

East Midlands Initial proposals summary

Who we are and what we do

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

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 East Midlands?

The East Midlands has been allocated 44 constituencies – a reduction of two from the current number.

Our proposals leave seven of the 46 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.

In Lincolnshire, two of the existing seven constituencies are unchanged, while two constituencies are changed due to changes to local government ward boundaries.

More substantial change is required, however, in other parts of the region.

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

Sub-region	Existing allocation	Proposed allocation
Lincolnshire	7	7
Derbyshire	11	10
Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire	28	27

In Derbyshire, we have proposed that the City of Derby and the county of Derbyshire be grouped to form a sub-region. We have proposed three constituencies that include wards from both authorities.

In Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, it has been necessary to propose two constituencies that cross county boundaries. We have proposed one constituency that contains electors from both Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, which combines the towns of Daventry and Lutterworth, and another that contains electors from both Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire, combining the town of Loughborough and the southern part of Rushcliffe Borough.

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.

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