



# Hertsmere residents: have your say on initial proposals for new Parliamentary Constituencies



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The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is asking Hertsmere residents to comment on initial proposals for new constituency boundaries.

The public are now able to view and provide feedback on the proposed constituencies as part of an eight-week consultation process.

The 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies was formally launched in January this year. The Commission is required to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency is more equal; in doing so, the number of constituencies in England will increase from 533 to 543.

The Commission is undertaking an independent review of all constituency boundaries in England and will present final recommendations to Parliament by July 2023.

Councillor Morris Bright (MBE), Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council and Portfolio Holder for Communications and Consultation, said: "The aim is to ensure that our Parliamentary constituencies accurately reflect our communities. It is easy to get involved and important for our residents to be able to have their say on where they live."

Publication of the initial proposals is the first time people get to see what the map of new constituencies might look like. The rules that the Commission work to are such that wide scale change is inevitable. Under the proposals announced today, just under 10% of the existing 533 English constituencies remain unchanged.

Members of the public are encouraged to visit [www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk) to view maps showing the proposed new boundaries and provide feedback before the consultation closes on 2 August 2021.

People can comment on anything from where the proposed new boundary lines are to the names of the constituencies. There will be a further two rounds of consultation in 2022.

Following the conclusion of all three consultation periods, the Commission will look at all the evidence received and form its final recommendations.

Tim Bowden, Secretary to the Boundary Commission for England, said: "Today's proposals mark the first time people get to see what the new map of Parliamentary constituencies might look like. But they are just the Commission's initial thoughts. Help us draw the line to make the number of electors in each Parliamentary constituency more equal. Each constituency we recommend is required by law to contain between 69,724 and 77,062 electors, meaning there will be significant change to current boundaries. We want to hear the views of the public to ensure that we get the new boundaries for Parliamentary constituencies right.

"We consider all feedback received during the consultation process, and it is your local knowledge that helps us to shape constituencies that best reflect your local area. It is easy to get involved - view our proposals and have your say on our online consultation portal -

[www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk)."

The proposed changes to Parliamentary Constituencies does not affect Hertsmere ward boundaries, which were subject to consultation and

formally changed in 2019.

To view the proposals or have your say visit: [www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk).

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