

Yorkshire and the Humber Revised proposals summary

Who we are and what we do

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

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 new rules laid down by Parliament. These rules involve a significant reduction in the number of constituencies in England (from 533 to 501), resulting in the number of constituencies in Yorkshire and the Humber reducing by four, to 50. The rules also require that every constituency – apart from two specified exceptions¹ – must have an electorate that is no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507.

How did we conduct the 2018 Review?

We published our initial proposals for new boundaries in September 2016 and consulted on them. We received written comments and oral submissions at public hearings held in each region. We published all the comments we received and we held a second consultation exercise in relation to them in March 2017. We are very grateful for all of the comments that these two consultation exercises have generated. We have now completed the next stage of the review process and we are now publishing our revised proposals. For each region, the revised proposals report sets out our analysis of all the responses to our initial proposals in the first and second consultations, and the conclusions we have reached as to how those proposals

should be revised as a result. The annex to each report contains details of the composition of each constituency in our revised proposals for the relevant region; maps to illustrate these constituencies can be viewed on our website or in hard copy at a local place of deposit near you.

What are the revised proposals for Yorkshire and the Humber?

We have revised the composition of 31 of the 50 constituencies we proposed in September 2016. After careful consideration, we have decided not to make any revisions to the composition of the remaining 19. In some instances, however, we have revised our proposed names for these constituencies.

Under our revised proposals, eight constituencies in Yorkshire and the Humber would be the same as they are under the existing arrangements.

As it was not always possible to allocate whole numbers of constituencies to individual counties, our initial proposals grouped some local authority areas into sub-regions. It was also necessary to propose some constituencies that cross county or unitary authority boundaries. Following consideration of the representations made on our initial proposals, our revised proposals are based on new sub-regions as shown in the table below.

Sub-region	Existing allocation	Revised allocation
Humberside (East Riding of Yorkshire, Kingston upon Hull, North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire)	10	9
North Yorkshire (North Yorkshire, City of York)	8	8
South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire	36	33

¹ The specified exemptions in England to the rules on constituency size are the two constituencies in the Isle of Wight.

In our revised proposals, two constituencies cross the county boundary between West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire. This is because it was not possible to create constituencies wholly within each county without crossing the county boundary. However, our revised proposals represent a reduction of two constituencies that cross county boundaries from our initial proposals, in which four constituencies crossed county boundaries.

In Humberside we have made revisions to three of the constituencies in our initial proposals covering Kingston upon Hull. We have made no further revision to the composition of the remaining constituencies within the sub-region but have revised the names of three constituencies.

Our decision to treat North Yorkshire as a sub-region on its own has meant relatively minor revisions to six of the constituencies in our initial proposals. We have made no revisions to the two proposed City of York constituencies. As a result of treating North Yorkshire on its own, three of the eight proposed constituencies are now the same as the existing constituencies.

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In West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire, we have revised 22 of the constituencies that we proposed in our initial proposals while we have made no revisions to the remaining 11. Most of the Leeds constituencies are unchanged from our initial proposals, but we have proposed substantial revisions to the constituencies covering Bradford. In Sheffield, where we have split three wards, all proposed Sheffield constituencies are revised. Our revised proposals mean that, in addition to the further three constituencies in North Yorkshire that are now the same as the existing constituencies, a further two constituencies in West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire are also the same as the existing constituencies.

How to have your say

We are consulting on our revised proposals for an eight-week period, from 17 October 2017 to 11 December 2017. We encourage everyone to use this final opportunity to contribute to the design of the new constituencies – the more public views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be when we make recommendations to the Government in September 2018.

We ask everyone wishing to contribute to the design of the new constituencies to first look at the revised proposals report, and accompanying maps, before responding to us. The best way to respond to our revised proposals is through our consultation website: www.bce2018.org.uk