

London

Revised 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), resulting in the number of constituencies in London reducing by five, to 68. The rules also 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.

Revised proposals

Following the publication of our initial proposals in September 2011, and two extensive consultation exercises, we have now published our revised proposals. Information about the proposed constituencies is now available on our website or in hard copy at a local place of deposit near you.

What are the revised proposals for London?

We have revised 50 of the 68 constituencies we proposed in September 2011. After careful consideration, we have decided not to make any revisions to the boundaries of the remaining 18 constituencies. In some instances, however, we have revised our proposed names for these constituencies.

Under our revised proposals, three constituencies in London would remain the same as they are under the existing arrangements.

As it was not always possible to allocate whole numbers of constituencies to London boroughs, our initial proposals grouped some London boroughs into sub-regions. It was also necessary to propose many constituencies that cross London borough boundaries. Following consideration of the representations made on our initial proposals, our revised proposals are based on new sub-regions, shown in the table below.

Sub-region	Existing allocation	Allocation under our revised proposals
North Thames	45*	43
South Thames	27*	25

* One existing constituency (Richmond Park) is divided between these two sub-regions.

We have revised our initial proposal for a constituency that crosses the River Lee between Chingford and Edmonton, proposing instead a constituency that crosses the Lee between Bow and Stratford.

We have revised our proposal to link the City of London with Islington, proposing instead to link it with the City of Westminster.

We have revised our initial proposals for Greenwich, retaining central Greenwich in a single constituency.

We have revised our initial proposals for constituencies containing the towns of Streatham, Thamesmead, Edmonton, Chingford, Romford, and Wimbledon, and those covering the Borough of Lambeth.

After careful consideration, we have not revised our initial proposals to include the College Park and Old Oak ward in a Willesden constituency, Feltham in a Hayes and Feltham

constituency, or the Heathfield and Whitton wards in a Teddington and Hanworth constituency, though we do propose to rename this constituency.

How to have your say

We are consulting on our revised proposals for an eight-week period, from 16 October 2012 to 10 December 2012. We encourage everyone to use this final opportunity to contribute to the design of the new constituencies - the more public views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be before we make recommendations to the Government.

We ask everyone wishing to contribute to the design of the new constituencies to first look at the revised proposals report, and accompanying maps, before responding to us.

You can find more details of how to respond on our website, or you can write to us direct or email london@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk. You can also find more details about the rest of the review on our website.

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