



**Liberal
Democrats**

2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

*Response from the Liberal Democrats
for South East at the initial
consultation period*

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1. Liberal Democrat Party Statement

1.1 This submission is made on behalf of the Liberal Democrats and the South East and South Central Liberal Democrats. It is being presented as an overall response to the Initial Proposals of the Boundary Commission following consultation with Liberal Democrat local parties, MPs, council groups and our wider membership.

1.2 We recognise that this review is an ongoing process, and we will be listening and learning at every stage. We reserve the right to alter our response at future stages of this process as new evidence emerges or to withhold comments on specific seat configurations at this stage of the process.

1.3 We note the statutory (Rule 5) considerations that Commission is taking into account throughout this Review:

- special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency;
- local government boundaries as they existed (or were in prospect) on 1 December 2020;
- boundaries of existing constituencies;
- any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies; and
- the inconveniences attendant on such changes.

1.4 We agree with the Commission's approach to interpreting these considerations as laid out in paragraphs 27-36 of its Guide to the 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.

1.5 In Paragraph 31 of the Guide to the Review, the Commission states:

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1.8 We remain to be convinced that any of the three ward splits proposed in the South East Region meet the circumstances put forward by the Commission.

1.9 While we agree with the Commission’s view, stated in paragraph 37, that orphan wards should be avoided, this is not a statutory (Rule 5) consideration. Where the choice is between respecting statutory considerations and avoiding an orphan ward, the Rule 5 considerations should take precedence.

1.10 Clearly it is not always possible to respect all of the statutory considerations whilst keeping all constituencies in the statutory range. Where we make alternative proposals, we will do so in a way which we believe better respect geography, local government boundaries, existing constituencies, and communities. We will also follow the Commission's own guidance.

1.11 The Commission has proposed to change the names of some constituencies even where there has been little or no change to their boundaries. We believe this should spark a debate about constituency names in general and in those seats where the Commission has chosen to change, or not to change, these names. We have therefore refrained, at this stage, from commenting on names except where we propose a change to boundaries or where we believe the name proposed by the Commission does not describe the seat.

1.12 In this initial response, we support the boundaries of 53 of the Commission's 91 proposed constituencies. There are a further seven proposed constituencies which we do not support but do not wish to put forward a counter-proposal at this stage. We put forward six counter-proposals involving 31 constituencies.

1.13 Our fifteen seat counter-proposal in the Berkshire/Hampshire/Surrey sub-region repairs the damage to communities in Fareham, Knightwood, Andover, Basingstoke, Whitehill, and Thorpe Lea. It eliminates an unnecessary split ward. It moves 81,454 fewer electors.

1.14 Our three seat counter-proposal in Surrey repairs the damage to the community of Reigate. It repairs the division of the Mole Valley District. It moves 8,341 fewer electors.

1.15 Our two seat counter-proposal in Buckinghamshire eliminates an unnecessary split ward. It moves 3,964 fewer electors.

1.16 Our six seat counter-proposal in Kent eliminates a seat where the constituent parts are mutually inaccessible. It repairs the damage to the communities of Chatham, Larkfield, and Ashford. It puts together a compact urban constituency of Maidstone.

1.17 Our three seat counter-proposal in the Sussex sub-region prevents the Lewes District being divided into three. It moves 5,826 fewer electors.

1.18 Our two seat counter-proposal in the Isle of Wight repairs the damage to the community of Newport and reunites Cowes with East Cowes.

2. South East and sub-regions

2.1 We note the use of the Sainte-Laguë process to allocate 89 seats to the South East (plus two protected seats in the Isle of Wight), an increase of seven.

2.2 We note the Commission's decision to group South East Region (outside the Isle of Wight) into the following sub-regions:

Sub-region	Number of constituencies
Berkshire, Hampshire, Surrey	39
Buckinghamshire	8
Kent	18
Oxfordshire	7
Sussex	17

2.3 We support the Commission's proposed sub-regions.

2.4 We consider that the Commission has, on the whole, done a good job in creating a scheme for the South East. We support the Commission's proposals for 53 constituencies. We reserve judgement on seven. We propose alternative arrangements for 31.

3. Berkshire/Hampshire/Surrey sub-region

3.1 We support the Commission's initial proposals for nineteen seats in the Berkshire/Hampshire/Surrey sub-region. We reserve judgement on two. We put forward one counter-proposal involving fifteen seats and another involving three.

3.2 In Berkshire we support six of the Commission's proposed seats: Bracknell, Earley and Woodley, Maidenhead, Reading, Slough, Wokingham.

3.3 The proposed Reading constituency is entirely made up of Reading Borough wards and includes the town centre.

3.4 The proposed Earley and Woodley seat puts together suburban areas which look towards Reading and are currently divided by convoluted boundaries between three constituencies.

3.5 The proposed Wokingham constituency is now entirely contained within the Wokingham Borough.

3.6 The proposed Bracknell seat is now entirely contained within the Bracknell Forest Unitary Authority. The inclusion of the Warfield Harvest Ride ward brings much more of the town of Bracknell into the constituency.

3.7 The proposed Maidenhead constituency, having lost its Wokingham Borough wards, gains that part of Bracknell Forest not in the Bracknell seat.

3.8 The proposed Slough seat loses part of Langley. It is unfortunate that at least one of Langley or Slough or Windsor must be divided. This seems the least worst option.

3.9 We reserve judgement on the proposed Mid Berkshire and Newbury constituencies. The ward split does not seem to meet the criteria set out in paragraphs 31 and 32 of the Commission's Guide to the Review. The main purpose of the ward split appears to be to allow the seat including Tilehurst to be called Mid Berkshire. We would propose that it be named Tilehurst. A decision on whether a ward split is justified, or whether a rearrangement of wards would suffice, could then be made.

3.10 In Hampshire we support nine of the Commission's proposed seats: Aldershot, East New Forest (although we suggest it remain New Forest East), Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth North, Portsmouth South, Southampton Itchen, Southampton Test, West New Forest (although we suggest it remain New Forest West).

3.11 Local government ward changes mean that Aldershot's boundary, without a ward split, must divide either Blackwater or Yateley. Neither is ideal but the proposed boundary is probably the least worst option.

3.12 The other eight constituencies we support are completely unchanged. Seven of them are composed of wards from one local authority area. The eighth, Gosport, contains a complete local authority area.

3.13 In Surrey we support four of the Commission's proposed seats: East Surrey, Esher and Walton, Spelthorne, Woking.

3.14 The proposed East Surrey constituency contains the whole of the Tandridge District together with the one Reigate and Banstead ward which is most closely aligned with it.

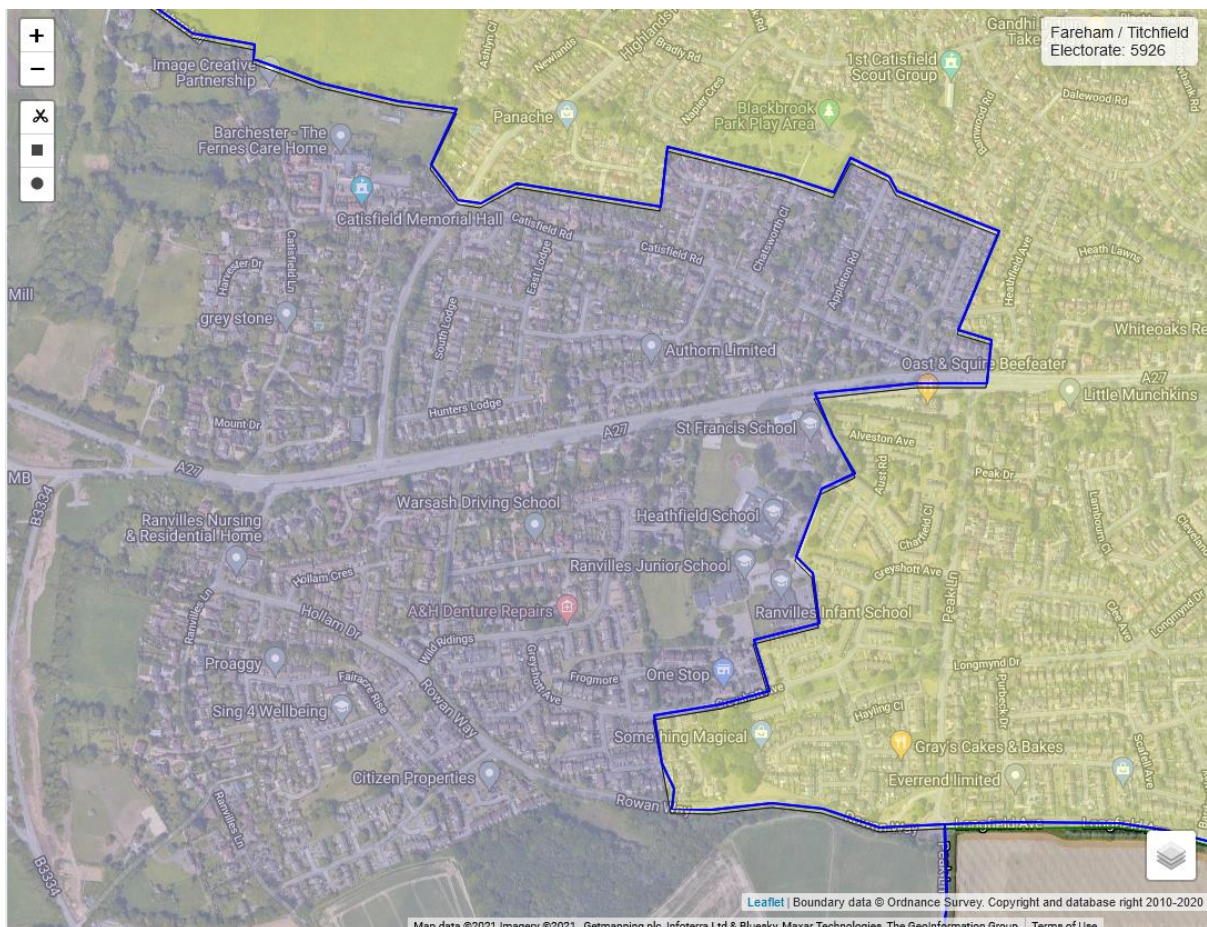
3.15 The proposed Esher and Walton seat loses a ward and continues to be made up entirely contained within Elmbridge.

3.16 The proposed Spelthorne constituency is unchanged and coterminous with its District.

3.17 The proposed Woking seat has lost two Guildford wards to become coterminous with its District.

3.18 We put forward a counter-proposal to fifteen of the Commission's proposed constituencies: Basingstoke, East Hampshire, Eastleigh, Fareham and Waterlooville, Farnham and Bordon, Godalming and Ash, Guildford, Hedge End, North East Hampshire, North West Hampshire, Romsey and Southampton North, Surrey Heath, Weybridge & Chertsey, Winchester, Windsor.

3.19 The Commission's proposed Fareham and Waterlooville seat contains parts of three local authorities. Its boundary with the proposed Hedge End constituency divides the town of Fareham:



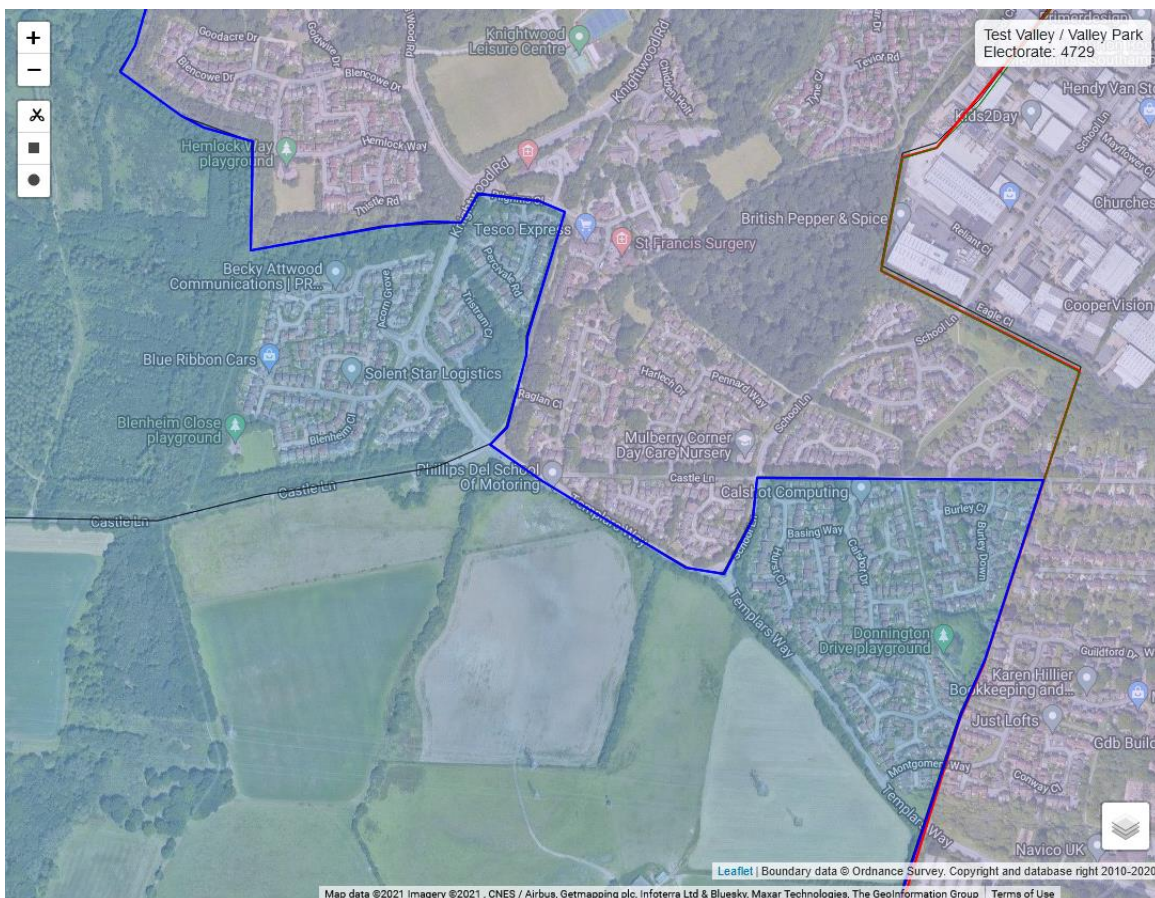
We propose that the existing Fareham seat need only lose the Sarisbury ward and continue to be made up entirely of Fareham Borough wards.

3.20 The Commission's proposed arrangement in this part of Hampshire involves major change. We propose an Eastleigh constituency much closer to the current seat. Having gained Sarisbury ward from Fareham, it loses the Bishopstoke and the Fair Oak and Horton Heath wards.

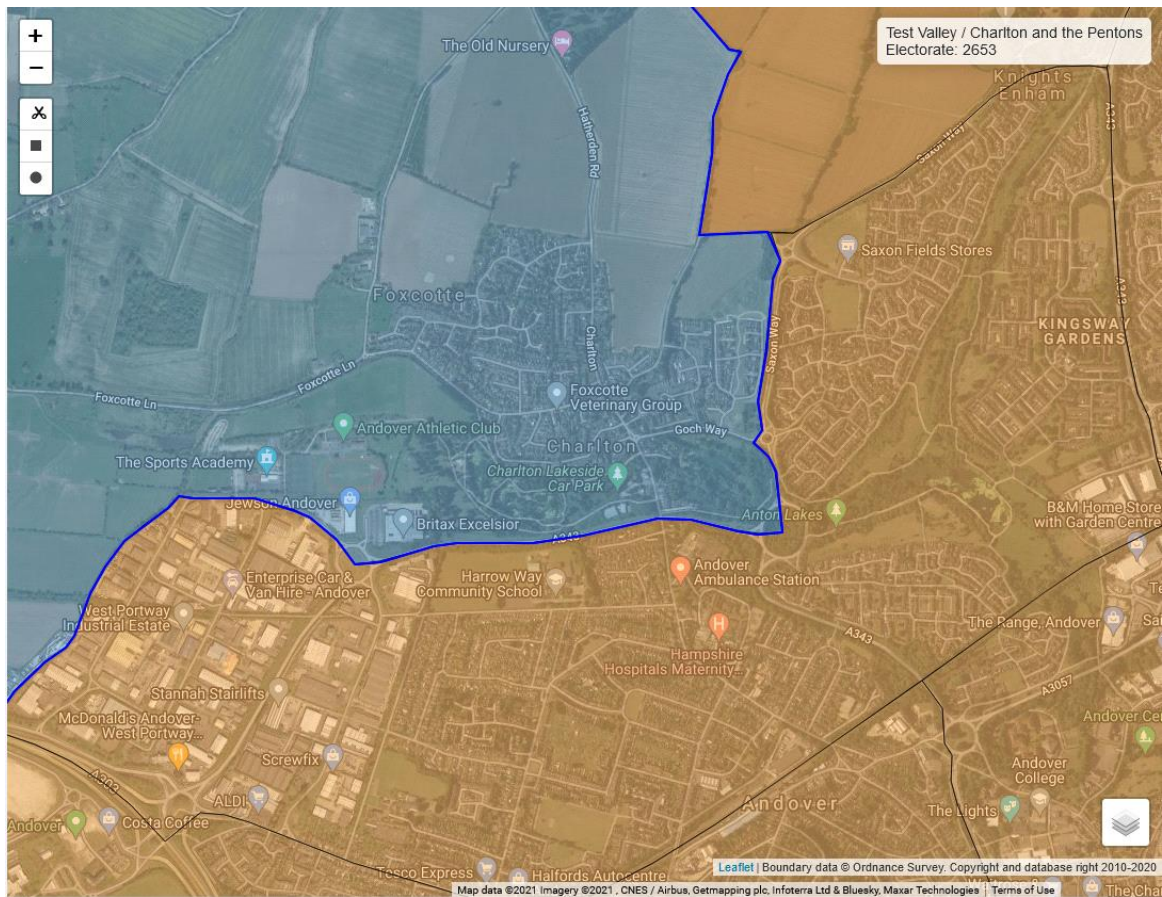
3.21 The Commission's proposals split the Meon Valley seat asunder. We propose that it merely gain the Eastleigh wards of Bishopstoke and Fair Oak and Horton Heath and lose its East Hampshire wards.

3.22 This means that Winchester, instead of being subjected to major change, can be unchanged except to realign with new local authority ward boundaries.

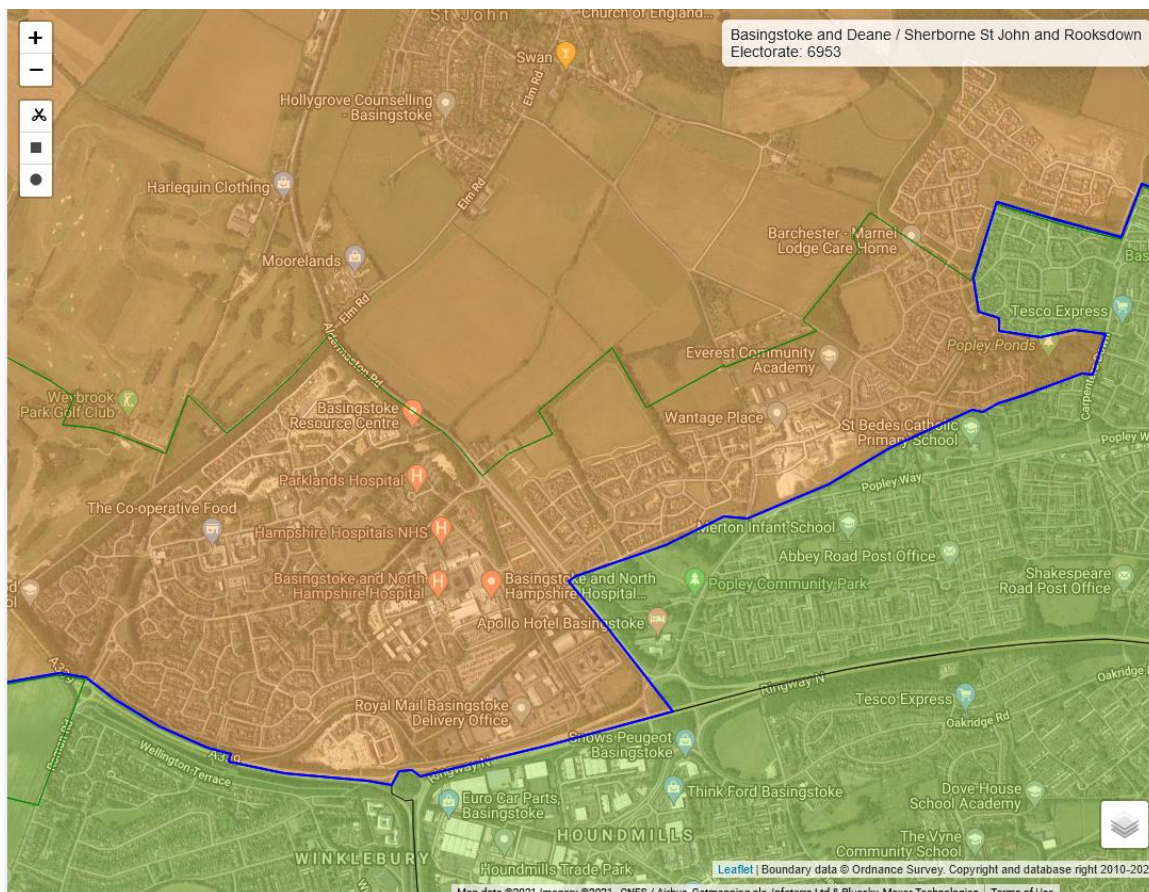
3.23 This, in turn means that Romsey and Southampton North only needs to gain one ward – Anna – from North West Hampshire. More importantly it keeps the Valley Park ward, repairing the damage to the community of Knightwood divided in the Commission's proposal.



3.24 North West Hampshire does not need to gain the Sherborne St John and Rooksdown ward and can keep the Bellinger and Charlton and the Pentons ward. Charlton is part of the continuous urban area of Andover. Our proposal reunites it.



3.25 Sherborne St John and Rooksdown ward, which the Commission has proposed go into North West Hampshire, includes a slice of Northern Basingstoke including its hospital.

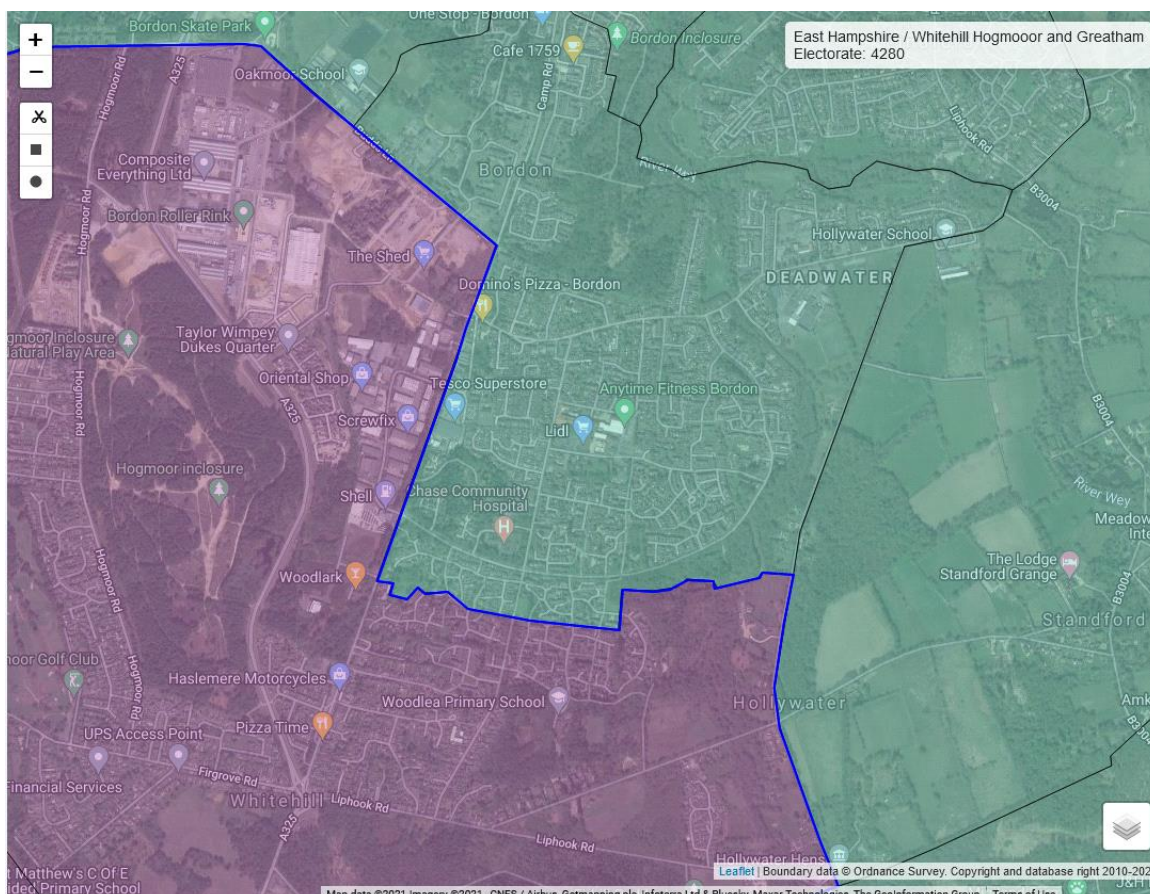


We propose that this ward be included in the Basingstoke constituency, along with the Bramley ward. There is no need for a ward split in the Oakley and the Candovers ward. No part of it should be in Basingstoke. We also propose that Chineham, which is separated from Basingstoke by the A33 not be in the Basingstoke seat.

3.26 We propose that the North East Hampshire seat should lose Bramley and gain Chineham. This means it does not need to have any part of Oakley and the Candovers.

3.27 The East Hampshire constituency can then gain the Oakley and the Candovers ward. This does mean it is an orphan ward but, although we have made Sarisbury an orphan ward, we have eliminated two other orphan wards in Hampshire (Valley Park, Whiteley and Shedfield). The Commission proposes to split Oakley and the Candovers which is an even greater indignity. This, in turn, means that East Hampshire can give up the Whitehill Hogmoor and Greatham ward.

3.28 The Commission's proposed Farnham and Bordon seat, which is the cross-county constituency between Hampshire and Surrey, has a boundary with East Hampshire which divides the community of Whitehill.



Including the Whitehill Hogmoor and Greatham ward in this seat repairs the damage to the community of Whitehill. It also allows the Elstead and Thursley ward to go into a Godalming seat.

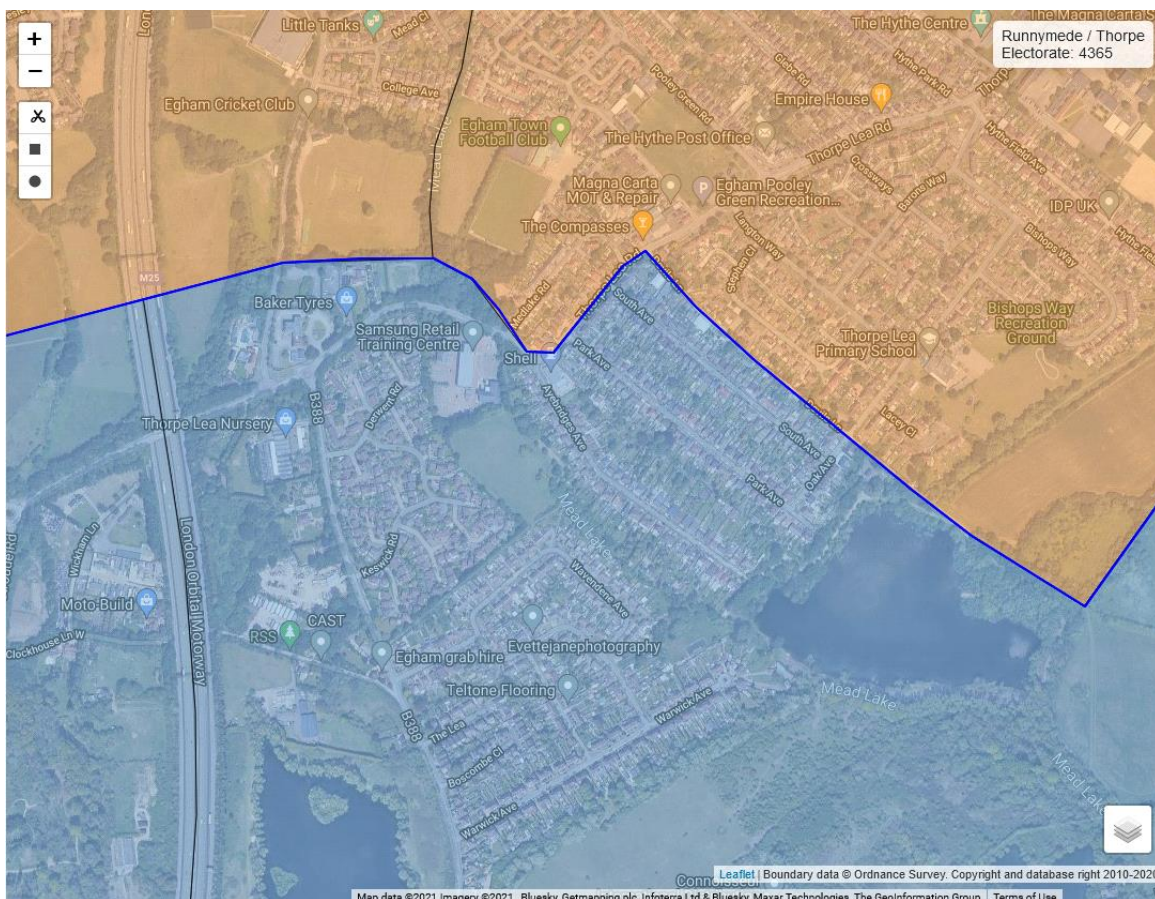
3.29 The Commission proposes to put the predominantly urban three Ash wards into a Godalming and Ash constituency. We propose instead that Clandon and Horsley, Effingham, Lovelace and Send are added to a Godalming seat. These latter wards, being rural rather than urban, are much more similar in character to the predominantly rural Godalming constituency, and, in common with the Waverley wards, are located within, and characterised by, the Surrey Hills. We consider this to be a far more suitable fit than combining the urban area of Ash with predominantly rural areas of Waverley which it has very little in common with and very poor transport links to.

3.30 Without the four rural wards to the east, the Guildford constituency can then link west to the Ash. Ash has much stronger links to Guildford than to Godalming and, like Guildford itself, has an overwhelmingly urban and suburban character. The Normandy and Pirbright wards lying between Guildford and Ash, would also be added. There are strong east-west connections between these wards by both road and rail, and many Ash residents work in Guildford, meaning

that our proposal offers a much more natural fit than the proposal for a Godalming and Ash constituency.

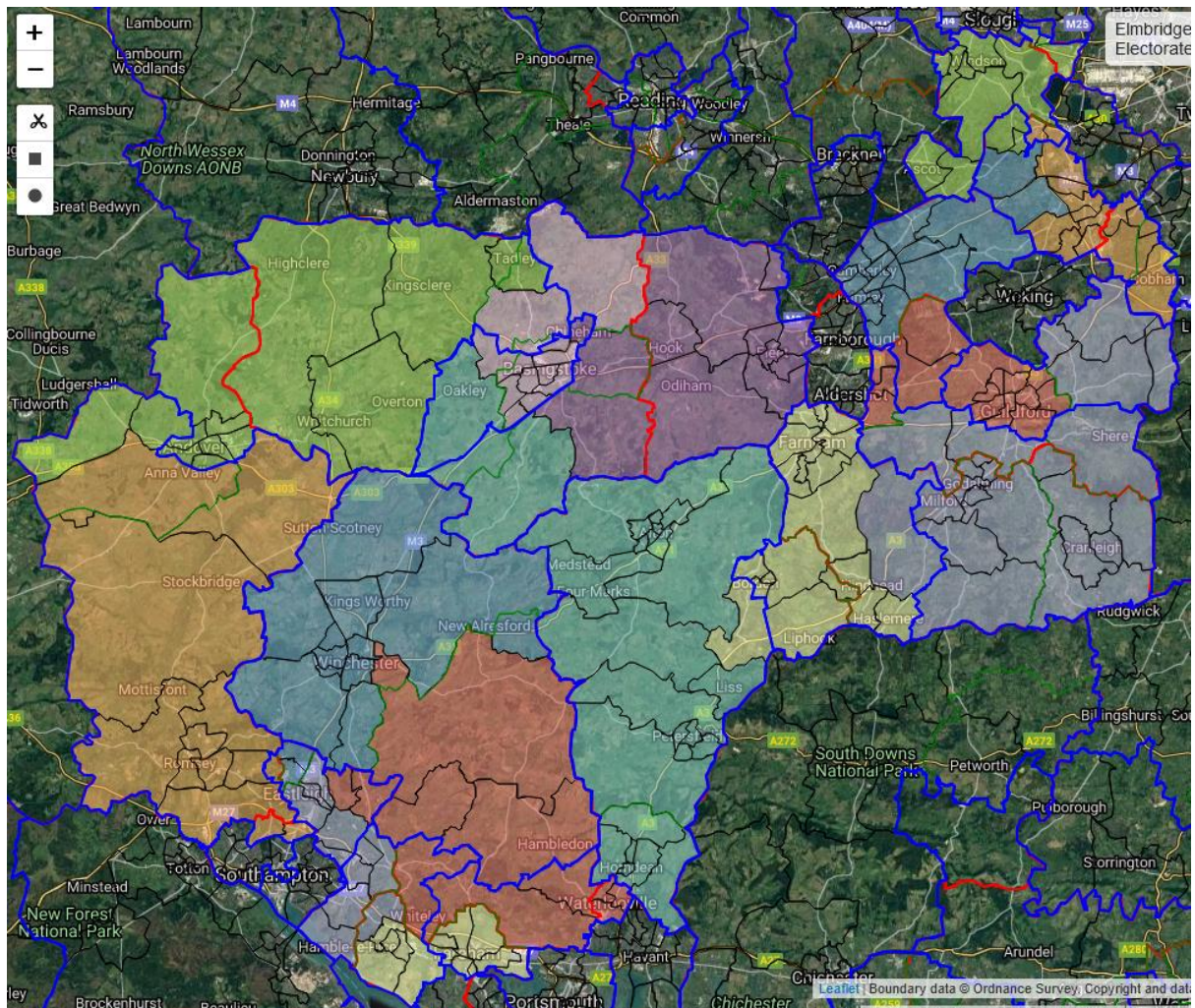
3.31 Without the Normandy and Pirbright wards, the Surrey Heath seat must gain electors. We propose that it gain the Longcross, Lyne & Chertsey South ward and the Virginia Water ward from the Weybridge and Chertsey constituency. We would argue that Longcross, Lyne & Chertsey South is a distinct community from Chertsey. The boundary is the M25 motorway. Virginia Water is also a distinct community in its own right. Both these wards abut and are partially characterised by Chobham Common which lies in Surrey Heath.

3.32 The Commission's proposed boundary between the Weybridge and Chertsey and Windsor seats divides the community of Thorpe Lea in Egham.



We propose that the two Egham wards remain in the Weybridge and Chertsey constituency and that, instead, the two Englefield Green wards be transferred into the Windsor seat. They have better links to Windsor. As the Egham wards would remain grouped with Chertsey and Weybridge, and contain the water meadow of Runnymede which gives Runnymede district its name, we consider that retaining the name of Runnymede and Weybridge for the constituency would be appropriate.

3.33 We do not propose any change within Berkshire to the Windsor constituency.



Basingstoke			76948
Basingstoke And Deane	Bramley	E05013079	6399
Basingstoke And Deane	Brighton Hill	E05013080	7577
Basingstoke And Deane	Brookvale & Kings Furlong	E05013081	6684
Basingstoke And Deane	Eastrop & Grove	E05013083	6999
Basingstoke And Deane	Hatch Warren & Beggarwood	E05013085	7550
Basingstoke And Deane	Kempshott & Buckskin	E05013086	8205
Basingstoke And Deane	Norden	E05013087	6670
Basingstoke And Deane	Popley	E05013089	7256
Basingstoke And Deane	Sherborne St. John & Rooksdown	E05013090	6953
Basingstoke And Deane	South Ham	E05013091	7330
Basingstoke And Deane	Winklebury & Manydown	E05013095	5325

East Hampshire			75731
Basingstoke And Deane	Oakley & The Candovers	E05013088	7104
East Hampshire	Alton Amery	E05012290	1915
East Hampshire	Alton Ashdell	E05012291	1875
East Hampshire	Alton Eastbrooke	E05012292	1948
East Hampshire	Alton Holybourne	E05012293	2224
East Hampshire	Alton Westbrooke	E05012294	1993
East Hampshire	Alton Whitedown	E05012295	2183
East Hampshire	Alton Wooteys	E05012296	2328
East Hampshire	Bentworth & Froyle	E05012297	2301
East Hampshire	Binsted, Bentley & Selborne	E05012298	4787
East Hampshire	Buriton & East Meon	E05012300	2142
East Hampshire	Clanfield	E05012301	4602
East Hampshire	Four Marks & Medstead	E05012302	6399
East Hampshire	Froxfield, Sheet & Steep	E05012303	2342
East Hampshire	Horndean Catherington	E05012306	2082
East Hampshire	Horndean Downs	E05012307	2515
East Hampshire	Horndean Kings & Blendworth	E05012308	3966
East Hampshire	Horndean Murray	E05012309	2162
East Hampshire	Liss	E05012311	4845
East Hampshire	Petersfield Bell Hill	E05012312	2105
East Hampshire	Petersfield Causeway	E05012313	2121
East Hampshire	Petersfield Heath	E05012314	2246
East Hampshire	Petersfield St. Peter's	E05012315	4689
East Hampshire	Ropley, Hawkley & Hangers	E05012316	2359
East Hampshire	Rowlands Castle	E05012317	2498

Eastleigh			73866
Eastleigh	Botley	E05011188	4782
Eastleigh	Bursledon & Hound North	E05011189	6908
Eastleigh	Eastleigh Central	E05011191	7634
Eastleigh	Eastleigh North	E05011192	7375
Eastleigh	Eastleigh South	E05011193	7383
Eastleigh	Hamble & Netley	E05011195	7970
Eastleigh	Hedge End North	E05011196	7501
Eastleigh	Hedge End South	E05011197	8790
Eastleigh	West End North	E05011199	4566
Eastleigh	West End South	E05011200	4939
Fareham	Sarisbury	E05004526	6018

Fareham			72797
Fareham	Fareham East	E05004516	5930
Fareham	Fareham North	E05004517	5621

Fareham	Fareham North-West	E05004518	5548
Fareham	Fareham South	E05004519	5505
Fareham	Fareham West	E05004520	5403
Fareham	Locks Heath	E05004522	5648
Fareham	Park Gate	E05004523	7137
Fareham	Portchester East	E05004524	8883
Fareham	Portchester West	E05004525	5608
Fareham	Titchfield	E05004528	5926
Fareham	Titchfield Common	E05004529	6052
Fareham	Warsash	E05004530	5536

Farnham and Bordon			72938
East Hampshire	Bramshott & Liphook	E05012299	7126
East Hampshire	Grayshott	E05012304	2079
East Hampshire	Headley	E05012305	4492
East Hampshire	Lindford	E05012310	2075
East Hampshire	Whitehill Chase	E05012318	4713
East Hampshire	Whitehill Hogmoor & Greatham	E05012319	4280
East Hampshire	Whitehill Pinewood	E05012320	1376
Waverley	Farnham Bourne	E05007419	3300
Waverley	Farnham Castle	E05007420	3352
Waverley	Farnham Firgrove	E05007421	3251
Waverley	Farnham Hale and Heath End	E05007422	3368
Waverley	Farnham Moor Park	E05007423	3862
Waverley	Farnham Shortheath and Boundstone	E05007424	3263
Waverley	Farnham Upper Hale	E05007425	3220
Waverley	Farnham Weybourne and Badshot Lea	E05007426	3497
Waverley	Farnham Wrecclesham and Rowledge	E05007427	3492
Waverley	Frensham, Dockenfield and Tilford	E05007428	3193
Waverley	Haslemere Critchmere and Shottermill	E05007434	4480
Waverley	Haslemere East and Grayswood	E05007435	5189
Waverley	Hindhead	E05007436	3330

Godalming			72085
Guildford	Clandon and Horsley	E05007291	6947
Guildford	Effingham	E05007292	2105
Guildford	Lovelace	E05007295	1912
Guildford	Pilgrims	E05007299	2003
Guildford	Send	E05007301	3383
Guildford	Shalford	E05007302	4191
Guildford	Tillingbourne	E05007305	4486
Waverley	Alfold, Cranleigh Rural and Ellens Green	E05007411	1519
Waverley	Blackheath and Wonerish	E05007412	1477
Waverley	Bramley, Busbridge and Hascombe	E05007413	3640
Waverley	Chiddingfold and Dunsfold	E05007414	3097

Waverley	Cranleigh East	E05007415	5204
Waverley	Cranleigh West	E05007416	3280
Waverley	Elstead and Thursley	E05007417	3068
Waverley	Ewhurst	E05007418	1650
Waverley	Godalming Binscombe	E05007429	3084
Waverley	Godalming Central and Ockford	E05007430	3683
Waverley	Godalming Charterhouse	E05007431	2777
Waverley	Godalming Farncombe and Catteshall	E05007432	3629
Waverley	Godalming Holloway	E05007433	3328
Waverley	Milford	E05007437	3150
Waverley	Shamley Green and Cranleigh North	E05007438	1428
Waverley	Witley and Hambledon	E05007439	3044

Guildford			76804
Guildford	Ash South and Tongham	E05007286	6366
Guildford	Ash Vale	E05007287	4349
Guildford	Ash Wharf	E05007288	4596
Guildford	Burpham	E05007289	4130
Guildford	Christchurch	E05007290	4245
Guildford	Friary and St. Nicolas	E05007293	6509
Guildford	Holy Trinity	E05007294	5713
Guildford	Merrow	E05007296	5874
Guildford	Normandy	E05007297	2496
Guildford	Onslow	E05007298	6575
Guildford	Pirbright	E05007300	1977
Guildford	Stoke	E05007303	4419
Guildford	Stoughton	E05007304	6824
Guildford	Westborough	E05007306	6443
Guildford	Worplesdon	E05007307	6288

Meon Valley			74166
Eastleigh	Bishopstoke	E05011187	8484
Eastleigh	Fair Oak & Horton Heath	E05011194	8167
Havant	Cowplain	E05004570	7434
Havant	Hart Plain	E05004572	7657
Havant	Waterloo	E05004579	8163
Winchester	Bishop's Waltham	E05010997	6240
Winchester	Central Meon Valley	E05010998	7594
Winchester	Denmead	E05011000	6494
Winchester	Southwick & Wickham	E05011006	4790
Winchester	Upper Meon Valley	E05011008	4509
Winchester	Whiteley & Shedfield	E05011009	4634

North East Hampshire			74589
Basingstoke And Deane	Basing & Upton Grey	E05013078	8069
Basingstoke And Deane	Chineham	E05013082	7682
Hart	Crookham East	E05009353	5835
Hart	Crookham West and Ewshot	E05009354	7597
Hart	Fleet Central	E05009355	6490
Hart	Fleet East	E05009356	5801
Hart	Fleet West	E05009357	6416
Hart	Hartley Wintney	E05009358	7182
Hart	Hook	E05009359	6558
Hart	Odiham	E05009360	6506
Hart	Yateley West	E05009362	6453

North West Hampshire			74332
Basingstoke And Deane	Evingar	E05013084	7359
Basingstoke And Deane	Tadley & Pamber	E05013092	8748
Basingstoke And Deane	Tadley North, Kingsclere & Baughurst	E05013093	8451
Basingstoke And Deane	Whitchurch, Overton & Laverstoke	E05013094	8011
Test Valley	Andover Downlands	E05012085	3535
Test Valley	Andover Harroway	E05012928	7142
Test Valley	Andover Millway	E05012929	6776
Test Valley	Andover Romans	E05012088	5769
Test Valley	Andover St. Mary's	E05012930	5893
Test Valley	Andover Winton	E05012931	4826
Test Valley	Bellinger	E05012933	2628
Test Valley	Bourne Valley	E05012934	2541
Test Valley	Charlton & the Pentons	E05012935	2653

Romsey and Southampton North			73279
Southampton	Bassett	E05002456	10150
Southampton	Swaythling	E05002469	8467
Test Valley	Ampfield & Braishfield	E05012927	2196
Test Valley	Anna	E05012932	5058
Test Valley	Blackwater	E05012093	4936
Test Valley	Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams	E05012936	6069
Test Valley	Harewood	E05012097	2684
Test Valley	Mid Test	E05012098	7308
Test Valley	North Baddesley	E05012937	5886
Test Valley	Romsey Abbey	E05012100	4877
Test Valley	Romsey Cupernham	E05012938	6233
Test Valley	Romsey Tadburn	E05012102	4686
Test Valley	Valley Park	E05012939	4729

Runnymede and Weybridge			70529
Elmbridge	Cobham & Downside	E05011075	6231
Elmbridge	Oatlands & Burwood Park	E05011082	5782
Elmbridge	Weybridge Riverside	E05011088	5750
Elmbridge	Weybridge St. George's Hill	E05011089	6089
Runnymede	Addlestone North	E05012887	4150
Runnymede	Addlestone South	E05012888	4718
Runnymede	Chertsey Riverside	E05012889	4353
Runnymede	Chertsey St. Ann's	E05012890	4782
Runnymede	Egham Hythe	E05012891	4819
Runnymede	Egham Town	E05012892	4838
Runnymede	New Haw	E05012896	4910
Runnymede	Ottershaw	E05012897	4820
Runnymede	Thorpe	E05012898	4365
Runnymede	Woodham & Rowtown	E05012900	4922

Surrey Heath			73160
Runnymede	Longcross, Lyne & Chertsey South	E05012895	2607
Runnymede	Virginia Water	E05012899	4201
Surrey Heath	Bagshot	E05012026	5447
Surrey Heath	Bisley & West End	E05012027	6725
Surrey Heath	Frimley	E05012028	3779
Surrey Heath	Frimley Green	E05012029	5145
Surrey Heath	Heatherside	E05012030	5764
Surrey Heath	Lightwater	E05012031	5343
Surrey Heath	Mytchett & Deepcut	E05012032	5292
Surrey Heath	Old Dean	E05012033	3770
Surrey Heath	Parkside	E05012034	3885
Surrey Heath	St. Michaels	E05012035	4014
Surrey Heath	St. Pauls	E05012036	3957
Surrey Heath	Town	E05012037	3714
Surrey Heath	Watchetts	E05012038	4002
Surrey Heath	Windlesham & Chobham	E05012039	5515

Winchester			74939
Eastleigh	Chandler's Ford	E05011190	8419
Eastleigh	Hiltingbury	E05011198	8286
Winchester	Alresford & Itchen Valley	E05010995	6884
Winchester	Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery	E05010996	6354
Winchester	Colden Common & Twyford	E05010999	4371
Winchester	St. Barnabas	E05011001	6602
Winchester	St. Bartholomew	E05011002	6311
Winchester	St. Luke	E05011003	3970
Winchester	St. Michael	E05011004	6381
Winchester	St. Paul	E05011005	6692

Winchester	The Worthy	E05011007	4791
Winchester	Wonston & Micheldever	E05011010	5878

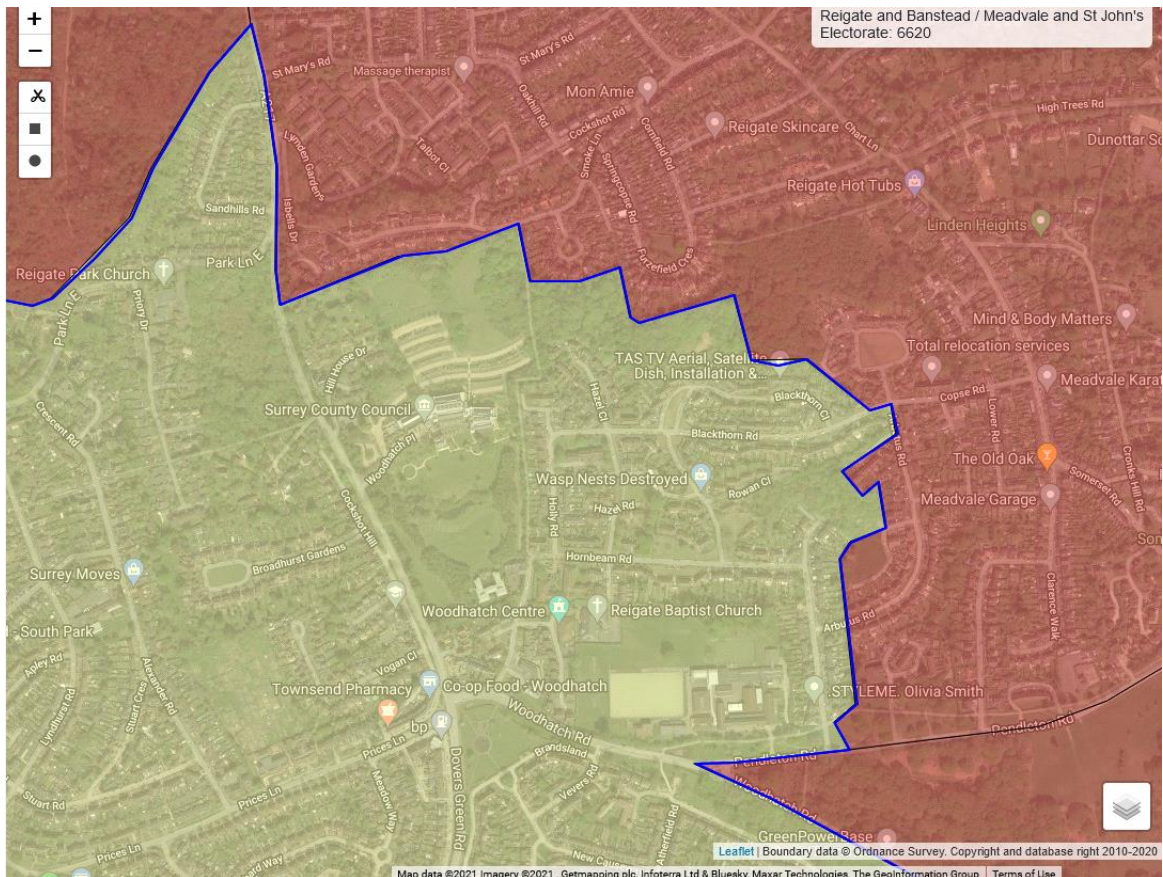
Windsor			70137
Runnymede	Englefield Green East	E05012893	3258
Runnymede	Englefield Green West	E05012894	3970
Slough	Colnbrook with Poyle	E05009343	3624
Slough	Foxborough	E05009346	2294
Slough	Langley Kedermister	E05009348	6641
Windsor And Maidenhead	Ascot & Sunninghill	E05012494	8543
Windsor And Maidenhead	Clewer & Dedworth East	E05012499	5215
Windsor And Maidenhead	Clewer & Dedworth West	E05012500	5288
Windsor And Maidenhead	Clewer East	E05012501	5013
Windsor And Maidenhead	Datchet, Horton & Wraysbury	E05012503	7764
Windsor And Maidenhead	Eton & Castle	E05012504	8254
Windsor And Maidenhead	Old Windsor	E05012507	5614
Windsor And Maidenhead	Sunningdale & Cheapside	E05012512	4659

3.34 In these fifteen constituencies the Commission proposes to move 276,255 electors. Our counter-proposal only moves 194,801. We therefore propose to move 81,454 fewer electors.

constituency (BCE)	electors moved BCE	constituency (LibDem)	electors moved LD
Basingstoke	11097	Basingstoke	8705
East Hampshire	17825	East Hampshire	24929
Eastleigh	21434	Eastleigh	6018
Fareham & Waterlooville	34538	Fareham	0
Farnham & Bordon	21861	Farnham & Bordon	26141
Godalming & Ash	40549	Godalming	39585
Guildford	14347	Guildford	19784
Hedge End	40585	Meon Valley	16746
North East Hampshire	7147	North East Hampshire	14429
North West Hampshire	6971	North West Hampshire	2186
Romsey & Southampton North	10130	Romsey & Southampton North	4849
Surrey Heath	4473	Runnymede & Weybridge	8112
Weybridge & Chertsey	8112	Surrey Heath	6808
Winchester	18594	Winchester	346
Windsor	18592	Windsor	16163
	276255		194801

3.35 We put forward a counter-proposal to the Commission's initial proposals for the Dorking and Horley, Epsom and Ewell, Reigate constituencies.

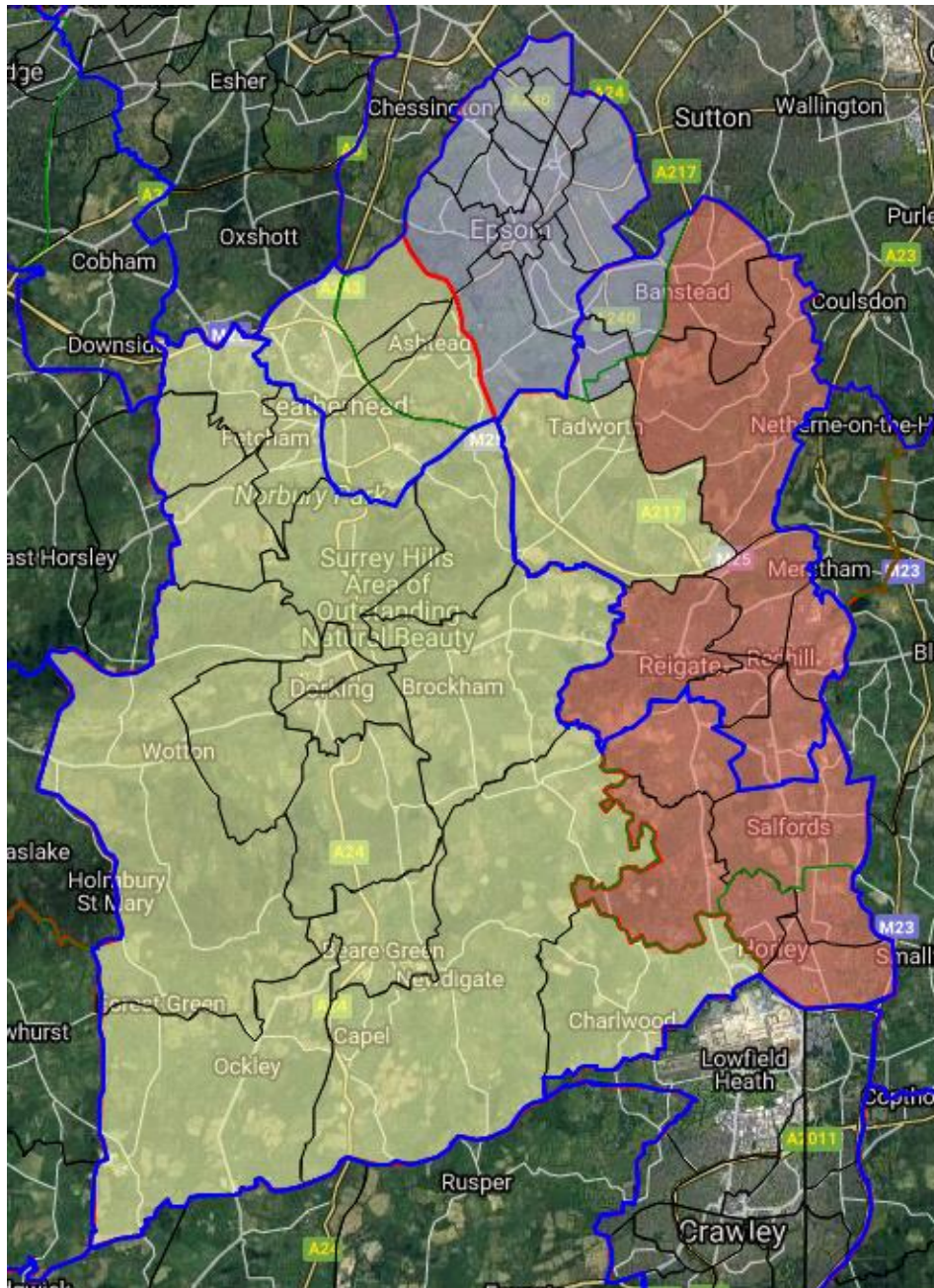
3.36 The Commission's proposals unnecessarily divide the Mole Valley District. They also divide the town of Reigate.



3.37 We propose a Mole Valley constituency which contains the whole Mole Valley District, keeping the communities of Leatherhead and Fetcham which have strong links. It also contains the orphan Reigate and Banstead ward of Lower Kingswood Tadworth and Walton. While avoiding orphan wards is a desirable objective, it is not a statutory (Rule 5) consideration. Respecting local authority boundaries is such a statutory consideration. We believe it should have priority.

3.38 We propose an Epsom and Ewell seat which gives up its Mole Valley wards but encompasses the whole of Epsom and Ewell Borough in addition to keeping the Reigate and Banstead wards of Nork and of Tattenham and Preston. While this continues the division of the communities of Banstead, it does so along an existing parliamentary boundary, most of which runs along the A217.

3.39 We propose a Reigate seat which contains the whole of the towns of Reigate, Redhill and Horley and is entirely composed of Reigate and Banstead Borough wards.



Epsom and Ewell			71089
Epsom And Ewell	Auriol	E05007273	3024
Epsom And Ewell	College	E05007274	4221
Epsom And Ewell	Court	E05007275	4701
Epsom And Ewell	Cuddington	E05007276	4402
Epsom And Ewell	Ewell	E05007277	4186
Epsom And Ewell	Ewell Court	E05007278	4245

Epsom And Ewell	Nonsuch	E05007279	4634
Epsom And Ewell	Ruxley	E05007280	4322
Epsom And Ewell	Stamford	E05007281	5339
Epsom And Ewell	Stoneleigh	E05007282	3630
Epsom And Ewell	Town	E05007283	5084
Epsom And Ewell	West Ewell	E05007284	4624
Epsom And Ewell	Woodcote	E05007285	4454
Reigate And Banstead	Nork	E05012881	7205
Reigate And Banstead	Tattenham Corner & Preston	E05012886	7018

Mole Valley			75364
Mole Valley	Ashtead Common	E05007308	3222
Mole Valley	Ashtead Park	E05007309	3462
Mole Valley	Ashtead Village	E05007310	4726
Mole Valley	Beare Green	E05007311	1547
Mole Valley	Bookham North	E05007312	4699
Mole Valley	Bookham South	E05007313	4493
Mole Valley	Box Hill and Headley	E05007314	1569
Mole Valley	Brockham, Betchworth and Buckland	E05007315	3659
Mole Valley	Capel, Leigh and Newdigate	E05007316	3431
Mole Valley	Charlwood	E05007317	1855
Mole Valley	Dorking North	E05007318	3386
Mole Valley	Dorking South	E05007319	5630
Mole Valley	Fetcham East	E05007320	3087
Mole Valley	Fetcham West	E05007321	3263
Mole Valley	Holmwoods	E05007322	4705
Mole Valley	Leatherhead North	E05007323	5133
Mole Valley	Leatherhead South	E05007324	3435
Mole Valley	Leith Hill	E05007325	1341
Mole Valley	Mickleham, Westhumble and Pixham	E05007326	1520
Mole Valley	Okewood	E05007327	1514
Mole Valley	Westcott	E05007328	1822
Reigate And Banstead	Lower Kingswood, Tadworth & Walton	E05012879	7865

Reigate			75197
Reigate And Banstead	Banstead Village	E05012872	6778
Reigate And Banstead	Chipstead, Kingswood & Woodmansterne	E05012873	7519
Reigate And Banstead	Earlswood & Whitebushes	E05012874	6909
Reigate And Banstead	Horley Central & South	E05012876	7091
Reigate And Banstead	Horley East & Salfords	E05012877	7038
Reigate And Banstead	Horley West & Sidlow	E05012878	7017
Reigate And Banstead	Meadvale & St. John's	E05012880	6620

Reigate And Banstead	Redhill East	E05012882	5749
Reigate And Banstead	Redhill West & Wray Common	E05012883	6900
Reigate And Banstead	Reigate	E05012884	7242
Reigate And Banstead	South Park & Woodhatch	E05012885	6334

3.40 The Commission proposes to move 48,148 electors in these three seats. Our counter-proposal moves 39,807. This means that 8,341 fewer electors would be moved.

constituency (BCE)	electors moved BCE	constituency (LibDem)	electors moved LD
Dorking & Horley	27480	Epsom & Ewell	2123
Epsom & Ewell	8568	Mole Valley	19275
Reigate	12100	Reigate	18409
	48148		39807

4. Buckinghamshire sub-region

4.1 We support the boundaries, although not necessarily the names, of six of the Commission's proposed seats in the sub-region: Aylesbury, Buckingham and Bletchley, High Wycombe, Marlow and South Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell. We put forward a counter-proposal for the proposed Chesham and Amersham and Princes Risborough constituencies.

4.2 The Commission particularly asked for views about the boundaries and names of its two proposed constituencies entirely within the Milton Keynes Unitary Authority. We support the Commission's proposed boundaries for these two seats. The boundary between them largely follows main roads within Milton Keynes and the M1 motorway. The names, however, do not adequately describe them. We propose that Newport Pagnell be renamed Milton Keynes North and that Milton Keynes be renamed Milton Keynes Central.

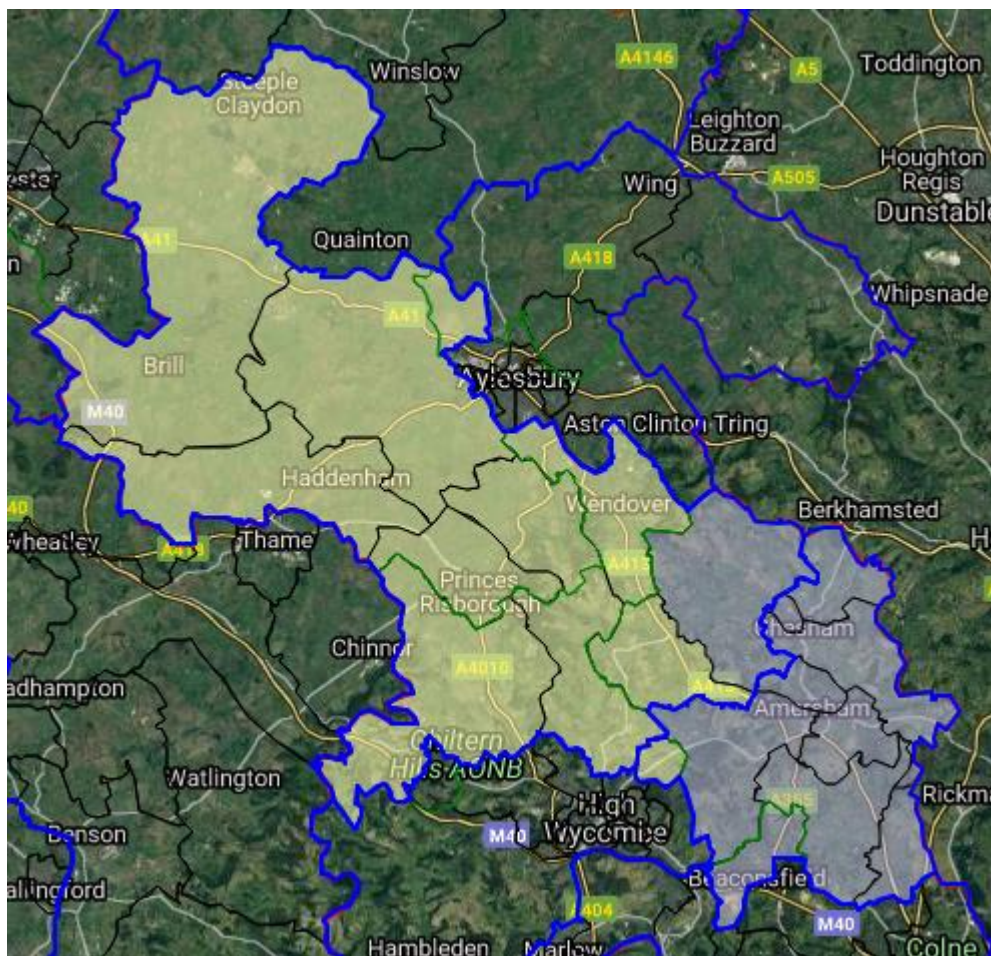
4.3 We support the Commission's proposed Buckingham and Bletchley constituency. One seat has to cross the boundary between Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes. This seems the neatest option.

4.4 We support the Commission's proposed Aylesbury constituency. It is unfortunate that a small part of the community of Aylesbury in the Wendover Halton and Stoke Mandeville ward is detached, but all of the alternatives have knock on effects which would create greater problems.

4.5 We support the Commission's proposed High Wycombe seat. The loss of the Hazlemere ward represents minimum change.

4.6 We support the boundaries, but not the name, of the Commission's proposed Marlow and South Buckinghamshire constituency. The loss of the Beaconsfield ward represents minimum change. As in the case of Aylesbury, a small part of the community of Beaconsfield is detached, but it is not possible in this part of the county to avoid such an outcome. We would suggest that the seat is called either Marlow or South Buckinghamshire, but not both.

4.7 The Commission proposed to split the Chiltern Ridges ward. The ward split does not seem to meet the criteria set out in paragraphs 31 and 32 of the Commission's Guide to the Review. Its purpose seems to be to allow the Hazlemere ward to be added to Chesham and Amersham. We propose that Chesham and Amersham constituency retain the whole of the Chiltern Ridges ward and that the Hazlemere ward go into the Princes Risborough seat, which we would suggest can then be renamed West Buckinghamshire:



Chesham and Amersham			73246
Buckinghamshire	Amersham and Chesham Bois	E05013121	7869
Buckinghamshire	Beaconsfield	E05013129	8212
Buckinghamshire	Chalfont St. Giles	E05013134	8563
Buckinghamshire	Chalfont St. Peter	E05013135	8514
Buckinghamshire	Chesham	E05013136	7479
Buckinghamshire	Chess Valley	E05013137	7825
Buckinghamshire	Chiltern Ridges	E05013138	8389
Buckinghamshire	Little Chalfont and Amersham Common	E05013152	7842
Buckinghamshire	Penn Wood and Old Amersham	E05013154	8553

West Buckinghamshire			75152
Buckinghamshire	Bernwood	E05013130	8220
Buckinghamshire	Great Missenden	E05013147	7981
Buckinghamshire	Grendon Underwood	E05013148	8581
Buckinghamshire	Hazlemere	E05013149	7520
Buckinghamshire	Ridgeway East	E05013155	8562
Buckinghamshire	Ridgeway West	E05013156	8001
Buckinghamshire	Stone and Waddesdon	E05013159	10032
Buckinghamshire	The Risboroughs	E05013161	7858
Buckinghamshire	Wendover, Halton and Stoke Mandeville	E05013165	8397

4.8 The Commission's proposals for these two constituencies move 48,240 electors. Our counter-proposal moves 44,276. This means that 3,964 fewer electors would be moved.

constituency (BCE)	electors moved BCE	constituency (LibDem)	electors moved LD
Chesham and Amersham	15732	Chesham and Amersham	8212
Princes Risborough	32508	West Buckinghamshire	36064
	48240		44276

5. Kent sub-region

5.1 We support ten of the Commission's proposed constituencies in Kent. We reserve judgement on two. We put forward a counter-proposal for six.

5.2 The Commission's proposed Sittingbourne and Sheppey seat remains entirely composed of Swale Borough wards. It is unfortunate that a small part of the Sittingbourne community is removed, but we can see no alternative.

5.3 The Commission's proposed Gillingham and Rainham constituency is unchanged and entirely composed of Medway UA wards.

5.4 The Commission's proposed Gravesham constituency is unchanged and coterminous with its District.

5.5 The Commission's proposed Tonbridge seat is, like its predecessor, made up of wards from two districts.

5.6 The Commission's proposed Tunbridge Wells constituency loses a ward and is completely made up of Tunbridge Wells Borough wards.

5.7 The Commission's proposed Folkestone and Hythe seat is now composed entirely of Folkestone and Hythe District wards.

5.8 The Commission's proposed Canterbury seat only loses part of a divided ward. It remains entirely composed of Canterbury City wards.

5.9 The Commission's proposed Dover and Deal constituency is unchanged in its boundaries except to realign with new local authority ward boundaries. It remains entirely composed of Dover District wards.

5.10 The Commission's proposal to reorientate the Thanet seats allows the community of Margate, which was previously divided, to be reunited in one constituency.

5.11 We reserve judgement on the Commission's proposed Dartford and Sevenoaks constituencies. Part of the community of Dartford, in the Wilmington Sutton-at-Hone and Hawley ward, has been detached from the Dartford seat. A different choice of Dartford ward/s to join Sevenoaks could resolve this.

5.12 We put forward a counter-proposal to the Commission's proposed Ashford, Chatham and Aylesford, Faversham and Mid Kent, Maidstone and Malling, Rochester and Strood, and Weald of Kent constituencies.

5.13 The Commission's proposed Chatham and Aylesford seat is divided by the River Medway. There is no bridge crossing of the river within the constituency.



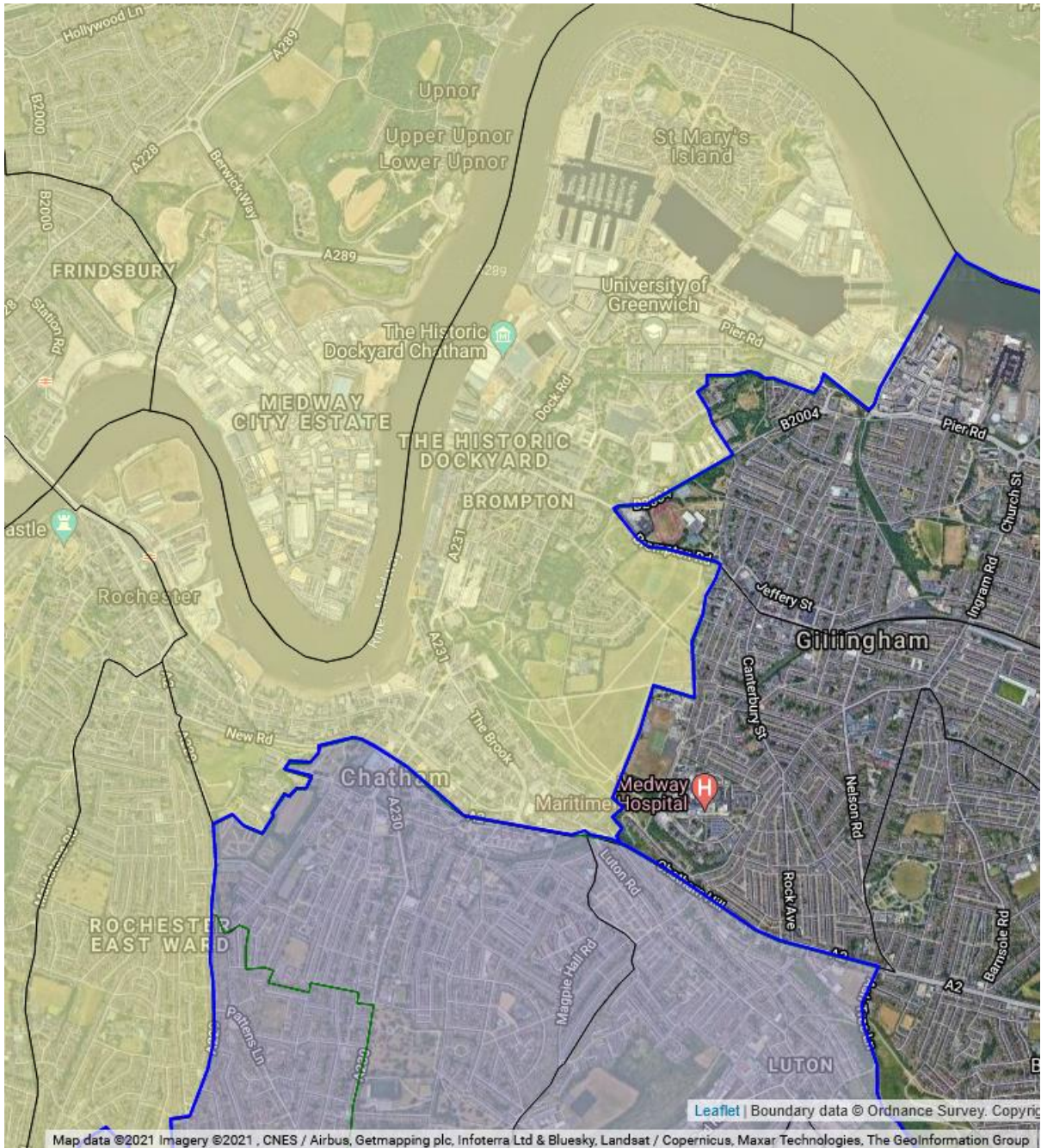
5.14 Paragraph 36 of the Guide to the Review states:

As far as possible, the BCE seeks to create constituencies:

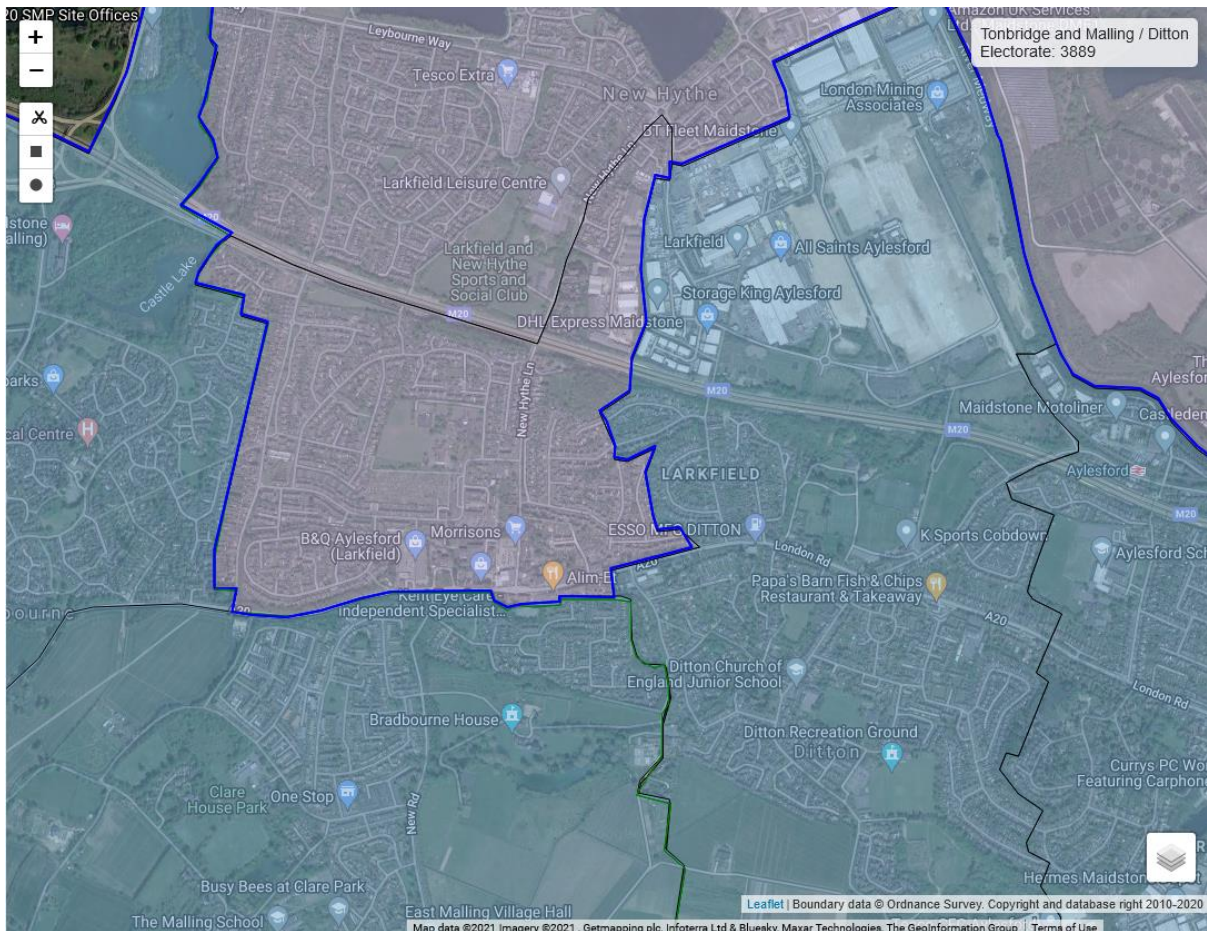
- from wards that are adjacent to each other; and
- that do not contain 'detached parts', i.e. where the only physical connection between one part of the constituency and the remainder would require travel through a different constituency.

5.15 Our counter-proposal would eliminate this problem.

5.16 The Commission proposes to transfer the Rochester South and Horsted ward from Rochester and Strood to Chatham and Aylesford, dividing the community of Rochester. We propose, instead that the River ward be transferred to the Chatham seat. This still divides the community of Rochester, but it unites the community of Chatham, putting the historic dockyard into a Chatham constituency.



5.17 The boundary between the proposed Chatham and Aylesford and Maidstone and Malling seats cuts through the community of Larkfield.



5.18 We propose that all the Tonbridge and Malling wards which the Commission have allocated to their proposed Chatham and Aylesford and Maidstone and Malling seats should be in a Malling constituency together with five rural Maidstone Borough wards – Barming and Teston, Boughton Monchelsea and Chart Sutton, Coxheath and Hunton, Marden and Yalding, and Staplehurst.

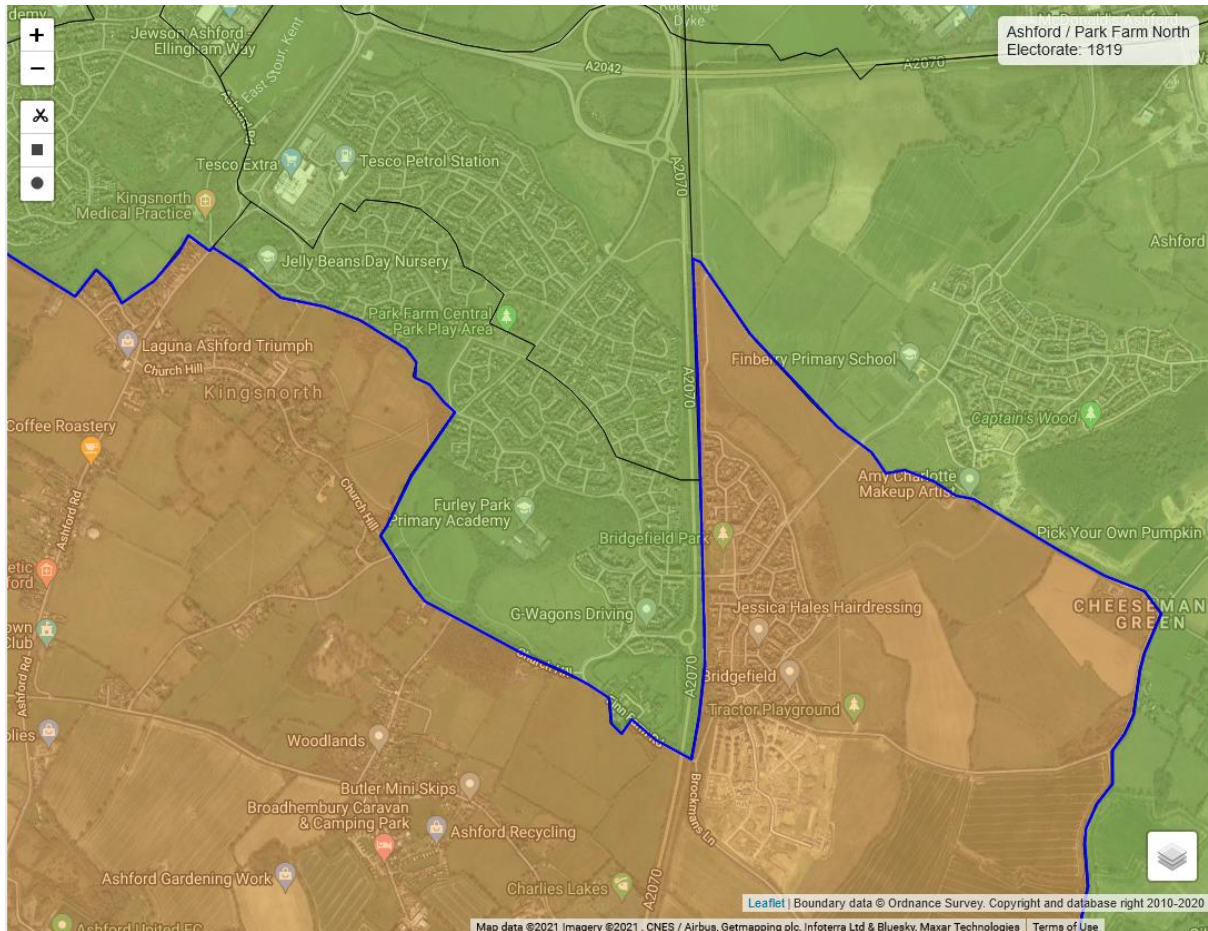
5.19 Chatham can then be coupled with seven rural Maidstone Borough wards – Boxley, Detling and Thurnham, Harrietsham and Lenham, Headcorn, Leeds, North Downs, Sutton Valence and Langley – to form a Chatham and Leeds constituency.

5.20 This means that the urban Maidstone Borough wards, which the Commission proposes to divide between three seats, can form a compact Maidstone constituency.

5.21 We then propose to combine the Swale Borough wards which the Commission proposes to be part of the Faversham and Mid Kent seat, the Tunbridge Wells Borough wards it proposes to be part of the Weald of Kent seat,

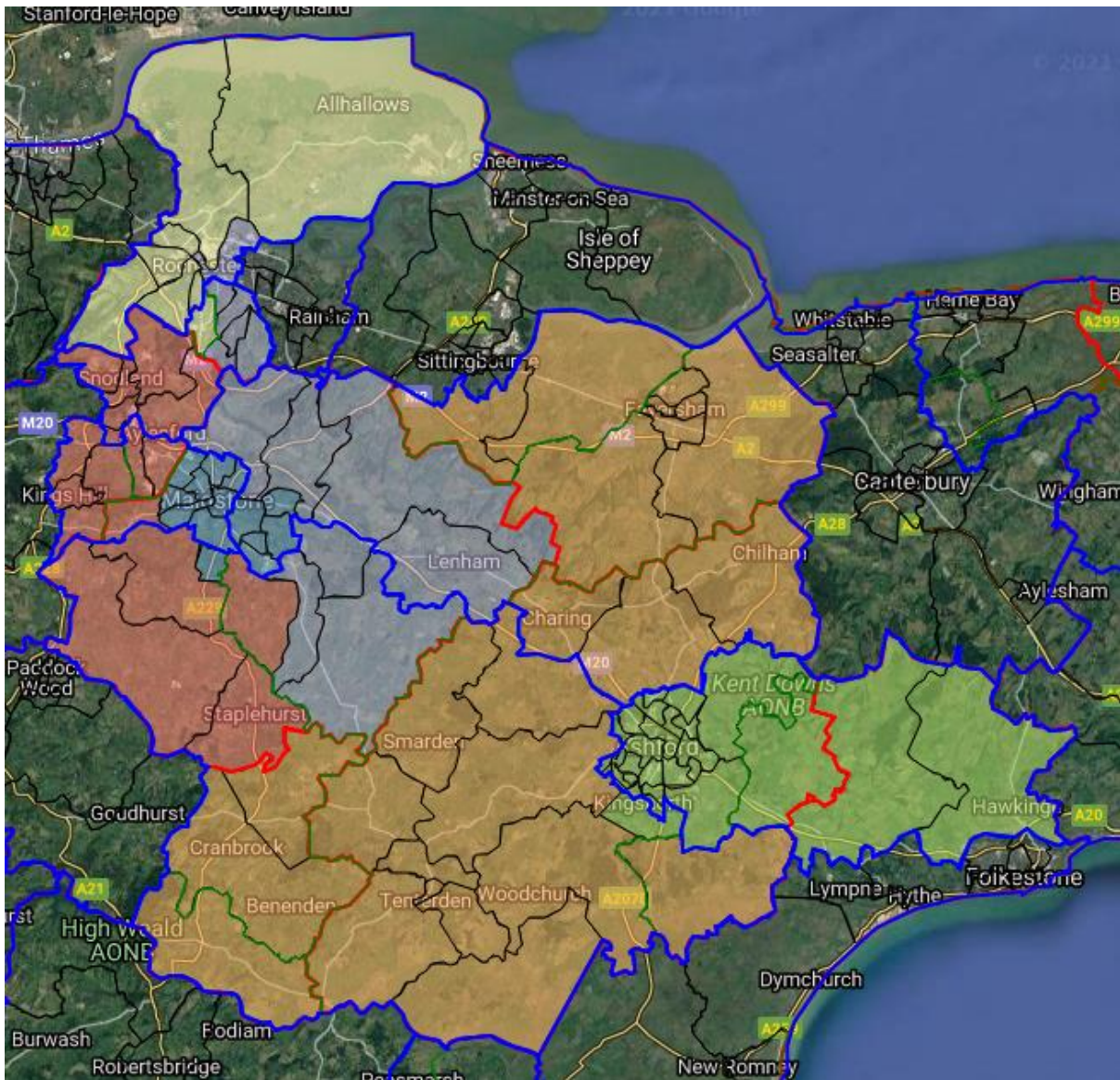
together with all but one of the Ashford Borough wards it proposes to be part of both, in a Faversham and Tenterden constituency.

5.22 The Commission proposes to divide the community of Ashford. The Kingsnorth Village and Bridgefield ward is made up of the village of Kingsnorth and Bridgefield which is very much part of the Park Farm estate in Ashford.



5.23 We propose to repair this division by keeping the Kingsnorth Village and Bridgefield ward in the Ashford constituency.

5.24 Our counter-proposal eliminates a seat where the constituent parts are mutually inaccessible. It repairs the damage to the communities of Chatham, Larkfield, and Ashford. It puts together a compact urban constituency of Maidstone. The Boroughs of Ashford and of Tonbridge and Malling are each divided into parts of only two (instead of three) constituencies.



Ashford			75342
Ashford	Aylesford & East Stour	E05011743	4356
Ashford	Beaver	E05011744	4435
Ashford	Bircholt	E05011746	2251
Ashford	Bockhanger	E05011747	2054
Ashford	Bybrook	E05011748	2047
Ashford	Conningbrook & Little Burton Farm	E05011750	1536
Ashford	Furley	E05011753	4316
Ashford	Goat Lees	E05011754	1841
Ashford	Godinton	E05011755	1922
Ashford	Highfield	E05011756	2033
Ashford	Kennington	E05011758	1815
Ashford	Kingsnorth Village & Bridgefield	E05011759	1796

Ashford	Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry	E05011760	1762
Ashford	Norman	E05011761	1981
Ashford	Park Farm North	E05011762	1819
Ashford	Park Farm South	E05011763	1808
Ashford	Repton	E05011764	3067
Ashford	Roman	E05011766	2141
Ashford	Singleton East	E05011768	1772
Ashford	Singleton West	E05011769	2011
Ashford	Stanhope	E05011770	1799
Ashford	Victoria	E05011775	4157
Ashford	Washford	E05011776	2026
Ashford	Willesborough	E05011780	4490
Ashford	Wye with Hinxhill	E05011781	1900
Folkestone And Hythe	North Downs East	E05010023	9069
Folkestone And Hythe	North Downs West	E05010024	5138

Chatham and Leeds			72935
Maidstone	Boxley	E05004986	6584
Maidstone	Detling and Thurnham	E05004989	2436
Maidstone	Harrietsham and Lenham	E05004993	5278
Maidstone	Headcorn	E05004994	4344
Maidstone	Leeds	E05004997	1914
Maidstone	North Downs	E05005001	2030
Maidstone	Sutton Valence and Langley	E05005007	2291
Medway	Chatham Central	E05002249	9929
Medway	Lordswood and Capstone	E05002254	6820
Medway	Luton and Wayfield	E05002255	9502
Medway	Princes Park	E05002257	7502
Medway	River	E05002261	6972
Medway	Walderslade	E05002269	7333

Faversham and Tenterden			73505
Ashford	Biddenden	E05011745	2348
Ashford	Charing	E05011749	2169
Ashford	Downs North	E05011751	2048
Ashford	Downs West	E05011752	2331
Ashford	Isle of Oxney	E05011757	2233
Ashford	Rolvenden & Tenterden West	E05011765	1974
Ashford	Saxon Shore	E05011767	2082
Ashford	Tenterden North	E05011771	1963

Ashford	Tenterden South	E05011772	1879
Ashford	Tenterden St. Michael's	E05011773	2132
Ashford	Upper Weald	E05011774	2077
Ashford	Weald Central	E05011777	3397
Ashford	Weald North	E05011778	1992
Ashford	Weald South	E05011779	4285
Swale	Abbey	E05009544	4077
Swale	Boughton and Courtenay	E05009547	4540
Swale	East Downs	E05009549	2269
Swale	Priory	E05009556	2091
Swale	St. Ann's	E05009559	4138
Swale	Teynham and Lynsted	E05009563	4813
Swale	Watling	E05009565	4532
Swale	West Downs	E05009566	2214
Tunbridge Wells	Benenden and Cranbrook	E05005130	5294
Tunbridge Wells	Frittenden and Sissinghurst	E05005135	1741
Tunbridge Wells	Hawkhurst and Sandhurst	E05005137	4886

Maidstone			74155
Maidstone	Allington	E05004982	6019
Maidstone	Bearsted	E05004984	6595
Maidstone	Bridge	E05004987	4463
Maidstone	Downswood and Otham	E05004990	2175
Maidstone	East	E05004991	6148
Maidstone	Fant	E05004992	6407
Maidstone	Heath	E05004995	4706
Maidstone	High Street	E05004996	6454
Maidstone	Loose	E05008554	2071
Maidstone	North	E05005000	5937
Maidstone	Park Wood	E05005002	5530
Maidstone	Shepway North	E05005003	6459
Maidstone	Shepway South	E05005004	4123
Maidstone	South	E05008555	7068

Malling			70562
Maidstone	Barming and Teston	E05004983	1962
Maidstone	Boughton Monchelsea and Chart Sutton	E05004985	2071
Maidstone	Coxheath and Hunton	E05008553	6136
Maidstone	Marden and Yalding	E05004999	6679
Maidstone	Staplehurst	E05005006	4777
Tonbridge And Malling	Aylesford North and Walderslade	E05009568	5224

Tonbridge And Malling	Aylesford South	E05009569	3893
Tonbridge And Malling	Burham and Wouldham	E05009571	2624
Tonbridge And Malling	Ditton	E05009574	3889
Tonbridge And Malling	East Malling	E05012988	3833
Tonbridge And Malling	Kings Hill	E05012989	6552
Tonbridge And Malling	Larkfield North	E05009582	3600
Tonbridge And Malling	Larkfield South	E05009583	3440
Tonbridge And Malling	Snodland East and Ham Hill	E05009585	3680
Tonbridge And Malling	Snodland West and Holborough Lakes	E05009586	4848
Tonbridge And Malling	Wateringbury	E05009589	1601
Tonbridge And Malling	West Malling and Leybourne	E05009590	5753

Rochester and Strood			75521
Medway	Cuxton and Halling	E05002250	5151
Medway	Peninsula	E05002256	11729
Medway	Rochester East	E05002262	7370
Medway	Rochester South and Horsted	E05002263	10338
Medway	Rochester West	E05002264	7723
Medway	Strood North	E05002265	10288
Medway	Strood Rural	E05002266	11787
Medway	Strood South	E05002267	11135

6. Oxfordshire sub-region

6.1 We support all seven of the Commission's proposed constituencies in Oxfordshire. With an increase of one seat in a small county, radical changes have to be made.

6.2 The Commission's proposed Henley seat is now entirely made up of South Oxfordshire District wards and is confined to the east of the River Thames.

6.3 The Commission's proposed Oxford East constituency loses electors in the city centre and continues to be entirely composed of Oxford City wards.

6.4 The Commission's proposed Oxford West and Abingdon seat, having gained the centre of Oxford, then loses Kidlington in Cherwell to become more compact and based on only two local authorities.

6.5 The Commission's proposed Bicester constituency is essentially the new seat in the county. It combines Bicester and other Cherwell wards from Banbury, the parts of Cherwell District removed from Henley and Oxford West and Abingdon with the eastern part of West Oxfordshire District.

6.6 The Commission's proposed Banbury constituency, having lost Bicester, has to gain parts of the West Oxfordshire District around Chipping Norton.

6.7 The Commission's proposed Witney seat then has to gain Vale of White Horse wards.

6.8 Finally the Commission's proposed Didcot and Wantage constituency loses territory to Wantage.

7. Sussex sub-region

7.1 We support eleven of the Commission's proposed constituencies. We reserve judgement on three. We put forward a counter-proposal for three.

7.2 In West Sussex we support the Commission's proposals for the Bognor Regis, Chichester, Crawley, Horsham, Mid Sussex constituencies.

7.3 The proposed Bognor Regis seat has good internal communications.

7.4 The proposed Chichester constituency continues to be entirely contained in the Chichester District.

7.5 Horsham loses its Mid Sussex wards and becomes entirely contained in the Horsham District.

7.6 Crawley is proposed to remain unchanged and coterminous with its District.

7.7 The Commission's proposed Mid Sussex seat is much more geographically coherent than its predecessor. It continues to be entirely contained in the Mid Sussex District.

7.8 We reserve judgement on the Commission's proposed Arundel and Littlehampton, Shoreham, and Worthing constituencies. We feel that the division of the Adur District and of the community of Lancing could be avoided.

7.9 In East Sussex we support the boundaries of the Commission's proposals for Bexhill and Battle, Brighton Kemptown, Brighton Pavilion, Eastbourne, Hastings and Rye, Hove and Brighton West.

7.10 We support the unchanged boundaries of the Hove seat. We are baffled by the name change. If it is going to be Hove and anything, it should be Hove and Portslade.

7.11 We support the Commission's proposed Brighton Pavilion and Brighton Kemptown constituencies. The ward swap enables the preservation of the existing eastern boundary.

7.12 We support the Commission's proposed Eastbourne seat. It loses its Wealden wards to become coterminous with its Borough.

7.13 We support the Commission's proposed Bexhill and Battle and Hastings and Rye constituencies. Both have had to lose electors. Both have become more compact as a result.

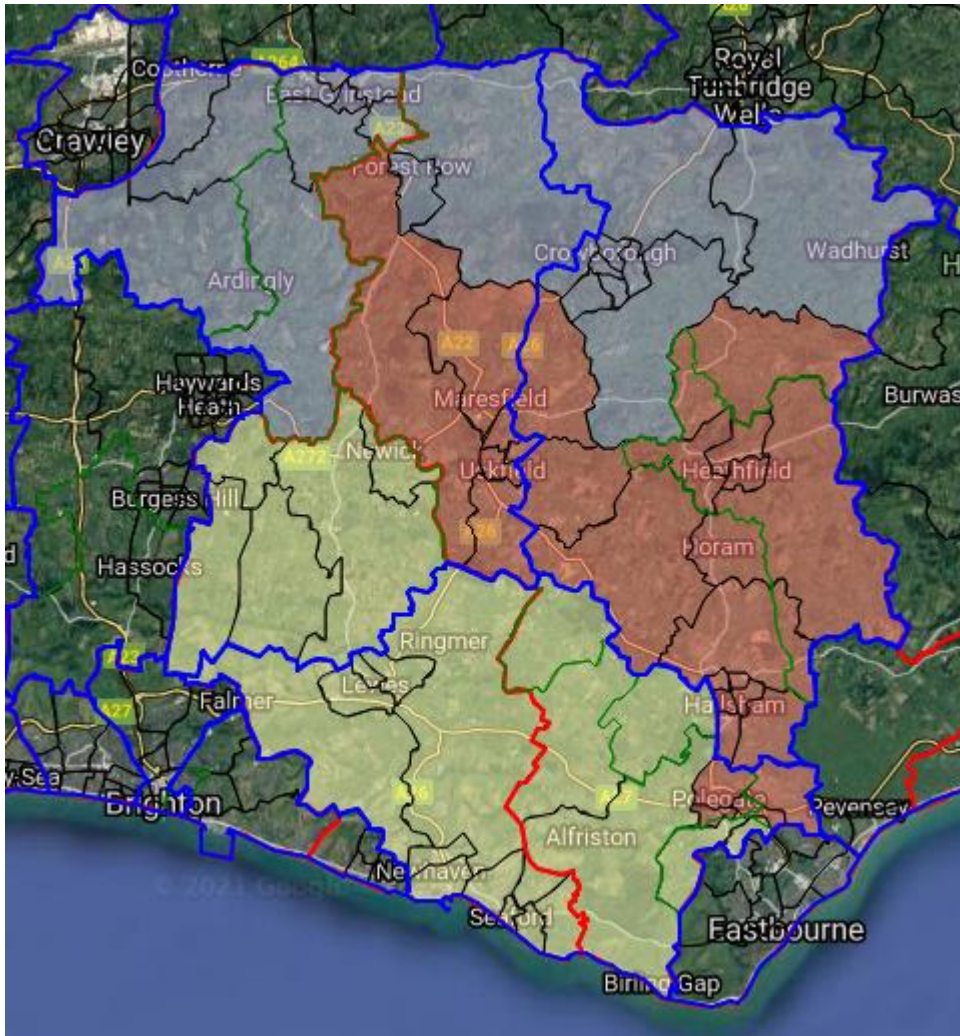
7.14 We put forward a counter-proposal to the Commission's proposed East Grinstead and Uckfield, Hailsham and Crowborough, and Lewes constituencies.

7.15 The Commission has unnecessarily further divided the Lewes District. We propose that the Lewes seat should keep all its Lewes District wards and instead lose Polegate which is adjacent to Hailsham.

7.16 We then propose that East Grinstead should be linked with Crowborough. This avoids cutting Crowborough off from its hinterland to the West. The proposed constituency of East Grinstead and Crowborough covers two districts rather than three.

7.17 We propose that Hailsham should be linked to Uckfield. This avoids cutting Uckfield off from its hinterland to the East.

7.18 It has been suggested that the long thin Danehill and Fletching ward might benefit from a ward split. It is our view that "making it look good on the map" is not one of the criteria laid down by the Commission in paragraphs 31 and 32 of the Guide to the Review.



East Grinstead and Crowborough			73154
Mid Sussex	Ardingly and Balcombe	E05007668	4749
Mid Sussex	Ashurst Wood	E05007669	2097
Mid Sussex	Copthorne and Worth	E05007677	3902
Mid Sussex	Crawley Down and Turners Hill	E05007678	5793
Mid Sussex	East Grinstead Ashplats	E05007680	4343
Mid Sussex	East Grinstead Baldwins	E05007681	3859
Mid Sussex	East Grinstead Herontye	E05007682	3793
Mid Sussex	East Grinstead Imberhorne	E05007683	3690
Mid Sussex	East Grinstead Town	E05007684	4081
Mid Sussex	High Weald	E05007691	3938
Wealden	Crowborough Central	E05011628	2917
Wealden	Crowborough Jarvis Brook	E05011629	2982
Wealden	Crowborough North	E05011630	2887
Wealden	Crowborough South East	E05011631	2706

Wealden	Crowborough South West	E05011632	2503
Wealden	Crowborough St Johns	E05011633	2761
Wealden	Forest Row	E05011635	2791
Wealden	Frant and Wadhurst	E05011637	5365
Wealden	Hadlow Down and Rotherfield	E05011638	2642
Wealden	Hartfield	E05011645	2876
Wealden	Withyham	E05011665	2479

Hailsham and Uckfield			73211
Wealden	Buxted	E05011626	2816
Wealden	Chiddingly, East Hoathly and Waldron	E05011627	2774
Wealden	Danehill and Fletching	E05011634	3233
Wealden	Framfield and Cross-in-Hand	E05011636	2645
Wealden	Hailsham Central	E05011639	2504
Wealden	Hailsham East	E05011640	3139
Wealden	Hailsham North	E05011641	2598
Wealden	Hailsham North West	E05011642	2644
Wealden	Hailsham South	E05011643	2889
Wealden	Hailsham West	E05011644	2984
Wealden	Heathfield North	E05011646	3126
Wealden	Heathfield South	E05011647	3037
Wealden	Hellingly	E05011648	3207
Wealden	Horam and Punnetts Town	E05011650	5671
Wealden	Maresfield	E05011652	3012
Wealden	Mayfield and Five Ashes	E05011653	2739
Wealden	Polegate Central	E05011655	3370
Wealden	Polegate North	E05011656	3137
Wealden	Polegate South and Willingdon Watermill	E05011657	2885
Wealden	Stone Cross	E05011659	2829
Wealden	Uckfield East	E05011660	2692
Wealden	Uckfield New Town	E05011661	4946
Wealden	Uckfield North	E05011662	2424
Wealden	Uckfield Ridgewood and Little Horsted	E05011663	1910

Lewes			71157
Lewes	Chailey, Barcombe and Hamsey	E05011583	4084
Lewes	Ditchling and Westmeston	E05011584	2063
Lewes	Kingston	E05011586	1630
Lewes	Lewes Bridge	E05011587	3949
Lewes	Lewes Castle	E05011588	3137
Lewes	Lewes Priory	E05011589	6128

Lewes	Newhaven North	E05011590	3798
Lewes	Newhaven South	E05011591	5049
Lewes	Newick	E05011592	2054
Lewes	Ouse Valley and Ringmer	E05011593	5094
Lewes	Plumpton, Streat, East Chiltington and St John	E05011597	1824
Lewes	Seaford Central	E05011598	3995
Lewes	Seaford East	E05011599	3935
Lewes	Seaford North	E05011600	4144
Lewes	Seaford South	E05011601	3643
Lewes	Seaford West	E05011602	3894
Lewes	Wivelsfield	E05011603	2149
Wealden	Arlington	E05011625	2440
Wealden	Lower Willingdon	E05011651	2731
Wealden	South Downs	E05011658	2636
Wealden	Upper Willingdon	E05011664	2780

7.19 The Commission's proposals move 77,520 electors. Ours move 71,694. 5,826 fewer electors would be moved.

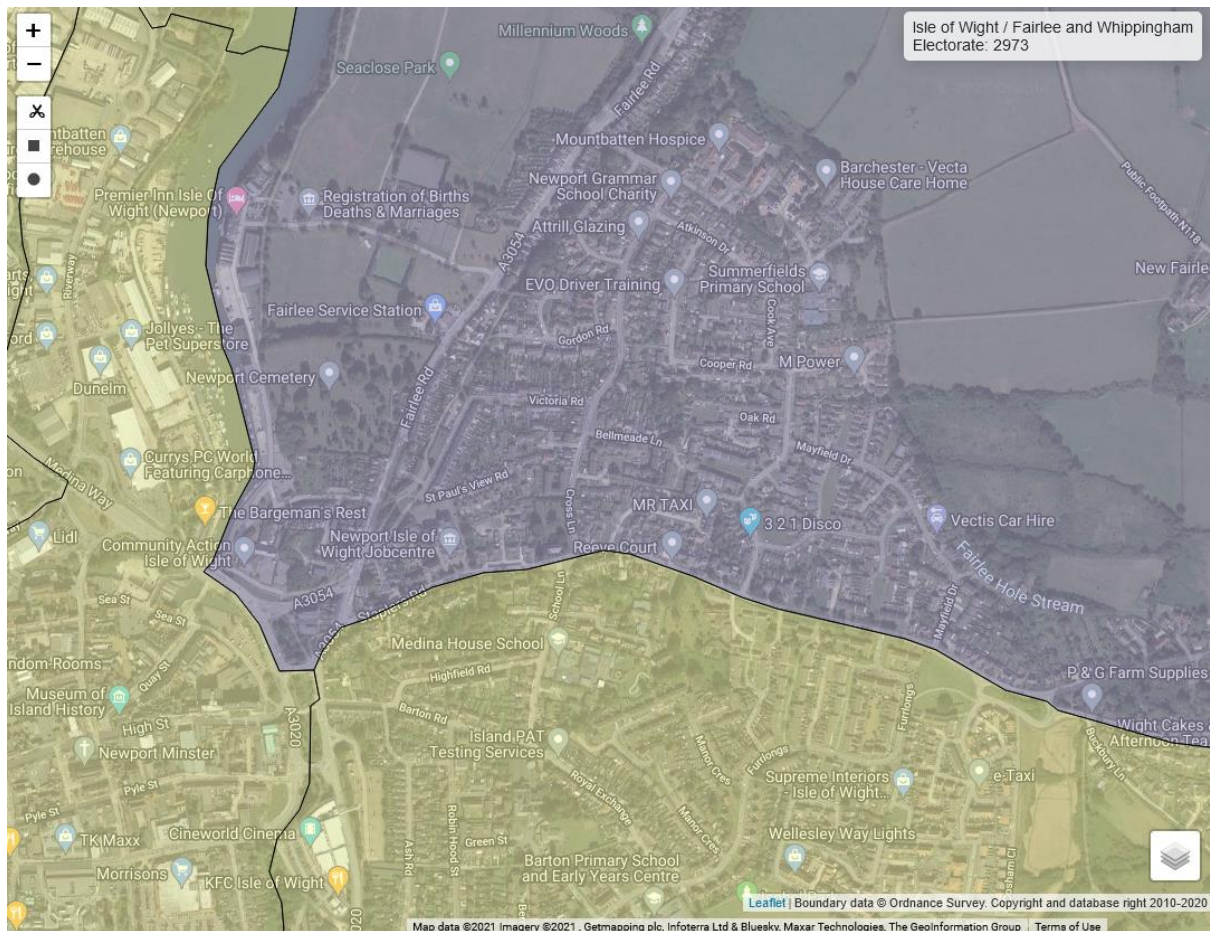
constituency (BCE)	electors moved (BCE)	constituency (LibDem)	electors moved (LD)
East Grinstead and Uckfield	50502	East Grinstead and Crowborough	40245
Hailsham and Crowborough	11329	Hailsham and Uckfield	24880
Lewes	15689	Lewes	6569
	77520		71694

8. Isle of Wight

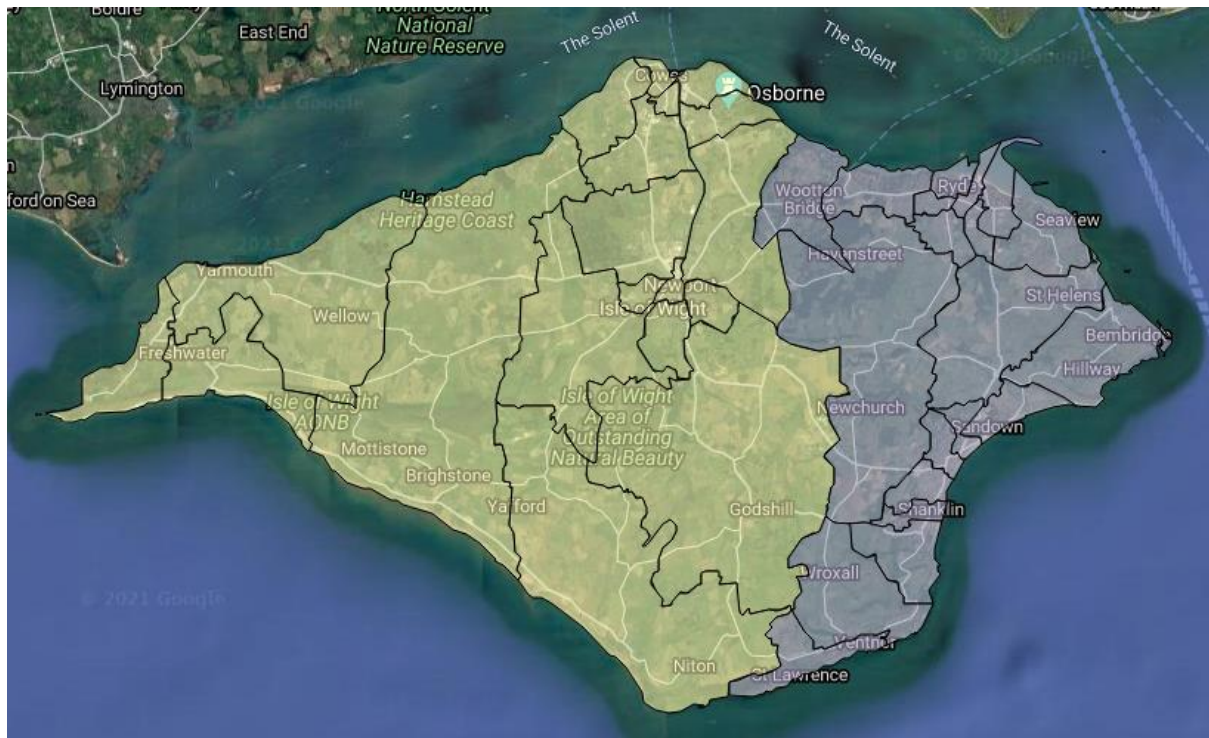
8.1 It is accepted that the Isle of Wight should have two parliamentary seats. We take the view that an east/west split offers the best option. We agree with Commission that the spirit of the legislation is best observed by creating two constituencies with roughly equal electorates.

8.2 The Commission's proposed boundary divides the Medina Valley comprising Newport, the Island's county town and two other significant neighbouring towns, Cowes and East Cowes. Newport is the Island's main commercial centre and headquarters to the Island's main public sector employers including the Isle of Wight Council, the Isle of Wight NHS Trust and St Mary's Hospital, HM Prison (Isle

of Wight), the Isle of Wight College and the Island Headquarters of the Police. Newport is divided in the Commission's proposal:



8.3 Our counter-proposal, transferring the East Cowes, Fairlee and Whippingham, Osborne wards from East to West, and moving the Newchurch Havenstreet and Ashe, Ventnor and St Lawrence, Wroxhall Lowtherville and Bonchurch wards the other way, repairs the damage to Newport and reunites Cowes with East Cowes:



Isle of Wight	Isle of Wight East		56,805
Isle of Wight	Bembridge	E05013359	3223
Isle of Wight	Binstead & Fishbourne	E05013360	2909
Isle of Wight	Brading & St Helens	E05013361	2811
Isle of Wight	Haylands & Swanmore	E05013374	2700
Isle of Wight	Lake North	E05013375	2858
Isle of Wight	Lake South	E05013376	2926
Isle of Wight	Nettlestone & Seaview	E05013378	2456
Isle of Wight	Newchurch, Havenstreet & Ashe	E05013379	2904
Isle of Wight	Ryde Appley & Elmfield	E05013385	3025
Isle of Wight	Ryde Monktonmead	E05013386	3056
Isle of Wight	Ryde North West	E05013387	3071
Isle of Wight	Ryde South East	E05013388	1735
Isle of Wight	Ryde West	E05013389	2708
Isle of Wight	Sandown North	E05013390	2660
Isle of Wight	Sandown South	E05013391	2869
Isle of Wight	Shanklin Central	E05013392	2923
Isle of Wight	Shanklin South	E05013393	2969
Isle of Wight	Ventnor & St Lawrence	E05013395	3027
Isle of Wight	Wootton Bridge	E05013396	2850
Isle of Wight	Wroxhall, Lowtherville & Bonchurch	E05013397	3125

Isle of Wight	Isle of Wight West		54,911
Isle of Wight	Brighstone, Calbourne & Shalfleet	E05013362	2613
Isle of Wight	Carisbrooke & Gunville	E05013363	2764
Isle of Wight	Central Rural	E05013364	2881
Isle of Wight	Chale, Niton & Shorwell	E05013365	2947
Isle of Wight	Cowes Medina	E05013366	3082
Isle of Wight	Cowes North	E05013367	2809
Isle of Wight	Cowes South & Northwood	E05013368	2914
Isle of Wight	Cowes West & Gurnard	E05013369	2903
Isle of Wight	East Cowes	E05013370	3154
Isle of Wight	Fairlee & Whippingham	E05013371	2973
Isle of Wight	Freshwater North & Yarmouth	E05013372	2620
Isle of Wight	Freshwater South	E05013373	3132
Isle of Wight	Mountjoy & Shide	E05013377	2752
Isle of Wight	Newport Central	E05013380	2705
Isle of Wight	Newport West	E05013381	2906
Isle of Wight	Osborne	E05013382	3128
Isle of Wight	Pan & Barton	E05013383	2723
Isle of Wight	Parkhurst & Hunnyhill	E05013384	2759
Isle of Wight	Totland & Colwell	E05013394	3146

9. Conclusion

9.1 We recognise that this review is an ongoing process, and we will be listening and learning at every stage.

9.2 We agree with the Commission's approach to interpreting the statutory (Rule 5) considerations as laid out in paragraphs 27-36 of its Guide to the 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.

9.3 Clearly it is not always possible to respect all of the statutory considerations whilst keeping all constituencies in the statutory range. Where we make alternative proposals, we will do so in a way which we believe better respect these considerations and the Commission's guidance.

9.4 We believe the Commission's proposals on constituency names should spark a debate about constituency names in general and for specific seats. We have therefore, on the whole, refrained, at this stage, from commenting on names except where we propose a change to boundaries or where we believe the name proposed by the Commission does not adequately describe the seat.

9.5 In this initial response, we support the boundaries of 53 of the Commission's 91 proposed constituencies. There are a further seven proposed constituencies

which we do not support but do not wish to put forward a counter-proposal at this stage. We put forward six counter-proposals involving 31 constituencies.

9.6 Our fifteen seat counter-proposal in the Berkshire/Hampshire/Surrey sub-region repairs the damage to communities in Fareham, Knightwood, Andover, Basingstoke, Whitehill, and Thorpe Lea. It eliminates an unnecessary split ward. It moves 81,454 fewer electors. It keeps the Winchester constituency unchanged except to realign with new local authority ward boundaries.

9.7 Our three seat counter-proposal in Surrey repairs the damage to the community of Reigate. It repairs the division of the Mole Valley District. It moves 8,341 fewer electors.

9.8 Our two seat counter-proposal in Buckinghamshire eliminates an unnecessary split ward. It moves 3,964 fewer electors.

9.9 Our six seat counter-proposal in Kent eliminates a seat where the constituent parts are mutually inaccessible. It repairs the damage to the communities of Chatham, Larkfield, and Ashford. It puts together a compact urban constituency of Maidstone.

9.10 Our three seat counter-proposal in the Sussex sub-region prevents the Lewes District being divided into three. It moves 5,826 fewer electors.

9.11 Our two seat counter-proposal in the Isle of Wight repairs the damage to the community of Newport and reunites Cowes with East Cowes.