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Title: 2018 Review of Parliamentary Boundaries

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Item for decision

Summary

1. The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has published its initial proposals for new constituency boundaries. The twelve week consultation period closes on 5 December 2016 and we are invited to comment on the proposals insofar as they affect the Uttlesford district.

Recommendations

2. Recommend to Full Council on 8 November that the proposals for new constituency boundaries in Essex are welcomed.

Financial Implications

3. None

Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

Documents already published on the BCE website.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The consultation is being undertaken by the BCE
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None

Ward-specific impacts	All wards
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

6. A review of Parliamentary boundaries is being undertaken by the BCE in accordance with rules set by Parliament in 2011. The rules require the BCE to make recommendations for new constituency boundaries in September 2018. They will result in a significant reduction in the number of constituencies in England from 533 to 501. Each constituency, based on the number of registered electors in December 2015, must have an electorate between a range of 71,031 and 78,507 electors.
7. The proposals are published individually for each of the nine regions of England. For the Eastern region the impact is that 57 constituencies have been allocated which is a reduction of one from the current number. For Essex, the number of constituencies is reduced from 18 to 17.
8. The specific proposal for the Saffron Walden constituency (including the whole of Uttlesford) is that it is proposed to import four wards of Braintree constituency (all in Braintree district) in exchange for the existing four wards from the City of Chelmsford which are proposed to be moved to the Brentwood and Ongar constituency instead. This proposal can be illustrated as follows:
 - Bumpstead ward, 2,285 electors
 - Rayne ward, 2,203 electors
 - Three Fields ward, 4,480 electors
 - Yeldham ward, 2,110 electors
 - All Uttlesford district wards, 61,702
 - Saffron Walden constituency, total electorate = 72,780
9. As stated above, the Chelmsford wards of Boreham and The Leighs (4,691), Broomfield and The Walthams (6,367), Chelmsford Rural West (2,181), and Writtle (4,151) will be moved to the proposed Brentwood and Ongar constituency.
10. Given that the size of the Uttlesford district is too small to form a constituency without the addition of wards from an adjoining district, the best possible outcome seems to be that Uttlesford is retained intact without being divided between two or more constituencies, as would have been the case had the previous review of boundaries gone ahead. Exchanging wards from Braintree for wards of Chelmsford City does seem a satisfactory outcome and does retain the community of parishes in Uttlesford within a single seat that will continue to be represented by one M.P.

11. In terms of the administration of elections, this is more straightforward if electors are being imported into the constituency being administered rather than simultaneously being imported and exported as this involves a flow of data between more than two local authorities and introduces complications involving the use of polling stations, the recruitment, appointment and training of polling staff, and becomes especially complicated if other elections are being combined on the same day as a Parliamentary election, particularly if those polls involve the election of councillors in adjoining local authorities.
12. Transport links between the Braintree wards to the east of Uttlesford and Saffron Walden are undoubtedly inferior to links with the Chelmsford City wards that presently form part of the Saffron Walden constituency. However, in all other respects the mainly rural and dispersed Braintree wards appear to have more community of interest with the nature of the Uttlesford district. If the proposals are confirmed it will restore the link between the Uttlesford wards and at least some of the area intended to be transferred to the new constituency that applied prior to the pre 2010 boundary changes.
13. It is proposed that the Working Group recommends the Council to submit a representation to the BCE endorsing the proposed constituency changes insofar as they affect the Uttlesford district and the Saffron Walden constituency.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
1 The BCE's proposals have been published and there is a period of consultation in progress so that everyone wishing to comment is able to do so.	The consultation period will ensure that all comments will be considered.	The impact will be fairly minimal in terms of preparing for and administering Parliamentary elections as liaison will continue to be required with one adjoining local authority.	Good liaison will be needed with electoral officers at Braintree District Council.

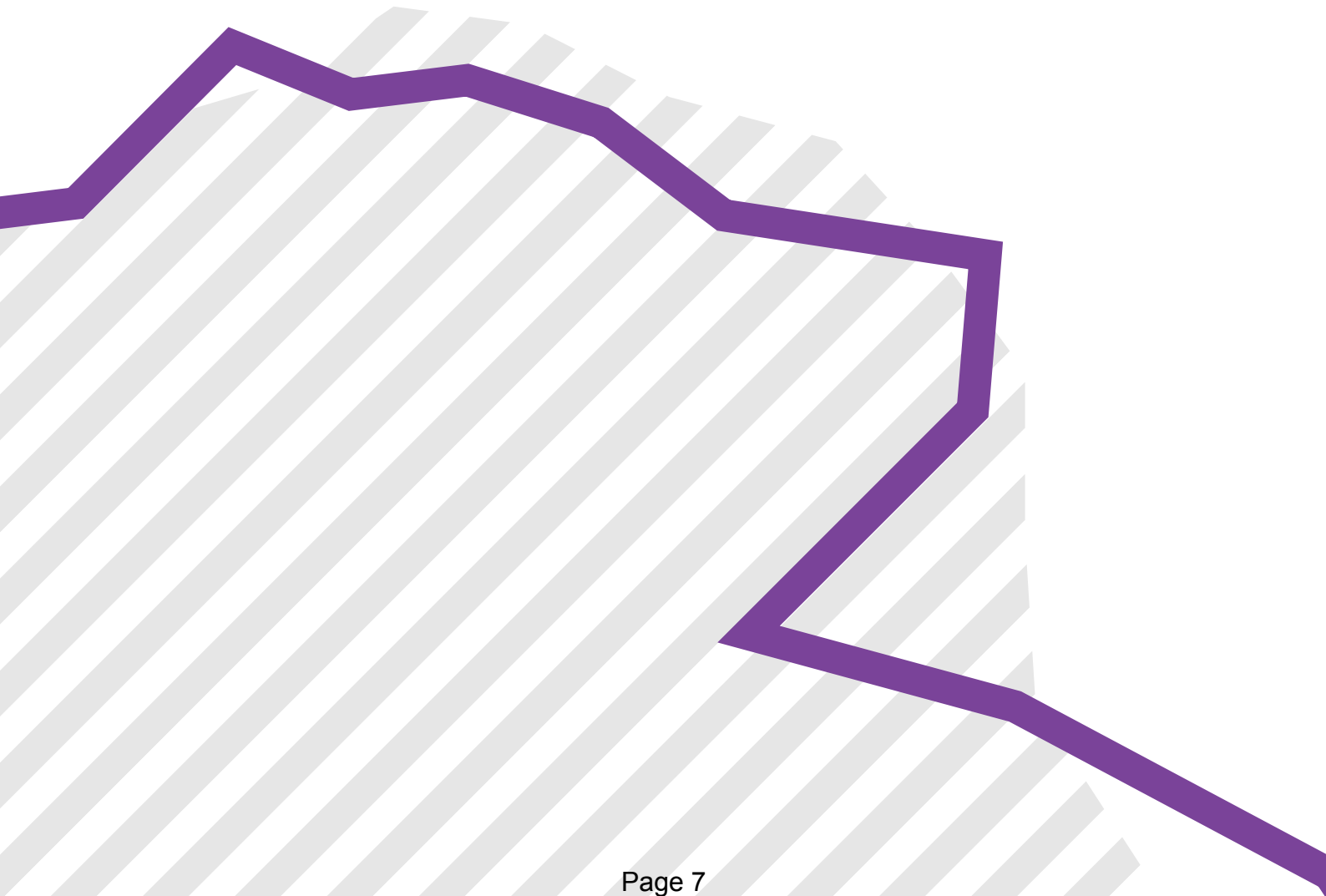
1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.

Initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in the Eastern region



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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.

The 2018 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 rules set by Parliament in 2011. The rules tell us that we must make recommendations for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in September 2018. They also result in a significant reduction in the number of constituencies in England (from 533 to 501), and require that every constituency – apart from two specified exceptions – must have an electorate that is no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507.

Initial proposals

We published our initial proposals for the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England on 13 September 2016. Information about the proposed constituencies is now available on our website.

What is changing in the Eastern region?

The Eastern region has been allocated 57 constituencies – a reduction of one from the current number.

Our proposals leave six of the 58 existing constituencies unchanged.

As it has not always been possible to allocate whole numbers of constituencies to individual counties, we have grouped some county and local authority areas into sub-regions. The number of constituencies allocated to each sub-region is determined by the electorate of the combined local authorities.

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

Sub-region	Existing allocation	Proposed allocation
Bedfordshire	6	6
Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Norfolk	27	27
Essex	18	17
Suffolk	7	7

In Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Norfolk, it has been necessary to propose two constituencies that cross county boundaries. We have proposed one constituency that contains electors from both Cambridgeshire and Norfolk, which combines the village of Littleport and the town of Downham Market. We have also proposed one constituency that contains electors from both Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, which combines three wards from the district of South Cambridgeshire in a constituency with the towns of Letchworth and Royston.

In Bedfordshire, Essex and Suffolk it has been possible to propose a pattern of constituencies that is within the boundaries of each county.

How to have your say

We are consulting on our initial proposals for a 12-week period, from 13 September 2016 to 5 December 2016. We encourage everyone to use this opportunity to help us shape the new constituencies – the more views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be when considering whether to revise our proposals.

Our website at www.bce2018.org.uk has more information about how to respond as well as details of where and when we will be holding public hearings in your area. You can also follow us on Twitter @BCE2018 or using #2018boundaryreview.

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 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.

You can find further information on our website, at www.bce2018.org.uk. You can also contact us with any general enquiries by emailing information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk, or by calling 020 7276 1102.

2 The Chair of the Commission is the Speaker of the House of Commons, but by convention he does not participate in the review. The current Deputy Chair, Mrs Justice Patterson, and two further Commissioners, take decisions on proposals and recommendations for new constituency boundaries. Further information about the Commissioners can be found on our website.¹

¹ At www.bce2018.org.uk

2 Background to the 2018 Review

3 We are currently conducting a review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries on the basis of rules set by Parliament in 2011.² These rules require us to reduce the number of constituencies in the UK and make more equal the number of electors in each constituency. This report covers only the work of the Boundary Commission for England (there are separate Commissions for Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales) and, in particular, introduces our initial proposals for the Eastern region.

4 The rules set out in the legislation state that there will be 600 Parliamentary constituencies covering the UK – a reduction of 50 from the current number. This means that the number of constituencies in England must be reduced from 533 to 501. There are also other rules that the Commission has regard to when conducting the review – a full set of the rules can be found in our *Guide to the 2018 Review*³ published in summer 2016, but they are also summarised later in this chapter. Most significantly, the rules require every constituency we recommend (with the exception of two covering the Isle of Wight) to contain no fewer than 71,031 electors and no more than 78,507.

5 This is a significant change to the old rules under which Parliamentary boundary reviews took place, in which achieving as close to the average number of electors in each constituency was an aim, but there was no statutory fixed permissible range. For example, in England, existing constituencies (drawn under the previous rules) currently range from 54,232 to 105,448 electors. Furthermore, the current constituencies were constructed under the last completed review, which relied on the data contained in the electoral registers for 2000 and applied the earlier version of the rules. 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.

6 Our *Guide to the 2018 Review* contains further detailed background information, and explains all the policies and procedures that we are following in conducting the review. We encourage anyone wishing to be involved in the review to read this document, which will give them a greater understanding of the rules and constraints placed on the Commission, especially if they are intending to comment on our initial proposals.

² The Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011, available at www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/1/contents

³ Available at www.bce2018.org.uk and at all places of deposit

The rules in the legislation

7 As well as the primary rule that constituencies must have no fewer than 71,031 electors and no more than 78,507, the legislation also states that, when deciding on boundaries, the Commission may also take into account:

- special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency;
- local government boundaries as they existed on 7 May 2015;
- boundaries of existing constituencies; and
- any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies.

8 In addition, in relation to local government boundaries in particular, it should be noted that we are obliged to take into account local government boundaries as they existed in May 2015, rather than any subsequent changes that may have been made (or are due to be made). Our initial proposals for the Eastern region (and the accompanying maps) are therefore based on local government boundaries as they existed in May 2015. Our *Guide to the 2018 Review* outlines further our policy on how, and to what extent, we take into account local government boundaries. We have used the wards as at May 2015 of unitary authorities, and boroughs and district councils (in areas where there is also a county council) as the basic building blocks for our proposals.

9 Although the first review under the new rules will unavoidably result in significant change, 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 wherever possible, as long as the other factors can also be satisfied. This, however, has proved difficult. Our initial proposals retain just over 10% 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 rules).

10 Our proposals are based on the nine regions used for European elections (though it should be clear that our work has no effect on European electoral matters, nor is it affected by the recent referendum result). This report relates to the Eastern region. There are eight other separate reports containing our initial proposals for the other regions. You can find more details 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), very compelling reasons would need to be given to persuade the Commission to depart from the region-based approach. The Commission has previously consulted on the use of the regions as building blocks, and this was supported.

Timetable for our review

Stage one – development of initial proposals

11 We began this review in February 2016. We published electorate data from December 2015 for each ward, local government authority, and existing constituency. The electorate data were provided by local authorities and the Office for National Statistics. These are available on our website⁴ and are the data that must be used throughout the remainder of the review process. The Commission has since then considered the factors outlined above and drawn up the initial proposals. We published our initial proposals for consultation for each of England's nine regions on 13 September 2016.

12 We ask people to be aware that, in publishing our initial proposals, we do so without suggesting that they are in some way definitive, or that they provide the 'right answer' – they are our starting point for consulting on the changes. We have taken into account the existing constituencies, local government boundaries, and geographical features to produce a set of constituencies that are within the statutory electorate range and that we consider to be the best balance between those factors at this point. What we do not yet have is evidence and intelligence of how our proposals reflect or break local community ties. One of the most important purposes of the consultation period is to seek evidence that will enable us to review our initial proposals.

Stage two – consultation on initial proposals

13 We are consulting on our initial proposals for 12 weeks, until 5 December 2016. 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 direct to one of our Assistant Commissioners. Once the consultation has closed, the Commission will collate all the responses received, including records of the public hearings.

Stage three – consultation on representations received

14 We are required to publish all the responses we receive on our initial proposals. This publication will mark the start of a four-week 'secondary consultation' period, likely to take place in spring 2017. The purpose of the secondary consultation is for people to see what others have said in response to our initial proposals, and to make comments on their views, for example by countering an argument, or by supporting and reinforcing what others have said. You will be able to see all the comments on our website, and use the site to give us your views on what others have said.

⁴ At www.bce2018.org.uk

Stage four – development and publication of revised proposals

15 Once we have all the representations and comments from both the initial and secondary consultation periods, the Commission will analyse those representations and decide whether changes should be made to the initial proposals. If we decide that the evidence presented to us persuades us to change our initial proposals, then we must 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 2017. When we consult on our revised proposals, there will be no further public hearings, nor will there be a repeat of the four-week period for commenting on the representations of others. You will be able to see all our revised proposals, and give us your views on them, on our website.

Stage five – development and publication of the final report and recommendations

16 Finally, following the consultation on revised proposals, we will consider all the evidence received at this stage, and throughout the review, before determining our final recommendations. The recommendations will be set out in a published report to the Government, who will present it, without amendment, to Parliament on our behalf. The legislation states that we must report to the Government in September 2018. Further details about what the Government and Parliament then do with our recommendations are contained in our *Guide to the 2018 Review*.

17 Throughout each 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

18 The Eastern region comprises the counties of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk. These counties are covered by a mixture of district councils, county councils and unitary authorities.

19 The region currently has 58 constituencies. In this review the region has been allocated 57 constituencies, a reduction of one. Of the 58 existing constituencies only 20 have electorates within 5% of the electoral quota (within the range of 71,031 to 78,507 registered electors). In addition, the electorates of 27 constituencies currently fall below the lower 5% limit, while the electorates of 11 constituencies fall above the upper limit.

20 In seeking to produce initial proposals for the region whereby 57 whole constituencies would have an electorate within 5% of the electoral quota, we first considered whether local authority areas could usefully be grouped into sub-regions. Our approach when grouping local authority areas together in sub-regions was based 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 an area.

21 Nevertheless, 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.

22 When thinking about sub-regional groupings for the Eastern region we noted that the county of Cambridgeshire

(which includes the unitary authority of Peterborough) has an allocation of 7.4 constituencies based on an electorate of 554,887. With an allocation of seven whole constituencies, Cambridgeshire's constituencies have an average electorate size of 79,270. The size of electorates in these constituencies makes it impossible to allocate to Cambridgeshire seven constituencies that fall within 5% of the electoral quota. Therefore Cambridgeshire needs to be grouped with a neighbouring county. We noted that Norfolk has an electorate of 645,761, which gives an allocation of 8.6 constituencies. The latter allocation translates into an average constituency size of 71,751 when Norfolk is allocated nine whole constituencies – just 720 electors above the lower limit of the 5% target. The size of these electorates in Norfolk makes it clear that it would be extremely hard to build nine constituencies within the county that are also within 5% of the electoral quota. We therefore decided to group Norfolk and Cambridgeshire into a sub-region, so that we could propose constituencies within 5% of the electoral quota.

23 We also noted that Hertfordshire has an electorate of 801,230, which gives an allocation of 10.7 constituencies. An allocation of 11 whole constituencies to Hertfordshire gives an average constituency size of 72,839. Electorates of this size in Hertfordshire could allow us to build 11 constituencies within 5% of the electoral quota. But given the dense pattern of settlements in some parts of the county, which make it challenging not to divide towns between constituencies, we decided that we could have better regard for the statutory factors if Hertfordshire were included in a sub-region with another county or counties.

24 We noted that Essex and Bedfordshire both have electorates that come close or very close to allowing a whole number of constituencies to be allocated (see below). Given this fact we decided that there would be no practical benefit gained from including either of these counties in a sub-region with Hertfordshire. We thus propose to group Hertfordshire with Cambridgeshire and Norfolk in a single sub-region. This arrangement allows us to build a limited number of constituencies that cross county boundaries, and hence create 27 constituencies within 5% of the electoral quota, while also having regard to other statutory factors.

25 The ceremonial county of Bedfordshire (comprising the unitary authorities of Luton, Central Bedfordshire and Bedford) has an electorate of 439,574, which gives an allocation of 5.9 constituencies. With our proposed allocation of six whole constituencies, the average size of constituencies in Bedfordshire is 73,262. Although this is lower than the electoral quota of 74,769, it is not low enough to indicate to us that problems would be encountered when building six constituencies within the county's boundary. Hence we propose to create six constituencies within the county.

26 The county of Essex (including the boroughs of Thurrock and Southend-on-Sea) has an electorate of 1,274,597, which gives an allocation of almost exactly 17 constituencies (17.05). Currently Essex has 18 constituencies so our proposed allocation of 17 whole constituencies sees the county's allocation reduced by one, giving an average constituency size of 74,976, which is very close to the electoral quota of 74,769. However, having an average electorate size so close to

the electoral quota will not mean that constituencies in Essex undergo little change to their boundaries. The reduction in the number of constituencies by one in the county makes significant change inevitable.

27 The county of Suffolk has an electorate of 526,217, which gives an allocation of almost precisely seven constituencies (7.04), with an average constituency size of 75,174 when our proposed allocation of seven whole constituencies is made. This average constituency size is, again, extremely close to the electoral quota of 74,769 and we saw no advantage in grouping Suffolk with any other county. We therefore propose to construct seven constituencies within its county boundary.

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

28 There are currently 27 constituencies in the sub-region, only seven of which are within 5% of the electoral quota (Hertford and Stortford, Hitchin and Harpenden, North East Hertfordshire, South West Hertfordshire, Broadland, Mid Norfolk, and South West Norfolk). Of the remaining constituencies, 13 are below the lower limit and seven above the upper limit.

29 We first considered which of the seven constituencies within 5% of the electoral quota we could leave unchanged. We found that we were able to propose leaving Hitchin and Harpenden wholly unchanged. All of the other six constituencies that presently fall within 5% of the electoral quota we propose to change in order to formulate constituencies across the entire sub-region that are within 5% of the electoral quota.

30 In order to increase the electorate of the existing Cambridge constituency to within 5% of the electoral quota we propose the inclusion of the Milton ward (from the District of South Cambridgeshire) and the Queen Edith's ward (City of Cambridge). The Milton ward is currently in the South East Cambridgeshire constituency; the Queen Edith's ward is currently in the South Cambridgeshire constituency.

31 We propose to add the District of Huntingdonshire ward of Earith from the existing North West Cambridgeshire constituency to the South East Cambridgeshire constituency, in order to contribute to bringing North West Cambridgeshire's electorate of 89,991 within 5% of the electoral quota. We also propose to add the City of Peterborough ward of Fletton and Woodston (from the existing North West Cambridgeshire constituency) to the Peterborough constituency, which has the necessary effect of bringing both the North West Cambridgeshire and Peterborough constituencies within 5% of the electoral quota.

32 We considered whether a better pattern of constituencies could be formulated by not including the City of Peterborough wards of Newborough, and Eye and Thorney, in the Peterborough constituency and instead including the ward of Stanground Central (City of Peterborough), which lies to the south of the city, in order to create a more compact borough constituency. We came to the conclusion that opting for this pattern would have resulted in unnecessary changes to existing constituency boundaries and would have split the settlement of Stanground between constituencies.

33 We propose to transfer two District of South Cambridgeshire wards (Fulbourn and Linton), from the South East Cambridgeshire constituency, to our proposed South Cambridgeshire constituency, in order to keep both within 5% of the electoral quota.

34 We propose to add the District of Huntingdonshire ward of Gransden and The Offords from the Huntingdonshire constituency (electorate 81,303) to our South Cambridgeshire constituency, in order to keep the Huntingdonshire constituency within 5% of the electoral quota. Consequently, to keep South Cambridgeshire within 5% of the electoral quota we propose to transfer three wards from it (the District of South Cambridgeshire wards of The Mordens, Bassingbourn, and Melbourn) into our proposed North East Hertfordshire constituency. We propose this cross-county boundary constituency because the constituencies in Cambridgeshire have such large electorates that it is not possible to propose seven constituencies contained wholly within the county's boundaries. In addition, we note that there are good transport links between Royston in the existing North East Hertfordshire constituency and the villages in the three Cambridgeshire wards in question. We also note that Royston is the closest market town for these villages.

35 To bring the North East Cambridgeshire constituency below the 5% upper limit we propose to include the wards of Littleport East and Littleport West (both from the District of East Cambridgeshire) in our proposed South West Norfolk constituency (discussed further below).

36 As mentioned above, our proposed North East Hertfordshire constituency includes three wards from the existing South Cambridgeshire constituency. The transfer of these wards brings our proposed South Cambridgeshire constituency within 5% of the electoral quota. It also brings North East Hertfordshire back above the lower 5% limit, following our proposal to transfer two District of East Hertfordshire wards (Walkern and Watton-at-Stone) to the Stevenage constituency; and to transfer two other District of East Hertfordshire wards (Hertford Rural North and Hertford Rural South) to the Welwyn Hatfield constituency (bringing the latter above the lower 5% limit).

37 In the south of the Watford constituency there have been some modifications to local government ward boundaries around the Oxhey Hall and Hayling ward, the South Oxhey ward, and the Carpenders Park ward. These new ward boundaries, combined with the fact that the existing Watford borough constituency is – at 81,860 electors – above the upper 5% limit, mean some change to it and to surrounding constituencies is inevitable.

38 Our proposed South West Hertfordshire constituency transfers the District of Three Rivers ward of South Oxhey to the Watford constituency. This transfer compensates for the inclusion of the Borough of Dacorum ward of Ashridge in South West Hertfordshire. Although the existing South West Hertfordshire constituency is within 5% of the electoral quota, we have made these changes in order to bring neighbouring constituencies within 5% of that quota.

39 The Watford constituency has also had the divided District of Three Rivers ward of Gade Valley transferred from it into our proposed Hemel Hempstead constituency (bringing the latter above the lower 5% limit). We also propose to transfer two other District of Three Rivers wards (the divided Abbots Langley & Bedmond, and Leavesden) from the Watford constituency into our proposed St Albans constituency. The latter is, as a result of these changes, brought up above the lower 5% limit. These proposals, plus the inclusion of the District of Three Rivers ward of Carpenders Park in our proposed Hertsmere constituency, bring Watford within 5% of the electoral quota. The inclusion of the Carpenders Park ward in Hertsmere also brings that constituency within 5% of the electoral quota.

40 In order to bring the Broxbourne constituency above the lower 5% limit we propose to include in it the District of East Hertfordshire ward of Great Amwell, from the existing Hertford and Stortford constituency. We could instead have included the Borough of Hertsmere ward of Potters Bar Oakmere in the Broxbourne constituency but considered that this would divide the town of Potters Bar between constituencies. Despite the transfer of the Great Amwell ward, Hertford and Stortford remains within 5% of the electoral quota.

41 To bring the electorate of the Great Yarmouth constituency within 5% of the electoral quota we have transferred to it the District of South Norfolk ward of Thurlton (from the South Norfolk constituency). We propose to include in our South Norfolk constituency the wards (from the District of South Norfolk) that surround and make up the town of Wymondham (Northfields,

Rustens, Abbey, Town, and Cromwells). These wards are in part included in the South Norfolk constituency to make up for the transfer of the Thurlton ward to Great Yarmouth.

42 The transfer of the Wymondham wards to the South Norfolk constituency was also required to offset the inclusion of the South Norfolk District wards of Cringleford and Old Costessey, in our proposed Norwich South constituency, to bring the latter within 5% of the electoral quota. In order to bring the Norwich North constituency above the lower 5% limit we propose to transfer to it the City of Norwich ward of Wensum from Norwich South.

43 To bring the North Norfolk constituency within 5% of the electoral quota we propose to transfer into it the District of Broadland ward of Aylsham, from the Broadland constituency. In order to bring the Broadland constituency back above the lower 5% limit we propose to include in it the District of North Norfolk ward of Briston, from the existing North Norfolk constituency, in addition to including the District of Breckland ward of Hermitage, from the existing Mid Norfolk constituency. Following these changes and due to the transfer of the wards around Wymondham, we propose to include in Mid Norfolk the Harling & Heathlands ward, and the Guiltcross ward (both from the District of Breckland), from the existing South West Norfolk constituency. These changes bring Mid Norfolk within 5% of the electoral quota. We note that modifications of local government ward boundaries in the wards of Launditch, Ashill, All Saints & Wayland, and The Buckenhams & Banham have resulted in changes to Mid Norfolk's boundary.

44 In order to bring our proposed South West Norfolk constituency within 5% of the electoral quota we propose that it now include the two District of East Cambridgeshire wards of Littleport East and Littleport West, from the current North East Cambridgeshire constituency (as discussed above). Our proposed transfer of the Borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk ward of Walton, from the South West Norfolk to the North West Norfolk constituency, brings the latter within 5% of the electoral quota.

Initial proposals for the Bedfordshire sub-region

45 Of the existing six constituencies in the ceremonial county of Bedfordshire, only one is within 5% of the electoral quota – the constituency of South West Bedfordshire. Of the remaining five constituencies, two are above the upper 5% limit (Mid Bedfordshire and North East Bedfordshire). The remaining three constituencies (Bedford, Luton North and Luton South) all have electorates below the lower 5% limit.

46 We considered first how we could keep South West Bedfordshire unchanged but found this was not feasible given the changes needed to surrounding constituencies in order to bring them within 5% of the electoral quota.

47 The existing constituency of North East Bedfordshire has an electorate of 83,599. In order to bring it within 5% of the electoral quota we propose to transfer the Borough of Bedford ward of Eastcotts to the Mid Bedfordshire constituency. This change and local government ward boundary changes (to the Borough of

Bedford wards of Eastcotts, Kempston Rural, Clapham, and Great Barford; and to the Central Bedfordshire Council wards of Arlesey, and Northill) bring the North East Bedfordshire constituency within 5% of the electoral quota.

48 In order to bring the Mid Bedfordshire constituency within 5% of the electoral quota we propose to transfer the wards of Aspley and Woburn, Toddington, and Barton-le-Clay (all Central Bedfordshire Council wards) into South West Bedfordshire. The existing South West Bedfordshire constituency has 76,959 electors so the addition of these wards pushes it above the upper 5% limit. Local government boundary changes to the Central Bedfordshire Council ward of Caddington have partially mitigated this consequence, by transferring some electors from South West Bedfordshire into the Luton South constituency. But, in addition, we propose to transfer the Central Bedfordshire Council wards of Tithe Farm, Parkside, and Houghton Hall from South West Bedfordshire into our proposed Luton North and Houghton constituency. These wards comprise the town of Houghton Regis, the whole of which we propose be included in Luton North and Houghton.

49 Local government boundary changes to the Elstow and Stewartby ward, the Goldington ward and the Kempston Rural ward are enough to bring our proposed Bedford constituency within 5% of the electoral quota.

50 We propose to include in Luton South the ward of Barnfield (Borough of Luton), from the existing Luton North constituency, resulting in both the Luton South and Luton

North constituencies being brought within 5% of the electoral quota.

51 As a result of the changes we propose in Luton and its surrounding area, all of the Central Bedfordshire Council wards that comprise the town of Dunstable are included in our proposed South West Bedfordshire constituency.

Initial proposals for the Essex sub-region

52 The county of Essex (including the boroughs of Thurrock and Southend-on-Sea) currently has seven constituencies within 5% of the electoral quota (Braintree, Brentwood and Ongar, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping Forest, Rayleigh and Wickford, and Thurrock). We considered how many of these constituencies we could keep unchanged. Given the need to reduce the number of constituencies in Essex from 18 to 17, we have only kept three constituencies completely unchanged: Chelmsford, Epping Forest, and Thurrock. We propose that the Colchester constituency has just one ward transferred to it, namely the Borough of Colchester ward of East Donyland, from the existing Harwich and North Essex constituency.

53 Our proposed Harlow constituency includes the District of Epping Forest wards of North Weald Bassett, and Moreton and Fyfield, from the existing Brentwood and Ongar constituency, which brings it within 5% of the electoral quota.

54 Under our proposals, the Brentwood and Ongar constituency has seen substantial change, even though the constituency is currently within 5%

of the electoral quota. This change is due to the fact that the constituencies surrounding it (apart from the existing constituency of Epping Forest) have electorates outside 5% of the electoral quota. Two wards have been transferred from Brentwood and Ongar to the South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency (both from Brentwood Borough). We also propose including in Brentwood and Ongar four wards from the Borough of Chelmsford (these wards are currently within the Saffron Walden constituency). To compensate for these changes we propose transferring four wards from the existing Braintree constituency (all from the District of Braintree) into Saffron Walden. As a result of the latter changes, we propose that the Braintree constituency include three wards from the existing Witham constituency (all from the District of Braintree). These changes to the Brentwood and Ongar constituency, to the Braintree constituency and to the Saffron Walden constituency bring them all within 5% of the electoral quota.

55 We propose to transfer two wards from Basildon and Billericay (both Borough of Basildon wards) into the South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency (Laindon Park ward, Lee Chapel North ward). To make up for these changes, and to make up for the fact that the existing Basildon and Billericay constituency has an electorate of 64,885, we have also included in it the three (Borough of Basildon) wards that make up the town of Wickford. We also propose transferring a ward to Basildon and Billericay from the City of Chelmsford (South Hanningfield, Stock and Margaretting ward). These changes to Basildon and Billericay, and to South Basildon and East Thurrock, bring them both within 5% of the electoral quota.

56 We propose transferring the two (Borough of Basildon) wards of Pitsea North West and Pitsea South East to the Castle Point constituency. In turn, we propose to transfer from the latter constituency two (Borough of Castle Point) wards to the Southend West constituency. Additionally we propose to transfer the Ashingdon and Canewdon ward (from the District of Rochford) into the Rochford and Southend East constituency. All these changes to the constituencies of Basildon and Billericay, Castle Point, Rochford and Southend East, South Basildon and East Thurrock, and Southend West result from each of these constituencies currently being outside 5% of the electoral quota, and from the fact that the total allocation of constituencies in Essex has been reduced by one.

57 We propose to rename the Rayleigh and Wickford constituency Rayleigh and Woodham Ferrers. This renaming recognises the fact that we propose not to include the town of Wickford in this constituency. It also reflects the fact that we propose to include four wards from the City of Chelmsford (including the town of South Woodham Ferrers and the village of Woodham Ferrers), as well as one ward from the District of Maldon.

58 We propose that the Maldon constituency transfer one ward (Borough of Chelmsford) to the constituency of Basildon and Billericay (as mentioned above) and five wards to the constituency of Rayleigh and Woodham Ferrers (four City of Chelmsford wards and one District of Maldon ward). To compensate for this transfer and the fact that the electorate is currently 68,924, we propose to include in this constituency ten wards to the north and west of Maldon (one from the

City of Chelmsford, five from the District of Braintree and four from the District of Maldon). Much of this change to the Maldon constituency is due to the fact that we have to reduce the number of constituencies in Essex by one. As this constituency now includes nine wards from the former Witham constituency, we propose to call it Witham and Maldon.

59 At present the Harwich and North Essex constituency surrounds the Colchester constituency at its north-west, north, east and south sides, taking in the port of Harwich to the east. We propose to modify this arrangement by pairing Harwich with Clacton-on-Sea in a Harwich and Clacton constituency. In addition, we propose a North East Essex constituency that completely surrounds the Colchester constituency. Our proposed North East Essex constituency comprises 13 wards from the Borough of Colchester and ten wards from the District of Tendring. As a result, the villages of Point Clear, St. Osyth, Seawick and Jaywick are no longer included in a constituency with Clacton. The entirety of our proposed Harwich and Clacton constituency falls within the District of Tendring.

Initial proposals for the Suffolk sub-region

60 Of the seven existing constituencies in Suffolk, five are currently within 5% of the electoral quota. Of these we have been able to leave four unchanged, apart from modifications to accommodate changes to local government ward boundaries: Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, Suffolk Coastal, Waveney, and West Suffolk.

61 The existing Ipswich constituency falls below the 5% lower limit at 70,702. To bring it within 5% of the electoral quota we have included in it the Pinewood ward from the South Suffolk constituency (from the District of Babergh). To compensate for this change we have transferred three wards from Bury St Edmunds (the wards of Rattlesden, Onehouse, and Ringshall from the District of Mid Suffolk) to South Suffolk. The existing Bury St Edmunds constituency is the only one in the county above the upper 5% limit with an electorate of 83,477. Accordingly, we have not needed to make further changes following the inclusion of these Bury St Edmunds wards in our South Suffolk constituency.

4 How to have your say

62 We are consulting on our initial proposals for a 12-week period, from 13 September 2016 to 5 December 2016. We encourage everyone to give us their views on our proposals for their area – the more public views we hear and the more local information that is provided, the more informed our decisions will be when analysing all the views we have received.

63 On our interactive consultation website, at www.bce2018.org.uk, you can see what constituency you will be in under our proposals, and compare it with your existing constituency and local government boundaries. You can also easily submit your views on our proposals.

64 When making comments on our initial proposals, we ask people to bear in mind the tight constraints placed on the Commission by the rules set by Parliament, discussed in chapter 2 and in our *Guide to the 2018 Review*. Most importantly, in the Eastern region:

- we cannot recommend constituencies that have electorates that contain more than 78,507 or fewer than 71,031 electors;
- we are basing our initial proposals on local government ward boundaries (from May 2015) 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 electorate rules without doing so; and

- 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.

65 These issues mean that we encourage people who are making a comment about their local area to bear in mind any knock-on effects that might result from their suggestions. The Commission must look at the recommendations for new constituencies across the whole region (and, indeed, across England). What may be a better solution for one location may have undesirable consequences for others. 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?

66 Views can be given to the Commission either in writing or in person (oral representations). We encourage everyone who wishes to comment on our proposals in writing to do so through our interactive consultation website, at www.bce2018.org.uk – you will find all the details you need and be able to comment directly through the website. We also welcome oral representations at one of a series of public hearings we are conducting during the consultation period. People are welcome to both attend a hearing and submit comments through our website if they choose to.

Written representations

67 As stated above, we strongly encourage everyone to make use of our consultation website, at www.bce2018.org.uk, when responding to our consultation. The website allows you to explore the map of our proposals and get further data, including the electorate sizes of every ward and polling district. You can also upload text or data files you may have previously prepared setting out your views.

68 We encourage everyone, before submitting a representation, to read our approach to protecting and using your personal details (available at www.bce2018.org.uk). In particular, respondents should remember that we

are obliged to publish all the comments we receive on our initial proposals. As this is a public consultation, we publish respondents' names and addresses, alongside their comments.

Public hearings

69 The Commission will be hosting public hearings across England. In the Eastern region we will be hosting four public hearings during the consultation period. Our website (www.bce2018.org.uk) has more details of these hearings, and an opportunity to register to attend and give us your views in person. The table below shows the locations and dates of the hearings in the Eastern region.

Town	Location	Dates
Chelmsford	Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford CM1 1JE	Monday 31 October – Tuesday 1 November 2016
Norwich	The Assembly House, Theatre Street, Norwich NR2 1RQ	Thursday 3 – Friday 4 November 2016
Luton	Town Hall, George Street, Luton LU1 2BQ	Monday 7 – Tuesday 8 November 2016
Cambridge	Guildhall, Market Hill, Cambridge CB2 3QJ	Thursday 10 – Friday 11 November 2016

70 The purpose of the hearings is for people to have an opportunity to put their views on our proposals directly to an Assistant Commissioner who will chair the hearings and subsequently assist the Commission in the analysis of all the evidence received in the region. The hearings differ from the way we used to conduct ‘local inquiries’ in past reviews – these were much more judicial in style, and people were allowed to cross-examine each other. The legislation that Parliament introduced specifically rules out such inquiries, specifying instead that we host ‘public hearings’, which are intended purely as a way for people to make representations orally, directly to representatives of the Commission, as well as to provide an opportunity for the Commission to explain its proposals.

71 It is important to stress that all representations, whether they have been made through our website, in person at a hearing, or sent to us in writing, 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 finished, you will still have until 5 December 2016 to submit your views to us.

72 You can find more information about public hearings, and can register to attend, on our website at www.bce2018.org.uk, or by phoning 020 7276 1102.

What do we want views on?

73 We would like particularly to ask two things of people responding to our consultation. First, if you support our proposals, please tell us so. 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 in fact support our initial proposals may then be disappointed if those proposals are subsequently revised in light of the consultation responses. Second, if you are considering objecting to our proposals, do please use the resources (such as maps and electorate figures) available on our website and at the places of deposit to put forward counter-proposals which are in accordance with the rules to which we are working.

74 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 and information we get as a result of our initial proposals and through the subsequent consultation phases, 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 2018.

Annex A: Initial proposals for constituencies, including wards and electorates

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
1. Basildon and Billericay CC			74,410
	Billericay East	Basildon	9,061
	Billericay West	Basildon	9,134
	Burstead	Basildon	8,430
	Crouch	Basildon	6,035
	Fryerns	Basildon	9,123
	St. Martin's	Basildon	5,730
	Wickford Castledon	Basildon	6,160
	Wickford North	Basildon	9,487
	Wickford Park	Basildon	6,778
	South Hanningfield, Stock and Margaretting	Chelmsford	4,472
2. Bedford BC			73,269
	Brickhill	Bedford	6,348
	Castle	Bedford	5,000
	Cauldwell	Bedford	5,652
	De Parys	Bedford	4,908
	Elstow and Stewartby	Bedford	3,131
	Goldington	Bedford	6,127
	Harpur	Bedford	5,233
	Kempston Central and East	Bedford	5,095
	Kempston North	Bedford	2,832
	Kempston South	Bedford	3,096
	Kempston West	Bedford	3,610
	Kingsbrook	Bedford	5,850
	Newnham	Bedford	5,443
	Putnoe	Bedford	5,868
	Queens Park	Bedford	5,076
3. Braintree CC			75,132
	Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	7,232
	Bocking North	Braintree	4,018
	Bocking South	Braintree	4,230
	Braintree Central & Beckers Green	Braintree	5,905
	Braintree South	Braintree	4,347
	Braintree West	Braintree	4,643
	Coggeshall	Braintree	4,498
	Gosfield & Greenstead Green	Braintree	2,211
	Great Notley & Black Notley	Braintree	7,151
	Halstead St. Andrew's	Braintree	4,216
	Halstead Trinity	Braintree	4,598
	Hedingham	Braintree	4,109
	Kelvedon & Feering	Braintree	4,251
	Silver End & Cressing	Braintree	4,619
	Stour Valley North	Braintree	2,271
	Stour Valley South	Braintree	2,404
	The Colnes	Braintree	4,429
4. Brentwood and Ongar CC			76,809
	Brentwood North	Brentwood	5,054
	Brentwood South	Brentwood	4,204
	Brentwood West	Brentwood	5,096
	Brizes and Doddinghurst	Brentwood	4,648
	Hutton Central	Brentwood	2,950
	Hutton East	Brentwood	2,873

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
	Hutton North	Brentwood	3,085
	Hutton South	Brentwood	3,029
	Ingatestone, Fryerning and Mountnessing	Brentwood	4,795
	Pilgrims Hatch	Brentwood	4,497
	Shenfield	Brentwood	4,187
	South Weald	Brentwood	1,437
	Tipps Cross	Brentwood	3,115
	Boreham and The Leighs	Chelmsford	4,691
	Broomfield and The Walthams	Chelmsford	6,367
	Chelmsford Rural West	Chelmsford	2,181
	Writtle	Chelmsford	4,151
	Chipping Ongar, Greensted and Marden Ash	Epping Forest	3,435
	High Ongar, Willingale and The Rodings	Epping Forest	1,832
	Lambourne	Epping Forest	1,561
	Passingford	Epping Forest	1,884
	Shelley	Epping Forest	1,737
5. Broadland CC			71,085
	Hermitage	Breckland	2,205
	Acle	Broadland	2,116
	Blofield with South Walsham	Broadland	4,443
	Brundall	Broadland	4,441
	Burlingham	Broadland	2,057
	Buxton	Broadland	2,043
	Coltishall	Broadland	2,019
	Drayton North	Broadland	2,083
	Drayton South	Broadland	1,963
	Eynesford	Broadland	2,448
	Great Witchingham	Broadland	1,993
	Hevingham	Broadland	2,121
	Horsford and Felthorpe	Broadland	3,667
	Marshes	Broadland	2,363
	Plumstead	Broadland	2,360
	Reepham	Broadland	1,972
	Spixworth with St. Faiths	Broadland	4,260
	Taverham North	Broadland	3,779
	Taverham South	Broadland	3,636
	Wroxham	Broadland	3,879
	Astley	North Norfolk	1,774
	Briston	North Norfolk	1,955
	Lancaster North	North Norfolk	2,791
	Lancaster South	North Norfolk	3,186
	The Raynhams	North Norfolk	1,957
	Walsingham	North Norfolk	1,750
	Wensum	North Norfolk	1,824
6. Broxbourne BC			72,593
	Broxbourne and Hoddesdon South	Broxbourne	6,966
	Cheshunt South and Theobalds	Broxbourne	6,090
	Cheshunt North	Broxbourne	6,313
	Flamstead End	Broxbourne	6,580
	Goffs Oak	Broxbourne	6,734
	Hoddesdon North	Broxbourne	7,105
	Hoddesdon Town and Rye Park	Broxbourne	6,150
	Rosedale and Bury Green	Broxbourne	6,360
	Waltham Cross	Broxbourne	6,361
	Wormley and Turnford	Broxbourne	7,491
	Great Amwell	East Hertfordshire	2,173
	Northaw and Cuffley	Welwyn Hatfield	4,270
7. Bury St Edmunds CC			77,828
	Bacton and Old Newton	Mid Suffolk	1,925
	Badwell Ash	Mid Suffolk	2,140
	Elmswell and Norton	Mid Suffolk	4,195

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
	Gislingham	Mid Suffolk	2,183
	Haughley and Wetherden	Mid Suffolk	1,746
	Needham Market	Mid Suffolk	3,647
	Rickinghall and Walsham	Mid Suffolk	3,652
	Stowmarket Central	Mid Suffolk	3,577
	Stowmarket North	Mid Suffolk	7,465
	Stowmarket South	Mid Suffolk	3,708
	Stowupland	Mid Suffolk	1,819
	Thurston and Hessett	Mid Suffolk	3,481
	Woolpit	Mid Suffolk	1,619
	Abbeygate	St. Edmundsbury	3,270
	Eastgate	St. Edmundsbury	1,691
	Fornham	St. Edmundsbury	1,617
	Great Barton	St. Edmundsbury	1,716
	Horringer and Whelnetnam	St. Edmundsbury	1,664
	Minden	St. Edmundsbury	3,287
	Moreton Hall	St. Edmundsbury	5,182
	Northgate	St. Edmundsbury	1,753
	Pakenham	St. Edmundsbury	1,907
	Risbygate	St. Edmundsbury	3,248
	Rougham	St. Edmundsbury	1,768
	Southgate	St. Edmundsbury	3,274
	St. Olaves	St. Edmundsbury	3,080
	Westgate	St. Edmundsbury	3,214
8. Cambridge BC			75,779
	Abbey	Cambridge	5,522
	Arbury	Cambridge	5,338
	Castle	Cambridge	5,086
	Cherry Hinton	Cambridge	5,449
	Coleridge	Cambridge	5,280
	East Chesterton	Cambridge	5,459
	King's Hedges	Cambridge	5,075
	Market	Cambridge	4,528
	Newnham	Cambridge	4,596
	Petersfield	Cambridge	4,275
	Queen Edith's	Cambridge	5,491
	Romsey	Cambridge	5,210
	Trumpington	Cambridge	6,347
	West Chesterton	Cambridge	5,101
	Milton	South Cambridgeshire	3,022
9. Castle Point BC			75,130
	Pitsea North West	Basildon	8,900
	Pitsea South East	Basildon	8,469
	Appleton	Castle Point	5,311
	Boyce	Castle Point	5,133
	Canvey Island Central	Castle Point	4,959
	Canvey Island East	Castle Point	4,740
	Canvey Island North	Castle Point	5,090
	Canvey Island South	Castle Point	4,960
	Canvey Island West	Castle Point	3,679
	Canvey Island Winter Gardens	Castle Point	4,870
	Cedar Hall	Castle Point	4,663
	St. George's	Castle Point	4,495
	St. Mary's	Castle Point	4,853
	St. Peter's	Castle Point	5,008
10. Central Suffolk and North Ipswich CC			74,198
	Castle Hill	Ipswich	5,582
	Whitehouse	Ipswich	5,655
	Whitton	Ipswich	5,588
	Barking and Somersham	Mid Suffolk	1,785
	Bramford and Blakenham	Mid Suffolk	3,406

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	Claydon and Barham	Mid Suffolk	3,604
	Debenham	Mid Suffolk	1,866
	Eye	Mid Suffolk	1,701
	Fressingfield	Mid Suffolk	1,931
	Helmingham and Coddendam	Mid Suffolk	1,799
	Hoxne	Mid Suffolk	1,670
	Mendlesham	Mid Suffolk	1,802
	Palgrave	Mid Suffolk	1,806
	Stradbroke and Laxfield	Mid Suffolk	2,125
	The Stonhams	Mid Suffolk	1,801
	Wetheringsett	Mid Suffolk	1,993
	Worlingworth	Mid Suffolk	1,923
	Framlingham	Suffolk Coastal	4,236
	Fynn Valley	Suffolk Coastal	2,470
	Grundisburgh	Suffolk Coastal	2,540
	Hacheston	Suffolk Coastal	2,452
	Kesgrave East	Suffolk Coastal	4,841
	Kesgrave West	Suffolk Coastal	5,333
	Tower	Suffolk Coastal	4,059
	Wickham Market	Suffolk Coastal	2,230
11. Chelmsford BC			78,107
	Chelmer Village and Beaulieu Park	Chelmsford	8,026
	Galleywood	Chelmsford	4,391
	Goat Hall	Chelmsford	4,495
	Great Baddow East	Chelmsford	6,438
	Great Baddow West	Chelmsford	4,760
	Marconi	Chelmsford	4,888
	Moulsham and Central	Chelmsford	7,706
	Moulsham Lodge	Chelmsford	4,307
	Patching Hall	Chelmsford	6,751
	Springfield North	Chelmsford	6,593
	St. Andrews	Chelmsford	6,572
	The Lawns	Chelmsford	4,230
	Trinity	Chelmsford	4,542
	Waterhouse Farm	Chelmsford	4,408
12. Colchester BC			74,140
	Berechurch	Colchester	6,424
	Castle	Colchester	6,662
	Christ Church	Colchester	3,275
	East Donyland	Colchester	1,845
	Highwoods	Colchester	6,732
	Lexden	Colchester	4,118
	Mile End	Colchester	7,104
	New Town	Colchester	6,223
	Old Heath	Colchester	4,126
	Prettygate	Colchester	5,794
	Shrub End	Colchester	7,224
	St. Andrew's	Colchester	4,861
	St. Anne's	Colchester	5,834
	St. John's	Colchester	3,918
13. Epping Forest CC			73,521
	Broadley Common, Epping Upland and Nazeing	Epping	1,693
	Buckhurst Hill East	Epping	3,433
	Buckhurst Hill West	Epping	5,234
	Chigwell Row	Epping	1,835
	Chigwell Village	Epping	3,304
	Epping Hemnall	Epping	4,858
	Epping Lindsey and Thornwood Common	Epping	5,239
	Grange Hill	Epping	4,898
	Loughton Alderton	Epping	3,258

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
	Loughton Broadway	Epping	3,173
	Loughton Fairmead	Epping	3,166
	Loughton Forest	Epping	3,349
	Loughton Roding	Epping	3,523
	Loughton St. John's	Epping	3,392
	Loughton St. Mary's	Epping	3,703
	Theydon Bois	Epping	3,296
	Waltham Abbey High Beach	Epping	1,987
	Waltham Abbey Honey Lane	Epping	4,508
	Waltham Abbey North East	Epping	3,254
	Waltham Abbey Paternoster	Epping	3,362
	Waltham Abbey South West	Epping	3,056
14. Great Yarmouth CC			71,907
	Bradwell North	Great Yarmouth	5,191
	Bradwell South and Hopton	Great Yarmouth	5,242
	Caister North	Great Yarmouth	3,654
	Caister South	Great Yarmouth	3,710
	Central and Northgate	Great Yarmouth	4,967
	Claydon	Great Yarmouth	5,414
	East Flegg	Great Yarmouth	3,950
	Fleggburgh	Great Yarmouth	2,042
	Gorleston	Great Yarmouth	3,887
	Lothingland	Great Yarmouth	4,262
	Magdalen	Great Yarmouth	5,130
	Nelson	Great Yarmouth	4,616
	Ormesby	Great Yarmouth	3,541
	Southtown and Cobholm	Great Yarmouth	3,256
	St. Andrews	Great Yarmouth	3,316
	West Flegg	Great Yarmouth	4,032
	Yarmouth North	Great Yarmouth	3,481
	Thurlton	South Norfolk	2,216
15. Harlow CC			71,459
	Hastingwood, Matching and Sheering Village	Epping Forest	1,883
	Lower Nazeing	Epping Forest	3,245
	Lower Sheering	Epping Forest	1,699
	Moreton and Fyfield	Epping Forest	1,661
	North Weald Bassett	Epping Forest	3,659
	Roydon	Epping Forest	1,780
	Bush Fair	Harlow	5,350
	Church Langley	Harlow	6,067
	Great Parndon	Harlow	4,899
	Harlow Common	Harlow	5,299
	Little Parndon and Hare Street	Harlow	5,629
	Mark Hall	Harlow	4,879
	Netteswell	Harlow	5,089
	Old Harlow	Harlow	5,661
	Staple Tye	Harlow	4,600
	Sumners and Kingsmoor	Harlow	4,974
	Toddbrook	Harlow	5,085
16. Harwich and Clacton CC			77,007
	Alton Park	Tendring	3,420
	Beaumont and Thorpe	Tendring	1,782
	Bockings Elm	Tendring	4,036
	Burrsville	Tendring	1,782
	Frinton	Tendring	3,375
	Great and Little Oakley	Tendring	1,655
	Hamford	Tendring	3,259
	Harwich East Central	Tendring	3,656
	Harwich East	Tendring	1,779
	Harwich West Central	Tendring	3,792
	Harwich West	Tendring	3,902

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
	Haven	Tendring	1,796
	Holland and Kirby	Tendring	3,809
	Homelands	Tendring	1,706
	Little Clacton and Weeley	Tendring	3,797
	Peter Bruff	Tendring	3,238
	Pier	Tendring	3,326
	Ramsey and Parkeston	Tendring	1,677
	Rush Green	Tendring	3,428
	St. Bartholomews	Tendring	3,939
	St. James	Tendring	3,325
	St. Johns	Tendring	3,814
	St. Marys	Tendring	3,614
	St. Pauls	Tendring	3,761
	Walton	Tendring	3,339
17. Hemel Hempstead CC			73,526
	Adeyfield East	Dacorum	3,661
	Adeyfield West	Dacorum	3,970
	Apsley and Corner Hall	Dacorum	6,199
	Bennetts End	Dacorum	4,320
	Boxmoor	Dacorum	6,475
	Chaulden and Warners End	Dacorum	6,469
	Gadebridge	Dacorum	3,867
	Grovehill	Dacorum	5,203
	Hemel Hempstead Town	Dacorum	3,822
	Highfield	Dacorum	3,723
	Kings Langley	Dacorum	3,930
	Leverstock Green	Dacorum	6,748
	Nash Mills	Dacorum	2,350
	Watling	Dacorum	4,135
	Woodhall Farm	Dacorum	3,728
	Gade Valley	Three Rivers	4,926
18. Hertford and Stortford CC			75,023
	Bishop's Stortford All Saints	East Hertfordshire	5,431
	Bishop's Stortford Central	East Hertfordshire	6,537
	Bishop's Stortford Meads	East Hertfordshire	4,090
	Bishop's Stortford Silverleys	East Hertfordshire	3,949
	Bishop's Stortford South	East Hertfordshire	6,199
	Hertford Bengoe	East Hertfordshire	5,681
	Hertford Castle	East Hertfordshire	6,252
	Hertford Heath	East Hertfordshire	2,137
	Hertford Kingsmead	East Hertfordshire	3,912
	Hertford Sele	East Hertfordshire	3,921
	Hunsdon	East Hertfordshire	2,155
	Much Hadham	East Hertfordshire	2,082
	Sawbridgeworth	East Hertfordshire	6,511
	Stanstead Abbots	East Hertfordshire	2,204
	Ware Chadwell	East Hertfordshire	2,312
	Ware Christchurch	East Hertfordshire	3,880
	Ware St. Mary's	East Hertfordshire	3,850
	Ware Trinity	East Hertfordshire	3,920
19. Hertsmere CC			74,831
	Aldenham East	Hertsmere	3,639
	Aldenham West	Hertsmere	3,437
	Borehamwood Brookmeadow	Hertsmere	4,927
	Borehamwood Cowley Hill	Hertsmere	5,584
	Borehamwood Hillside	Hertsmere	6,243
	Borehamwood Kenilworth	Hertsmere	3,987
	Bushey Heath	Hertsmere	4,742
	Bushey North	Hertsmere	3,462
	Bushey Park	Hertsmere	5,622
	Bushey St. James	Hertsmere	4,936

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	Elstree	Hertsmere	3,648
	Potters Bar Furzefield	Hertsmere	4,841
	Potters Bar Oakmere	Hertsmere	5,212
	Potters Bar Parkfield	Hertsmere	5,774
	Shenley	Hertsmere	3,771
	Carpenders Park	Three Rivers	5,006
20. Hitchin and Harpenden CC			73,478
	Cadwell	North Hertfordshire	1,772
	Chesfield	North Hertfordshire	5,004
	Hitchin Bearton	North Hertfordshire	5,971
	Hitchin Highbury	North Hertfordshire	5,916
	Hitchin Oughton	North Hertfordshire	3,546
	Hitchin Priory	North Hertfordshire	3,587
	Hitchin Walsworth	North Hertfordshire	5,829
	Hitchwood, Offa and Hoo	North Hertfordshire	5,586
	Kimpton	North Hertfordshire	1,714
	Harpenden East	St. Albans	5,314
	Harpenden North	St. Albans	5,236
	Harpenden South	St. Albans	5,235
	Harpenden West	St. Albans	5,561
	Redbourn	St. Albans	4,746
	Sandridge	St. Albans	3,628
	Wheathampstead	St. Albans	4,833
21. Huntingdon CC			77,715
	Alconbury and The Stukeleys	Huntingdonshire	2,532
	Brampton	Huntingdonshire	4,460
	Buckden	Huntingdonshire	2,616
	Fenstanton	Huntingdonshire	2,338
	Godmanchester	Huntingdonshire	4,818
	Huntingdon East	Huntingdonshire	6,686
	Huntingdon North	Huntingdonshire	3,510
	Huntingdon West	Huntingdonshire	4,772
	Kimbolton and Staughton	Huntingdonshire	2,485
	Little Paxton	Huntingdonshire	3,036
	St. Ives East	Huntingdonshire	4,762
	St. Ives South	Huntingdonshire	5,062
	St. Ives West	Huntingdonshire	2,363
	St. Neots Eaton Ford	Huntingdonshire	5,212
	St. Neots Eaton Socon	Huntingdonshire	4,098
	St. Neots Eynesbury	Huntingdonshire	7,503
	St. Neots Priory Park	Huntingdonshire	6,495
	The Hemingfords	Huntingdonshire	4,967
22. Ipswich BC			73,837
	Pinewood	Babergh	3,135
	Alexandra	Ipswich	5,618
	Bixley	Ipswich	5,434
	Bridge	Ipswich	5,223
	Gainsborough	Ipswich	5,747
	Gipping	Ipswich	5,191
	Holywells	Ipswich	5,040
	Priory Heath	Ipswich	5,796
	Rushmere	Ipswich	5,862
	Sprites	Ipswich	5,003
	St. John's	Ipswich	6,054
	St. Margaret's	Ipswich	5,912
	Stoke Park	Ipswich	4,910
	Westgate	Ipswich	4,912
23. Luton North and Houghton BC			71,188
	Houghton Hall	Central Bedfordshire	5,717
	Parkside	Central Bedfordshire	3,220
	Tithe Farm	Central Bedfordshire	2,994

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	Bramingham	Luton	5,366
	Challney	Luton	8,227
	Icknield	Luton	5,614
	Leagrave	Luton	7,492
	Lewsey	Luton	8,207
	Limbury	Luton	5,530
	Northwell	Luton	4,966
	Saints	Luton	8,501
	Sundon Park	Luton	5,354
24. Luton South BC			71,881
	Caddington	Central Bedfordshire	7,267
	Barnfield	Luton	5,295
	Biscot	Luton	8,351
	Crawley	Luton	4,696
	Dallow	Luton	8,243
	Farley	Luton	6,839
	High Town	Luton	4,206
	Round Green	Luton	7,566
	South	Luton	6,139
	Stopsley	Luton	5,294
	Wigmore	Luton	7,985
25. Mid Bedfordshire CC			71,365
	Eastcotts	Bedford	2,639
	Kempston Rural	Bedford	4,382
	Wilshamstead	Bedford	3,476
	Wootton	Bedford	3,819
	Amphill	Central Bedfordshire	9,699
	Arlesey	Central Bedfordshire	11,121
	Cranfield and Marston Moretaine	Central Bedfordshire	8,947
	Flitwick	Central Bedfordshire	10,075
	Houghton Conquest and Haynes	Central Bedfordshire	2,198
	Shefford	Central Bedfordshire	7,211
	Silsoe and Shillington	Central Bedfordshire	4,074
	Westoning, Flitton and Greenfield	Central Bedfordshire	3,724
26. Mid Norfolk CC			72,791
	All Saints & Wayland	Breckland	4,767
	Ashill	Breckland	2,163
	Attleborough Burgh & Haverscroft	Breckland	3,800
	Attleborough Queens & Besthorpe	Breckland	5,052
	Dereham Neatherd	Breckland	5,403
	Dereham Toftwood	Breckland	4,360
	Dereham Withburga	Breckland	4,321
	Guiltcross	Breckland	2,470
	Harling & Heathlands	Breckland	2,478
	Launditch	Breckland	2,054
	Lincoln	Breckland	4,065
	Mattishall	Breckland	4,384
	Necton	Breckland	2,116
	Saham Toney	Breckland	3,769
	Shipdham-with-Scarning	Breckland	4,265
	The Buckenham & Banham	Breckland	2,510
	Upper Wensum	Breckland	4,928
	Watton	Breckland	5,527
	Hingham and Deopham	South Norfolk	2,297
	Wicklewood	South Norfolk	2,062
27. North East Bedfordshire CC			74,198
	Bromham and Biddenham	Bedford	5,805
	Clapham	Bedford	3,364
	Great Barford	Bedford	6,173
	Harrold	Bedford	3,214
	Oakley	Bedford	2,987

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	Riseley	Bedford	2,789
	Sharnbrook	Bedford	3,245
	Wyboston	Bedford	3,048
	Biggleswade North	Central Bedfordshire	5,709
	Biggleswade South	Central Bedfordshire	7,883
	Northill	Central Bedfordshire	3,453
	Potton	Central Bedfordshire	6,150
	Sandy	Central Bedfordshire	9,582
	Stotfold and Langford	Central Bedfordshire	10,796
28. North East Cambridgeshire CC			75,727
	Downham Villages	East Cambridgeshire	3,422
	Sutton	East Cambridgeshire	2,986
	Bassenhally	Fenland	3,769
	Benwick, Coates & Eastrea	Fenland	3,449
	Birch	Fenland	2,101
	Clarkson	Fenland	1,270
	Doddington & Wimblington	Fenland	3,568
	Elm & Christchurch	Fenland	3,674
	Kirkgate	Fenland	1,529
	Lattersey	Fenland	2,082
	Manea	Fenland	1,803
	March East	Fenland	5,591
	March North	Fenland	5,314
	March West	Fenland	5,339
	Medworth	Fenland	1,446
	Octavia Hill	Fenland	3,167
	Parson Drove & Wisbech St. Mary	Fenland	3,920
	Peckover	Fenland	1,646
	Roman Bank	Fenland	5,146
	Slade Lode	Fenland	1,867
	St. Andrews	Fenland	2,036
	Staithe	Fenland	1,790
	Stonald	Fenland	2,023
	The Mills	Fenland	2,161
	Waterlees Village	Fenland	2,969
	Wenneye	Fenland	1,659
29. North East Essex CC			77,674
	Birch and Winstree	Colchester	4,233
	Copford and West Stanway	Colchester	1,468
	Dedham and Langham	Colchester	2,334
	Fordham and Stour	Colchester	4,180
	Great Tey	Colchester	2,138
	Marks Tey	Colchester	1,983
	Pyefleet	Colchester	2,087
	Stanway	Colchester	6,329
	Tiptree	Colchester	5,864
	West Bergholt and Eight Ash Green	Colchester	3,822
	West Mersea	Colchester	5,747
	Wivenhoe Cross	Colchester	1,627
	Wivenhoe Quay	Colchester	4,049
	Alresford	Tendring	1,677
	Ardleigh and Little Bromley	Tendring	1,846
	Bradfield, Wrabness and Wix	Tendring	1,828
	Brightlingsea	Tendring	6,398
	Golf Green	Tendring	3,990
	Great Bentley	Tendring	1,751
	Lawford	Tendring	3,364
	Manningtree, Mistley, Little Bentley and Tendring	Tendring	3,562
	St. Osyth and Point Clear	Tendring	3,673
	Thorrington, Frating, Elmstead and Great Bromley	Tendring	3,724

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30. North East Hertfordshire CC			74,449
	Braughing	East Hertfordshire	2,061
	Buntingford	East Hertfordshire	4,289
	Little Hadham	East Hertfordshire	1,857
	Mundens and Cottered	East Hertfordshire	1,927
	Puckeridge	East Hertfordshire	2,032
	Thundridge & Standon	East Hertfordshire	2,180
	Arbury	North Hertfordshire	2,045
	Baldock East	North Hertfordshire	2,251
	Baldock Town	North Hertfordshire	5,647
	Ermine	North Hertfordshire	1,949
	Letchworth East	North Hertfordshire	4,222
	Letchworth Grange	North Hertfordshire	5,492
	Letchworth South East	North Hertfordshire	5,415
	Letchworth South West	North Hertfordshire	5,910
	Letchworth Wilbury	North Hertfordshire	3,905
	Royston Heath	North Hertfordshire	4,166
	Royston Meridian	North Hertfordshire	4,078
	Royston Palace	North Hertfordshire	3,964
	Weston and Sandon	North Hertfordshire	1,637
	Bassingbourn	South Cambridgeshire	3,364
	Melbourn	South Cambridgeshire	4,170
	The Mordens	South Cambridgeshire	1,888
31. North Norfolk CC			71,657
	Aylsham	Broadland	5,972
	Chaucer	North Norfolk	1,920
	Corpusty	North Norfolk	1,872
	Cromer Town	North Norfolk	2,825
	Erpingham	North Norfolk	1,898
	Gaunt	North Norfolk	1,958
	Glaven Valley	North Norfolk	1,719
	Happisburgh	North Norfolk	2,013
	High Heath	North Norfolk	1,549
	Holt	North Norfolk	2,868
	Hoveton	North Norfolk	1,834
	Mundesley	North Norfolk	3,328
	North Walsham East	North Norfolk	3,305
	North Walsham North	North Norfolk	3,135
	North Walsham West	North Norfolk	3,308
	Poppyland	North Norfolk	1,988
	Priory	North Norfolk	3,164
	Roughton	North Norfolk	1,896
	Scottow	North Norfolk	1,956
	Sheringham North	North Norfolk	2,761
	Sheringham South	North Norfolk	3,116
	St. Benet	North Norfolk	1,781
	Stalham and Sutton	North Norfolk	3,355
	Suffield Park	North Norfolk	3,177
	The Runtons	North Norfolk	1,754
	Waterside	North Norfolk	3,535
	Waxham	North Norfolk	1,764
	Worstead	North Norfolk	1,906
32. North West Cambridgeshire CC			78,279
	Ellington	Huntingdonshire	2,417
	Elton and Folksworth	Huntingdonshire	2,109
	Ramsey	Huntingdonshire	6,258
	Sawtry	Huntingdonshire	5,144
	Somersham	Huntingdonshire	4,547
	Stilton	Huntingdonshire	2,342
	Upwood and The Raveleys	Huntingdonshire	2,418
	Warboys and Bury	Huntingdonshire	4,786
	Yaxley and Farcet	Huntingdonshire	8,021

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	Barnack	Peterborough	2,471
	Glington and Wittering	Peterborough	4,901
	Northborough	Peterborough	2,198
	Orton Longueville	Peterborough	6,180
	Orton Waterville	Peterborough	6,321
	Orton with Hampton	Peterborough	8,971
	Stanground Central	Peterborough	7,057
	Stanground East	Peterborough	2,138
33. North West Norfolk CC			72,805
	Brancaster	King's Lynn	1,279
	Burnham	King's Lynn	1,435
	Clenchwarton	King's Lynn	1,791
	Dersingham	King's Lynn	3,979
	Docking	King's Lynn	1,515
	Fairstead	King's Lynn	3,643
	Gayton	King's Lynn	1,869
	Gaywood Chase	King's Lynn	3,168
	Gaywood North Bank	King's Lynn	5,591
	Grimston	King's Lynn	1,900
	Heacham	King's Lynn	3,944
	Hunstanton	King's Lynn	4,474
	North Lynn	King's Lynn	3,214
	North Wootton	King's Lynn	1,911
	Old Gaywood	King's Lynn	1,545
	Priory	King's Lynn	2,035
	Rudham	King's Lynn	1,808
	Snettisham	King's Lynn	3,432
	South and West Lynn	King's Lynn	3,058
	South Wootton	King's Lynn	3,634
	Spellowfields	King's Lynn	3,696
	Springwood	King's Lynn	1,562
	St. Margarets with St. Nicholas	King's Lynn	2,658
	Valley Hill	King's Lynn	1,890
	Walpole	King's Lynn	1,797
	Walton	King's Lynn	2,126
	West Winch	King's Lynn	3,851
34. Norwich North BC			71,192
	Hellesdon North West	Broadland	4,539
	Hellesdon South East	Broadland	3,894
	Old Catton and Sprowston West	Broadland	6,338
	Sprowston Central	Broadland	4,150
	Sprowston East	Broadland	5,617
	Thorpe St. Andrew North West	Broadland	5,635
	Thorpe St. Andrew South East	Broadland	5,074
	Catton Grove	Norwich	7,267
	Crome	Norwich	6,943
	Mile Cross	Norwich	6,939
	Sewell	Norwich	7,091
	Wensum	Norwich	7,705
35. Norwich South BC			71,804
	Bowthorpe	Norwich	7,872
	Eaton	Norwich	7,167
	Lakenham	Norwich	6,709
	Mancroft	Norwich	7,466
	Nelson	Norwich	6,650
	Thorpe Hamlet	Norwich	8,199
	Town Close	Norwich	7,968
	University	Norwich	5,101
	Cringleford	South Norfolk	4,448
	New Costessey	South Norfolk	4,126
	Old Costessey	South Norfolk	6,098

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36. Peterborough BC			77,607
	Bretton North	Peterborough	5,782
	Bretton South	Peterborough	2,032
	Central	Peterborough	5,376
	Dogsthorpe	Peterborough	5,440
	East	Peterborough	5,847
	Eye and Thorney	Peterborough	4,825
	Fletton and Woodston	Peterborough	6,984
	Newborough	Peterborough	2,165
	North	Peterborough	3,163
	Park	Peterborough	5,367
	Paston	Peterborough	5,522
	Ravensthorpe	Peterborough	4,055
	Walton	Peterborough	4,062
	Werrington North	Peterborough	5,494
	Werrington South	Peterborough	5,159
	West	Peterborough	6,334
37. Rayleigh and Woodham Ferrers CC			73,182
	Bicknacre and East and West Hanningfield	Chelmsford	4,102
	Rettendon and Runwell	Chelmsford	4,274
	South Woodham-Chetwood and Collingwood	Chelmsford	6,347
	South Woodham-Elmwood and Woodville	Chelmsford	6,223
	Purleigh	Maldon	2,642
	Downhall and Rawreth	Rochford	3,705
	Grange	Rochford	2,762
	Hawkwell North	Rochford	3,440
	Hawkwell South	Rochford	3,410
	Hawkwell West	Rochford	3,447
	Hockley Central	Rochford	5,175
	Hockley North	Rochford	1,650
	Hockley West	Rochford	1,593
	Hullbridge	Rochford	5,350
	Lodge	Rochford	3,209
	Rayleigh Central	Rochford	3,236
	Sweyne Park	Rochford	3,361
	Trinity	Rochford	2,872
	Wheatley	Rochford	3,151
	Whitehouse	Rochford	3,233
38. Rochford and Southend East CC			72,970
	Ashingdon and Canewdon	Rochford	3,437
	Barling and Sutton	Rochford	1,383
	Foulness and Great Wakering	Rochford	4,436
	Rochford	Rochford	5,616
	Kursaal	Southend-on-Sea	6,912
	Milton	Southend-on-Sea	6,684
	Shoeburyness	Southend-on-Sea	8,346
	Southchurch	Southend-on-Sea	7,317
	St. Luke's	Southend-on-Sea	7,711
	Thorpe	Southend-on-Sea	7,244
	Victoria	Southend-on-Sea	6,666
	West Shoebury	Southend-on-Sea	7,218
39. Saffron Walden CC			72,780
	Bumpstead	Braintree	2,285
	Rayne	Braintree	2,203
	Three Fields	Braintree	4,480
	Yeldham	Braintree	2,110
	Ashdon	Uttlesford	1,560
	Broad Oak & the Hallingburys	Uttlesford	3,033
	Clavering	Uttlesford	1,776
	Debden & Wimbish	Uttlesford	1,628
	Elsenham & Henham	Uttlesford	2,800

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	Felsted & Stebbing	Uttlesford	3,268
	Flitch Green & Little Dunmow	Uttlesford	1,546
	Great Dunmow North	Uttlesford	3,154
	Great Dunmow South & Barnston	Uttlesford	4,552
	Hatfield Heath	Uttlesford	1,676
	High Easter & the Rodings	Uttlesford	1,772
	Littlebury, Chesterford & Wenden Lofts	Uttlesford	3,290
	Newport	Uttlesford	2,652
	Saffron Walden Audley	Uttlesford	3,315
	Saffron Walden Castle	Uttlesford	3,002
	Saffron Walden Shire	Uttlesford	5,194
	Stansted North	Uttlesford	3,253
	Stansted South & Birchanger	Uttlesford	3,091
	Stort Valley	Uttlesford	1,559
	Takeley	Uttlesford	4,300
	Thaxted & the Eastons	Uttlesford	3,613
	The Sampfords	Uttlesford	1,668
40. South Basildon and East Thurrock CC			77,670
	Laindon Park	Basildon	8,597
	Langdon Hills	Basildon	6,814
	Lee Chapel North	Basildon	8,775
	Nethermayne	Basildon	8,486
	Vange	Basildon	6,547
	Herongate, Ingrave and West Horndon	Brentwood	2,970
	Warley	Brentwood	4,505
	Corringham and Fobbing	Thurrock	4,326
	East Tilbury	Thurrock	4,536
	Orsett	Thurrock	4,823
	Stanford East and Corringham Town	Thurrock	6,307
	Stanford-le-Hope West	Thurrock	4,550
	The Homesteads	Thurrock	6,434
41. South Cambridgeshire CC			77,288
	Gransden and The Offords	Huntingdonshire	3,593
	Bar Hill	South Cambridgeshire	3,638
	Barton	South Cambridgeshire	1,887
	Bourn	South Cambridgeshire	7,462
	Caldecote	South Cambridgeshire	1,829
	Comberton	South Cambridgeshire	1,761
	Cottenham	South Cambridgeshire	5,954
	Duxford	South Cambridgeshire	2,089
	Fowlmere and Foxton	South Cambridgeshire	1,870
	Fulbourn	South Cambridgeshire	3,608
	Gamlingay	South Cambridgeshire	3,850
	Girton	South Cambridgeshire	3,232
	Hardwick	South Cambridgeshire	1,995
	Harston and Hauxton	South Cambridgeshire	1,863
	Haslingfield and The Eversdens	South Cambridgeshire	2,141
	Linton	South Cambridgeshire	3,632
	Longstanton	South Cambridgeshire	2,336
	Meldreth	South Cambridgeshire	2,056
	Orwell and Barrington	South Cambridgeshire	1,892
	Papworth and Elsworth	South Cambridgeshire	4,091
	Sawston	South Cambridgeshire	5,272
	Swavesey	South Cambridgeshire	1,827
	The Abingtons	South Cambridgeshire	1,764
	The Shelfords and Stapleford	South Cambridgeshire	5,577
	Whittlesford	South Cambridgeshire	2,069
42. South East Cambridgeshire CC			77,018
	Bottisham	East Cambridgeshire	3,028
	Burwell	East Cambridgeshire	4,709
	Cheveley	East Cambridgeshire	2,970

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	Dullingham Villages	East Cambridgeshire	1,496
	Ely East	East Cambridgeshire	2,870
	Ely North	East Cambridgeshire	4,917
	Ely South	East Cambridgeshire	2,998
	Ely West	East Cambridgeshire	3,294
	Fordham Villages	East Cambridgeshire	2,783
	Haddenham	East Cambridgeshire	4,457
	Isleham	East Cambridgeshire	1,789
	Soham North	East Cambridgeshire	3,535
	Soham South	East Cambridgeshire	4,785
	Stretham	East Cambridgeshire	3,009
	The Swaffhams	East Cambridgeshire	1,505
	Earith	Huntingdonshire	4,723
	Balsham	South Cambridgeshire	3,583
	Histon and Impington	South Cambridgeshire	7,640
	Teversham	South Cambridgeshire	1,736
	The Wilbrahams	South Cambridgeshire	2,034
	Waterbeach	South Cambridgeshire	3,936
	Willingham and Over	South Cambridgeshire	5,221
43. South Norfolk CC			77,348
	Abbey	South Norfolk	2,214
	Beck Vale	South Norfolk	1,818
	Bressingham and Burston	South Norfolk	2,228
	Brooke	South Norfolk	2,085
	Bunwell	South Norfolk	2,166
	Chedgrave and Thurton	South Norfolk	2,108
	Cromwells	South Norfolk	2,026
	Dickleburgh	South Norfolk	2,169
	Diss	South Norfolk	5,757
	Ditchingham and Broome	South Norfolk	1,945
	Earsham	South Norfolk	1,986
	Easton	South Norfolk	2,039
	Forncett	South Norfolk	2,175
	Gillingham	South Norfolk	2,261
	Harleston	South Norfolk	3,712
	Hempnall	South Norfolk	2,065
	Hetherset	South Norfolk	4,470
	Loddon	South Norfolk	2,182
	Mulbarton	South Norfolk	4,088
	Newton Flotman	South Norfolk	2,081
	Northfields	South Norfolk	2,149
	Poringland with the Framinghams	South Norfolk	4,044
	Rockland	South Norfolk	2,308
	Roydon	South Norfolk	1,837
	Rustens	South Norfolk	2,686
	Scole	South Norfolk	1,893
	Stoke Holy Cross	South Norfolk	2,226
	Stratton	South Norfolk	4,240
	Tasburgh	South Norfolk	1,907
	Town	South Norfolk	2,483
44. South Suffolk CC			73,959
	Alton	Babergh	3,125
	Berners	Babergh	3,029
	Boxford	Babergh	1,739
	Brett Vale	Babergh	1,634
	Brook	Babergh	3,230
	Bures St. Mary	Babergh	1,426
	Chadacre	Babergh	1,657
	Dodnash	Babergh	2,844
	Glemsford and Stanstead	Babergh	2,983
	Great Cornard North	Babergh	3,273
	Great Cornard South	Babergh	3,428

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
	Hadleigh North	Babergh	3,503
	Hadleigh South	Babergh	2,910
	Holbrook	Babergh	1,546
	Lavenham	Babergh	1,406
	Leavenheath	Babergh	1,429
	Long Melford	Babergh	3,001
	Lower Brett	Babergh	1,713
	Mid Samford	Babergh	3,234
	Nayland	Babergh	1,442
	North Cosford	Babergh	1,785
	South Cosford	Babergh	1,756
	Sudbury East	Babergh	3,130
	Sudbury North	Babergh	3,312
	Sudbury South	Babergh	3,219
	Waldingfield	Babergh	3,317
	Onehouse	Mid Suffolk	1,868
	Rattlesden	Mid Suffolk	1,684
	Ringshall	Mid Suffolk	2,097
	Cavendish	St. Edmundsbury	1,582
	Clare	St. Edmundsbury	1,657
45. South West Bedfordshire CC			77,673
	Aspley and Woburn	Central Bedfordshire	3,681
	Barton-le-Clay	Central Bedfordshire	3,974
	Dunstable-Central	Central Bedfordshire	3,332
	Dunstable-Icknield	Central Bedfordshire	5,731
	Dunstable-Manshead	Central Bedfordshire	3,575
	Dunstable-Northfields	Central Bedfordshire	6,528
	Dunstable-Watling	Central Bedfordshire	7,402
	Eaton Bray	Central Bedfordshire	3,292
	Heath and Reach	Central Bedfordshire	3,426
	Leighton Buzzard North	Central Bedfordshire	10,881
	Leighton Buzzard South	Central Bedfordshire	9,303
	Linslade	Central Bedfordshire	9,108
	Toddington	Central Bedfordshire	7,440
46. South West Hertfordshire CC			72,404
	Aldbury and Wigginton	Dacorum	1,839
	Ashridge	Dacorum	2,095
	Berkhamsted Castle	Dacorum	4,548
	Berkhamsted East	Dacorum	4,368
	Berkhamsted West	Dacorum	4,411
	Bovingdon, Flaunden and Chipperfield	Dacorum	6,276
	Northchurch	Dacorum	2,127
	Tring Central	Dacorum	3,822
	Tring East	Dacorum	2,149
	Tring West and Rural	Dacorum	4,017
	Chorleywood North & Sarratt	Three Rivers	5,848
	Chorleywood South & Maple Cross	Three Rivers	5,728
	Dickinsons	Three Rivers	5,147
	Durrants	Three Rivers	5,026
	Moor Park & Eastbury	Three Rivers	4,571
	Penn & Mill End	Three Rivers	5,063
	Rickmansworth Town	Three Rivers	5,369
47. South West Norfolk CC			71,224
	Bedingfield	Breckland	2,336
	Forest	Breckland	2,162
	Nar Valley	Breckland	2,081
	Swaffham	Breckland	5,833
	Thetford Boudica	Breckland	3,290
	Thetford Burrell	Breckland	3,696
	Thetford Castle	Breckland	3,590
	Thetford Priory	Breckland	4,044

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
	Littleport East	East Cambridgeshire	3,694
	Littleport West	East Cambridgeshire	2,358
	Airfield	King's Lynn	3,570
	Denton	King's Lynn	5,513
	Downham Old Town	King's Lynn	2,040
	East Downham	King's Lynn	2,208
	Emneth with Outwell	King's Lynn	3,744
	Hilgay with Denver	King's Lynn	1,901
	Mershe Lande	King's Lynn	1,993
	North Downham	King's Lynn	1,843
	South Downham	King's Lynn	1,903
	St. Lawrence	King's Lynn	1,929
	Upwell and Delph	King's Lynn	3,916
	Watlington	King's Lynn	1,957
	Wiggenhall	King's Lynn	1,664
	Wimbotsham with Fincham	King's Lynn	2,029
	Wissey	King's Lynn	1,930
48. Southend West BC			74,732
	St. James	Castle Point	5,259
	Victoria	Castle Point	4,521
	Belfairs	Southend-on-Sea	7,262
	Blenheim Park	Southend-on-Sea	7,713
	Chalkwell	Southend-on-Sea	6,726
	Eastwood Park	Southend-on-Sea	7,477
	Leigh	Southend-on-Sea	7,124
	Prittlewell	Southend-on-Sea	7,419
	St. Laurence	Southend-on-Sea	7,328
	West Leigh	Southend-on-Sea	6,947
	Westborough	Southend-on-Sea	6,956
49. St Albans CC			77,182
	Ashley	St. Albans	5,344
	Batchwood	St. Albans	5,128
	Clarence	St. Albans	4,887
	Colney Heath	St. Albans	4,266
	Cunningham	St. Albans	4,525
	London Colney	St. Albans	6,642
	Marshalswick North	St. Albans	4,820
	Marshalswick South	St. Albans	5,118
	Park Street	St. Albans	5,464
	Sopwell	St. Albans	4,950
	St. Peters	St. Albans	5,512
	St. Stephen	St. Albans	5,183
	Verulam	St. Albans	5,260
	Abbots Langley & Bedmond	Three Rivers	4,972
	Leavesden	Three Rivers	5,111
50. Stevenage CC			71,525
	Datchworth & Aston	East Hertfordshire	1,911
	Walkern	East Hertfordshire	2,085
	Watton-at-Stone	East Hertfordshire	1,880
	Codicote	North Hertfordshire	2,107
	Knebworth	North Hertfordshire	3,922
	Bandley Hill	Stevenage	4,833
	Bedwell	Stevenage	4,626
	Chells	Stevenage	4,775
	Longmeadow	Stevenage	4,284
	Manor	Stevenage	4,735
	Martins Wood	Stevenage	4,410
	Old Town	Stevenage	5,719
	Pin Green	Stevenage	4,411
	Roebuck	Stevenage	4,691
	Shephall	Stevenage	4,324

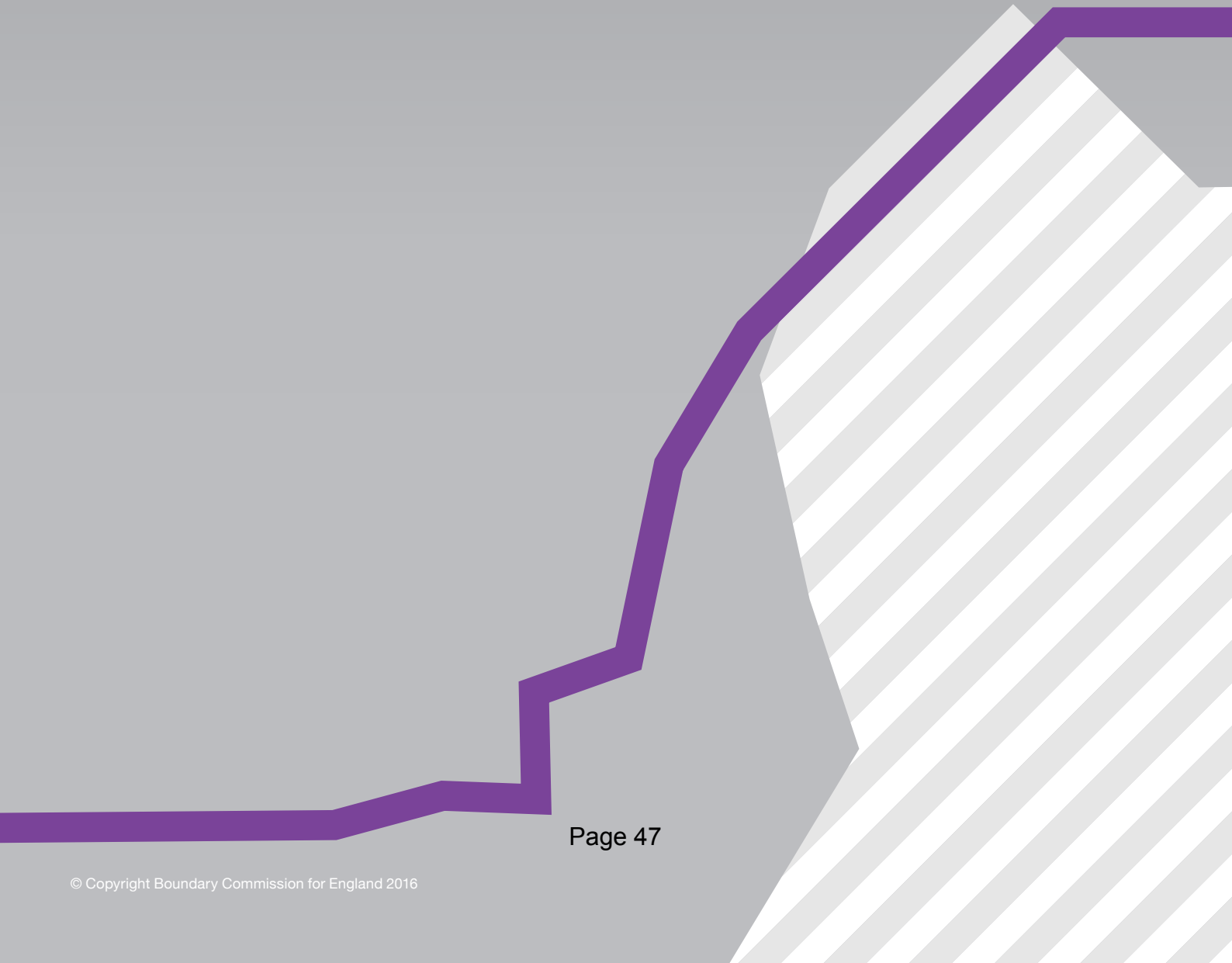
Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
	St. Nicholas	Stevenage	4,696
	Symonds Green	Stevenage	4,142
	Woodfield	Stevenage	3,974
51. Suffolk Coastal CC			76,178
	Aldeburgh	Suffolk Coastal	3,944
	Deben	Suffolk Coastal	2,048
	Felixstowe East	Suffolk Coastal	4,014
	Felixstowe North	Suffolk Coastal	4,433
	Felixstowe South	Suffolk Coastal	4,611
	Felixstowe West	Suffolk Coastal	4,555
	Kirton	Suffolk Coastal	2,353
	Leiston	Suffolk Coastal	4,469
	Martlesham	Suffolk Coastal	3,968
	Melton	Suffolk Coastal	4,637
	Nacton & Purdis Farm	Suffolk Coastal	2,347
	Orford & Eyke	Suffolk Coastal	2,278
	Peasenhall & Yoxford	Suffolk Coastal	2,277
	Rendlesham	Suffolk Coastal	2,123
	Saxmundham	Suffolk Coastal	4,145
	The Trimleys	Suffolk Coastal	4,243
	Wenhaston & Westleton	Suffolk Coastal	2,177
	Woodbridge	Suffolk Coastal	7,187
	Blything	Waveney	1,710
	Halesworth	Waveney	3,958
	Southwold and Reydon	Waveney	2,890
	Wrentham	Waveney	1,811
52. Thurrock BC			75,935
	Aveley and Uplands	Thurrock	6,386
	Belhus	Thurrock	6,459
	Chadwell St. Mary	Thurrock	6,870
	Chafford and North Stifford	Thurrock	4,994
	Grays Riverside	Thurrock	6,129
	Grays Thurrock	Thurrock	5,823
	Little Thurrock Blackshots	Thurrock	4,608
	Little Thurrock Rectory	Thurrock	4,290
	Ockendon	Thurrock	6,794
	South Chafford	Thurrock	4,251
	Stifford Clays	Thurrock	4,996
	Tilbury Riverside and Thurrock Park	Thurrock	4,022
	Tilbury St. Chads	Thurrock	3,811
	West Thurrock and South Stifford	Thurrock	6,502
53. Watford BC			72,878
	Oxhey Hall & Hayling	Three Rivers	4,857
	South Oxhey	Three Rivers	4,537
	Callowland	Watford	4,815
	Central	Watford	5,543
	Holywell	Watford	5,624
	Leggatts	Watford	5,518
	Meriden	Watford	5,679
	Nascot	Watford	6,002
	Oxhey	Watford	5,054
	Park	Watford	5,699
	Stanborough	Watford	5,189
	Tudor	Watford	4,430
	Vicarage	Watford	4,698
	Woodside	Watford	5,233

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
54. Waveney CC			77,408
	Beccles North	Waveney	3,876
	Beccles South	Waveney	3,892
	Bungay	Waveney	3,794
	Carlton	Waveney	3,425
	Carlton Colville	Waveney	6,355
	Gunton and Corton	Waveney	3,732
	Harbour	Waveney	5,197
	Kessingland	Waveney	3,995
	Kirkley	Waveney	5,060
	Lothingland	Waveney	1,702
	Normanston	Waveney	5,034
	Oulton	Waveney	3,333
	Oulton Broad	Waveney	3,744
	Pakefield	Waveney	5,289
	St. Margaret's	Waveney	6,186
	The Saints	Waveney	1,805
	Wainford	Waveney	1,752
	Whitton	Waveney	5,542
	Worlingham	Waveney	3,695
55. Welwyn Hatfield CC			72,763
	Hertford Rural North	East Hertfordshire	1,769
	Hertford Rural South	East Hertfordshire	1,968
	Brookmans Park and Little Heath	Welwyn Hatfield	4,516
	Haldens	Welwyn Hatfield	4,667
	Handside	Welwyn Hatfield	5,130
	Hatfield Central	Welwyn Hatfield	4,137
	Hatfield East	Welwyn Hatfield	4,501
	Hatfield South	Welwyn Hatfield	3,036
	Hatfield Villages	Welwyn Hatfield	3,522
	Hatfield West	Welwyn Hatfield	5,218
	Hollybush	Welwyn Hatfield	4,985
	Howlands	Welwyn Hatfield	4,398
	Panshanger	Welwyn Hatfield	4,671
	Pear tree	Welwyn Hatfield	5,135
	Sherrards	Welwyn Hatfield	4,319
	Welham Green	Welwyn Hatfield	2,788
	Welwyn East	Welwyn Hatfield	4,787
	Welwyn West	Welwyn Hatfield	3,216
56. West Suffolk CC			72,809
	All Saints	Forest Heath	2,398
	Brandon East	Forest Heath	3,701
	Brandon West	Forest Heath	2,475
	Eriswell and The Rows	Forest Heath	3,173
	Exning	Forest Heath	1,430
	Great Heath	Forest Heath	2,595
	Iceni	Forest Heath	1,297
	Lakenheath	Forest Heath	3,066
	Manor	Forest Heath	1,267
	Market	Forest Heath	2,632
	Red Lodge	Forest Heath	2,761
	Severals	Forest Heath	4,219
	South	Forest Heath	1,363
	St. Mary's	Forest Heath	3,680
	Bardwell	St. Edmundsbury	1,941
	Barningham	St. Edmundsbury	2,089
	Barrow	St. Edmundsbury	1,795
	Chedburgh	St. Edmundsbury	1,670
	Haverhill East	St. Edmundsbury	4,954
	Haverhill North	St. Edmundsbury	5,192
	Haverhill South	St. Edmundsbury	3,439

Constituency	Ward	District/borough/city/county	Electorate
	Haverhill West	St. Edmundsbury	3,675
	Hundon	St. Edmundsbury	1,669
	Ixworth	St. Edmundsbury	1,700
	Kedington	St. Edmundsbury	1,526
	Risby	St. Edmundsbury	1,875
	Stanton	St. Edmundsbury	1,991
	Wickhambrook	St. Edmundsbury	1,680
	Withersfield	St. Edmundsbury	1,556
57. Witham and Maldon CC			73,939
	Hatfield Peverel & Terling	Braintree	4,689
	Witham Central	Braintree	4,147
	Witham North	Braintree	4,759
	Witham South	Braintree	4,260
	Witham West	Braintree	4,801
	Little Baddow, Danbury and Sandon	Chelmsford	6,613
	Althorne	Maldon	3,208
	Burnham-on-Crouch North	Maldon	2,901
	Burnham-on-Crouch South	Maldon	3,147
	Great Totham	Maldon	2,851
	Heybridge East	Maldon	3,190
	Heybridge West	Maldon	3,014
	Maldon East	Maldon	1,548
	Maldon North	Maldon	3,189
	Maldon South	Maldon	2,969
	Maldon West	Maldon	3,030
	Mayland	Maldon	3,281
	Southminster	Maldon	3,105
	Tillingham	Maldon	1,669
	Tollesbury	Maldon	1,571
	Tolleshunt D'arcy	Maldon	3,167
	Wickham Bishops and Woodham	Maldon	2,830

Glossary

Assessor	Statutorily appointed technical adviser to the BCE, being either the Registrar General for England and Wales or the Director General of Ordnance Survey.	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.
Assistant Commissioner	Independent person appointed at the request of the BCE to assist it with the discharge of its functions.	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.
Borough constituency (abbreviated to BC)	Parliamentary constituency containing a predominantly urban area.	Review date	Proposals must be based on the numbers of electors on the electoral registers on this date. Defined in the 2011 Act as the date two years and ten months before the final report is to be submitted (i.e. 1 December 2015 for the review that is to conclude with a final report by 1 October 2018).
County constituency (abbreviated to CC)	Parliamentary constituency containing more than a small rural element.	Revised proposals	The initial proposals as subsequently revised.
Designation	Classification as either a borough constituency or as a county constituency.	Rules	The statutory criteria for Parliamentary constituencies under Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended).
Electorate	The number of registered Parliamentary electors in a given area.	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.
(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.	Unitary authority	An area where there is only one tier of local council (above any parish or town council). Contrasted with those 'shire district' areas that have two tiers (i.e. both a non-metropolitan county council and a district/ borough/city council).
Final recommendations	The recommendations submitted in a formal final report to Parliament at the end of a review. They may – or may not – have been revised since the initial proposals in any given area.		
Initial proposals	First formal proposals published by the BCE during the review for public consultation.		
Periodical report	Report to Parliament following a general review of Parliamentary constituencies.		
Places of deposit	In each constituency the Commission will make available hard copies of its initial proposals (including report and maps). The places of deposit where the public may inspect the proposals are usually the offices of the relevant local authority, although other public places such as libraries may be used. The Commission will publish a full list of places of deposit on its website.		



Committee: Electoral Working Group

Agenda Item

Date: 6 October 2016

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Title: Community Governance Reviews

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Item for decision

Summary

1. Requests have been received from two parish councils (see later comment) for Community Governance Reviews (CGR) to be undertaken to explore possible parish boundary changes between the parishes of Great Dunmow and Little Easton and between the parishes of Little Canfield and Takeley. Councillor Jones has subsequently suggested reviewing the boundary between Takeley and Hatfield Broad Oak to take account of a proposed development site just to the south of the Takeley parish boundary adjoining the Hatfield Broad Oak road.
2. The Council has agreed, in both cases, that a review should be undertaken. This report suggests a method and possible timetable for that review to be carried out.

Recommendations

3. The Working Group considers and agrees a proposed method and timetable for conducting a CGR of the parishes of Great Dunmow, Little Easton, Little Canfield, Takeley, and Hatfield Broad Oak.

Financial Implications

4. Mainly officer time and some costs associated with public consultation that are able to be absorbed into existing budgets.

Background Papers

5. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

Only documents already published and available to view.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Widespread consultation will be carried out with residents in the parishes being reviewed.
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Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	Broad Oak and the Hallingburys, Great Dunmow North, Takeley, and Thaxted and the Eastons
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

7. The Council has powers available under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to take decisions about parish arrangements and to make changes by order. The matters that may be reviewed include the creation or abolition of parishes, the alteration of boundaries of existing parishes, and changes to the electoral arrangements of a parish council.
8. A review can be triggered formally by a petition. In other cases, the Council is generally seen to have a duty to keep the pattern of parish boundaries under review from time to time to resolve obvious anomalies – where, for example, a new estate is built across an existing boundary – and may do so at any time in response to a request from a parish council or other community based body, or if the Council believes that community interests would be best served by a review.
9. The purpose of a CGR is principally to ensure that community interests and identities are reflected in the pattern of parish boundaries, and to provide for effective and convenient community governance. The process of discovering community identities is not of course an exact science and proposals may be framed to accord most with what the majority of residents may appear to believe lies in their best interest.
10. Little Easton Parish Council has requested the Council to undertake a CGR to change the parish boundary between Little Easton and Great Dunmow. The sector 4 development at Woodlands Park overflows the existing parish boundary so that the development is almost entirely within Little Easton parish.
11. Although the outcome of a CGR cannot be prejudged, it seems likely that residents of the sector 4 development will associate more with Great Dunmow parish than with Little Easton as sector 4 forms an integral part of Woodlands Park which is otherwise located entirely within, and forms part of the town of, Great Dunmow. It seems reasonable as part of any review to give residents of

sector 4 (if there are any by the time the CGR is conducted) the opportunity to make representations about their community of interest.

12. A request has also been received from Little Canfield Parish Council to review the parish boundary with Takeley at Priors Green. Doubt has been expressed in some quarters that the request made is a formal request made by the Parish Council. I am trying to find out whether this is the case and will report further at the meeting.
13. The Council undertook a CGR at Priors Green in 2010. As it did not prove possible at that time to reach a clear conclusion about the community interest and identities of the residents at Priors Green the Council agreed to revisit the matter to review the boundary again once the entire estate had been developed and occupied. As already stated, the Council has the necessary legal powers to undertake a CGR at any time it thinks the circumstances merit a review being carried out and this is not necessarily dependent upon parish council approval.
14. The options for the outcome of a CGR are many and some of these are listed below:
 - Move the whole of the area being reviewed from one parish to another. For example at Priors Green this would involve the transfer of an agreed area either from Little Canfield to Takeley, or in the reverse direction, so that the whole of the newly developed estate area is included within, and administered by, a common parish council.
 - Change boundaries in some other way to reflect community identities (but this might create other complications).
 - Create a new parish based on the Priors Green, or other identified, area (as happened at, for example, Flich Green).
 - Simply merge the two affected parishes together so the whole of the area being reviewed is administered by a single parish council.
 - Keep parish boundaries unchanged but group together the two parishes under a common parish council. The two parish areas would then become, in effect, wards of the new grouped parish and would elect councillors to the same parish council. A grouping arrangement could also be implemented in conjunction with a boundary change so it is quite a flexible way to proceed.
 - Decide to make no change at all so that Priors Green (or any other area under review) would continue to be administered by the existing parish.
15. If members agree the CGR should proceed immediately, as agreed by Council, the timetable is quite tricky to determine. The original intention was to programme the review to fit in between the electoral canvass and the May 2017 election so that the initial consultation period could begin in December and run for a period of at least six weeks so that any proposals could then be

considered and agreed by the beginning of March next year. The difficulty is that workload pressures in the democratic and electoral team would make it quite difficult to accommodate the work needed to undertake a satisfactory CGR prior to the County Council election. That being so the review could potentially be delayed until the latter half of 2017 as there are no scheduled elections in 2018.

16. In terms of process the methodology would normally be roughly as set out below:

- Publish formal notice of the CGR and notify all interested parties.
- The notice would be accompanied by a schedule setting out the possible options for change or no change similar to the options listed in paragraph 14.
- Allow a period of at least six weeks for public consultation and for the return of all representations.
- For completeness, the consultation could incorporate a letter address addressed to all residential addresses in and immediately surrounding the review area. This would involve extra work but would be a more satisfactory way of informing key stakeholders about the reasons for the review and the possible options to be considered.
- The EWG would then meet after a period for the consultation responses to be assessed and decide on a preferred option.
- The recommended option would then be put out for consultation for a further period of around three weeks.
- A final EWG meeting would then be held to confirm the final recommendation which would be submitted to Council for approval.
- The agreed solution (unless it is for no change) would then be implemented by order made to come into effect on a particular date. Any agreed change to boundaries will be reflected in the electoral registers used at elections and so would best be timed to come into effect on 1 December (when the revised register is published).
- The agreed change must be accompanied by proposals for either new or revised electoral arrangements for the parish or parishes concerned. This aspect will be part of the order and concerns the number and identification of any parish wards, the number of parish councillors to be elected overall and in each ward where relevant.
- Any change in parish electoral arrangements might involve a change in the electoral cycle, so perhaps a parish election will be brought forward and then revert to the normal pattern for parish elections in Uttlesford.

- Please note that only parish boundaries may be changed by order; consequential changes to ward, county division or constituency boundaries can only be made by the relevant boundary commission (usually the Local Government Boundary Commission for England) and will come into effect on a different date.
- The whole review process from start to finish, including making the parish change order will probably take in the region of four months to complete.

17. In the circumstances, and depending on what members would prefer to happen, a review period from the beginning of August to the end of November 2017 would seem feasible. The next round of parish elections is due in May 2019 and so, theoretically, any parish having changes made could have elections in May 2018 for an extended five year term to 2023.

18. Members' instructions are invited to guide officers in programming any parish reviews over the next 15 month period.

Risk Analysis

19.

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
3 potentially, there is significant risk if action is not taken to address concerns that existing parish arrangements may not reflect community identities and interests.	A strong likelihood if there is either no review or the conclusions of any review undertaken are ignored.	The impact would be a loss of confidence in the Council's ability to reflect community identities.	Ensure full consultation of all possible options and ensure that responses are taken fully into account in drawing up proposals for any change.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.

