comment on the proposed new map of constituencies.

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