Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland

Third Consultation

2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review

Response Template

Overview

The Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland (BCNI) is an independent and impartial public body, which reviews all UK Parliamentary constituency boundaries in Northern Ireland according to rules established by the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended). In accordance with the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020, BCNI is required to review Parliamentary constituency boundaries and submit its final report with recommendations before 1st July 2023.

Public consultation is an important part of the 2023 Review. As part of its statutory duties, the Commission has carried out initial and secondary consultations, including public hearings. Having considered the written representations received during the initial and secondary consultation periods, and the records of the public hearings (<https://www.boundarycommission.org.uk/2023-review/representations-received/stage/secondary>) the Commission has revised its initial proposals. The Commission’s Revised Proposals have now been published (<https://www.boundarycommission.org.uk/publications>).

The third statutory consultation period began on 17th November 2022. It provides an opportunity to submit written representations with respect to the Commission’s Revised Proposals, and with respect to the records of the public hearings. You can respond to the consultation using the [online portal](https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/boundary-commission/2023-boundary-review-parliamentary-constituencies), or via email or post. If you are responding via email or post, we have provided this response template which corresponds to the structure of the online portal. We also welcome the submission of additional supporting documents or attachments by email or post, alongside the response template.

The contact details to submit your response via email or post are below. All responses must be received by the consultation closing date of 15th December 2022.

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Tell us about yourself

When submitting a consultation response, we request that you provide us with your name and address to help us ensure each representation is from a unique individual. If you have responded by post, we will also use your postal address to send you a confirmation of receipt. If you have responded by email, we will use your email address to send you a confirmation of receipt.

We will publish consultation responses received, but we will only publish an individual's name alongside their response where they have expressly consented to us doing so. No other personal information will be published. Where a response is received from an organisation rather than an individual, then that organisation’s name will be associated with its response and published accordingly. Further information is available at the [Privacy Notice on the Boundary Commission's website.](https://www.boundarycommission.org.uk/publications/data-protection-and-privacy-policy)

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Responding to the third consultation

Using this template, you can comment on the Revised Proposals, with regards to as many or as few constituencies as you wish. You can also submit general comments relating to the Revised Proposals as a whole. Representations can support or oppose the Revised Proposals. Representations that oppose the Commission’s proposals can include suggestions for alternative proposals - it is helpful if these take into account the requirements of the legislation.  A counter-proposal that sets out the composition of each constituency may be more persuasive than a proposal for a single constituency which does not address any knock-on effects on neighbouring constituencies.

The legislation provides that written comments with respect to representations made at the public hearings can also be submitted during the third consultation. Using this template, you can also submit a representation with respect to the records of the public hearings, which were held in March 2022.

General comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals:

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Comments on the Commission’s Revised Proposals

(with regards to individual constituencies)

Belfast East

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed no change to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of Belfast East. The proposed constituency of Belfast East has an electorate of 70,076 and is designated as a borough constituency. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of Belfast East:

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Belfast North

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed no change to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of Belfast North. The proposed constituency of Belfast North has an electorate of 70,361 and is designated as a borough constituency. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of Belfast North:

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Belfast South & Mid Down

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed no change to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of Belfast South & Mid Down. The proposed constituency of Belfast South & Mid Down has an electorate of 71,978 and is designated as a borough constituency.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of Belfast South & Mid Down:

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Belfast West

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed no change to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of Belfast West. The proposed constituency of Belfast West has an electorate of 71,921 and is designated as a borough constituency. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of Belfast West:

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**East Antrim**

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed no change to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of East Antrim. The proposed constituency of East Antrim has an electorate of 70,947 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of East Antrim:

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East Londonderry

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed no change to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of East Londonderry. The proposed constituency of East Londonderry has an electorate of 72,213 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of East Londonderry:

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Fermanagh & South Tyrone

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed the following changes to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of Fermanagh & South Tyrone:

* The wards of Ballysaggart, Killymeal, Moygashel and Mullaghmore are transferred from Mid Ulster to Fermanagh & South Tyrone
* The split ward of Castlecaulfield, which was aligned within Fermanagh & South Tyrone, is left split between Mid Ulster and Fermanagh & South Tyrone
* The split ward of Loughgall, which was aligned within Fermanagh & South Tyrone, is split between Mid Ulster and Upper Bann

The revised proposed constituency of Fermanagh & South Tyrone has an electorate of 74,643 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of Fermanagh & South Tyrone:

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Foyle

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed the following changes to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of Foyle:

* The split ward of Slievekirk to be aligned within West Tyrone, rather than within Foyle

The revised proposed constituency of Foyle has an electorate of 69,890 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of Foyle:

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Lagan Valley

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed the following changes to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of Lagan Valley:

* The split ward of Donaghcloney, which was aligned within Upper Bann, is left split between Lagan Valley and Upper Bann

The revised proposed constituency of Lagan Valley has an electorate of 73,704 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of Lagan Valley:

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Mid Ulster

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed the following changes to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of Mid Ulster:

* The ward of Donaghmore is transferred to Mid Ulster from West Tyrone
* The wards of Ballysaggart, Killymeal, Moygashel and Mullaghmore are transferred from Mid Ulster to Fermanagh & South Tyrone
* The split ward of Castlecaulfield, which was aligned within Fermanagh & South Tyrone, is left split between Mid Ulster and Fermanagh & South Tyrone
* The split ward of Loughgall, which was aligned within Fermanagh & South Tyrone, is split between Mid Ulster and Upper Bann
* The split ward of The Birches, which was aligned within Upper Bann, is split between Mid Ulster and Upper Bann

The revised proposed constituency of Mid Ulster has an electorate of 70,094 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of Mid Ulster:

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Newry & Armagh

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed no change to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of Newry & Armagh. The proposed constituency of Newry & Armagh has an electorate of 74,585 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of Newry & Armagh:

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North Antrim

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed no change to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of North Antrim. The proposed constituency of North Antrim has an electorate of 71,165 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of North Antrim:

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North Down

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed no change to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of North Down. The proposed constituency of North Down has an electorate of 70,412 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of North Down:

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South Antrim

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed no change to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of South Antrim. The proposed constituency of South Antrim has an electorate of 71,646 and is designated as a county constituency. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of South Antrim:

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South Down

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed the following changes to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of South Down:

* The wards of Cathedral, Knocknashinna and Lecale are transferred from Strangford & Quoile to South Down
* The whole ward of Quoile is split between Strangford & Quoile and South Down
* The wards of Ballynahinch, Drumaness and Kilmore are transferred from South Down to Strangford & Quoile
* The split ward of Ballyward, which was aligned within South Down, is split between South Down and Strangford & Quoile
* The split ward of Banbridge East, which was aligned within Upper Bann, is left split between South Down and Upper Bann

The revised proposed constituency of South Down has an electorate of 74,370 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of South Down:

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Strangford

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed the following changes to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of Strangford & Quoile:

* The wards of Cathedral, Knocknashinna and Lecale are transferred from Strangford & Quoile to South Down
* The whole ward of Quoile is split between Strangford & Quoile and South Down
* The wards of Ballynahinch, Drumaness and Kilmore are transferred from South Down to Strangford & Quoile
* The split ward of Ballyward, which was aligned within South Down, is split between South Down and Strangford & Quoile

A change of name is therefore proposed from “Strangford & Quoile” to “Strangford”. The revised proposed constituency of Strangford has an electorate of 70,100 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of Strangford:

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Upper Bann

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed the following changes to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of Upper Bann:

* The split ward of Donaghcloney, which was aligned within Upper Bann, is left split between Upper Bann and Lagan Valley
* The split ward of Banbridge East, which was aligned within Upper Bann, is left split between Upper Bann and South Down
* The split ward of Loughgall, which was aligned within Fermanagh & South Tyrone, is split between Mid Ulster and Upper Bann
* The split ward of The Birches, which was aligned within Upper Bann, is split between Mid Ulster and Upper Bann

The revised proposed constituency of Upper Bann has an electorate of 76,969 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of Upper Bann:

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West Tyrone

In the Revised Proposals, the Commission proposed the following changes to its Initial Proposals for the constituency of West Tyrone:

* The ward of Donaghmore is transferred to Mid Ulster, from West Tyrone.
* The split ward of Slievekirk to be aligned within West Tyrone, rather than within Foyle.

The revised proposed constituency of West Tyrone has an electorate of 70,614 and is designated as a county constituency as it has more than a small rural element. No change of name is proposed.

Comments on the Commission's Revised Proposals, with regards to the constituency of West Tyrone:

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Comments on the Records of the Public Hearings

The legislation states that written representations with respect to the records of the public hearings (held in March 2022) may be made during the third consultation.

Comments with respect to the records of the public hearings:

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