General comments on the Commission's initial proposals

My initial response to the boundary commision's initial proposals is that they are unnecessarily disruptive.

I appreciate that the boundary commission's remit to find 18 constituencies within a tight range is not an easy one. However, the rules on the distribution of seats, which guides the commision's review, is very clear in rule 5) that geographic considerations, local government boundaries, boundaries of existing constituncies, local ties and inconveniences arising from changes should all be taken into account.

Moreover, rule 7 explicitly takes the factors mentioned in rule 5 into account when providing for additional flexibility. Given the limited number of ways 18 coherent constituencies can be drawn with such a tight constriction, the invocation of rule 7 should be readily available.

As this review template only allows for written consultation and has disabled the option to add illustrations as well as only inviting opinion on individual constituencies, I have, on the advice of your office, attached a supporting document to give a fuller response to the proposals.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of Belfast East

The Belfast East proposal, when viewed in isolation, is quite a reasonable, compact seat. I agree with Woodstock moving from Belfast South and the Cregagh ward (made up partly of former Wynchurch ward in Belfast South) also belongs in Belfast East. I personally would make a case for Ravenhill ward to be included in Belfast East also and unify the local entire area in one constituency. However as stated above in the general comments, to allow leeway elsewhere I would make a few changes:

- 1) Add Ravenhill ward to Belfast East; 2) Add Loughview ward from N. Down
- 3) Add the Dundonald, Carrowreagh, Enler and Graham's bridge wards to North Down; roughly approximating to the North Down constituency / Belfast East boundary in 1995.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of Belfast North

The Belfast North proposal also looks quite reasonable when taken in isolation. I particularly appreciate the attempt to unite the shankill area in one constituency (be it North or West Belfast) and end the odd division. I would go one step further and put the whole of the court area into one or other constituency given the clear local government boundaries and obvious local ties as referenced in rule 5. Where I would differ more would be at the northern end where I propose the entirety of Glengormley urban and the valley, Rathcoole, O'Neill and Whitehouse wards. While the boundary commission proposal is reasonable at this end, the East Antrim constituency being far short of the quota at present I suggested moving some more of the northern Newtownabbey wards into East Antrim in order to avoid an unwanted crude incursion into the North Antrim constituency to make up the numbers.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of Belfast South and Mid Down

I believe this constituency has been expanded into rural wards that actually wasn't necessary. After adding Ravenhill to belfast East as stated earlier I would keep the bulk of South Belfast in place but first add Dunmurry ward. Locally Dunmurry has more in common with Belfast South than Belfast West particularly when it comes to local connections with the A1 road essentially being the extension of the Lisburn road in Belfast South and the rail links running through Belfast South also having Dunmurry as their next stop, it seems quite an obvious choice to me. Same goes for Derriaghy which is the same very next road and rail stop and part of the same Belfast suburban overspill. Finally Lambeg, despite the name, actually has 90/95% of its population in the broader Derriaghy area and belongs together with wherever Derriaghy is. These reasonable changes, which meet the limits set deliver a much more coherent urban/suburban seat with clear identifiable local ties without the need for bolting on enitirely separate rural wards with no real association with an urban seat like Belfast South. These population centers are highloighted in the accompanying material.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of Belfast West

The Belfast West constituency looks pretty compact and coherent. It unfortunately runs up against lots of changes around it. I would therefore conpletely unify the court area by adding the Forth River ward to Belfast West at the northern end as stated previously. As also mentioned I would transfer Dunmurry and Derriaghy to Belfast South which I think is a reasonable move.

Belfast West is within the limits at this point. On top of this, given the commission made an unprecedented move of splitting the old Derriaghy ward into Derrriaghy North and South (roughly Lagmore and Derriaghy in new wards) then it would seem a little bit counter intuitive to re-unite them voluntarily given how the commission took local objections so seriously before.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of East Antrim

I would laregly disagree with the commission's suggestion to expand into large North Antrim wards with no real local ties, although I am sympathetic to constraints dictating it. I would therefore suggest not only not moving into North Antrim further, but return the northern most wards added in 2010 to where they really belong alongside other Antrim Glens wards in North Antrim. To compensate, I'd extend further south west into the remaining Newtownabbey wards. This would create a relatively compact well-connected East Antim constituency based around the three main eastern-seaboard facing population centers of Larne, Carrickfergus and Jordanstown.

In summary, relative to the commision's proposals, I would put Glenravel, Slemish, Glenwhirry, Lurigethan and Carnlough & Glenarm all into North Antrim and add, at the southern end, Carnmoney Hill, Mossley, Fairview and Ballyduff - essentially all of Three Mile Water DEA plus Abbey and Carnmoney Hill.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of East Londonderry

The commission's proposal for East Londonderry looks entirely sound. Under looser restrictions it would also be the submission I make with the entirely reasonable addition of Eglinton ward from Foyle. However given considerations elsewhere and some results of very tight considerations I think adding Park to West Tyrone makes sense. The addition of Park to West Tyrone also places it among wards with similar needs and links i.e. all vast rural wards with significant sections of the Sperrins in them.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of Fermanagh & South Tyrone

This proposed change was the one I was most surprised to see. Especially as a pathway exists to keep all the western seats roughly as they are and within the rules. The Fermanagh & South Tyrone I propose is about as close to the existing one as possible some for the marginal changes incurred by the new ward boudnaries themselves. I therefore think the changes themselves are not warranted at all, especially as they now encroach into County Armagh. In fact one of the reasons for the local ward of Killyman having its eastern sectrion annexed by neighbouring 'The birches'ward was precisely to tidy up the Armagh/Tyrone better created by the river Blackwater. To now add two large county Armagh wards seems to really defeat the purpose of this. I'd therefore strongly oppose the Fermanagh & South Tyone constituency as constituted here and propose therefore removing the Armagh wards of Blackwatertown and Loughgall and put the entire Dungannon DEA back into this seat.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of Foyle

The Foyle constituency is also a fairly sound unit as proposed by the commission. Taking local considerations and numerical considerations into account I would, on balance, also add Slievekirk to the West Tyrone constituency. Foyle will remain just within limits and various other unwanted, knock on changes can be averted.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of Lagan Valley

Lagan Valley is probably one of the constituencies likely to be at the center of the most change being at a crossroads of many wards being shifted one way or the other. The commission proposal is reasonable under the circumstances. However in order to make my constituencies to date make sense I would suggest shedding the northern most wards to South Antrim. I would mostly compensate the loss of them and Lambeg to South Belfast with the addition of the Banbridge wards and also Ballyward. I provide the precise breakdown in my constituency map attached.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of Mid Ulster

As mentioned with the comments regarding Fermanagh & South Tyrone, I think the changes here are unnecessarily sweeping. I would propose keeping the wards exactly as they currently are. Allowing for the minor changes resulting from the ward boundary changes, the current constituency is viable and I would suggest keeping it as it is.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of Newry and Armagh

I think the Newry & Armagh map is reasonable. However inline with my remarks about Fermanagh & Soutrh Tyrone, I would recommend keeping the Blackwatertown and Loughgall wards in Newry & Armagh and move one ward into a newly constituted Upper Bann. I would choose the Richhill ward to be moved.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of North Antrim

Changes to North Antrim are somewhat inevitable given some wards must be redistributed from North Antrim to neighbouring constituencies. The proposed changes seem a little biut arbitrary however and there seems a more obvious change available by adding the East Antrim wards of Lurigethan and Carnlough & Glenarm to respect natural local ties in the Antrim Glens area and in exchange shed the southern-most wards into a new South Antrim constituency. Namely Grnage, Kells and Glenwhirry.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of North Down

The North Down constituency proposed seems fine by itself. However due to considerations elsewhere, the next best option appears to be to revert it to something approximating to its 1995 form with most of the Castlereagh East/Dundonald area added to the constituency.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of South Antrim

South Antrim is currently a largely rural constituency with an urban hub around Glengormley/Newtownabbey. I consider the chance to end the odd boundary running through the streets of Newtownabbey as one that should be taken. Transferring them to neighbouring constituencies allows for the addition of the Southern most North Antreim wards but also the Northern most Lagan Valley wards. Not only does that make the name more acute as extending South Antrim to the actual very south of the county, but also unites all the fringe wards outside of Antrim town into a constituency with broadly simialr needs. It is also still within the upper limit allowed.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of South Down

I find the changes to South Down also one of the more unnecessarily large changes. Under the changes I've outlined we could largely keep the current well-defined South Down constituency intact, and just shed the (approximate) northern-most wards of Crossgar & Killyleagh and Drumaness into Strangford and take Loghbrickland on the western-side. One option ward is the location of Ballyward. I added that to a new Lagan valley but could also remain in South Down.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of Strangford and Quoile

See most comments above. The current Strangford could be largely preserved with the addition of the two mentioned fringe wards of South Down.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of Upper Bann

I think the inevitable loss of net wards of both Newry & Armagh and Upper Bann essentailly demands the shuffling of N&A wards into Upper Bann and other Upper Bann wards into neighbouring constituencies. Therefore as well as adding the Richhill ward to the current cosntituency. I would shed the entirety of Banbridge into another constituency along with the Loughbrickland ward.

Comments on the Commission's initial proposal for the constituency of West Tyrone

As touched on in the Mid Ulster section I think the addition of Mid Ulster wards into West Tyrone is far from ideal. To be on the eastern foothills of the sperrins with local ties to Cookstown and neighbouyring townlands, to add them to everything on the west of the sperrins is probably less than ideal. The fact that the addition of Park and Slievekirk seems like the cleanest way to bring West tyrone above the lower limit.

Foyle Constituency



Preliminary details:

New Electorate: 69890

Within limits? :Yes

Requires rule 7 invocation? :Yes

Possible alternatives:

 Eglinton could be reinstated but would cause more changes elsewhere

Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

 Given the tight constraints some proposals will suggest moving Newbuildings. It is however part of the suburban area of the city. Eglinton is distinctly separated from rest of Foyle by semi urban / rural / industrial areas and therefore is a better case for moving than Newbuildings to facilitate changes elsewhere

Constituency Ward Map



Skeoge	3405
Ballymagroarty	2827
Springtown	2525
Culmore	3176
Shantallow East	3270
Galliagh	2835
Carn Hill	2340
Shantallow	2885
Madam's Bank	2440
Foyle Springs	2627
Northland	2920
Creggan	2826
Creggan South	2859
Brandywell	2563
Sheriff's Mountair	2585
New Buildings	2840
Clondermot	2863
City Walls	2427
Victoria	2858
Ebrington	2678
Lisnagelvin	2567
Kilfennan	2946
Caw	2810
Drumahoe	2956
Enagh	2862

West Tyrone Constituency

Preliminary details:

New Electorate: 70594

Within limits? :Yes

Requires rule 7 invocation? : No

Possible alternatives:

Newbuildings in place of Park

Naming alternatives:

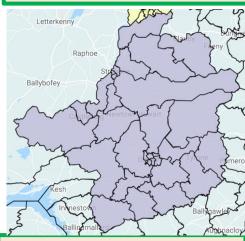
- West Tyrone & Sperrin
- Sperrin
- West Tyrone & Faughan Valley

Additional notes:

 Including Park instead of Newbuildings makes sense not only on the ground in Newbuildings as a suburb/urban overflow of the city, but the ward of Park as a western Sperrin ward like Glenelley Valley and Ownekillew would have similar rural requirements and therefore could reasonably belong together



Constituency Ward Map



Slievekirk	2584
Dunnamanagh	2595
Park	2576
Artigarvan	2679
Strabane West	2413
Strabane North	2735
Ballycolman	2693
Finn	2996
Castlederg	2524
Glenelly Valley	2558
Newtownstewart	2263
Sion Mills	2723
Glenderg	2495
Trillick	1886
Drumquin	2164
Dromore	1957
Fairy Water	2184
Fintona	1814
Newtownsaville	2154
Beragh	2121
Gortrush	2134
Coolnagard	2189
Dergmoney	1680
Strule	1691
Camowen	2132
Killyclogher	2195
Gortin	2222
Drumnakilly	2142
Owenkillew	2086
Termon	1955
Sixmilecross	2054

Fermanagh & South Tyrone Constituency



Constituency Ward Map

Preliminary details:

New Electorate: 73813

Within limits? :Yes

Requires rule 7 invocation? : No

Possible alternatives:

N/A

Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

 Beyond inevitable changes from new ward building blocks, this constituency is as close to the existing Fermanagh & South Tyrone as possible. It is also the most viable given constraints elsewhere.



Belleek and Boa	2383
Ederney and Kesl	2084
Irvinestown	2233
Lisnarrick	2384
Derrygonnelly	2068
Belcoo and Garri	2126
Boho, Cleenish a	2492
Florence Court a	2227
Derrylin	1974
Portora	2140
Rossorry	1755
Erne	2000
Castlecoole	2183
Lisbellaw	2233
Ballinamallard	2153
Tempo	2159
Donagh	2038
Lisnaskea	1810
Maguiresbridge	2451
Newtownbutler	1927
Rosslea	1772
Brookeborough	1939
Fivemiletown	2230
Augher and Clogi	2481
Ballygawley	2503
Castlecaulfield	2478
Mullaghmore	2186
Killymeal	2138
Moygashel	1842
Ballysaggart	1847
Aughnacloy	2401
Caledon	2573
Moy	2308
Killyman	2295

Mid Ulster Constituency



Constituency Ward Map

Preliminary details:

New Electorate: 68732

Within limits? :Yes

Requires rule 7 invocation? :Yes

Possible alternatives:

N/A

Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

 Beyond inevitable changes from new ward building blocks, this constituency is as close to the existing Mid Ulster as possible and given cosntraints elsewhere also the most viable



Donaghmore	2611
Stewartstown	2246
Loughry	2011
Cookstown South	2089
Cookstown East	1973
Lissan	2516
Pomeroy	2596
Oaklands	2387
Cookstown West	2338
The Loup	2777
Ardboe	2678
Coagh	2337
Coalisland North	2441
Coalisland South	2618
Washing Bay	2642
Draperstown	2126
Town Parks East	2338
Glebe	2476
Coolshinny	2696
Ballymaguigan	2753
Castledawson	2552
Bellaghy	2714
Valley	2516
Tamlaght O'Crilly	2609
Lower Glenshane	2378
Maghera	2300
Tobermore	2539
Swatragh	2475

East Londonderry Constituency



Constituency Ward Map



Constituency Ward List

Eglinton	2834
Claudy	2622
Greysteel	3143
Ballykelly	2283
Altahullion	2252
Feeny	2456
Drumsurn	2504
Roeside	2080
Magilligan	2330
Coolessan	1915
Greystone	2385
Dungiven	2528
Garvagh	2372
Aghadowey	2587
Macosquin	2490
Dundooan	2565
Portstewart	2209
Atlantic	2550
Hopefield	2570
Portrush and Dun	2187
Castlerock	2629
University	2216
Quarry	2685
Waterside	2824
Mountsandel	2440
Churchland	2645
Windy Hall	2730
Kilrea	2606

Preliminary details:

New Electorate: 69637

Within limits? :Yes

Requires rule 7 invocation? :Yes

Possible alternatives:

 Revert to existing constituency (allowing for ward building block changes

Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

• The addition of Eglinton and the loss of Park from the existing East Londonderry constituency is the least disruptive option given the constraints and also reasonable changes. Eglinton arguably has a better argument for inclusion in this constituency than Park under normal circumstances, let alone with tight constraints.

Newry & Armagh Constituency



Preliminary details:

- New Electorate: 74925
- Within limits? :Yes
- Requires rule 7 invocation? : No

Possible alternatives:

 Richhill and Tandragee wards appear interchangeable here – perhaps local consultation will make a case for one over the other in a specific seat

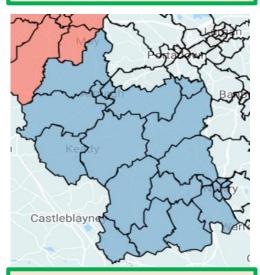
Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

• The existing Newry & Armagh is above the limit but quite a lot. Bounded on one side by county Tyrone and the other by county Down, the most credible net movement of wards are the northern most wards into another county Armagh centered constituency. To meet constraints elsewhere, 2 out 3 of the wards of Loughgall, Richhill and Tandragee must be moved elsewhere.

Constituency Ward Map



Blackwatertown	3885
Cathedral	3068
The Mall	3202
Navan	3716
Demesne	3584
Seagahan	3901
Keady	3579
Newtownhamilto	2891
Crossmaglen	2919
Mullaghbane	3116
Abbey	2544
St. Patrick's	3179
Whitecross	2872
Damolly	2915
Ballybot	3244
Drumalane	3199
Fathom	3100
Forkhill	3024
Bessbrook	3228
Camlough	2880
Markethill	3773
Hamiltonsbawn	3561
Tandragee	3545
Loughgall	3865

Upper Bann Constituency



Preliminary details:

New Electorate: 76059

Within limits? :Yes

Requires rule 7 invocation? : No

Possible alternatives:

 As well as wards incoming from Newry and Armagh, alternatives include adding removing Gilford too. But constraints elsewhere make this option vastly preferable

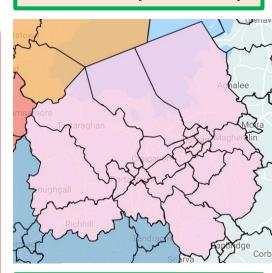
Naming alternatives:

- North Armagh
- North Armagh and West Down

Additional notes:

 Upper Bann must also shed wards overall while also absorbing two from Newry and Armagh. The most realistic way is to lost the town of Bnabridge and neighbouring Loughbrickland. The loss of Banbridge possibly warrants a rename of the constituency but doesn't demand it.

Constituency Ward Map



Richhill	3545
The Birches	3945
Corcrain	2871
Mahon	3173
Ballybay	2879
Kernan	3468
Killycomain	2764
Craigavon Centre	3602
Derrytrasna	3584
Mourneview	3122
Shankill	3848
Lough Road	3669
Parklake	3530
Aghagallon	3689
Magheralin	3614
Knocknashane	3068
Waringstown	3797
Brownlow	3774
Bleary	3475
Donaghcloney	3444
Gilford	3333

South Down Constituency



Preliminary details:

New Electorate: 74639

Within limits? :Yes

Requires rule 7 invocation? : No

Possible alternatives:

- Ballyward could easily be reincluded
- Loughbrickland could also be moved elsewhere if required

Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

 South Down is another constituency among a southern cluster to be above the limit and mostshed wards northwards. The easiest way is to make sure Crossgar & Killyleagh and Drumaness fall inside the neighbouring Strangford constituency.

Constituency Ward Map



Mayobridge	3511
Loughbrickland	3967
Derryleckagh	3392
Burren	3078
Rostrevor	3273
Warrenpoint	3039
Lisnacree	3293
Kilkeel	2474
Binnian	2989
Annalong	3084
Tollymore	3015
Murlough	3295
Donard	2726
Hilltown	3531
Rathfriland	3386
Castlewellan	2863
Dundrum	3086
Knocknashinna	3129
Cathedral	2674
Strangford	3010
Lecale	3071
Quoile	2824
Ballydugan	2710

Strangford Constituency



Constituency Ward Map

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Constituency Ward List

Kircubbin	3113
Portavogie	2666
Portaferry	2545
Crossgar and Killy	3000
Drumaness	3009
Ballynahinch	3008
Kilmore	2928
Saintfield	3033
Derryboy	3023
Killinchy	2808
Comber South	2837
Ballygowan	3215
Moneyreagh	2290
Comber West	2767
Comber North	2826
Scrabo	3184
West Winds	2813
Conway Square	2766
Gregstown	2447
Movilla	2778
Glen	3279
Loughries	3042
Carrowdore	3052
Ballywalter	3260
Cronstown	3264

Preliminary details:

New Electorate: 72953

Within limits? :Yes

Requires rule 7 invocation? : No

Possible alternatives:

N/A

Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

 The constituency avoids major redrawing by importing wards (broadly) that are available from South Down to bring it above quota. This is the least disruptive and most reasonable change that exists.

North Down Constituency



Constituency Ward Map

Preliminary details:

New Electorate: 72264

Within limits? :Yes

Requires rule 7 invocation? : No

Possible alternatives:

N/A

Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

This proposal avoids tacking on the entire Ards Peninsula, and causing numerous knock changes elsewhere, by simply reverting North Down to a constituency approximating to what it was pre-1996 with the inclusion of the Dundonald area.



Donaghadee	2940
Warren	3118
Ballycrochan	2569
Broadway	2776
Bryansburn	2942
Rathmore	2905
Kilcooley	2902
Silverstream	2514
Rathgael	2462
Castle	2824
Harbour	3270
Ballyholme	2942
Groomsport	2879
Bloomfield	2907
Silverbirch	2893
Ballymagee	3062
Ballygrainey	3582
Clandeboye	2894
Helen's Bay	2938
Cultra	3108
Holywood	3261
Dundonald	2369
Graham's Bridge	2206
Enler	2182
Carrowreagh	3819

East Belfast Constituency



Preliminary details:

- New Electorate: 69391
- Within limits? :Yes
- Requires rule 7 invocation? :Yes

Possible alternatives:

N/A

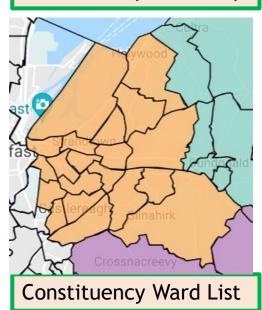
Naming alternatives:

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Additional notes:

East Belfast can compensate for loss of Dundonald by reclaiming previous East Belfast wards and wards regarded locally as being belonging to East Belfast. This includes the reverting of Hillfoot and Wynchurch (now part of Cregagh ward) to East Belfast as well as adding Ravenhill and Woodstock regarded locally as belonging to East Belfast.

Constituency Ward Map



Loughview	3083
Garnerville	3534
Belmont	3594
Sydenham	3570
Connswater	3730
Ballymacarrett	3641
Woodstock	3337
Beersbridge	3644
Bloomfield	3596
Knock	3825
Stormont	3773
Gilnahirk	3710
Ballyhanwood	2355
Shandon	3927
Sandown	3238
Orangefield	3470
Ravenhill	3274
Merok	3148
Hillfoot	3602
Cregagh	3340

South Belfast Constituency



Preliminary details:

New Electorate: 70169

Within limits? :Yes

Requires rule 7 invocation? : No

Possible alternatives:

N/A

Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

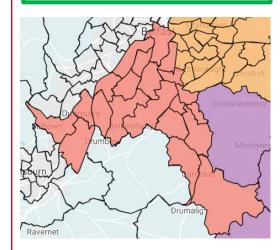
Belfast wards with Dunmurry, Derriaghy and Lambeg. Locally, Dunmurry belongs more in same cosntituency as South Belfast as an extension of Lisburn Road / A1 as well as being next train stop after Finaghy and Balmoral so there's well defined links. Similarly Derriaghy belongs in same seat as Dunmurry for same reasons. Lambeg despite the name is predominately the Derriaghy urban area and belongs together with Derriaghy while Lambeg area is only 5/10% of ward

Lambeg contributes small sliver of "Lambeg" ward



Bulk of
"Lambeg"
ward's urban
area is
essentially
Derriaghy and
South Belfast
over-spill

Constituency Ward Map



Carryduff East	2723
Carryduff West	2498
Knockbracken	2660
Beechill	2523
Cairnshill	2640
Galwally	2415
Newtownbreda	2091
Rosetta	3961
Ormeau	3924
Stranmillis	4330
Upper Malone	3657
Belvoir	3610
Finaghy	3488
Musgrave	3677
Malone	3730
Blackstaff	3938
Windsor	4438
Central	4760
Dunmurry	3794
Derryaghy	2837
Lambeg	2475

West Belfast Constituency



Preliminary details:

New Electorate: 68571

Within limits? :Yes

Requires rule 7 invocation? :Yes

Possible alternatives:

N/A

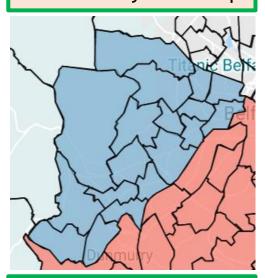
Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

 West Belfast meets the quota following the movement of Dunmurry by bringing the entire Shankill / Court area together in one constituency rather than keeping them artificially separated and putting them into the West Belfast where the area regards itself as being.

Constituency Ward Map



Lagmore	5022
Twinbrook	3462
Poleglass	3967
Ladybrook	3689
Stewartstown	3645
Collin Glen	4104
Shaw's Road	3997
Andersonstown	3722
Falls Park	3700
Turf Lodge	3525
Ballymurphy	3617
Beechmount	3589
Falls	3364
Clonard	3947
Ballygomartin	4132
Woodvale	3447
Shankill	4361
Forth River	3281

North Belfast Constituency



Preliminary details:

- New Electorate: 69451
- Within limits? :Yes
- Requires rule 7 invocation? : No

Possible alternatives:

N/A

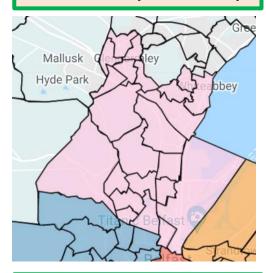
Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

North Belfast compensates losing parts of the Shankill area by absorbing the remainder of the Glengormley area of Newtownabbey. Like Court, the previous North Belfast included an artificial division of Newtownabbey and this proposal simply combines the whole DEA area of Glengormley Urban into North Belfast.

Constituency Ward Map



Legoniel	3814
Cliftonville	3821
Ballysillan	3376
Ardoyne	3671
Water Works	4134
Duncairn	4243
New Lodge	3408
Fortwilliam	3322
Innisfayle	3922
Chichester Park	3903
Cavehill	3398
Collinbridge	2327
Bellevue	3550
Burnthill	2605
Ballyhenry	2082
Hightown	2120
Glengormley	2275
Carnmoney	2083
Glebe	2363
Valley	2286
O'Neill	2265
Rathcoole	2280
Whitehouse	2203

Lagan Valley Constituency

Preliminary details:

- New Electorate: 76767
- Within limits? :Yes
- Requires rule 7 invocation? : No

Possible alternatives:

- Ballyward could move to a new South Down
- Loughbrickland could also be added

Naming alternatives:

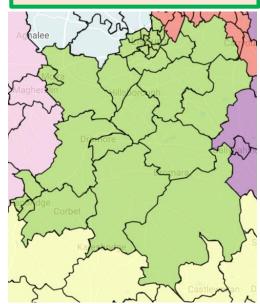
- Lisburn & Banbridge
- Mid Down

Additional notes:

 The addition of Banbridge to another constituency seems inevitable and joining a cosntiteuncy centred on the A1 linking almost every town between the two main population centers seems reasonable.



Constituency Ward Map



Constituency Ward List

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	Ballyward		3219
	Gransha		3476
	Banbridge East		3325
	Banbridge North		3164
	Banbridge West		3697
	Banbridge South		3447
	Quilly		3156
	Dromara		2461
	Ballymacbrennan		2337
	Dromore		3313
	Hillsborough		2665
	Lagan		2492
	Moira		2647
	Maze		2300
	Drumbo		2318
	Ravernet		2383
	Hillhall		2692
	Blaris		2382
	Magheralave		2744
	Harmony Hill		2284
	Hilden		2461
	Wallace Park		2610
	Lagan Valley		2035
	Old Warren		2450
	Lisnagarvey		2267
	Knockmore		2685
	Ballymacash		2349

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Ballymacoss

South Antrim Constituency



Preliminary details:

New Electorate: 76967

Within limits? :Yes

Requires rule 7 invocation? : No

Possible alternatives:

 Ballyclare wards could be substituted if necessary although this proposal aims to keep them all together

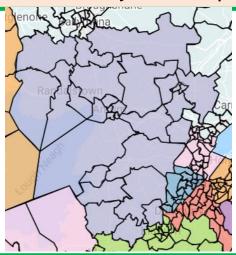
Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

• The addition of lagan valley's northern wards means that South Antrim extends all the way to the actual south of county Antrim now. The constituency also absorbs the area south of Ballymena to provide leeway elsewhere.

Constituency Ward Map



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Ballinderry	2825
Maghaberry	2967
White Mountain	3873
Stonyford	2267
Crumlin	2613
Glenavy	2734
Clady	2706
Aldergrove	2705
Toome	2678
Cranfield	2286
Shilvodan	2615
Randalstown	2439
Antrim Centre	2702
Springfarm	2984
Steeple	2205
Fountain Hill	2183
Greystone	2071
Stiles	2497
Templepatrick	2561
Mallusk	3665
Parkgate	2501
Doagh	2485
Ballyclare West	2838
Ballyclare East	2688
Ballynure	2645
Ballyrobert	2733
Grange	2724
Kells	2452
Glenwhirry	2325

East Antrim Constituency



Constituency Ward Map

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Constituency Ward List

Mossley	2617
Fairview	2192
Carnmoney Hill	2317
Ballyduff	2348
Monkstown	2423
Abbey	2343
Rostulla	2687
Jordanstown	2569
Gortalee	2476
Greenisland	2484
Woodburn	2685
Burleigh Hill	2196
Castle	2608
Sunnylands	2642
Victoria	2884
Love Lane	2448
Boneybefore	2384
Kilroot	3064
Whitehead South	2542
Islandmagee	2334
Ballycarry and Glynn	2745
Craigyhill	2610
The Maidens	2453
Curran and Inver	2468
Gardenmore	2417
Kilwaughter	3152
Cairncastle	2652

Preliminary details:

- New Electorate : 68740
- Within limits? :Yes
- Requires rule 7 invocation? :Yes

Possible alternatives:

 Carnlough and Glenarm could be easily maintained in East Antrim if necessary

Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

 The East Antrim seat shed its Glens northern edge to North Antrim to create a more ostensibly east of Antrim distinct from north and south Antrim centered on its three eastern facing urban areas of Larne, Carrickfergus and Monkstown/Greenisland area.

North Antrim Constituency



Constituency Ward Map

Preliminary details:

- New Electorate: 75345
- Within limits? :Yes
- Requires rule 7 invocation? : No

Possible alternatives:

 Carnlough and Glenarm could be easily maintained in East Antrim if necessary

Naming alternatives:

N/A

Additional notes:

 North Antrim loses its southern fringes to provide leeway elsewhere. It also gains all the Antrim Glens wards which belong together. The addition of Carnlough and Glenarm creates a contiguous north of Antrim constituency.



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Giant's Causeway	2470
Kinbane	2716
Torr Head and Rathlin	2659
Ballycastle	2407
Lurigethan	2159
Carnlough and Glenarm	2326
Route	2394
Ballymoney North	2510
Ballymoney East	2093
Ballymoney South	2265
Dervock	2450
Loughguile and Stranocum	2637
Dunloy	2577
Clogh Mills	2678
Rasharkin	2650
Glenravel	2516
Slemish	2355
Maine	2264
Kirkinriola	2224
Broughshane	2788
Cullybackey	2044
Portglenone	2299
Ahoghill	2637
Galgorm	2445
Castle Demesne	1838
Fair Green	1974
Park	2005
Academy	2071
Ballee and Harryville	2264
Ardeevin	2444
Braidwater	2078
Ballykeel	2108