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Councillors S Counter, E Hines-Randall, A Lovejoy, H Lynch, N Shah and D Walford

AGENDA

PART A - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/ COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)

3. MINUTES

To approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2011.

4. PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW (Pages 1 - 48)

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Agenda Item 4

PART A

Report to: Council Functions
Date of Meeting: 23 November 2011
Report of: Head of Legal and Property Services
Title: Parliamentary Boundary Review

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Parliamentary Boundary Commission has issued a consultation paper on proposed changes to Parliamentary Constituencies following Parliament's decision to reduce the number of MPs from 533 to 502 in time for the next General Election.
- 1.2 Attached at appendix 1 is a copy of the consultation document. The consultation closes on 5 December 2011.

Council is asked if it wishes to make a formal representation on the proposals as they affect Watford.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To agree the representation to the consultation as set out in paragraph 3.1.4 below.

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Report approved by: the Managing Director.

3.0 DETAILED DISCUSSION

3.1 Parliament has decided to reduce the number of MPs from the current 533 to 502 in time for the next General Election. It has tasked the Parliamentary Boundary Commission to come up with proposals on how this will be achieved. The Commission's remit is that every constituency, except the Isle of Wight, must have an electorate of between 72,810 and 80,473, which is 5% plus or minus the ideal of 76,641.

3.1.2 The factors that the Commission must have regard to when putting forward their proposals are:

- Special geographical considerations including size, shape and accessibility of a constituency
- Local Government boundaries as at 6 May 2010
- Boundaries of existing constituencies
- Local ties that would be broken by the changes

3.1.3 The Commission have produced a consultation paper outlining their proposals for the new constituencies, the proposals for Watford which is part of the Eastern Region is attached at appendix 1. The specific proposals for Watford are included at paragraphs 31 and 32 of that appendix.

It is proposed to retain a Watford Constituency but there are proposed changes to the wards that are currently in the constituency that are taken from Three Rivers.

The consultation closes on the 5 December 2011.

3.1.4 Following discussions with the Mayor and Portfolio Holders it is proposed that the Council submits the following response to the consultation.

The Council notes the draft recommendations of the Parliamentary Boundary Commission and in particular the constraints under which the Commission works, including the statutory minimum and maximum electorate and the decision of the Commission not to create constituencies crossing the regional boundary or splitting local government wards.

Accordingly the Council comments on the proposals relating to its own area as follows:

1. Watford Borough:

Watford Borough Council notes that the proposals include a constituency bearing the 'Watford' name and that this incorporates the entire borough, with none of its wards moved to neighbouring districts. The council believes it is very important that the borough remains entirely within one parliamentary constituency. On this point, therefore, **the Council supports this element of the Commission's proposal.**

2. Additional wards included within the Watford Parliamentary constituency

The Council recognises that, as has been the case since 1983, on its own its electorate is not large enough to form a parliamentary constituency and that necessarily some neighbouring wards need to be included to ensure that the constituency has the requisite number of electors. The Council has the following comments on the Commission's proposals for including/excluding wards from its neighbouring district within the constituency.

Carpenders Park Ward – The Council recognises that Carpenders Park cannot easily be included in either the Watford constituency or the South West Hertfordshire constituency without breaching the maximum number of electorate; nor is it possible to remove other electors from those constituencies in order to accommodate Carpenders Park without very significant disruption to other constituencies in Hertfordshire. Due to the inability to cross the regional boundary the only remaining option is to include Carpenders Park in the Hertsmere constituency as proposed by the Commission so **on this basis the Council supports the Commission's proposal.**

Oxhey Hall Ward – The Commission proposes to retain this ward in the Watford constituency. This ward is clearly part of the built-up area of Watford with no green space dividing the ward from Watford. At least two roads cross the boundary so that some houses are in Watford Borough and others in Oxhey Hall Ward. **Accordingly the Council supports the Commission's proposal.**

Abbots Langley, Langleybury, and Leavesden Wards – The boundary between Watford Borough and these wards runs through a built-up area. In several cases the ends of culs-de-sac cross the boundary between Watford Borough and these wards; and in one case a block of flats is divided by the boundary.

Furthermore, the Abbots Langley, Langleybury and Leavesden Wards have all been part of the Watford constituency since 1983 – that is ever since it was deemed necessary to incorporate wards outside Watford Borough within the Watford constituency. In addition, several hundred properties in Abbots Langley (mainly Langleybury Ward) are owned by Watford Community Housing Trust (formerly Watford Borough Council) and nomination rights to these properties are retained by Watford Borough Council. Therefore there are long-standing connections between these wards and Watford Borough Council for parliamentary and local government purposes. There are excellent transport links between Abbots Langley and Watford. There are many community connections between Watford and Abbots Langley and many voluntary and local sports groups operate across the boundary.

Therefore, these wards should not be detached from the Watford constituency if it is not absolutely required to meet the statutory requirements for numbers of electors.

The Ashridge, Hayling and Northwick Wards in South Oxhey and Moor Park & Eastbury Ward – these four wards are currently in the South West Hertfordshire constituency and there is a clear green belt boundary between them and the built-up area of Watford. The Moor Park & Eastbury Ward would normally be regarded as having stronger community and communication links with Rickmansworth than with Watford.

The Commission has proposed swapping the three Abbots Langley wards from Watford constituency to South West Hertfordshire constituency; and in exchange swapping the three South Oxhey wards and Moor Park & Eastbury Ward from South West Hertfordshire constituency to Watford constituency. If all these wards remain with their current constituency, both constituencies still remain within the statutory electorate requirement. Maintaining all these wards in their current constituency avoids unnecessary disruption to over 24,000 electors. This also avoids splitting the three Abbots Langley wards from Watford, which would create an arbitrary boundary through the built-up area, and ensures that the constituency boundaries all run through green belt between communities.

Watford Borough Council therefore proposes that the three Abbots Langley wards be returned to the Watford constituency and the three South Oxhey wards and Moor Park & Eastbury Ward be returned to the South West Hertfordshire constituency.

Summary of recommendations

- A) The Council supports the Commission's proposal to retain a constituency bearing the Watford name and incorporating the entire borough within one constituency.
- B) The Council supports the Commission's proposal to include Carpenders Park Ward in the Hertsmere constituency
- C) The Council supports the commission's proposal to retain Oxhey Hall Ward in the Watford constituency
- D) The Council proposes that the three Abbots Langley wards (Abbots Langley, Langleybury, and Leavesden) be returned to the Watford constituency; and the three South Oxhey wards (Ashridge, Hayling, Northwick) and Moor Park & Eastbury Ward all be returned to the South West Hertfordshire constituency

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Financial**

The Head of Strategic Finance comments that there are no financial implications arising directly out of this report.

4.2 **Legal (Monitoring Officer)**

The Head of Legal & Property Services comments that there are no legal implications

4.3 **Potential Risks**

Potential Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Overall score
The Commission proceeds with its proposed recommendations	3	1	3

Background Papers:

None

Appendices

1. Consultation from Parliamentary Boundary Commission

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Eastern region



Initial proposals

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Initial proposals summary

Who we are and what we do

The Boundary Commission for England is an independent and impartial non-departmental public body which is responsible for reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England.

2013 Review

We have the task of periodically reviewing the boundaries of all the Parliamentary constituencies in England. We are currently conducting a review on the basis of new rules laid down by Parliament. These rules involve a significant reduction in the number of constituencies in England (from 533 to 502), and require that every constituency – apart from two specified exceptions – must have an electorate that is no smaller than 72,810 and no larger than 80,473 (please refer to *A guide to the 2013 Review* for details of how this has been calculated).

Initial proposals

We have now completed the first stage of the review process and have published our initial proposals for the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England. Information about the proposed constituencies is now available on our website or in hard copy at a local 'place of deposit' near you.

What is changing in the Eastern region?

The Eastern region has been allocated 56 constituencies – a reduction of two from the current arrangement.

Our proposals leave nine of the 58 existing constituencies unchanged.

As it has not been possible to allocate whole numbers of constituencies to individual counties or unitary authorities, we have grouped these into sub-regions. The number of constituencies allocated to each sub-

region is determined by the electorate of the combined local authorities.

Sub-region	Existing allocation	Proposed allocation
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	17	16
Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk	23	23
Essex	18	17

Consequently, it has been necessary to propose some constituencies that cross county or unitary authority boundaries.

Of the unchanged constituencies, one is in the County of Cambridgeshire, one is in the County of Essex, one is in the County of Norfolk, five are in the County of Suffolk and one is in the Borough of Thurrock.

Substantial change is required, however, throughout the region in order to comply with the new rules.

We have proposed three constituencies that contain electors from both Central Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

Another proposed constituency contains electors from both Cambridgeshire and Norfolk, and includes the towns of Downham Market and Wisbech.

Additionally, we propose that electors from the town of Newmarket in the County of Suffolk be combined with the District of East Cambridgeshire.

How to have your say

We are consulting on our initial proposals for a 12-week period, from 13 September 2011 to 5 December 2011. We encourage everyone to use this opportunity to contribute to the design of the new constituencies – the more public views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be when analysing all the views we receive.

We ask everyone wishing to contribute to the design of the new constituencies to first read the *Initial proposals* report and accompanying maps before responding to us.

In particular, we would like to know:

- if you agree in full, in part or not at all with our initial proposals for the Eastern region;
- which sub-regions you agree with and why;
- which sub-regions you disagree with and why; and
- if you can propose alternatives for areas you disagree with that meet the statutory rules we set out in our report.

You can find more details of how to respond on our website, or you can write to us direct or email eastern@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk. You can also find details of where and when we will be holding public hearings in your area on our website.

1. What is the Boundary Commission for England?

1. The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is an independent and impartial non-departmental public body, which is required by Parliament to review Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England. We conduct a review of all the constituencies in England every five years. Our role is to make recommendations to Parliament for new constituency boundaries.

2. The Chair of the Commission is the Speaker of the House of Commons, but by convention he or she does not participate in the formulation of the Commission's recommendations, nor in the conduct of the review. The Deputy Chair, Mr Justice Sales, and two further Commissioners take decisions on recommendations for new constituency boundaries. Further information about the Commissioners can be found in the 'About us' section of our website.¹

3. Our website also contains all the information needed to view and comment on our initial proposals. You can also contact us with any general enquiries by emailing information@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk, by calling 020 7276 1102, or by writing to:

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¹ At www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/about-us/

2. Background to the 2013 Review

4. In February 2011, the UK Parliament passed legislation² stating that all four Boundary Commissions covering the UK (there are separate Commissions for Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland) must conduct a review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries, and make recommendations to the Government, by October 2013. The four Commissions work separately, and this report covers only the work of the BCE and, in particular, introduces our initial proposals for the Eastern region.

5. Parliamentary constituency boundaries are important, as they define the area that a Member of Parliament will represent once elected to Parliament. The next General Election is expected to be in 2015 (as, at the time of writing and subject to legislation, the Government intends to introduce 'fixed-term' Parliaments - i.e. that last for five years). Therefore any recommendations we make, if accepted, are likely to be used for the first time at the General Election in 2015.

6. The legislation we work to states that there will be 600 Parliamentary constituencies covering the UK - a reduction of 50 from the current number. For England, that means that the number of constituencies must reduce from 533 to 502. There are also new rules that the Commission has to adhere to when conducting the review - a full set of rules can be found in the BCE's *A guide to the 2013 Review*,³ published in the summer of 2011, but they are also summarised later in this chapter. Most significantly, the rules state that every constituency we recommend (with the exception of two covering the Isle of Wight) must contain between 72,810 and 80,473 electors.

7. This is a significant change to the old rules under which Parliamentary boundary reviews took place, where achieving as close as possible to the average number of electors in each constituency was an aim but not an overriding legal necessity. For example, in England, constituencies currently range in electorate size from 55,077 to 110,924. Achieving a more even distribution of electors in every constituency across England, together with the reduction in the total number of constituencies, means that a significant amount of change to the existing map of constituencies is inevitable.

8. *A guide to the 2013 Review* contains further detailed background, and explains all the policies and procedures that we are following in conducting the Review, in greater depth than in this consultation document. We encourage anyone wishing to be involved in the Review to read this document to enable greater understanding of the rules and constraints placed on the Commission, especially if they are intending to comment on our initial proposals.

The rules in the legislation

9. The rules contained in the legislation state that every constituency in England (except two covering the Isle of Wight) must have an electorate of between 72,810 and 80,473 - that is 5% either side of the **electoral quota of 76,641**. The legislation also states that when deciding on boundaries, the Commission may also take into account:

- a. special geographical considerations, including the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency;

² The Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011, available at www.legislation.gov.uk

³ Available at www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/publications and at all places of deposit

- b. local government boundaries as they existed on 6 May 2010;
- c. boundaries of existing constituencies; and
- d. any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies.

10. It is essential to understand that none of the factors mentioned in the list above overrides the necessity to achieve an electorate in each constituency that is within the range allowed, as explained previously. In particular, it should be noted that we are obliged to take into account local government boundaries as they existed in May 2010. Our initial proposals for the region and the accompanying maps are based on the wards as they existed in May 2010. *A guide to the 2013 Review* outlines further our policy on how, and to what extent, we take into account local government boundaries. We propose to use the local government districts and wards as at May 2010 as the basic building blocks for construction of constituencies.

11. We have also taken into account the boundaries of existing constituencies so far as we can. We have tried to retain existing constituencies as part of our initial proposals where possible, so long as the other factors can also be satisfied. As mentioned earlier in this chapter, because of the scale of change required to fulfil the obligations imposed on us by the new rules, this has proved difficult. Our initial proposals retain 16% of the existing constituencies in the Eastern region – the remainder are new constituencies (although in a number of cases we have been able to limit the changes to existing constituencies, making only minor changes as necessary to enable us to comply with the new rules).

The use of the regions used for European elections

12. Our proposals are based on the nine regions used for European elections. This report relates to the Eastern region. There are eight other separate reports containing our initial proposals for the other regions. In early 2011, following a consultation exercise on the issues, we decided to use these regions as a basis for working out our initial proposals. You can find more details in *A guide to the 2013 Review* and on our website. While this approach does not prevent anyone from making proposals to us that cross regional boundaries (for example, between the Eastern region and the London region), in light of the reasons we have set out for the region-based approach and the level of support for this approach expressed in response to our consultation, we would need to have compelling reasons provided to us in order to persuade us to depart from the region-based approach.

Timetable for the 2013 Review

Stage one – initial proposals

13. In March 2011 we published breakdowns of the electorate for each ward, local authority area and existing constituency, which were prepared using electorate data provided by local authorities and the Office for National Statistics. These breakdowns are available on our website.⁴ The Commission spent a number of months considering the factors outlined above and drawing up our initial proposals. We published our initial proposals for consultation for each of England's nine regions on 13 September 2011.

⁴ At www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk

Stage two – consultation on initial proposals

14. We are consulting on our initial proposals for 12 weeks, until 5 December 2011. Chapter 4 outlines how you can contribute during the consultation period. We are also hosting four public hearings in the Eastern region, at which people can give their views (see chapter 4). Once the consultation has closed, the Commission will collate all the responses received, including transcripts of the public hearings.

Stage three – consultation on representations received

15. The legislation requires us to publish all the representations we receive on our initial proposals. This publication will mark the start of a four-week period, likely to be in spring 2012, during which anyone can make further written representations with respect to the representations we have received and published. Once we have all the representations from both consultation periods, the Commission will analyse those representations and decide whether changes should be made to the initial proposals.

Stage four – publication of revised proposals

16. If we decide that the evidence presented to us is such that it is appropriate to change our initial proposals, then we must (under the legislation) publish our revised proposals for the areas concerned, and consult on them for a further period of eight weeks. This is likely to be towards the end of 2012. During that consultation period, there is no provision for further public hearings, nor is there a repeat of the four-week period for commenting on the representations of others.

Stage five – final recommendations

17. Finally, following the consultation on revised proposals, we will consider all the evidence received at this stage, and

throughout the Review, before making final recommendations to the Government. The legislation states we must do this by 1 October 2013. Further details about what the Government and Parliament must do to implement our recommendations are contained in *A guide to the 2013 Review*.

18. At the launch of each stage of consultation we will be taking all reasonable steps to publicise our proposals so that as many people as possible are aware of the consultation, and can take the opportunity to contribute to our review of constituencies.

3. Initial proposals for the Eastern region

19. The Eastern region comprises the counties of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk (which are covered by a mix of district and county councils and unitary authorities).

20. The region currently has 58 constituencies. Of these constituencies, only 26 have electorates within 5% of the electoral quota. The electorates of 27 constituencies currently fall below the lower 5% limit, while the electorates of five fall above the upper limit. As discussed in chapter 2, following our consultation on using the regions as the basis for our initial proposals, we have taken an initial decision that the Eastern region is to be allocated 56 constituencies, a reduction of two.

21. In seeking to produce initial proposals for the region in which 56 whole constituencies, each with an electorate within 5% of the electoral quota, could be proposed, we first considered whether, and how, the local authorities could usefully be grouped into sub-regions. We were mindful of seeking to respect, where we could, the external boundaries of local authorities. Our approach in attempting to group local authority areas together in sub-regions was based both on trying to respect county boundaries wherever possible and on achieving, where we could, obvious practical groupings such as those dictated in some part by the geography of the area.

22. Our division of the Eastern region into sub-regions is a purely practical approach. Respondents to our consultation are welcome to make counter-proposals based on other groupings of counties and unitary authorities, if the statutory factors can be better reflected in those counter-proposals.

23. We noted that the combined electorate of the three unitary authorities (Bedford,

Central Bedfordshire, and Luton) that were part of the former County of Bedfordshire was 432,090, which indicates an allocation of 5.6 constituencies. It is not possible to allocate six whole constituencies to Bedfordshire with electorates within 5% of the electoral quota. Therefore Bedfordshire needed to be grouped with a neighbouring county. We also noted that the County of Hertfordshire had an electorate of 811,936, which indicates an allocation of 10.6 constituencies. With an allocation of 11 constituencies, the average of each constituency would be 73,812, just 1,002 electors above the lower limit (72,810) of the 5% target. We considered that, in all likelihood, it would prove difficult to design 11 satisfactory constituencies all with electorates within the 5% target. We therefore considered that we would review Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire together and allocate them 16 constituencies, which is one fewer than at present. Three of our proposed constituencies cross the boundary between Hertfordshire and the District of Central Bedfordshire. One proposed constituency crosses the boundary between the Borough of Bedford and the District of Central Bedfordshire. One proposed constituency crosses the boundary between the District of Central Bedfordshire and the Borough of Luton.

24. We noted that the County of Norfolk needed to be grouped with a neighbouring county as the number of electors in Norfolk, at 651,119, is such that we cannot allocate a whole number of constituencies to the county. Allocating eight of the largest permissible constituencies would need an electorate of 643,784, while allocating nine of the smallest constituencies would require 655,290 electors.

25. The County of Cambridgeshire (including the City of Peterborough) also needed to be grouped with a neighbouring county as a result of the number of electors (562,526) in the county. If we allocated

seven constituencies to Cambridgeshire, the average electorate of each constituency would be 80,361, which is just 112 below the upper limit (80,473) of the 5% target. While the County of Suffolk did not need to be grouped with a neighbouring county, we decided that we would include it in a group with Cambridgeshire and Norfolk to allow us greater flexibility in proposing constituencies, when considering the other factors to which we have regard. The grouping of these three counties allowed the allocation of 23 constituencies, which is the same as at present. One proposed constituency crosses the boundary between Cambridgeshire and Suffolk, one proposed constituency crosses the boundary between Cambridgeshire and the City of Peterborough, and one proposed constituency crosses the boundary between Cambridgeshire and Norfolk.

26. We noted that the electorate of the County of Essex and the boroughs of Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock was 1,280,544, which would allow us to allocate 17 constituencies, each with an average electorate of 75,326, which is 1,315 below the electoral quota. We considered that it was not necessary to group the County of Essex and the boroughs of Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock with any other county. Therefore, we decided to allocate 17 constituencies to Essex, which is one fewer than at present. Our proposals include two constituencies that cross the boundary between Essex and the Borough of Southend-on-Sea, and two constituencies that cross the boundary between Essex and the Borough of Thurrock.

Initial proposals for the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire sub-region

27. There are currently 17 constituencies in this sub-region, only six of which (Hertford and Stortford, Hitchin and Harpenden, Mid Bedfordshire, North East Bedfordshire, South West Bedfordshire, and South West

Hertfordshire) have electorates within 5% of the electoral quota. Of the remaining constituencies, ten are below the 5% limit, and one is above. We propose to reduce the number of constituencies to 16.

28. We considered whether we could leave unchanged any of the six existing constituencies that have an electorate within 5% of the electoral quota. However, in developing proposals in which all the electorates are within the 5% limit, and taking account of the reduction in the number of constituencies in this sub-region, we propose changing all the constituencies.

29. In Luton, in order to increase the electorate of the existing Luton South constituency, we propose the inclusion of the Barnfield and Saints wards of the Borough of Luton, currently in the Luton North constituency. As a consequence of this change, it is necessary to increase the electorate of the Luton North constituency by including the four Central Bedfordshire District wards that contain the town of Dunstable, which have a direct link into the constituency along the A505. To compensate for the loss of Dunstable, the South West Bedfordshire constituency is extended northwards with the inclusion of four Central Bedfordshire wards, including the town of Flitwick, that are in the existing Mid Bedfordshire constituency.

30. We noted that the electorate of the existing Bedford constituency was too small and we propose that it be extended to the west to include the Bromham and Turvey wards of the Borough of Bedford. However, this change requires us to alter the existing North Bedfordshire constituency and we therefore propose that the remainder of the Borough of Bedford be included in our North Bedfordshire constituency, together with seven wards from the District of Central Bedfordshire, including the towns of Ampthill, Biggleswade, and Sandy.

31. The electorate of the existing Hertsmere constituency is too small and we propose to increase its electorate by including the Carpenders Park ward of the District of Three Rivers. Although there is no direct road link within the constituency between the Carpenders Park area and Hertsmere, including this ward allows us not to have to make more significant alterations to the St Albans constituency to the north and the Welwyn Hatfield constituency to the north east.

32. The three Abbots Langley wards to the north of Watford and the Ashridge ward of the Borough of Dacorum are included in our South West Hertfordshire constituency. Five wards from the District of Three Rivers to the south of Watford are included in our Watford constituency, in place of the three Abbots Langley wards. We noted that this would alter the existing South West Hertfordshire constituency, which could have been left unchanged. However, we considered that the five wards from the District of Three Rivers that we propose including in the Watford constituency – Ashridge, Hayling, Moor Park & Eastbury, Northwick, and Oxhey Hall – are close geographically to Watford.

33. The electorate of the existing Hemel Hempstead constituency is too small and, to compensate for the loss of the Ashridge ward mentioned previously, we propose that the South East Bedfordshire ward of the District of Central Bedfordshire, from the existing Luton South constituency, be included in our Hemel Hempstead constituency. The electorate of the existing St Albans constituency also needs to be increased and we propose that the constituency be extended northwards to include two wards of the City of St Albans (Redbourn and Sandridge), both of which are very close to St Albans itself, from the existing Hitchin and Harpenden constituency. As a result, we propose that the existing Hitchin and Harpenden constituency be extended

northwards to include three wards from the District of Central Bedfordshire (Langford and Henlow Village, Shefford, and Silsoe and Shillington), which have direct links with the existing Hitchin and Harpenden constituency.

34. Of the remaining five existing constituencies in Hertfordshire, only the Hertford and Stortford constituency has an electorate that is within 5% of the electoral quota. However, we have altered this constituency to accommodate the changes that have to be made to the other four (Broxbourne, North East Hertfordshire, Stevenage, and Welwyn Hatfield) in order for all five to have an electorate within 5% of the electoral quota.

35. We propose that the existing Stevenage constituency be extended to the north to include the Chesfield ward of the District of North Hertfordshire and to the east to include the Walkern ward of the District of East Hertfordshire. In particular, we noted that the Chesfield ward contains an area that links directly into the north of Stevenage.

36. We propose that the existing Broxbourne constituency be extended northwards by including two wards of the District of East Hertfordshire (Great Amwell and Stanstead Abbots). To compensate for the loss of these wards, we propose extending the existing Hertford and Stortford constituency to the north west by including two wards of the District of East Hertfordshire (Little Hadham, and Thundridge & Standon).

37. The existing Welwyn Hatfield constituency is extended eastwards by including three wards from the District of East Hertfordshire (Hertford Rural North, Hertford Rural South, and Watton-at-Stone). To compensate for the loss of these wards, the existing North East Hertfordshire constituency is extended northwards to include two wards from the

District of Central Bedfordshire (Potton, and Stotfold and Arlesey). To reflect the change in the composition of the constituency, we propose changing this constituency's name to Letchworth.

Initial proposals for the Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk sub-region

38. There are currently 23 constituencies in this sub-region, 15 of which (Broadland, Cambridge, Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, Huntingdon, Ipswich, Mid Norfolk, North West Norfolk, Norwich South, South Cambridgeshire, South Norfolk, South Suffolk, South West Norfolk, Suffolk Coastal, Waveney, and West Suffolk) have electorates within 5% of the electoral quota. Of the remaining constituencies, four have electorates that are below the 5% limit, and four are above. We are proposing no change to the number of constituencies.

39. We considered whether we could leave unchanged any of the 15 existing constituencies that had an electorate within 5% of the electoral quota. However, in developing proposals in which all the proposed electorates are within the 5% limit, we propose changing all but seven constituencies (Cambridge, Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, Ipswich, Norwich South, South Suffolk, Suffolk Coastal, and Waveney). Our proposed South Norfolk constituency differs only to take account of a very small ward boundary alteration.

40. In Suffolk, as stated previously, it is possible to make minor changes to three of the seven existing constituencies in order to reduce the electorate of the existing Bury St Edmunds constituency, which has 85,933 electors. We do not propose any change to the five constituencies of Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, Ipswich, South Suffolk, Suffolk Coastal, and Waveney. In order to retain the existing Central Suffolk and North

Ipswich constituency, we are proposing to reduce the size of the existing Bury St Edmunds constituency by moving three wards of the District of Mid Suffolk (Badwell Ash, Gislingham, and Rickingham and Walsham) and one ward of the Borough of St Edmundsbury (Pakenham) to our proposed West Suffolk constituency. To compensate for this change, the Suffolk town of Newmarket is included in our Newmarket and Ely constituency, together with the whole of the District of East Cambridgeshire, which almost entirely encircles the town. Although this creates a cross-county constituency, the town of Newmarket has strong communication links with Ely and the rest of the proposed constituency.

41. We propose no change to the existing Cambridge constituency. While the existing Huntingdon and South Cambridgeshire constituencies have electorates that are within 5% of the electoral quota, we are proposing changes to both these constituencies in order to accommodate changes that are required to the North East Cambridgeshire, North West Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, and South East Cambridgeshire constituencies.

42. As we propose to retain the existing Cambridge constituency, the Queen Edith's ward of the City of Cambridge remains in our proposed South Cambridgeshire constituency together with 22 wards from the District of South Cambridgeshire. We propose that the remaining 12 wards of the District of South Cambridgeshire be included in a new St Neots constituency, with ten wards from the south of the District of Huntingdonshire.

43. Our proposed Huntingdon constituency contains 15 wards from the District of Huntingdonshire, including the towns of Huntingdon and St Ives, and seven wards from the District of Fenland, including the town of Chatteris.

44. We propose two constituencies covering the City of Peterborough and surrounding area, with the Peterborough North constituency containing 17 wards north of the River Nene. The six Peterborough wards to the south of the Nene, and the Peterborough ward of Eye and Thorney, are included in our Peterborough South constituency with seven wards from the District of Fenland, including the town of Whittlesey, which are from the existing North East Cambridgeshire constituency, and four wards from the north of the District of Huntingdonshire, including the towns of Ramsey and Yaxley, from the existing North West Cambridgeshire constituency.

45. The remaining 13 wards of the District of Fenland, including the towns of March and Wisbech, are placed in our new Wisbech and Downham Market constituency, which crosses the county boundary between Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. This constituency also contains 13 wards from the west of the Borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, including the town of Downham Market. There are good road links along the A1101 and A1122 between the two towns named in the constituency. The remaining 29 wards from the Borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, including the whole of the existing North West Norfolk constituency, form our proposed King's Lynn constituency.

46. In Norfolk, the changes that have to be made to the three existing constituencies of Great Yarmouth, North Norfolk, and Norwich North, in order to bring the electorates to within 5% of the electoral quota, mean that the neighbouring constituencies of Broadland, Mid Norfolk, North West Norfolk, and South West Norfolk all have to be altered as a consequence, even though their electorates are within 5% of the electoral quota.

47. We propose a Thetford and Swaffham constituency that contains 24 wards of the

District of Breckland and seven wards of the District of South Norfolk. Our South Norfolk constituency contains 28 wards of the District of South Norfolk, with only a minor change from the existing constituency to take account of a very small ward boundary alteration.

48. In the City of Norwich, we propose no change to the existing Norwich South constituency and that the existing Norwich North constituency be extended. We consider the two Drayton wards and the two Taverham wards of the District of Broadland to be the most suitable for inclusion in the constituency.

49. The existing Great Yarmouth constituency is extended to the north by including three wards from the District of North Norfolk (Stalham and Sutton, Waterside, and Waxham) from the existing North Norfolk constituency. The remaining 31 wards of the District of North Norfolk form our proposed North Norfolk constituency. We propose a new Broadland and Dereham constituency containing 16 wards from the District of Broadland and 12 wards from the District of Breckland.

Initial proposals for the Essex sub-region

50. There are currently 18 constituencies in this sub-region, only five of which (Chelmsford, Colchester, Rayleigh and Wickford, Saffron Walden, and Thurrock) have electorates within 5% of the electoral quota. Of the remaining constituencies, all 13 have electorates that are below the 5% limit. We propose to reduce the number of constituencies to 17.

51. We considered whether we could leave unchanged any of the five existing constituencies that had an electorate within 5% of the electoral quota. However, in developing proposals in which all of the electorates are within the 5% limit, and taking account of the reduction in the number of constituencies in this sub-region, we

propose changing all but two constituencies (Colchester and Thurrock).

52. In south-east Essex, the existing Castle Point constituency, at 64,562, does not contain sufficient electors. In seeking to increase the electorate of this constituency, we noted that there was no direct transport link between Canvey Island and the East Thurrock area to the west. Nor did we want to divide the town of Rayleigh between constituencies by including any wards of the District of Rochford in our proposed Castle Point constituency. We therefore propose including two wards from the Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Leigh and West Leigh), because there are continuous development and close transport links between Leigh and the Borough of Castle Point. This also avoids dividing the Borough of Castle Point between constituencies.

53. We propose to include three wards of the Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Milton, St Luke's, and Victoria) in our Southend West constituency. This requires the inclusion of the towns of Hawkwell and Hockley in an enlarged Rochford and Southend East constituency. We propose to include three additional wards of the Borough of Basildon (Pitsea North West, Pitsea South East, and Vange), and the Rettendon and Runwell ward of the Borough of Chelmsford, in the Rayleigh and Wickford constituency.

54. We propose a Basildon and Thurrock East constituency that contains the six wards of the Borough of Basildon that incorporate the town of Basildon, and five wards of the Borough of Thurrock, including the towns of Corringham and Stanford-le-Hope. We propose retaining the existing Thurrock constituency.

55. We noted that the electorate of the existing Epping Forest constituency is too small and we propose to include the Lambourne ward of the District of Epping

Forest (which has direct road links into the rest of the constituency) from the existing Brentwood and Ongar constituency.

To compensate for this change, we propose that the existing Brentwood and Ongar constituency be extended southwards to include the Orsett ward of the Borough of Thurrock.

56. We noted that the electorate of the existing Harlow constituency is also too small. By not altering the boundary between the Harlow constituency and the Brentwood and Ongar and Epping Forest constituencies, we decided to extend the Harlow constituency by including three wards (Broad Oak and the Hallingburys, Hatfield Heath, and The Rodings) from the south west of the District of Uttlesford.

57. As a consequence of our changes elsewhere, we propose a new Billericay and Great Dunmow constituency that contains four wards of the Borough of Basildon, six wards of the Borough of Chelmsford and five wards of the District of Uttlesford. By doing so, we are also able to make only a minor change to the existing Chelmsford constituency, which is reduced by including the Galleywood ward of the Borough of Chelmsford in the Billericay and Great Dunmow constituency. Our proposed Maldon constituency does not extend as far to the west as the existing constituency. It contains the whole of the District of Maldon, four wards of the Borough of Chelmsford, including the town of South Woodham Ferrers, and the Tiptree ward of the Borough of Colchester.

58. We propose retaining unaltered the existing Colchester constituency. We also propose a Braintree and Witham constituency containing 17 wards from the south of the District of Braintree. This constituency respects the district boundaries of Chelmsford, Colchester, and Uttlesford to

the south, east, and west respectively. The remaining 13 wards of the District of Braintree, and 19 wards of the District of Uttlesford, from the existing Braintree and Saffron Walden constituencies, form our proposed North West Essex constituency. Our proposed North East Essex constituency contains 13 wards of the Borough of Colchester and ten wards of the District of Tendring, thereby entirely surrounding the Colchester constituency. The remaining wards in the District of Tendring form our Harwich and Clacton constituency.

4. How to have your say

59. We are consulting on our initial proposals for a 12-week period, from 13 September 2011 to 5 December 2011. We encourage everyone to use this opportunity to contribute to the design of the new constituencies – the more public views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be when analysing all the views we receive.

60. In particular, we ask people to bear in mind the tight constraints placed on the Commission by the rules set by Parliament as well as the decisions we have taken regarding adoption of a regional approach and use of local government wards discussed in chapter 2 and in the BCE's *A guide to the 2013 Review*. Most importantly:

- a. We cannot recommend constituencies that have electorates that are more or less than 5% from the electoral quota (apart from the two covering the Isle of Wight).
- b. We are basing our initial proposals on local government ward boundaries (as at May 2010) as the building blocks of constituencies. Our view is that, in the absence of exceptional and compelling circumstances, it would not be appropriate to divide wards in cases where it is possible to construct constituencies that meet the 5% statutory requirement without doing so.
- c. We have constructed constituencies within regions, so as not to cross regional boundaries. Compelling reasons would need to be given to persuade us that we should depart from this approach.

61. These issues mean that we encourage people who are making a representation on a specific area to bear in mind the knock-on effects of their proposals. The Commission must look at the recommendations for new constituencies across the whole region (and, indeed, across England). We therefore

ask everyone wishing to respond to our consultation to bear in mind the impact of their counter-proposals on neighbouring constituencies, and on those further afield across the region.

How can you give us your views?

62. There are two ways you can give us your views on our initial proposals: in writing (including by email or through the online form on our website), or in person at one of a series of public hearings we are conducting during the consultation period. People are welcome to both attend a hearing and send us a written representation.

Written representations

63. We encourage everyone to make use of our consultation website, at www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk, when contributing to our consultation. The website contains all the *Initial proposals* reports and maps, the electorate sizes of every ward, and an online facility where you can have your say on our initial proposals.

64. You can also contribute to our consultation by writing directly to us at: Boundary Commission for England, 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ. Or email us with your views, at: eastern@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk. If you wish to comment on more than one region, please send your email to reviews@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk. If you wish to write to us directly, we encourage you to follow the structured approach outlined below and on the separate summary sheet, copies of which can be found at your local place of deposit, or downloaded from our website, at www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk.

65. We encourage everyone, before submitting a representation, to read our approach to data protection and, in particular, the publication of all representations and personal data within

them. This is available at www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk, or by phoning 020 7276 1102.

Public hearings

66. The Commission will be holding public hearings across all the English regions. In the Eastern region we will be hosting four public hearings during the consultation period. Our website (www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk) has more details of these hearings, and an opportunity to register to attend and speak. The table below shows the locations and dates of the hearings in the Eastern region.

Locations and dates of public hearings

City/town	Location	Dates
Colchester	Town Hall, Colchester CO1 1PJ	Monday 31 October - Tuesday 1 November 2011
Norwich	Norwich City Hall, St Peter's Street, Norwich NR2 1NH	Thursday 3 - Friday 4 November 2011
Luton	Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ	Monday 7 - Tuesday 8 November 2011
Cambridge	Best Western Gonville Hotel, Gonville Place, Cambridge CB1 1LY	Thursday 10 - Friday 11 November 2011

67. The purpose of the hearings is for people to have an opportunity to make representations orally to an Assistant Commissioner, who will chair the hearings

and subsequently provide the Commission with a report on their findings. The hearings differ from the way we used to conduct 'public inquiries' in past reviews - these were much more judicial in style, with people being allowed to cross-examine each other. The new legislation that Parliament has introduced specifically rules out such inquiries, specifying instead that we host public hearings. These are intended purely as a way for people to make representations orally, direct to representatives of the Commission, as well as to provide an opportunity for the Commission to explain its proposals.

68. It is important to stress that all representations, whether they have been submitted through the online facility on our website, made in person at a hearing or sent to us in writing or by email, will be given equal consideration by the Commission. Therefore it does not matter if you are unable to attend or speak at a public hearing - even after the last public hearing in the Eastern region has been completed on 11 November 2011, you will still have three weeks left to submit your views to us. By statute, time for the public hearings is strictly limited and you may wish to ensure that your full representations about our proposals are made to us in writing.

69. You can find more information about public hearings, and can register to attend, on our website at www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk, or by phoning 020 7276 1102.

What do we want views on?

70. While you are welcome to write to us on any issue regarding our initial proposals, it would aid our understanding and analysis if you, when contributing, followed the structured approach available on our consultation website at www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk. This structured approach is also

outlined below and available in our separate summary leaflet (copies of which are available in places of deposit and on our website).

We encourage anyone wishing to contribute to the formation of our final recommendations to follow this approach. The structured approach will also allow us more easily to identify representations on specific areas, or from specific people, during the subsequent four-week period of consultation (referred to in chapter 2).

71. We would particularly like to ask two things of those considering responding to our consultation. First, if you support our proposals, please tell us so, as well as telling us where you object to them. Past experience suggests that too often people who are happy with our proposals do not respond in support, while those who object to them do respond to make their points. That can give a rather distorted view of the balance of public support or objection to proposals, and those who support our initial proposals may then be disappointed if they are subsequently revised in light of the consultation responses. Second, if you are considering objecting to our proposals, do please use the resources (maps and electorate figures) available on our website and at the places of deposit to put forward counter-proposals that are in accordance with the rules to which we are working.

72. Specifically, while anyone is welcome to submit views in whatever format, we are looking for views structured around the following questions:

- a. Do you agree in full, in part or not at all with our initial proposals for the Eastern region?
- b. Which sub-regions do you agree with and why?

- c. Which sub-regions do you disagree with and why?
- d. What are your alternatives for areas you disagree with that meet the statutory rules set out in chapter 2?

73. Above all, however, we encourage everyone to have their say on our initial proposals and, in doing so, to become involved in drawing the map of new Parliamentary constituencies. The more views we get on our initial proposals, the more informed our consideration in developing those proposals will be, and the better we will be able to reflect the public's views in the final recommendations we present in 2013.

Annex: Initial proposals for constituencies, including wards and electorates

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
1. Basildon and Thurrock East CC			74,720
	Fryerns	Basildon	9,261
	Laindon Park	Basildon	8,252
	Langdon Hills	Basildon	6,900
	Lee Chapel North	Basildon	8,705
	Nethermayne	Basildon	8,748
	St Martin's	Basildon	5,798
	Corringham and Fobbing	Thurrock	4,485
	East Tilbury	Thurrock	4,746
	Stanford East and Corringham Town	Thurrock	6,476
	Stanford-le-Hope West	Thurrock	4,682
	The Homesteads	Thurrock	6,667
2. Bedford CC			77,658
	Brickhill	Bedford	6,339
	Bromham	Bedford	6,413
	Castle	Bedford	5,805
	Cauldwell	Bedford	5,630
	De Parys	Bedford	4,405
	Goldington	Bedford	6,174
	Harpur	Bedford	5,285
	Kempston East	Bedford	4,345
	Kempston North	Bedford	4,030
	Kempston South	Bedford	5,549
	Kingsbrook	Bedford	6,143
	Newnham	Bedford	3,896
	Putnoe	Bedford	6,421
	Queen's Park	Bedford	4,997
	Turvey	Bedford	2,226
3. Billericay and Great Dunmow CC			74,961
	Billericay East	Basildon	9,170
	Billericay West	Basildon	9,338
	Burstead	Basildon	8,482
	Crouch	Basildon	6,367
	Boreham and The Leighs	Chelmsford	4,688
	Broomfield and The Walthams	Chelmsford	6,295
	Chelmsford Rural West	Chelmsford	2,188
	Galleywood	Chelmsford	4,409
	South Hanningfield, Stock and Margaretting	Chelmsford	4,403
	Writtle	Chelmsford	4,330
	Barnston and High Easter	Uttlesford	1,346
	Felsted	Uttlesford	3,871
	Great Dunmow North	Uttlesford	2,830
	Great Dunmow South	Uttlesford	3,849
	Takeley and the Canfields	Uttlesford	3,395
4. Braintree and Witham CC			72,978
	Black Notley and Terling	Braintree	3,075
	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	5,977
	Bocking North	Braintree	3,483
	Bocking South	Braintree	4,104

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
	Bradwell, Silver End and Rivenhall	Braintree	3,671
	Braintree Central	Braintree	5,893
	Braintree East	Braintree	4,965
	Braintree South	Braintree	5,242
	Coggeshall and North Feering	Braintree	3,975
	Cressing and Stisted	Braintree	1,791
	Great Notley and Braintree West	Braintree	5,185
	Hatfield Peverel	Braintree	3,474
	Kelvedon	Braintree	3,934
	Witham Chipping Hill and Central	Braintree	3,546
	Witham North	Braintree	3,432
	Witham South	Braintree	6,242
	Witham West	Braintree	4,989
5. Brentwood and Ongar CC			74,240
	Brentwood North	Brentwood	4,556
	Brentwood South	Brentwood	4,211
	Brentwood West	Brentwood	4,973
	Brizes and Doddinghurst	Brentwood	4,704
	Herongate, Ingrave and West Horndon	Brentwood	2,940
	Hutton Central	Brentwood	2,885
	Hutton East	Brentwood	2,851
	Hutton North	Brentwood	3,079
	Hutton South	Brentwood	3,047
	Ingatestone, Fryerning and Mountnessing	Brentwood	4,769
	Pilgrims Hatch	Brentwood	4,553
	Shenfield	Brentwood	4,167
	South Weald	Brentwood	1,407
	Tipps Cross	Brentwood	3,042
	Warley	Brentwood	4,508
	Chipping Ongar, Greensted and Marden Ash	Epping Forest	3,313
	High Ongar, Willingale and The Rodings	Epping Forest	1,737
	Moreton and Fyfield	Epping Forest	1,720
	North Weald Bassett	Epping Forest	3,529
	Passingford	Epping Forest	1,772
	Shelley	Epping Forest	1,705
	Orsett	Thurrock	4,772
6. Broadland and Dereham CC			79,080
	Dereham-Central	Breckland	4,581
	Dereham-Humbletoft	Breckland	2,001
	Dereham-Neatherd	Breckland	3,316
	Dereham-Toftwood	Breckland	3,607
	Eynsford	Breckland	1,867
	Hermitage	Breckland	1,710
	Launditch	Breckland	1,627
	Springvale and Scarning	Breckland	3,773
	Swanton Morley	Breckland	1,796
	Taverner	Breckland	1,780
	Two Rivers	Breckland	3,331
	Upper Wensum	Breckland	1,780
	Acle	Broadland	2,220
	Aylsham	Broadland	5,844
	Blofield with South Walsham	Broadland	4,446
	Brundall	Broadland	4,522
	Burlingham	Broadland	2,039
	Buxton	Broadland	1,958
	Coltishall	Broadland	2,069
	Eynesford	Broadland	2,410
	Great Witchingham	Broadland	1,924
	Hevingham	Broadland	2,127
	Horsford and Felthorpe	Broadland	3,486

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	Marshes	Broadland	2,357
	Plumstead	Broadland	2,292
	Reepham	Broadland	1,983
	Spixworth with St Faiths	Broadland	4,220
	Wroxham	Broadland	4,014
7. Broxbourne CC			76,327
	Broxbourne	Broxbourne	4,972
	Bury Green	Broxbourne	4,751
	Cheshunt Central	Broxbourne	5,427
	Cheshunt North	Broxbourne	5,456
	Flamstead End	Broxbourne	5,234
	Goffs Oak	Broxbourne	6,170
	Hoddesdon North	Broxbourne	5,400
	Hoddesdon Town	Broxbourne	5,299
	Rosedale	Broxbourne	3,316
	Rye Park	Broxbourne	4,846
	Theobalds	Broxbourne	5,243
	Waltham Cross	Broxbourne	4,764
	Wormley & Turnford	Broxbourne	6,730
	Great Amwell	East Hertfordshire	2,118
	Stanstead Abbots	East Hertfordshire	2,337
	Northaw and Cuffley	Welwyn Hatfield	4,264
8. Bury St Edmunds CC			75,445
	Bacton and Old Newton	Mid Suffolk	1,965
	Elmswell and Norton	Mid Suffolk	4,168
	Haughley and Wetherden	Mid Suffolk	1,768
	Needham Market	Mid Suffolk	3,634
	Onehouse	Mid Suffolk	1,795
	Rattlesden	Mid Suffolk	1,640
	Ringshall	Mid Suffolk	2,153
	Stowmarket Central	Mid Suffolk	3,674
	Stowmarket North	Mid Suffolk	6,947
	Stowmarket South	Mid Suffolk	3,756
	Stowupland	Mid Suffolk	1,844
	Thurston and Hissett	Mid Suffolk	3,504
	Woolpit	Mid Suffolk	1,632
	Abbeygate	St Edmundsbury	3,683
	Eastgate	St Edmundsbury	1,809
	Fornham	St Edmundsbury	1,729
	Great Barton	St Edmundsbury	1,771
	Horringer and Whelnetham	St Edmundsbury	1,728
	Minden	St Edmundsbury	3,533
	Moreton Hall	St Edmundsbury	5,490
	Northgate	St Edmundsbury	1,821
	Risbygate	St Edmundsbury	3,553
	Rougham	St Edmundsbury	1,820
	St Olaves	St Edmundsbury	3,237
	Southgate	St Edmundsbury	3,421
	Westgate	St Edmundsbury	3,370
9. Cambridge BC			75,259
	Abbey	Cambridge	6,138
	Arbury	Cambridge	6,047
	Castle	Cambridge	5,900
	Cherry Hinton	Cambridge	5,968
	Coleridge	Cambridge	5,643
	East Chesterton	Cambridge	6,048
	King's Hedges	Cambridge	5,579
	Market	Cambridge	5,822
	Newnham	Cambridge	5,715

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
	Petersfield	Cambridge	5,504
	Romsey	Cambridge	5,806
	Trumpington	Cambridge	5,534
	West Chesterton	Cambridge	5,555
10. Castle Point BC			78,949
	Appleton	Castle Point	5,018
	Boyce	Castle Point	5,003
	Canvey Island Central	Castle Point	4,636
	Canvey Island East	Castle Point	4,587
	Canvey Island North	Castle Point	4,962
	Canvey Island South	Castle Point	4,701
	Canvey Island West	Castle Point	3,394
	Canvey Island Winter Gardens	Castle Point	4,570
	Cedar Hall	Castle Point	4,407
	St George's	Castle Point	4,416
	St James	Castle Point	5,056
	St Mary's	Castle Point	4,635
	St Peter's	Castle Point	4,812
	Victoria	Castle Point	4,365
	Leigh	Southend-on-Sea	7,298
	West Leigh	Southend-on-Sea	7,089
11. Central Suffolk and North Ipswich CC			76,177
	Castle Hill	Ipswich	5,976
	Whitehouse	Ipswich	6,063
	Whitton	Ipswich	5,907
	Barking and Somersham	Mid Suffolk	1,801
	Bramford and Blakenham	Mid Suffolk	3,247
	Claydon and Barham	Mid Suffolk	3,655
	Debenham	Mid Suffolk	1,862
	Eye	Mid Suffolk	1,665
	Fressingfield	Mid Suffolk	1,888
	Helmingham and Coddensham	Mid Suffolk	1,810
	Hoxne	Mid Suffolk	1,727
	Mendlesham	Mid Suffolk	1,825
	Palgrave	Mid Suffolk	1,870
	Stradbroke and Laxfield	Mid Suffolk	2,108
	The Stonhams	Mid Suffolk	1,846
	Wetheringsett	Mid Suffolk	1,991
	Worlingworth	Mid Suffolk	1,920
	Earl Soham	Suffolk Coastal	1,656
	Framlingham	Suffolk Coastal	3,564
	Grundisburgh	Suffolk Coastal	1,819
	Hacheston	Suffolk Coastal	1,591
	Kesgrave East	Suffolk Coastal	7,316
	Kesgrave West	Suffolk Coastal	3,076
	Otley	Suffolk Coastal	1,774
	Rushmere St Andrew	Suffolk Coastal	4,924
	Wickham Market	Suffolk Coastal	1,694
	Witnesham	Suffolk Coastal	1,602
12. Chelmsford BC			73,426
	Chelmer Village and Beaulieu Park	Chelmsford	8,127
	Goat Hall	Chelmsford	4,347
	Great Baddow East	Chelmsford	6,416
	Great Baddow West	Chelmsford	4,512
	Marconi	Chelmsford	5,167
	Moulsham and Central	Chelmsford	7,329
	Moulsham Lodge	Chelmsford	4,311
	Patching Hall	Chelmsford	6,705
	St Andrews	Chelmsford	6,729

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
	Springfield North	Chelmsford	6,714
	The Lawns	Chelmsford	4,220
	Trinity	Chelmsford	4,425
	Waterhouse Farm	Chelmsford	4,424
13. Colchester BC			73,638
	Berechurch	Colchester	6,330
	Castle	Colchester	6,796
	Christ Church	Colchester	3,187
	Harbour	Colchester	4,367
	Highwoods	Colchester	6,628
	Lexden	Colchester	4,309
	Mile End	Colchester	6,942
	New Town	Colchester	5,966
	Prettygate	Colchester	5,937
	St Andrew's	Colchester	6,073
	St Anne's	Colchester	6,419
	St John's	Colchester	4,091
	Shrub End	Colchester	6,593
14. Epping Forest CC			73,785
	Broadley Common, Epping Upland and Nazeing	Epping Forest	1,618
	Buckhurst Hill East	Epping Forest	3,438
	Buckhurst Hill West	Epping Forest	5,154
	Chigwell Row	Epping Forest	1,813
	Chigwell Village	Epping Forest	3,221
	Epping Hemnall	Epping Forest	4,805
	Epping Lindsey and Thornwood Common	Epping Forest	4,874
	Grange Hill	Epping Forest	4,797
	Lambourne	Epping Forest	1,573
	Loughton Alderton	Epping Forest	3,311
	Loughton Broadway	Epping Forest	3,173
	Loughton Fairmead	Epping Forest	3,227
	Loughton Forest	Epping Forest	3,373
	Loughton Roding	Epping Forest	3,470
	Loughton St John's	Epping Forest	3,407
	Loughton St Mary's	Epping Forest	3,373
	Theydon Bois	Epping Forest	3,258
	Waltham Abbey High Beach	Epping Forest	1,775
	Waltham Abbey Honey Lane	Epping Forest	4,569
	Waltham Abbey North East	Epping Forest	3,186
	Waltham Abbey Paternoster	Epping Forest	3,328
	Waltham Abbey South West	Epping Forest	3,042
15. Great Yarmouth CC			79,323
	Bradwell North	Great Yarmouth	5,062
	Bradwell South and Hopton	Great Yarmouth	5,148
	Caister North	Great Yarmouth	3,659
	Caister South	Great Yarmouth	3,555
	Central and Northgate	Great Yarmouth	5,370
	Claydon	Great Yarmouth	5,472
	East Flegg	Great Yarmouth	3,895
	Fleggburgh	Great Yarmouth	1,868
	Gorleston	Great Yarmouth	4,071
	Lothingland	Great Yarmouth	4,331
	Magdalen	Great Yarmouth	5,228
	Nelson	Great Yarmouth	4,971
	Ormesby	Great Yarmouth	3,505
	St Andrews	Great Yarmouth	3,425
	Southtown and Cobholm	Great Yarmouth	3,489
	West Flegg	Great Yarmouth	4,002
	Yarmouth North	Great Yarmouth	3,475

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	Stalham and Sutton	North Norfolk	3,416
	Waterside	North Norfolk	3,593
	Waxham	North Norfolk	1,788
16. Harlow CC			73,223
	Hastingwood, Matching and Sheering Village	Epping Forest	1,671
	Lower Nazeing	Epping Forest	3,198
	Lower Sheering	Epping Forest	1,708
	Roydon	Epping Forest	1,743
	Bush Fair	Harlow	5,572
	Church Langley	Harlow	6,204
	Great Parndon	Harlow	5,062
	Harlow Common	Harlow	5,486
	Little Parndon and Hare Street	Harlow	5,750
	Mark Hall	Harlow	5,029
	Netteswell	Harlow	5,377
	Old Harlow	Harlow	5,338
	Staple Tye	Harlow	4,978
	Sumners and Kingsmoor	Harlow	5,300
	Toddbrook	Harlow	5,284
	Broad Oak and the Hallingburys	Uttlesford	2,746
	Hatfield Heath	Uttlesford	1,408
	The Rodings	Uttlesford	1,369
17. Harwich and Clacton CC			76,724
	Alton Park	Tendring	3,392
	Beaumont and Thorpe	Tendring	1,845
	Bockings Elm	Tendring	3,517
	Burrsville	Tendring	1,741
	Frinton	Tendring	3,362
	Golf Green	Tendring	3,929
	Great and Little Oakley	Tendring	1,725
	Hamford	Tendring	3,228
	Harwich East	Tendring	1,874
	Harwich East Central	Tendring	3,559
	Harwich West	Tendring	3,883
	Harwich West Central	Tendring	3,770
	Haven	Tendring	1,756
	Holland and Kirby	Tendring	3,847
	Homelands	Tendring	1,667
	Peter Bruff	Tendring	3,245
	Pier	Tendring	3,323
	Ramsey and Parkeston	Tendring	1,732
	Rush Green	Tendring	3,462
	St Bartholomews	Tendring	3,885
	St James	Tendring	3,441
	St Johns	Tendring	3,797
	St Marys	Tendring	3,715
	St Pauls	Tendring	3,711
	Walton	Tendring	3,318
18. Hemel Hempstead CC			76,457
	South East Bedfordshire	Central Bedfordshire	6,034
	Adeyfield East	Dacorum	3,927
	Adeyfield West	Dacorum	4,037
	Apsley and Corner Hall	Dacorum	6,236
	Bennetts End	Dacorum	4,481
	Boxmoor	Dacorum	6,277
	Chaulden and Warners End	Dacorum	6,754
	Gadebridge	Dacorum	4,121
	Grovehill	Dacorum	5,544
	Hemel Hempstead Town	Dacorum	3,954

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	Highfield	Dacorum	4,093
	Kings Langley	Dacorum	3,897
	Leverstock Green	Dacorum	6,760
	Nash Mills	Dacorum	2,121
	Watling	Dacorum	4,149
	Woodhall Farm	Dacorum	4,072
19. Hertford and Stortford CC			78,915
	Bishop's Stortford All Saints	East Hertfordshire	5,642
	Bishop's Stortford Central	East Hertfordshire	7,090
	Bishop's Stortford Meads	East Hertfordshire	4,317
	Bishop's Stortford Silverleys	East Hertfordshire	4,032
	Bishop's Stortford South	East Hertfordshire	6,440
	Hertford Bengoe	East Hertfordshire	5,784
	Hertford Castle	East Hertfordshire	6,192
	Hertford Heath	East Hertfordshire	2,158
	Hertford Kingsmead	East Hertfordshire	3,891
	Hertford Sele	East Hertfordshire	4,174
	Hunsdon	East Hertfordshire	2,097
	Little Hadham	East Hertfordshire	1,850
	Much Hadham	East Hertfordshire	2,212
	Sawbridgeworth	East Hertfordshire	6,555
	Thundridge & Standon	East Hertfordshire	2,265
	Ware Chadwell	East Hertfordshire	2,305
	Ware Christchurch	East Hertfordshire	3,855
	Ware St Mary's	East Hertfordshire	4,086
	Ware Trinity	East Hertfordshire	3,970
20. Hertsmere CC			74,672
	Aldenham East	Hertsmere	3,674
	Aldenham West	Hertsmere	3,551
	Borehamwood Brookmeadow	Hertsmere	5,219
	Borehamwood Cowley Hill	Hertsmere	5,835
	Borehamwood Hillside	Hertsmere	6,496
	Borehamwood Kenilworth	Hertsmere	3,996
	Bushey Heath	Hertsmere	5,062
	Bushey North	Hertsmere	4,652
	Bushey Park	Hertsmere	3,371
	Bushey St James	Hertsmere	5,396
	Elstree	Hertsmere	3,574
	Potters Bar Furzeffield	Hertsmere	4,826
	Potters Bar Oakmere	Hertsmere	5,484
	Potters Bar Parkfield	Hertsmere	5,896
	Shenley	Hertsmere	3,740
	Carpenders Park	Three Rivers	3,900
21. Hitchin and Harpenden CC			79,864
	Langford and Henlow Village	Central Bedfordshire	6,522
	Shefford	Central Bedfordshire	6,776
	Silsoe and Shillington	Central Bedfordshire	6,172
	Cadwell	North Hertfordshire	1,765
	Hitchin Bearton	North Hertfordshire	5,929
	Hitchin Highbury	North Hertfordshire	5,933
	Hitchin Oughton	North Hertfordshire	3,609
	Hitchin Priory	North Hertfordshire	3,590
	Hitchin Walsworth	North Hertfordshire	5,987
	Hitchwood, Offa and Hoo	North Hertfordshire	5,589
	Kimpton	North Hertfordshire	1,752
	Harpenden East	St Albans	5,377
	Harpenden North	St Albans	5,211
	Harpenden South	St Albans	5,291
	Harpenden West	St Albans	5,656
	Wheathampstead	St Albans	4,705

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22. Huntingdon CC			75,731
	Birch	Fenland	1,869
	Doddington	Fenland	1,749
	Manea	Fenland	1,607
	Slade Lode	Fenland	1,890
	The Mills	Fenland	2,071
	Wenneye	Fenland	2,031
	Wimblington	Fenland	1,765
	Alconbury and The Stukeleys	Huntingdonshire	2,512
	Earith	Huntingdonshire	4,787
	Fenstanton	Huntingdonshire	2,380
	Godmanchester	Huntingdonshire	4,791
	Huntingdon East	Huntingdonshire	6,689
	Huntingdon North	Huntingdonshire	3,506
	Huntingdon West	Huntingdonshire	4,505
	St Ives East	Huntingdonshire	4,901
	St Ives South	Huntingdonshire	4,914
	St Ives West	Huntingdonshire	2,200
	Sawtry	Huntingdonshire	4,941
	Somersham	Huntingdonshire	4,543
	The Hemingfords	Huntingdonshire	4,794
	Upwood and The Raveleys	Huntingdonshire	2,397
	Warboys and Bury	Huntingdonshire	4,889
23. Ipswich BC			75,195
	Alexandra	Ipswich	5,730
	Bixley	Ipswich	5,636
	Bridge	Ipswich	5,928
	Gainsborough	Ipswich	6,180
	Gipping	Ipswich	5,901
	Holywells	Ipswich	5,323
	Priory Heath	Ipswich	6,036
	Rushmere	Ipswich	6,112
	St John's	Ipswich	6,384
	St Margaret's	Ipswich	5,904
	Sprites	Ipswich	5,346
	Stoke Park	Ipswich	5,296
	Westgate	Ipswich	5,419
24. King's Lynn CC			78,800
	Brancaster	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,526
	Burnham	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,600
	Clenchwarton	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,792
	Dersingham	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	3,920
	Docking	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,672
	Fairstead	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	3,890
	Gayton	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,826
	Gaywood Chase	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	3,539
	Gaywood North Bank	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	5,940
	Grimston	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,935
	Heacham	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	4,059
	Hunstanton	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	4,687
	North Lynn	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	3,595
	North Wootton	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,947
	Old Gaywood	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,507
	Priory	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,951
	Rudham	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,938
	St Lawrence	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,978
	St Margarets with St Nicholas	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	2,870
	Snettisham	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	3,481
	South and West Lynn	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	3,181
	South Wootton	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	3,579

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	Spellowfields	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	3,767
	Springwood	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,539
	Valley Hill	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,876
	Walpole	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,748
	Watlington	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,868
	West Winch	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	3,904
	Wiggenhall	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,685
25. Letchworth CC			78,161
	Potton	Central Bedfordshire	5,728
	Stotfold and Arlesey	Central Bedfordshire	11,456
	Braughing	East Hertfordshire	1,996
	Buntingford	East Hertfordshire	4,122
	Mundens and Cottered	East Hertfordshire	1,907
	Puckeridge	East Hertfordshire	2,034
	Arbury	North Hertfordshire	2,095
	Baldock East	North Hertfordshire	2,231
	Baldock Town	North Hertfordshire	5,612
	Ermine	North Hertfordshire	2,005
	Letchworth East	North Hertfordshire	4,133
	Letchworth Grange	North Hertfordshire	5,688
	Letchworth South East	North Hertfordshire	5,632
	Letchworth South West	North Hertfordshire	5,865
	Letchworth Wilbury	North Hertfordshire	3,947
	Royston Heath	North Hertfordshire	4,035
	Royston Meridian	North Hertfordshire	4,114
	Royston Palace	North Hertfordshire	3,939
	Weston and Sandon	North Hertfordshire	1,622
26. Luton North and Dunstable BC			78,957
	Dunstable Downs	Central Bedfordshire	11,089
	Icknield	Central Bedfordshire	5,219
	Northfields	Central Bedfordshire	5,076
	Watling	Central Bedfordshire	5,393
	Bramingham	Luton	5,611
	Challney	Luton	8,328
	Icknield	Luton	5,756
	Leagrave	Luton	7,708
	Lewsey	Luton	8,421
	Limbury	Luton	5,594
	Northwell	Luton	5,309
	Sundon Park	Luton	5,453
27. Luton South BC			75,106
	Barnfield	Luton	5,434
	Biscot	Luton	8,439
	Crawley	Luton	4,865
	Dallow	Luton	8,848
	Farley	Luton	7,000
	High Town	Luton	4,705
	Round Green	Luton	7,606
	Saints	Luton	8,659
	South	Luton	5,964
	Stopsley	Luton	5,393
	Wigmore	Luton	8,193
28. Maldon CC			78,059
	Bicknacre and East and West Hanningfield	Chelmsford	4,048
	Little Baddow, Danbury and Sandon	Chelmsford	6,570
	South Woodham-Chetwood and Collingwood	Chelmsford	6,474
	South Woodham-Elmwood and Woodville	Chelmsford	6,242
	Tiptree	Colchester	6,106

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	Althorne	Maldon	3,331
	Burnham-on-Crouch North	Maldon	3,016
	Burnham-on-Crouch South	Maldon	3,141
	Great Totham	Maldon	2,944
	Heybridge East	Maldon	3,232
	Heybridge West	Maldon	3,074
	Maldon East	Maldon	1,654
	Maldon North	Maldon	3,251
	Maldon South	Maldon	3,036
	Maldon West	Maldon	3,078
	Mayland	Maldon	3,409
	Purleigh	Maldon	2,712
	Southminster	Maldon	3,181
	Tillingham	Maldon	1,779
	Tollesbury	Maldon	1,616
	Tolleshunt D'Arcy	Maldon	3,252
	Wickham Bishops and Woodham	Maldon	2,913
29. Newmarket and Ely CC			74,049
	Bottisham	East Cambridgeshire	3,009
	Burwell	East Cambridgeshire	4,766
	Cheveley	East Cambridgeshire	3,191
	Downham Villages	East Cambridgeshire	3,414
	Dullingham Villages	East Cambridgeshire	1,574
	Ely East	East Cambridgeshire	2,918
	Ely North	East Cambridgeshire	4,821
	Ely South	East Cambridgeshire	3,002
	Ely West	East Cambridgeshire	3,342
	Fordham Villages	East Cambridgeshire	2,812
	Haddenham	East Cambridgeshire	4,564
	Isleham	East Cambridgeshire	1,771
	Littleport East	East Cambridgeshire	3,788
	Littleport West	East Cambridgeshire	2,337
	Soham North	East Cambridgeshire	3,562
	Soham South	East Cambridgeshire	4,642
	Stretham	East Cambridgeshire	3,017
	Sutton	East Cambridgeshire	3,005
	The Swaffhams	East Cambridgeshire	1,538
	All Saints	Forest Heath	2,604
	Exning	Forest Heath	1,561
	St Mary's	Forest Heath	4,158
	Severals	Forest Heath	4,653
30. North Bedfordshire CC			79,874
	Carlton	Bedford	2,365
	Clapham	Bedford	4,636
	Eastcotts	Bedford	2,397
	Great Barford	Bedford	5,301
	Harrold	Bedford	2,490
	Oakley	Bedford	1,880
	Riseley	Bedford	2,289
	Roxton	Bedford	2,315
	Sharnbrook	Bedford	2,339
	Wilshamstead	Bedford	4,459
	Wootton	Bedford	4,139
	Amphill	Central Bedfordshire	5,555
	Biggleswade	Central Bedfordshire	12,202
	Cranfield	Central Bedfordshire	3,720
	Marston	Central Bedfordshire	4,368
	Maulden and Houghton Conquest	Central Bedfordshire	5,885
	Northhill and Blunham	Central Bedfordshire	6,861
	Sandy	Central Bedfordshire	6,673

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31. North East Essex CC			76,092
	Birch and Winstree	Colchester	4,429
	Copford and West Stanway	Colchester	1,484
	Dedham and Langham	Colchester	2,429
	East Donyland	Colchester	2,020
	Fordham and Stour	Colchester	4,136
	Great Tey	Colchester	2,212
	Marks Tey	Colchester	2,005
	Pyefleet	Colchester	2,158
	Stanway	Colchester	6,364
	West Bergholt and Eight Ash Green	Colchester	3,983
	West Mersea	Colchester	5,914
	Wivenhoe Cross	Colchester	3,223
	Wivenhoe Quay	Colchester	4,151
	Alresford	Tendring	1,670
	Ardleigh and Little Bromley	Tendring	1,844
	Bradfield, Wrabness and Wix	Tendring	1,830
	Brightlingsea	Tendring	6,424
	Great Bentley	Tendring	1,788
	Lawford	Tendring	3,451
	Little Clacton and Weeley	Tendring	3,756
	Manningtree, Mistley, Little Bentley and Tendring	Tendring	3,634
	St Osyth and Point Clear	Tendring	3,510
	Thorrington, Frating, Elmstead and Great Bromley	Tendring	3,677
32. North Norfolk CC			72,870
	Astley	North Norfolk	1,775
	Briston	North Norfolk	1,863
	Chaucer	North Norfolk	1,886
	Corpusty	North Norfolk	1,888
	Cromer Town	North Norfolk	2,879
	Erpingham	North Norfolk	1,970
	Gaunt	North Norfolk	1,985
	Glaven Valley	North Norfolk	1,760
	Happisburgh	North Norfolk	2,038
	High Heath	North Norfolk	1,626
	Holt	North Norfolk	2,924
	Hoveton	North Norfolk	1,686
	Lancaster North	North Norfolk	2,767
	Lancaster South	North Norfolk	3,245
	Mundesley	North Norfolk	3,430
	North Walsham East	North Norfolk	3,362
	North Walsham North	North Norfolk	3,213
	North Walsham West	North Norfolk	3,326
	Poppyland	North Norfolk	1,899
	Priory	North Norfolk	3,246
	Roughton	North Norfolk	1,821
	Scottow	North Norfolk	1,861
	St Benet	North Norfolk	1,808
	Sheringham North	North Norfolk	2,884
	Sheringham South	North Norfolk	3,165
	Suffield Park	North Norfolk	3,295
	The Raynhams	North Norfolk	1,936
	The Runtons	North Norfolk	1,783
	Walsingham	North Norfolk	1,819
	Wensum	North Norfolk	1,848
	Worstead	North Norfolk	1,882
33. North West Essex CC			74,218
	Bumpstead	Braintree	2,015
	Gosfield and Greenstead Green	Braintree	2,041

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	Halstead St Andrew's	Braintree	5,247
	Halstead Trinity	Braintree	3,512
	Hedingham and Maplestead	Braintree	5,161
	Panfield	Braintree	1,715
	Rayne	Braintree	1,744
	Stour Valley North	Braintree	1,795
	Stour Valley South	Braintree	1,733
	The Three Colnes	Braintree	3,958
	Three Fields	Braintree	3,147
	Upper Colne	Braintree	1,716
	Yeldham	Braintree	1,640
	Ashdon	Uttlesford	1,336
	Birchanger	Uttlesford	1,076
	Clavering	Uttlesford	1,152
	Elsenham and Henham	Uttlesford	2,826
	Littlebury	Uttlesford	1,303
	Newport	Uttlesford	2,668
	Saffron Walden Audley	Uttlesford	3,754
	Saffron Walden Castle	Uttlesford	3,635
	Saffron Walden Shire	Uttlesford	4,093
	Stansted North	Uttlesford	2,606
	Stansted South	Uttlesford	2,378
	Stebbing	Uttlesford	1,228
	Stort Valley	Uttlesford	1,174
	Thaxted	Uttlesford	2,676
	The Chesterfords	Uttlesford	1,278
	The Eastons	Uttlesford	1,213
	The Sampfords	Uttlesford	1,464
	Wenden Lofts	Uttlesford	1,207
	Wimbish and Debden	Uttlesford	1,727
34. Norwich North BC			76,747
	Drayton North	Broadland	2,127
	Drayton South	Broadland	1,973
	Hellesdon North West	Broadland	4,730
	Hellesdon South East	Broadland	3,961
	Old Catton and Sprowston West	Broadland	6,318
	Sprowston Central	Broadland	4,171
	Sprowston East	Broadland	5,619
	Taverham North	Broadland	3,970
	Taverham South	Broadland	3,695
	Thorpe St Andrew North West	Broadland	5,840
	Thorpe St Andrew South East	Broadland	5,078
	Catton Grove	Norwich	7,544
	Crome	Norwich	7,211
	Mile Cross	Norwich	7,246
	Sewell	Norwich	7,264
35. Norwich South BC			73,569
	Bowthorpe	Norwich	8,189
	Eaton	Norwich	7,223
	Lakenham	Norwich	7,028
	Mancroft	Norwich	7,666
	Nelson	Norwich	7,350
	Thorpe Hamlet	Norwich	8,148
	Town Close	Norwich	8,253
	University	Norwich	7,506
	Wensum	Norwich	7,941
	New Costessey	South Norfolk	4,265
36. Peterborough North CC			77,696
	Barnack	Peterborough	2,339
	Bretton North	Peterborough	6,176

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	Bretton South	Peterborough	2,209
	Central	Peterborough	5,350
	Dogsthorpe	Peterborough	5,884
	East	Peterborough	5,904
	Glington and Wittering	Peterborough	5,134
	Newborough	Peterborough	2,179
	North	Peterborough	3,438
	Northborough	Peterborough	2,187
	Park	Peterborough	5,520
	Paston	Peterborough	5,599
	Ravensthorpe	Peterborough	4,278
	Walton	Peterborough	4,068
	Werrington North	Peterborough	5,698
	Werrington South	Peterborough	5,350
	West	Peterborough	6,383
37. Peterborough South CC			74,238
	Bassenhally	Fenland	1,287
	Benwick, Coates and Eastrea	Fenland	3,548
	Delph	Fenland	1,547
	Kingsmoor	Fenland	1,240
	Lattersey	Fenland	1,917
	St Andrews	Fenland	2,075
	St Marys	Fenland	2,033
	Elton and Folksworth	Huntingdonshire	2,148
	Ramsey	Huntingdonshire	6,440
	Stilton	Huntingdonshire	2,339
	Yaxley and Farcet	Huntingdonshire	7,847
	Eye and Thorney	Peterborough	4,751
	Fletton	Peterborough	7,260
	Orton Longueville	Peterborough	6,754
	Orton Waterville	Peterborough	6,489
	Orton with Hampton	Peterborough	8,160
	Stanground Central	Peterborough	6,243
	Stanground East	Peterborough	2,160
38. Rayleigh and Wickford CC			76,639
	Pitsea North West	Basildon	9,136
	Pitsea South East	Basildon	8,457
	Vange	Basildon	6,750
	Wickford Castledon	Basildon	6,198
	Wickford North	Basildon	9,532
	Wickford Park	Basildon	6,887
	Rettendon and Runwell	Chelmsford	3,908
	Downhall and Rawreth	Rochford	3,708
	Grange	Rochford	2,811
	Lodge	Rochford	3,231
	Rayleigh Central	Rochford	3,360
	Sweyne Park	Rochford	3,261
	Trinity	Rochford	2,905
	Wheatley	Rochford	3,245
	Whitehouse	Rochford	3,250
39. Rochford and Southend East CC			76,697
	Ashingdon and Canewdon	Rochford	3,503
	Barling and Sutton	Rochford	1,444
	Foulness and Great Wakering	Rochford	4,477
	Hawkwell North	Rochford	3,540
	Hawkwell South	Rochford	3,349
	Hawkwell West	Rochford	3,294
	Hockley Central	Rochford	5,256
	Hockley North	Rochford	1,676
	Hockley West	Rochford	1,658

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	Hullbridge	Rochford	5,425
	Rochford	Rochford	5,740
	Kursaal	Southend-on-Sea	7,113
	Shoeburyness	Southend-on-Sea	7,942
	Southchurch	Southend-on-Sea	7,423
	Thorpe	Southend-on-Sea	7,414
	West Shoebury	Southend-on-Sea	7,443
40. South Cambridgeshire CC			76,320
	Queen Edith's	Cambridge	6,032
	Balsham	South Cambridgeshire	3,664
	Barton	South Cambridgeshire	1,887
	Cottenham	South Cambridgeshire	5,980
	Duxford	South Cambridgeshire	2,079
	Fowlmere and Foxton	South Cambridgeshire	1,894
	Fulbourn	South Cambridgeshire	3,389
	Girton	South Cambridgeshire	3,272
	Harston and Hauxton	South Cambridgeshire	1,826
	Haslingfield and The Eversdens	South Cambridgeshire	2,057
	Histon and Impington	South Cambridgeshire	7,019
	Linton	South Cambridgeshire	3,612
	Melbourn	South Cambridgeshire	4,333
	Meldreth	South Cambridgeshire	1,906
	Milton	South Cambridgeshire	2,984
	Orwell and Barrington	South Cambridgeshire	1,836
	Sawston	South Cambridgeshire	5,391
	Teversham	South Cambridgeshire	1,783
	The Abingtons	South Cambridgeshire	1,741
	The Shelfords and Stapleford	South Cambridgeshire	5,524
	The Wilbrahams	South Cambridgeshire	2,087
	Waterbeach	South Cambridgeshire	3,961
	Whittlesford	South Cambridgeshire	2,063
41. South Norfolk CC			77,317
	Beck Vale	South Norfolk	1,786
	Bressingham and Burston	South Norfolk	2,257
	Brooke	South Norfolk	2,148
	Bunwell	South Norfolk	2,148
	Chedgrave and Thurton	South Norfolk	2,166
	Crangleford	South Norfolk	3,825
	Dickleburgh	South Norfolk	2,246
	Diss	South Norfolk	5,788
	Ditchingham and Broome	South Norfolk	1,922
	Earsham	South Norfolk	2,022
	Easton	South Norfolk	2,091
	Forncett	South Norfolk	2,208
	Gillingham	South Norfolk	2,319
	Harleston	South Norfolk	3,772
	Hemprall	South Norfolk	2,075
	Hethersett	South Norfolk	4,523
	Loddon	South Norfolk	2,060
	Mulbarton	South Norfolk	4,088
	Newton Flotman	South Norfolk	2,071
	Old Costessey	South Norfolk	5,090
	Poringland with the Framinghams	South Norfolk	3,881
	Rockland	South Norfolk	2,341
	Roydon	South Norfolk	1,851
	Scole	South Norfolk	1,897
	Stoke Holy Cross	South Norfolk	2,306
	Stratton	South Norfolk	4,221
	Tasburgh	South Norfolk	1,970
	Thurilton	South Norfolk	2,245

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42. South Suffolk CC			72,965
	Alton	Babergh	3,203
	Berners	Babergh	3,133
	Boxford	Babergh	1,772
	Brett Vale	Babergh	1,667
	Brook	Babergh	3,255
	Bures St Mary	Babergh	1,424
	Chadacre	Babergh	1,631
	Dodnash	Babergh	2,888
	Glemsford and Stanstead	Babergh	2,980
	Great Cornard North	Babergh	3,329
	Great Cornard South	Babergh	3,330
	Hadleigh North	Babergh	3,406
	Hadleigh South	Babergh	3,002
	Holbrook	Babergh	1,669
	Lavenham	Babergh	1,473
	Leavenheath	Babergh	1,448
	Long Melford	Babergh	3,148
	Lower Brett	Babergh	1,744
	Mid Samford	Babergh	3,226
	Nayland	Babergh	1,474
	North Cosford	Babergh	1,846
	Pinewood	Babergh	3,309
	South Cosford	Babergh	1,781
	Sudbury East	Babergh	3,350
	Sudbury North	Babergh	3,438
	Sudbury South	Babergh	3,431
	Waldingfield	Babergh	3,252
	Cavendish	St Edmundsbury	1,652
	Clare	St Edmundsbury	1,704
43. South West Bedfordshire CC			77,807
	Barton	Central Bedfordshire	5,749
	Flitwick East	Central Bedfordshire	6,382
	Flitwick West	Central Bedfordshire	5,842
	Grovebury	Central Bedfordshire	7,067
	Houghton Regis	Central Bedfordshire	11,913
	Leighton Linlade Central	Central Bedfordshire	11,276
	Plantation	Central Bedfordshire	5,929
	South West Bedfordshire	Central Bedfordshire	5,604
	Southcott	Central Bedfordshire	5,200
	Toddington	Central Bedfordshire	5,181
	Woburn and Harlington	Central Bedfordshire	7,664
44. South West Hertfordshire CC			79,167
	Aldbury and Wigginton	Dacorum	1,876
	Ashridge	Dacorum	2,138
	Berkhamsted Castle	Dacorum	4,560
	Berkhamsted East	Dacorum	4,474
	Berkhamsted West	Dacorum	4,533
	Bovingdon, Flaunden and Chipperfield	Dacorum	6,438
	Northchurch	Dacorum	2,160
	Tring Central	Dacorum	3,969
	Tring East	Dacorum	2,177
	Tring West and Rural	Dacorum	4,096
	Abbots Langley	Three Rivers	3,701
	Chorleywood East	Three Rivers	3,310
	Chorleywood West	Three Rivers	4,252
	Croxley Green	Three Rivers	4,275
	Croxley Green North	Three Rivers	2,618
	Croxley Green South	Three Rivers	2,726
	Langleybury	Three Rivers	3,774

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	Leavesden	Three Rivers	3,981
	Maple Cross & Mill End	Three Rivers	4,046
	Penn	Three Rivers	2,513
	Rickmansworth	Three Rivers	3,281
	Rickmansworth West	Three Rivers	2,751
	Sarratt	Three Rivers	1,518
45. Southend West BC			74,528
	Belfairs	Southend-on-Sea	7,422
	Blenheim Park	Southend-on-Sea	7,786
	Chalkwell	Southend-on-Sea	7,088
	Eastwood Park	Southend-on-Sea	7,616
	Milton	Southend-on-Sea	6,986
	Prittlewell	Southend-on-Sea	7,575
	St Laurence	Southend-on-Sea	7,537
	St Luke's	Southend-on-Sea	8,068
	Victoria	Southend-on-Sea	7,081
	Westborough	Southend-on-Sea	7,369
46. St Albans CC			78,920
	Ashley	St Albans	5,314
	Batchwood	St Albans	5,376
	Clarence	St Albans	4,730
	Colney Heath	St Albans	4,103
	Cunningham	St Albans	4,608
	London Colney	St Albans	6,627
	Marshalswick North	St Albans	4,887
	Marshalswick South	St Albans	5,223
	Park Street	St Albans	5,536
	Redbourn	St Albans	4,778
	St Peters	St Albans	5,514
	St Stephen	St Albans	5,231
	Sandridge	St Albans	3,844
	Sopwell	St Albans	5,105
	Verulam	St Albans	5,036
	Bedmond & Primrose Hill	Three Rivers	3,008
47. St Neots CC			77,721
	Brampton	Huntingdonshire	4,759
	Buckden	Huntingdonshire	2,586
	Ellington	Huntingdonshire	2,359
	Gransden and The Offords	Huntingdonshire	3,586
	Kimbolton and Staughton	Huntingdonshire	2,516
	Little Paxton	Huntingdonshire	2,657
	St Neots Eaton Ford	Huntingdonshire	5,289
	St Neots Eaton Socon	Huntingdonshire	4,235
	St Neots Eynesbury	Huntingdonshire	7,246
	St Neots Priory Park	Huntingdonshire	5,071
	Bar Hill	South Cambridgeshire	3,821
	Bassingbourn	South Cambridgeshire	3,512
	Bourn	South Cambridgeshire	6,075
	Caldecote	South Cambridgeshire	1,878
	Comberton	South Cambridgeshire	1,746
	Gamlingay	South Cambridgeshire	3,843
	Hardwick	South Cambridgeshire	2,020
	Longstanton	South Cambridgeshire	1,896
	Papworth and Elsworth	South Cambridgeshire	3,576
	Swavesey	South Cambridgeshire	1,905
	The Mordens	South Cambridgeshire	1,908
	Willingham and Over	South Cambridgeshire	5,237
48. Stevenage CC			76,628
	Datchworth & Aston	East Hertfordshire	1,937
	Walkern	East Hertfordshire	2,098

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	Chesfield	North Hertfordshire	5,173
	Codicote	North Hertfordshire	2,095
	Knebworth	North Hertfordshire	4,122
	Bandley Hill	Stevenage	4,865
	Bedwell	Stevenage	4,873
	Chells	Stevenage	4,899
	Longmeadow	Stevenage	4,474
	Manor	Stevenage	4,969
	Martins Wood	Stevenage	4,670
	Old Town	Stevenage	5,858
	Pin Green	Stevenage	4,538
	Roebuck	Stevenage	4,681
	St Nicholas	Stevenage	4,446
	Shephall	Stevenage	4,408
	Symonds Green	Stevenage	4,380
	Woodfield	Stevenage	4,142
49. Suffolk Coastal CC			76,932
	Aldeburgh	Suffolk Coastal	2,691
	Farlingaye	Suffolk Coastal	1,574
	Felixstowe East	Suffolk Coastal	3,335
	Felixstowe North	Suffolk Coastal	3,225
	Felixstowe South	Suffolk Coastal	3,313
	Felixstowe South East	Suffolk Coastal	3,548
	Felixstowe West	Suffolk Coastal	4,788
	Hollesley with Eyke	Suffolk Coastal	1,673
	Kyson	Suffolk Coastal	1,598
	Leiston	Suffolk Coastal	4,755
	Martlesham	Suffolk Coastal	4,019
	Melton and Ufford	Suffolk Coastal	3,895
	Nacton	Suffolk Coastal	3,629
	Orford and Tunstall	Suffolk Coastal	1,422
	Peasenhall	Suffolk Coastal	1,711
	Rendlesham	Suffolk Coastal	2,378
	Riverside	Suffolk Coastal	1,653
	Saxmundham	Suffolk Coastal	3,789
	Seckford	Suffolk Coastal	1,563
	Snape	Suffolk Coastal	1,520
	Sutton	Suffolk Coastal	1,841
	Trimleys with Kirton	Suffolk Coastal	5,419
	Walberswick and Wenhaston	Suffolk Coastal	1,528
	Yoxford	Suffolk Coastal	1,617
	Blything	Waveney	1,760
	Halesworth	Waveney	3,899
	Southwold and Reydon	Waveney	2,990
	Wrentham	Waveney	1,799
50. Thetford and Swaffham CC			79,057
	All Saints	Breckland	1,874
	Buckenham	Breckland	1,386
	Burgh and Haverscroft	Breckland	2,916
	Conifer	Breckland	1,521
	East Guiltcross	Breckland	1,661
	Haggard De Toni	Breckland	1,798
	Harling and Heathlands	Breckland	3,322
	Mid Forest	Breckland	1,572
	Nar Valley	Breckland	1,775
	Necton	Breckland	1,636
	Queen's	Breckland	5,465
	Shipdham	Breckland	1,689
	Swaffham	Breckland	5,501
	Templar	Breckland	2,282
	Thetford-Abbey	Breckland	3,172

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	Thetford-Castle	Breckland	1,392
	Thetford-Guildhall	Breckland	5,156
	Thetford-Saxon	Breckland	4,871
	Upper Yare	Breckland	1,917
	Watton	Breckland	5,501
	Wayland	Breckland	1,682
	Weeting	Breckland	1,779
	West Giltcross	Breckland	1,743
	Wissey	Breckland	1,935
	Abbey	South Norfolk	2,296
	Cromwells	South Norfolk	1,970
	Hingham and Deopham	South Norfolk	2,356
	Northfields	South Norfolk	2,342
	Rustens	South Norfolk	1,980
	Town	South Norfolk	2,472
	Wicklewood	South Norfolk	2,095
51. Thurrock BC			77,667
	Aveley and Uplands	Thurrock	6,337
	Belhus	Thurrock	6,563
	Chadwell St Mary	Thurrock	7,147
	Chafford and North Stifford	Thurrock	5,227
	Grays Riverside	Thurrock	6,682
	Grays Thurrock	Thurrock	6,122
	Little Thurrock Blackshots	Thurrock	4,498
	Little Thurrock Rectory	Thurrock	4,461
	Ockendon	Thurrock	6,726
	South Chafford	Thurrock	4,610
	Stifford Clays	Thurrock	4,850
	Tilbury Riverside and Thurrock Park	Thurrock	4,298
	Tilbury St Chads	Thurrock	4,172
	West Thurrock and South Stifford	Thurrock	5,974
52. Watford BC			78,279
	Ashridge	Three Rivers	2,582
	Hayling	Three Rivers	2,427
	Moor Park & Eastbury	Three Rivers	4,455
	Northwick	Three Rivers	3,232
	Oxhey Hall	Three Rivers	2,576
	Callowland	Watford	4,976
	Central	Watford	5,433
	Holywell	Watford	5,663
	Leggatts	Watford	5,142
	Meriden	Watford	5,467
	Nascot	Watford	5,687
	Oxhey	Watford	5,028
	Park	Watford	5,763
	Stanborough	Watford	5,192
	Tudor	Watford	4,556
	Vicarage	Watford	4,975
	Woodside	Watford	5,125
53. Waveney CC			79,132
	Beccles North	Waveney	3,991
	Beccles South	Waveney	3,959
	Bungay	Waveney	3,827
	Carlton	Waveney	3,480
	Carlton Colville	Waveney	6,164
	Gunton and Corton	Waveney	3,715
	Harbour	Waveney	5,664
	Kessingland	Waveney	4,070
	Kirkley	Waveney	5,398
	Lothingland	Waveney	1,747

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	Normanston	Waveney	5,306
	Oulton	Waveney	3,286
	Oulton Broad	Waveney	3,733
	Pakefield	Waveney	5,387
	St Margaret's	Waveney	6,354
	The Saints	Waveney	1,816
	Wainford	Waveney	1,802
	Whitton	Waveney	5,722
	Worlingham	Waveney	3,711
54. Welwyn Hatfield CC			77,234
	Hertford Rural North	East Hertfordshire	1,796
	Hertford Rural South	East Hertfordshire	1,934
	Watton-at-Stone	East Hertfordshire	1,738
	Brookmans Park and Little Heath	Welwyn Hatfield	4,585
	Haldens	Welwyn Hatfield	4,770
	Handside	Welwyn Hatfield	5,205
	Hatfield Central	Welwyn Hatfield	4,588
	Hatfield East	Welwyn Hatfield	4,687
	Hatfield South	Welwyn Hatfield	3,533
	Hatfield Villages	Welwyn Hatfield	3,901
	Hatfield West	Welwyn Hatfield	5,538
	Hollybush	Welwyn Hatfield	5,242
	Howlands	Welwyn Hatfield	4,483
	Panshanger	Welwyn Hatfield	4,918
	Peartree	Welwyn Hatfield	5,133
	Sherrards	Welwyn Hatfield	4,418
	Welham Green	Welwyn Hatfield	2,864
	Welwyn East	Welwyn Hatfield	4,779
	Welwyn West	Welwyn Hatfield	3,122
55. West Suffolk CC			73,670
	Brandon East	Forest Heath	3,973
	Brandon West	Forest Heath	2,641
	Eriswell and The Rows	Forest Heath	3,084
	Great Heath	Forest Heath	2,778
	Iceni	Forest Heath	1,401
	Lakenheath	Forest Heath	3,110
	Manor	Forest Heath	1,296
	Market	Forest Heath	2,774
	Red Lodge	Forest Heath	2,224
	South	Forest Heath	1,327
	Badwell Ash	Mid Suffolk	2,151
	Gislingham	Mid Suffolk	2,113
	Rickinghall and Walsham	Mid Suffolk	3,711
	Bardwell	St Edmundsbury	2,006
	Barningham	St Edmundsbury	2,100
	Barrow	St Edmundsbury	1,801
	Chedburgh	St Edmundsbury	1,720
	Haverhill East	St Edmundsbury	5,308
	Haverhill North	St Edmundsbury	5,554
	Haverhill South	St Edmundsbury	3,666
	Haverhill West	St Edmundsbury	3,895
	Hundon	St Edmundsbury	1,751
	Ixworth	St Edmundsbury	1,798
	Kedington	St Edmundsbury	1,598
	Pakenham	St Edmundsbury	2,513
	Risby	St Edmundsbury	1,964
	Stanton	St Edmundsbury	2,001
	Wickhambrook	St Edmundsbury	1,783
	Withersfield	St Edmundsbury	1,629

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56. Wisbech and Downham Market CC			78,844
	Clarkson	Fenland	1,414
	Elm and Christchurch	Fenland	3,739
	Hill	Fenland	3,480
	Kirkgate	Fenland	1,675
	March East	Fenland	5,718
	March North	Fenland	5,448
	March West	Fenland	5,567
	Medworth	Fenland	1,622
	Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary	Fenland	3,822
	Peckover	Fenland	1,764
	Roman Bank	Fenland	5,155
	Staithe	Fenland	1,712
	Waterlees	Fenland	3,372
	Airfield	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	3,489
	Denton	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	5,476
	Downham Old Town	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,874
	East Downham	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	2,202
	Emneth with Outwell	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	3,754
	Hilgay with Denver	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,938
	Mershe Lande	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	2,025
	North Downham	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,686
	South Downham	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,932
	Upwell and Delph	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	3,915
	Walton	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	2,124
	Wimbotsham with Fincham	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	2,039
	Wissey	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,902

Glossary

Assistant Commissioner	Independent person appointed at the request of the BCE to assist it with the discharge of its functions.
Borough constituency abbreviated to BC	Parliamentary constituency containing a predominantly urban area.
County constituency abbreviated to CC	Parliamentary constituency containing more than a small rural element.
Designation	Classification as either a borough constituency or as a county constituency.
Electorate	The number of registered Parliamentary electors in a given area.
(Statutory) Electorate range	The statutory rule that requires the electorate of every constituency (as at the review date) to be within 5% of the UK electoral quota.
Final recommendations	The recommendations submitted in a formal final report to the Government at the end of a review. They may - or may not - have been revised since the initial proposals in any given area.
General review	Major review of all Parliamentary constituencies in England at the same time. From 2011 all Parliamentary constituency reviews are general reviews.
Initial proposals	First formal proposals published by the BCE during the review for public consultation.
Public hearing	Formal opportunity in a given area for people to make oral representations, chaired by an Assistant Commissioner. In each region of England there may be no fewer than two and no more than five hearings, and each may last a maximum of two days.
Representations	The views provided by an individual, group or organisation to the BCE on its initial or revised proposals, either for or against, including counter-proposals and petitions.
Review date	Proposals must be based on the numbers of electors on the electoral registers on this date, which is defined in the Act as the date two years and ten months before the final report is to be submitted (i.e. 1 December 2010 for the review that is to conclude with a final report by 1 October 2013).
Revised proposals	The initial proposals as subsequently revised.
UK electoral quota	The average number of electors in a constituency, found by dividing the total electorate of the UK (less that of the four specific 'protected' constituencies) by 596.
Unitary authority	An area where there is only one tier of local council (above any parish or town council). This contrasts with those 'shire district' areas that have two tiers (i.e. both a non-metropolitan county council and a district/borough/city council).

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