



2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies



The Boundary Commission for Scotland

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Executive summary

This is the report on our 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies, conducted between 2016 and 2018. The review has been carried out under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended by the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011.

The legislation for this review means that there will be 53 constituencies in Scotland in place of the current 59. Two of the constituencies are specified in the legislation as Orkney and Shetland constituency and Na h-Eileanan an Iar constituency (the Western Isles). We are recommending the boundaries for the remaining 51 constituencies, which cover Scotland's 29 mainland council areas.

Each constituency must have an area of no more than 13,000 square kilometres. Each constituency must have an electorate within 5% of the average for a UK mainland constituency which is 74,769.2 electors: for this review this means an electorate no fewer than 71,031 and no more than 78,507.

There are 2 exemptions that allow a constituency to have an electorate of fewer than 71,031:

- it is either the Na h-Eileanan an Iar constituency or the Orkney and Shetland constituency; or
- its area exceeds 12,000 square kilometres and we are satisfied that it is not reasonably possible for it to have an electorate of at least 71,031.

Our recommended Highland North constituency is the only one to exceed 12,000 square kilometres. It has an electorate of more than 71,031.

The reduction in the number of constituencies and the limits on electorate numbers have resulted in significant change. Our recommendations include only one mainland constituency unchanged from existing constituencies: East Lothian.

The new requirements have resulted in more constituencies crossing council boundaries. Of the recommended mainland constituencies, 33 are each contained within a single council area compared with 48 of the existing mainland constituencies.

Our recommendations include one constituency exactly covering a council area: East Lothian.

Our recommended constituencies are summarised in Chapter 5. Maps of each constituency appear in Appendix H.

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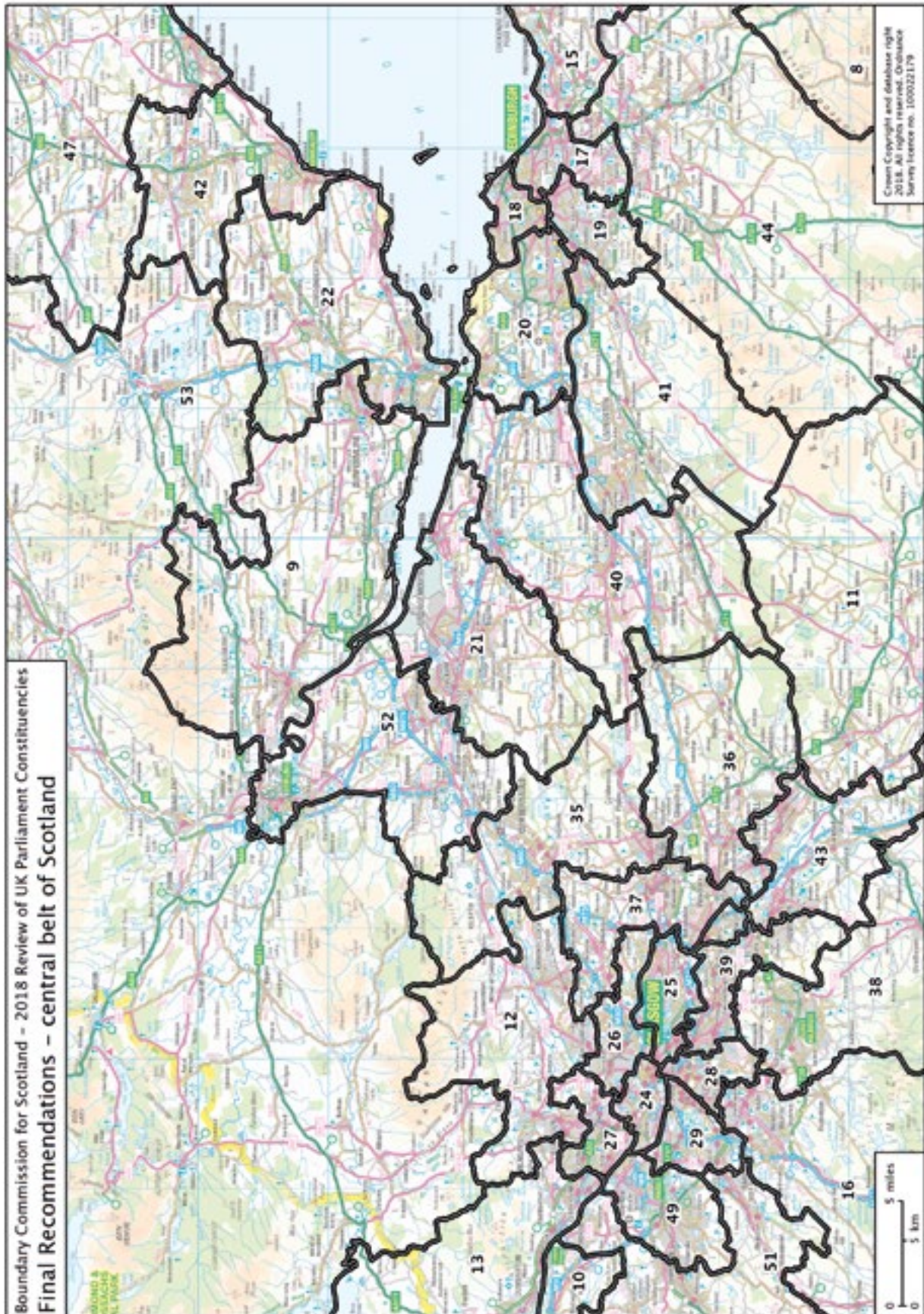
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1 Introduction

Boundary Commission for Scotland

- 1.1 We are responsible for keeping UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland under review and making recommendations to Ministers, as required by the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986. We conduct our reviews independently of political considerations or influence.
- 1.2 There is more information about our work on our website. Our membership during this review is listed at the beginning of this report.

This report

- 1.3 This report presents our Final Recommendations from our 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies.
- 1.4 The legislation requires us to submit this report in September 2018.
- 1.5 The legislation for this review means that there will be 53 constituencies in Scotland instead of the current 59. Two of the constituencies are specified in the legislation as Orkney and Shetland constituency and Na h-Eileanan an Iar constituency (the Western Isles). We are recommending the remaining 51 constituencies which cover Scotland's 29 mainland council areas.
- 1.6 Our recommended constituencies are summarised in Chapter 5. Maps of each constituency appear in Appendix H.
- 1.7 In this report, we refer to documents which we have published on our website. Paper copies are available on request.

2 This review

Timing

- 2.1 On 24 February 2016, the review was announced simultaneously in each of the 4 constituent parts of the United Kingdom by the respective Boundary Commissions.
- 2.2 Each Commission is required to submit its report on or after 1 September and before 1 October 2018. The 4 Commissions liaised with each other on progress during the review. Decisions about the review in Scotland, however, are our responsibility alone.
- 2.3 The period required to undertake the review is dictated by the size of the task, our procedures and the legislation. Our procedures are intended to allow full expression of opinions about the proposals at each stage.

Legislation

- 2.4 The legislation governing this review is the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, most recently amended by the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011. The text of the 1986 Act as it applies to this review is at Appendix B.
- 2.5 The 2011 Act substantially amended the 1986 Act. As a result, this review was conducted within a different legislative framework from the review that determined the existing constituency boundaries.
- 2.6 The legislation specifies that there are to be 600 constituencies in total, with each constituency returning a single member to the United Kingdom Parliament.
- 2.7 The legislation specifies 2 Scottish island constituencies:
 - a constituency covering the combined extent of Orkney Islands council area and Shetland Islands council area; and
 - a constituency covering Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area.
- 2.8 In England, the legislation specifies that the Isle of Wight will have 2 constituencies.
- 2.9 No constituency is permitted to be larger than 13,000 square kilometres.
- 2.10 The United Kingdom electoral quota is the total electorate for the United Kingdom excluding the 4 island constituencies, divided by 596, which is the number of constituencies outside those areas. In simple terms, the United Kingdom electoral quota is the average electorate per mainland constituency across the United Kingdom.
- 2.11 Every constituency must have an electorate that is no less than 95% and no more than 105% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, with specified exceptions:
 - the island constituencies listed above; and
 - any constituency larger than 12,000 square kilometres which may in specific circumstances have an electorate smaller than the usual minimum limit.
- 2.12 The legislation states that we may take into account, as we think fit, other factors, namely:
 - special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency;
 - boundaries of council areas and electoral wards (we took account of the ward boundaries which were in place at the start of the review from 2007 – 2017);

- existing constituency boundaries; and
- any local ties which would be broken by changes in constituencies.

2.13 How we took these factors into account is described in Chapter 3.

Electorate

2.14 The legislation specifies that this review use the electoral register from 1 December 2015. The legislation makes no provision for us to take account of any changes in the electorate after 1 December 2015.

2.15 The definition of electorate is the total number of people whose names appear on the register of parliamentary electors. This definition includes “attainers”, who are those individuals on the register who became of voting age after 30 November 2015 and before 1 December 2016. For this review, the electorate data for each part of the United Kingdom is shown in Table 2.1:

Table 2.1 – United Kingdom electorate data

Country	Electorate	Specified island electorates	Balance
England	37,399,942	105,448 (Isle of Wight)	37,294,494
Scotland	3,896,852	20,887 (Na h-Eileanan an Iar) 16,294 (Orkney Islands) 16,935 (Shetland Islands)	3,842,736
Wales	2,181,841		2,181,841
Northern Ireland	1,243,369		1,243,369
Total	44,722,004	159,564	44,562,440

2.16 The resulting United Kingdom electoral quota is 74,769.2 electors. This is the total mainland electorate of 44,562,440 divided by the 596 mainland constituencies.

2.17 To be no less than 95% and no more than 105% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, the electorate of a constituency has to be no fewer than 71,031 and no more than 78,507.

2.18 These figures define the limits for constituency design throughout this review, and are therefore essential data for the review.

2.19 The electorate data published by National Records of Scotland comprised counts of electors for each electoral ward.

2.20 We have published on our website information on our method for calculating electorates in proposed constituencies where we divided an electoral ward between constituencies. We have had to divide some wards because multi-member wards in Scotland have relatively large electorates. We have ensured all constituencies are within the electoral quota.

Allocation of constituencies

2.21 The legislation specifies the method for the allocation of constituencies to each of the 4 constituent parts of the United Kingdom.

2.22 The number of constituencies allocated to Scotland is in addition to the 2 island constituencies, and the number of constituencies allocated to England is in addition

to the 2 Isle of Wight constituencies. In addition to these island constituencies, each of Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales is allocated a number of the remaining 596 constituencies in proportion to their electorate. Scotland's allocation of constituencies for this review is 51. When added to the 2 Scottish island constituencies, this makes a total of 53 constituencies in Scotland.

2.23 The allocation of constituencies for this review is shown in Table 2.2:

Table 2.2 – Allocation of constituencies

Country	Electorate	Allocated	Islands	Total
England	37,294,494	499	2	501
Scotland	3,842,736	51	2	53
Wales	2,181,841	29		29
Northern Ireland	1,243,369	17		17
Total	44,562,440	596	4	600

Areas of constituencies

- 2.24 The legislation requires constituencies not to exceed an area of 13,000 square kilometres. It exempts constituencies from the minimum electorate requirement if they exceed 12,000 square kilometres and it is not reasonably possible to meet the minimum electorate requirement. It is only in Highland council area that this exemption could apply.
- 2.25 We use geographical information system software, in conjunction with map data from Ordnance Survey. This allows us to calculate the area of any proposed constituency with a high degree of precision.
- 2.26 In our area calculations, we use the "Extent of the Realm". This includes foreshore (the area between high water and low water), inland areas of water, and any statutory seaward extensions of council areas. These statutory seaward extensions occur around ports and harbours; the largest for a mainland council area in Scotland is in Aberdeen City and is less than 20 square kilometres. Apart from these statutory seaward extensions, we do not include areas of sea in our calculations of constituency areas.

Liaison with political parties

- 2.27 In May 2016, we met with those political parties with Members of Parliament representing Scottish constituencies to explain our intended approach to the review, and to discuss their participation in the review process.
- 2.28 Representatives from political parties had recently attended training on QGIS open-source GIS software for the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's 5th Reviews of Electoral Arrangements. We agreed with them that no additional GIS training was needed for this review.
- 2.29 We provided political parties with access to map and boundary data from Ordnance Survey and local authorities, postcode boundary data created by National Records of Scotland and electorate counts for each postcode compiled from the December 2015 electoral register. We did this with the agreement of our data suppliers (Improvement Service, National Records of Scotland, Ordnance Survey and thinkWhere).

Publication of meeting papers

- 2.30 We published our meeting papers and minutes on a staged basis during the review.
- 2.31 We published the minutes and meeting papers relating to the development of our Initial Proposals when we commenced the consultation on our Initial Proposals. We published the minutes and meeting papers relating to the development of our Revised Proposals when we commenced the consultation on our Revised Proposals. We will publish the more recent papers for this review once this report has been laid before Parliament.
- 2.32 We believe that publishing this information:
- demonstrates that the Commission is operating in an open and transparent manner;
 - identifies options which the Commission has considered; and
 - improves understanding of the Commission's reasons for choosing one option over another.

Representations

- 2.33 When we published proposals for public consultation, we received representations from a range of interests, including political parties, local authorities, elected representatives and members of the public.
- 2.34 We found representations which opposed our proposals particularly valuable if they included an alternative suggestion which took into account local ties and the legislative requirements for the review.
- 2.35 We could not consider representations about issues that are not within our remit or the legislative framework for this review. These included representations which opposed a reduction in the number of MPs and those which sought to retain existing constituencies, or design new constituencies, outwith the electoral quota.
- 2.36 Prior to our meetings, our Secretariat summarised the representations received and the issues that they raised and these summaries were included in the papers for our consideration. Full copies of all of the representations were available to us. This approach allowed us to consider thoroughly all of the issues raised.
- 2.37 We published all of the representations received on our consultation website.

3 Our approach

Principles for constituency design

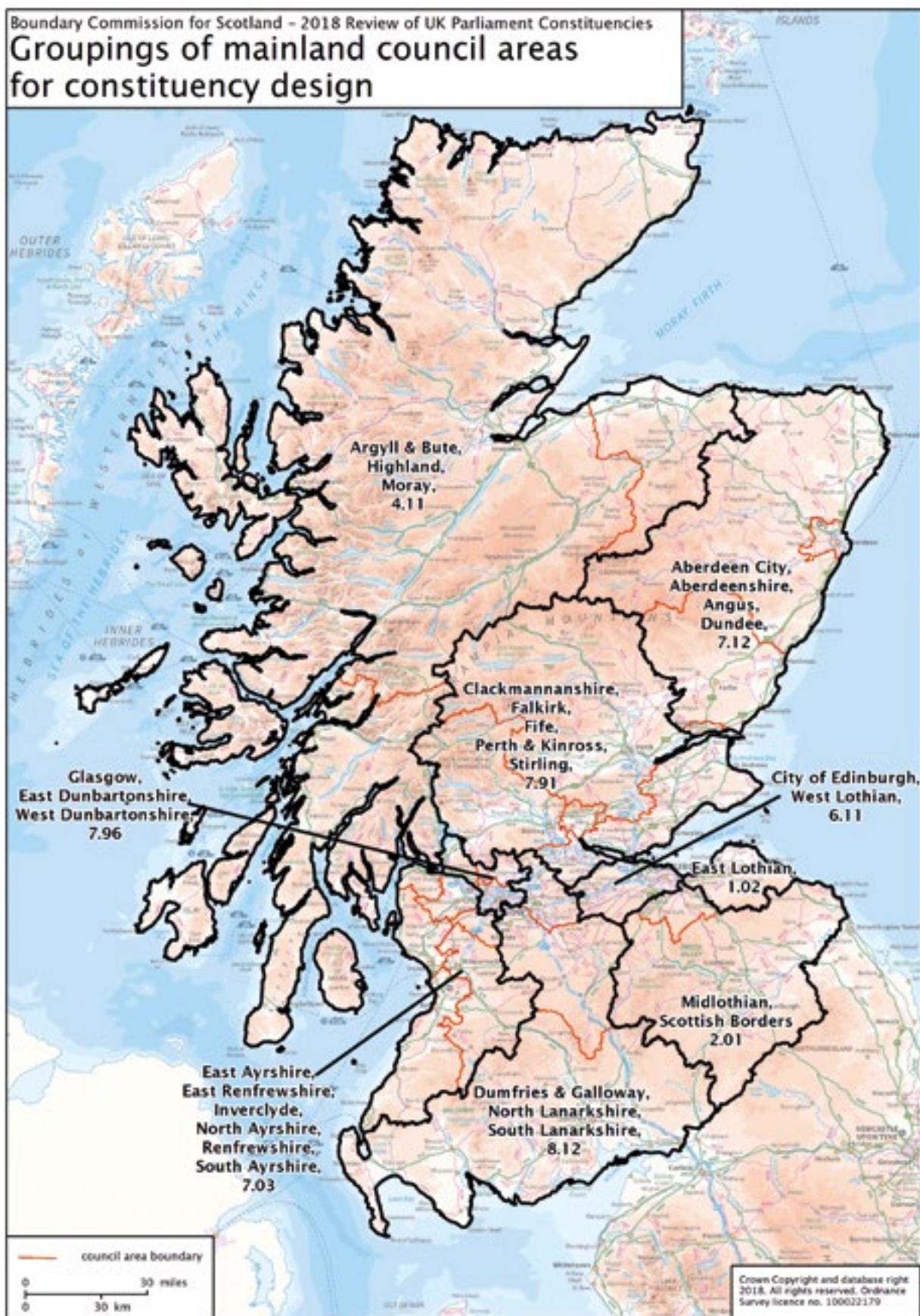
- 3.1 The legislation sets the specific requirements for constituency design in this review (see Appendix B). Within those requirements, we have discretion on how to design constituencies.
- 3.2 We have taken account of existing boundaries when designing new constituencies. However, because of the legislation governing this review, such as the requirement for electorates to be within 5% variance from the electoral quota, it has often not been possible for our proposed constituencies to fit with other boundaries.
- 3.3 In general, we aimed to design as many constituencies as practicable that do not cross a council area boundary and to take into consideration local geography (for example transport links, other electoral boundaries, administrative boundaries and natural features).

Grouping of council areas

- 3.4 We aimed to minimise the number of constituencies which combined parts of more than one council area. Firstly, we believe the electorate understands and accepts the value of council areas as part of the administrative landscape. Secondly, we recognise that elections are organised by local government officials, and that having constituencies that are wholly contained in a single council area simplifies that task. Thirdly, we are aware that political parties take account of council area boundaries when organising themselves locally.
- 3.5 We calculated the theoretical entitlement to constituencies for each council area by dividing the council area electorate by the United Kingdom electoral quota. Details of the electorate of each council area, and the corresponding entitlement to constituencies, are given in Appendix C.
- 3.6 We examined a number of ways of combining the 29 mainland council areas into groups so that a whole number of constituencies could be designed covering each group. This assisted us in minimising the number of constituencies comprising parts of more than one council area.
- 3.7 We noted that our approach to constituency design in Highland council area could impact on constituency design elsewhere in Scotland, since it is possible to design 1 or 2 constituencies there with an area of more than 12,000 square kilometres and an electorate of less than the usual minimum for this review.
- 3.8 Designing such constituencies in Highland council area would use the exception to the minimum electorate rule. It would result in the number of constituencies available to cover the rest of Scotland being reduced. This would lead to the other constituencies in Scotland having, on average, a larger electorate and limit our ability to accommodate the other factors for constituency design allowed for in the legislation.
- 3.9 We can recommend a constituency of more than 12,000 square kilometres with an electorate that is below the minimum only if we are “satisfied that it is not reasonably possible for the constituency to comply” with the usual minimum electorate requirement.

- 3.10 When we examined possible constituency designs for Highland council area, we concluded that it was reasonably possible to design constituencies covering that council area whose electorate complied with the minimum electorate limit specified in the legislation.
- 3.11 Having reached that conclusion, we decided on our preferred approach to grouping council areas for the purpose of constituency design. We noted that our intended groupings of council areas could only be confirmed once we examined detailed constituency designs and had concluded that these constituency designs were acceptable.
- 3.12 We retained our initial groupings of council areas apart from Fife and Perth and Kinross and Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling. During the development of our revised proposals we combined these 2 groupings of council areas together to achieve better designs across the area. More detail of our deliberations for this area of Scotland is in Appendix A3.
- 3.13 Our approach to grouping council areas for constituency design is shown in Map 3.1. This shows the revised council area groupings together with the entitlement of each grouping. In each group the entitlement, rounded to the nearest whole number, gives the number of constituencies which can be designed in such a way that each constituency is within the electoral quota.
- 3.14 Details of our deliberations for each grouping are in Appendix A.

Map 3.1 – Groupings of mainland council areas for constituency design



Design factors

- 3.15 As set out in paragraph 2.12, the legislation lists a series of factors which we may take into account when designing constituencies, if and to such an extent as we think fit. They are: special geographical considerations; local government boundaries; existing constituency boundaries; and local ties.
- 3.16 These factors are subordinate to the requirements for electorate and area.

Special geographical considerations

- 3.17 Wherever possible and relevant, we took into account special geographical considerations. This factor informed our thinking in respect of constituency design throughout Scotland.
- 3.18 The areas where special geographical considerations are most likely to arise are the sparsely populated areas of the islands, north and west Scotland. The numerical limits on electorate and constituency area which apply in this review limited our ability to adjust constituency design to reflect these special geographical circumstances.

Local government boundaries

- 3.19 The legislation allows us to take account of local government boundaries as they existed on the “most recent ordinary council-election day” before 1 December 2015, which was 3 May 2012.
- 3.20 We did take account of ward boundaries when proposing constituencies, as well as other current and historic electoral boundaries, administrative boundaries and natural features. In our recommendations, 296 of the 331 electoral wards (in place from 2007 to 2017) in mainland Scotland are each contained in a single constituency.
- 3.21 Multi-member wards with large electorates, combined with the requirement that the electorate of each constituency is within 5% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, made it impracticable in this review to create constituencies which reflect local ties and special geographical considerations simply by aggregating electoral wards.
- 3.22 Where we divided an electoral ward between constituencies, we needed to calculate the electorate of the electoral ward in each constituency. We developed a methodology for doing this using postcodes and individual addresses which is available on our website.
- 3.23 We took account of the ward boundaries in place from 2007 to 2017, in line with the legislation. New wards were introduced from May 2017 and we explored using these during the development of our Revised Proposals if consultation responses suggested adopting them to improve local ties. However, we did so on the merits of their being better indicators of local ties, rather than because they are the new ward boundaries.
- 3.24 In this review, we aimed to make proposals for constituencies which were each wholly within a single council area. Where that was not practicable, we aimed to propose constituencies which were each wholly within 2 or (if necessary) 3 neighbouring council areas.
- 3.25 In some cases, a desire to fit within council area boundaries and a desire to fit within electoral wards conflict. For example, there were cases where it was only possible to design a constituency made up of whole electoral wards by including wards from more than one council area.

- 3.26 In February 2018, an Order (Scottish Statutory Instrument 2017/430) from the Scottish Parliament came into effect implementing the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's recommendations to amend the boundary between Fife and Perth and Kinross council areas at Keltybridge. We took account of this boundary when we drafted our Final Recommendations.
- 3.27 In April 2018, we were made aware that the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland had submitted its report to Scottish Ministers recommending a revision to the boundary between Glasgow City council area and North Lanarkshire council area at Cardowan, Stepps. At the time of agreeing our Final Recommendations, Ministers have not announced a decision on the review and no implementing Order had been made. We have not, therefore been able to consider amending our recommendations there.

Existing constituencies

- 3.28 The existing 59 UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland came into force in 2005, resulting from our Fifth Periodical Review of Parliamentary Constituencies. There have been no alterations to the constituencies since then. In 2013, we stopped work on our previous review of UK Parliament constituencies because Parliament amended the legislation governing it.
- 3.29 The existing constituencies were used in the General Elections of 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2017.
- 3.30 They include Orkney and Shetland, which was a constituency specified in the legislation governing the Fifth Review, and Na h-Eileanan an Iar which we had recommended as a constituency despite its small electorate because of its geographical circumstances.
- 3.31 The 1 December 2015 electorates of the existing constituencies, apart from the island constituencies, varied from 45,898 to 83,593. Only 11 of the existing mainland constituencies were within 5% of the electoral quota for this review.
- 3.32 Even where an existing constituency had an electorate that was within the permitted range, it was not always possible to retain it, because of changes required to surrounding constituencies.
- 3.33 Maps of the existing UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland appear at Appendix D.
- 3.34 There are 73 Scottish Parliament constituencies. As there are to be 53 UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland, it is not in general possible for their boundaries to coincide. However, the boundaries of existing Scottish Parliament constituencies are a factor which we took into account.

Local ties

- 3.35 Local ties exist between many different areas, settlements and communities in Scotland. Our approaches of minimising the number of constituencies which cross council area boundaries and trying to use complete wards when designing constituencies are intended to help us reflect local ties.
- 3.36 When we have divided an electoral ward between constituencies, we have done so using community boundaries, historical boundaries or clear geographical features such as major roads in a way that we believe reflects local ties as far as possible.

Naming and designation of constituencies

3.37 We used the following broad guidelines when proposing names for constituencies:

- to use an existing constituency name where there is a successor constituency that is recognisably similar;
- to prefer constituency names that are short rather than attempt to describe an area exhaustively;
- to ensure that names of Scottish Parliament constituencies in general differ from those of UK Parliament constituencies where an appropriate and distinct alternative is available. Relying on word order alone (e.g. “Glasgow East” and “East Glasgow”) or conjunctions (e.g. “North and East Fife” and “North East Fife”) is generally not a sufficient difference;
- not to place compass points at the beginning of a name to help make an alphabetically sorted list easier to use. We make an exception if a constituency is named after a council area or town which has a compass point at the start of its name (such as East Lothian); and
- not to use the same name for a constituency and a council area unless the two are coterminous.

3.38 We took account of local views when recommending names for constituencies.

3.39 We are required to designate each constituency as either a burgh or a county constituency, but the legislation does not define these terms. The designation affects allowable candidate expenditure at elections. We have designated constituencies comprising predominantly urban areas as burgh constituencies and constituencies which are predominantly rural as county constituencies. For this review, the largest burgh constituency (Mid Fife) covered 139.1 square kilometres and the smallest county constituency (Dunbartonshire East) covered 169.3 square kilometres. Our recommended constituencies for this review are shown in Table 5.1 on pages 15-17.

Postcodes

3.40 We make extensive use of postcodes during our reviews as a means of counting electors within proposed constituencies. This is possible because the electoral registers include postcodes for electors, and because of the availability of a boundary dataset depicting the extent of each postcode.

3.41 However, postcode boundaries are not suitable as building blocks for constituencies. They are designed by Royal Mail for the purpose of delivering mail. As a result, they often do not follow the type of physical, natural or administrative features which make good constituency boundaries.

4 Review stages

Initial Proposals

- 4.1 We developed our Initial Proposals at our meetings between April and October 2016. Details of our Initial Proposals can be found in the appropriate sections of Appendix A, and in the minutes and papers of our meetings which are available on our website.
- 4.2 We followed the established practice of publishing Initial Proposals for public consultation without prior consultation with other interested bodies.

Initial consultation

- 4.3 We published our Initial Proposals on 20 October 2016. The ensuing statutory consultation period of 12 weeks lasted until 11 January 2017.
- 4.4 At all stages of our consultation, we put great importance on widely publicising our proposals to give as many people and organisations as possible the opportunity to comment on them. We wrote to all key stakeholders, held a press conference and displayed our proposals within at least one display point in each proposed constituency.
- 4.5 We made extensive use of maps in our published material, since we believe they provide the best means of explaining our proposals.
- 4.6 We were keen to hear opinions in support of and in opposition to our proposals.
- 4.7 We published our proposals on our website and consultation website which allowed users to view our proposals on an interactive map and submit comments to us.

Public Hearings

- 4.8 During November and December 2016, as part of the public consultation on our Initial Proposals, we held 5 Public Hearings around Scotland (in Ayr, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness), which was the maximum number allowed. More information about the Public Hearings is in Appendix E.

Secondary consultation

- 4.9 On 28 February 2017, we published on our website the representations received during our initial consultation and the transcripts of the Public Hearings, and invited written comment on them during the statutory secondary consultation period of 4 weeks.
- 4.10 Before publishing representations, we removed personal contact information, such as addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, in line with our privacy policy.
- 4.11 The secondary consultation helped us to evaluate representations and the evidence which they contained. It allowed us to get a sense of widespread concerns and of areas where there were contradictory views.

Representations

- 4.12 Where representations were received after the end of a consultation period, we considered them if time allowed.

- 4.13 Representations which opposed our proposals were particularly valuable to us if they included an alternative suggestion which took into account the legislative requirements and our need to take a consistent approach throughout Scotland.
- 4.14 We accepted representations in writing, including email and the reply facility provided on our website. The Public Hearings provided an opportunity to make a representation orally. We did not accept representations via social media and asked those who contacted us in that way to submit their views formally via our consultation site or by email.
- 4.15 We received 1,678 representations during the initial consultation and at the Public Hearings. We received 435 further representations during the secondary consultation. Further details of our consideration of representations can be found in the appropriate sections of Appendix A.

Revised Proposals

- 4.16 We considered all representations, the proceedings of the Public Hearings, any comments made during the secondary consultation period and any other relevant information. Having done so, we developed our Revised Proposals at our meetings between April and August 2017. Details of our Revised Proposals can be found in the appropriate sections of Appendix A, and in the minutes and papers of our meetings which are available on our website.
- 4.17 From our Initial Proposals we made changes to 11 constituency boundaries, 7 constituency names and 21 constituency names and boundaries. 12 mainland constituencies remained unchanged from our Initial Proposals.
- 4.18 We published our Revised Proposals on 17 October 2017. The ensuing statutory consultation period of 8 weeks lasted until 11 December 2017. The legislation does not allow for Public Hearings in connection with our Revised Proposals.
- 4.19 Our consultation on our Revised Proposals was guided by the same factors as our initial consultation, as set out in paragraphs 4.4 to 4.7.
- 4.20 We received 764 representations on our Revised Proposals. Further details of our consideration of representations can be found in the appropriate sections of Appendix A.

Final Recommendations

- 4.21 We considered all representations received regarding our Revised Proposals and decided whether any further modifications were required. Having done so, we developed our Final Recommendations at our meetings between February and May 2018. Details of our discussions are recorded in the minutes and papers of our meetings which are available on our website.
- 4.22 From our Revised Proposals 38 mainland constituencies remained unchanged and we made changes to 6 constituency boundaries, 5 constituency names and 2 constituency names and boundaries. From our Initial Proposals 10 mainland constituencies remained unchanged.

Public engagement

- 4.23 When we published our Initial and Revised Proposals, the legislation required us to take such steps as we thought fit to inform people in each proposed constituency:
- what our proposals were;
 - that a copy of the proposals was open to inspection at a specified place in the constituency; and
 - that written representations could be made to us.
- 4.24 To meet these requirements, we distributed information to 90 display points to make our proposals readily accessible during the public consultation stages. We tried to raise awareness of the review using social media. We paid to advertise on Twitter, used our own Twitter and Facebook pages and when writing to Councils asked them to publicise the consultation on their social media channels.
- 4.25 In addition to the statutory requirements, we disseminated proposals in various ways. Details of proposals were sent directly to a variety of recipients, including MPs, MSPs, the Scottish headquarters of political parties with MPs representing Scottish constituencies, the House of Commons Library, the House of Commons Vote Office, the House of Lords Printed Paper Office, and the Scottish Parliament Information Centre. In addition, we notified local authorities, Electoral Registration Officers, the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, Scottish Youth Parliament, and regional Scottish Equality Councils of the publication of the proposals. We also issued news releases on each occasion when we undertook public consultation, and made all of the consultation documents available on our website.
- 4.26 We jointly commissioned a web-based consultation site with the Boundary Commission for England and the Boundary Commission for Wales. The site allowed users to view our proposals on an interactive map, to submit their comments to us directly through the consultation site, and to view comments made during earlier consultation periods.
- 4.27 We made changes to the boundaries or names of 41 constituencies as a result of public consultation responses.

5 Final Recommendations and analysis

Recommended constituencies

- 5.1 We recommend the 51 UK Parliament constituencies covering mainland Scotland as shown in Table 5.1. Full definitions of the boundaries of the constituencies are contained in the external storage media which we are submitting with this report. Further descriptions and maps of these constituencies are in Appendix H and on our website.
- 5.2 The constituencies covering the island council areas are also included in Table 5.1 for completeness, although their extents are defined in the legislation.
- 5.3 Table 5.1 lists each constituency with its parliamentary electorate on 1 December 2015. The United Kingdom electoral quota is 74,769.2, as described in Section 2.
- 5.4 Details of our deliberations in arriving at our recommendations for each constituency are given in the appropriate sections of Appendix A.
- 5.5 A list of the recommended constituencies covering each council area is in Appendix F.
- 5.6 Details of the wards and part-wards making up each constituency are in Appendix G.

Table 5.1 – Final Recommendations for UK Parliament constituencies

* Changes made from Initial Proposals and Revised Proposals: U = unchanged; B = boundary changed; N = name changed; BN = boundary and name changed

Constituency name	Electorate	Area (sq. km)	Designation	Changes made from Initial Proposals*	Changes made from Revised Proposals*	Appendix
Aberdeen North	77,677	133.2	Burgh	B	U	A1
Aberdeen South	77,106	131.4	Burgh	B	U	A1
Angus South and Dundee East	72,307	523.4	County	BN	B	A1
Argyll, Bute and South West Highland	77,661	9,916.7	County	B	N	A2
Arran and Cunningsame	73,528	629.2	County	N	B	A5
Ayr and Carrick	77,352	1,107.3	County	U	U	A5
Banff and Buchan	78,079	1,776.1	County	B	U	A1
Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	73,812	3,992.1	County	B	U	A9
Clackmannanshire and Dunfermline	75,735	338.8	County	BN	U	A3
Clyde Coast	75,475	336.4	County	BN	BN	A5
Dumfriesshire and Lanarkshire South East	78,301	3,722.8	County	BN	U	A4
Dunbartonshire East	76,393	169.3	County	BN	U	A6

Constituency name	Electorate	Area (sq. km)	Designation	Changes made from Initial Proposals*	Changes made from Revised Proposals*	Appendix
Dunbartonshire West	72,459	187.9	County	BN	U	A6
Dundee	76,317	43.4	Burgh	U	U	A1
East Lothian	76,153	700.9	County	U	U	A7
Eastwood and Loudoun	71,251	436.6	County	N	U	A5
Edinburgh East	72,027	37.8	Burgh	B	B	A8
Edinburgh North and Leith	73,969	21.8	Burgh	U	B	A8
Edinburgh South	76,583	37.8	Burgh	BN	N	A8
Edinburgh West	77,738	91.5	Burgh	U	U	A8
Falkirk South	71,118	189.6	County	BN	U	A3
Fife South	77,327	226.4	County	BN	U	A3
Galloway and Dumfries	74,882	4,168.5	County	BN	U	A4
Glasgow Central	73,735	19.9	Burgh	B	U	A6
Glasgow East	75,433	33.3	Burgh	U	U	A6
Glasgow North East	71,443	38.1	Burgh	N	U	A6
Glasgow North West	75,983	29.8	Burgh	BN	U	A6
Glasgow South East	73,621	22.8	Burgh	B	U	A6
Glasgow South West	76,138	32.6	Burgh	B	U	A6
Gordon and Deeside	78,028	3,774.9	County	B	U	A1
Highland Central	78,133	10,380.4	County	BN	N	A2
Highland North	73,147	12,984.7	County	U	U	A2
Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley	78,431	1,082.3	County	U	U	A5
Kincardine and Angus North	72,925	2426.9	County	BN	B	A1
Lanarkshire North	77,877	188.3	County	BN	U	A4
Lanarkshire North East	72,316	175.1	County	BN	U	A4
Lanarkshire North West	74,263	82.7	Burgh	N	U	A4
Lanarkshire South West	76,833	403.4	County	N	U	A4
Lanarkshire West	76,341	56.7	Burgh	N	U	A4
Linlithgow	78,026	289.5	County	U	U	A8
Livingston and Edinburgh Pentland	78,164	226.1	County	U	N	A8
Mid Fife	75,166	139.1	Burgh	BN	U	A3

Constituency name	Electorate	Area (sq. km)	Designation	Changes made from Initial Proposals*	Changes made from Revised Proposals*	Appendix
Mid Lanarkshire	76,158	124.9	Burgh	BN	U	A4
Midlothian and Upper Tweeddale	76,824	1,105.9	County	BN	U	A9
Moray and Nairn	78,477	2,611.7	County	U	U	A2
<i>Na h-Eileanan an Iar</i>	20,887	3,268.6	<i>County</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>n/a</i>
North East Fife	76,900	833.5	County	U	U	A3
<i>Orkney and Shetland</i>	33,229	2,742.8	<i>County</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Paisley	71,599	57.3	Burgh	B	B	A5
Perth and North Perthshire	72,831	3,981.3	County	N	U	A3
Renfrewshire West and Garnock Valley	78,218	377.0	County	BN	BN	A5
Stirling and Falkirk North	71,177	191.6	County	BN	U	A3
Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross	71,299	3,626.1	County	BN	N	A3

Analysis

- 5.7 The December 2015 electorates of all of our recommended 51 mainland constituencies comply with the legislation. They are all within 5% of the United Kingdom electoral quota and vary from 71,118 to 78,477 electors.
- 5.8 Our recommendations include 1 mainland constituency which is unchanged from existing constituencies: East Lothian constituency. Na h-Eileanan an Iar constituency and Orkney and Shetland constituency are defined in the legislation for this review and are unchanged from existing constituencies.
- 5.9 Our recommendations include 2 mainland council areas where the electorates permit a whole number of constituencies exactly covering the extent of the council area: Glasgow City where there are 6 constituencies recommended and East Lothian which is recommended to comprise 1 constituency.
- 5.10 Our recommendations include: 296 mainland wards each contained within a single constituency; 33 mainland wards each divided between 2 constituencies; and 2 mainland wards each divided between 3 constituencies.
- 5.11 Of the recommended mainland constituencies, 33 are each contained within a single council area, 16 each include parts of 2 council areas and 2 include parts of 3 council areas.
- 5.12 Of the mainland constituencies existing at the start of this review, 48 were each contained within a single council area, 8 included parts of 2 council areas, while 1 included parts of 3 council areas. The constraints of the revised legislation result in more constituencies in our recommendations having to cross council boundaries.

Acknowledgements

- 5.13 We are grateful for the extensive support which we have received from local authorities in conducting the review, including providing facilities to allow us to make our proposals available for public consultation.
- 5.14 We are also grateful to those individuals and organisations who have responded to our public consultations, and thereby enabled us to consider a wide range of views when arriving at our Final Recommendations.
- 5.15 We would like to record our gratitude to the Registrar General for Scotland, Tim Ellis, who provided advice and assistance as our Assessor.
- 5.16 We would also like to record our gratitude to those who provided advice and assistance while representing the Director General of Ordnance Survey as our Assessor. They were Ms Michaela Gordon until May 2017, when she was succeeded by Mr Dominic Cuthbert.
- 5.17 We gratefully acknowledge the important role played by the Sheriffs Principal who conducted Public Hearings into our Initial Proposals for constituencies on our behalf.
- 5.18 We would also like to thank our Secretariat for their excellent work and the support they provided during the conduct of our review.

Next review

- 5.19 This concludes our report on our 2018 Review of UK Parliament constituencies in accordance with the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended by the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011. Our next review must be submitted before 1 October 2023.

Appendix A

Description of review by grouping of council areas

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Appendix A1

Aberdeen City; Aberdeenshire; Angus; and Dundee City council areas

Map – Final Recommendations: Aberdeen City; Aberdeenshire; Angus; and Dundee City council areas (maps of individual constituencies are located in Appendix H)



Constituencies at the start of this review

1. At the start of this review, Aberdeen City council area was covered by 2 constituencies wholly within the council area and 1 constituency partly in the council area and partly in Aberdeenshire council area. Aberdeenshire council area was covered by 2 constituencies wholly within the council area and 1 partly in Aberdeen City council area. Angus was covered by 1 constituency wholly within the council area and 2 partly in the Dundee City council area. Dundee City council area was covered by 2 constituencies partly within the council area and partly within Angus council area. The constituencies are shown in Table A1.1.

Table A1.1 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Current constituency	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Aberdeen North	Aberdeen City	Burgh	62,280
Aberdeen South	Aberdeen City	Burgh	64,274
Angus	Angus	County	62,649
Banff and Buchan	Aberdeenshire	County	67,153
Dundee East	Angus Dundee City	Burgh	65,007
Dundee West	Angus Dundee City	Burgh	60,913
Gordon	Aberdeenshire Aberdeen City	County	77,836
West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	Aberdeenshire	County	72,327
Total			532,439

Initial Proposals

2. We designed constituencies for this area within our overall approach to grouping council areas for constituency design. Our proposed groupings for this area included 5 constituencies exactly covering the extent of Aberdeenshire, Angus and Dundee City council areas and a further grouping of Aberdeen City council area which included 2 constituencies.
3. We discussed our Initial Proposals for these council areas in Paper 2016/22. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 18 July 2016. We agreed proposed constituency names and designations after considering Paper 2016/34. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 5 September 2016.
4. In deciding upon our Initial Proposals for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Dundee City council areas, we agreed a constituency design that: aimed to retain a Banff and Buchan constituency; required the division of fewer wards than the other options considered; avoided the division of Arbroath between constituencies; and aimed to retain traditional Aberdeen north-south constituencies.
5. Our Initial Proposals were as shown in Table A1.2. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Initial Proposals were included in the maps of our Initial Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A1.2 – Initial Proposals

Constituency name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Aberdeen North	Aberdeen City	Burgh	75,791
Aberdeen South	Aberdeen City	Burgh	74,444
Angus Glens and Dundee East	Angus Dundee City	County	78,156
Banff and Buchan	Aberdeenshire	County	76,878
Dundee	Dundee City	Burgh	76,317
Gordon and Deeside	Aberdeenshire	County	74,069
Kincardine and Angus East	Aberdeenshire Angus	County	76,784
Total			532,439

6. On 20 October 2016, we published our Initial Proposals for these council areas for the specified initial consultation period of 12 weeks.
7. We received 245 representations in response to the initial consultation on our Initial Proposals for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Dundee City council areas.
8. On 28 February 2017, we published the representations we received during the consultation for the specified secondary consultation period of 4 weeks. In response, we received a further 20 representations concerning Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Dundee City council areas.

Revised Proposals

9. We considered the representations received on our Initial Proposals in these council areas in Papers 2017/62, 2017/64 and 2017/68. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meetings of 13 April 2017, 3 May 2017 and 12 June 2017.
10. The main issue to emerge from the consultation was opposition to the proposed Kincardine and Angus East constituency that placed Banchory within a separate constituency to the rest of Deeside. No alternative suggestions were submitted to address retaining Banchory within a Deeside constituency.
11. Few comments were received elsewhere on the Initial Proposals within this grouping.
12. Some representations contained suggestions that did not comply with the statutory rules governing this review. We did not consider those suggestions further.
13. After considering all responses to the consultation we decided to amend the proposed boundary by Banchory, thereby retaining local community ties within Deeside. As a consequence we altered the proposed boundary to the north and south-west of Aberdeen; and made further changes to the proposed boundaries within Angus and Aberdeenshire council areas. We only retained the Dundee constituency from our Initial Proposals.
14. We agreed revised constituency names and designations after considering Paper 2017/79. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 8 August 2017. We decided to amend some constituency names in Angus and

Aberdeenshire to reflect the changes made to constituency boundaries since the Initial Proposals.

15. Our Revised Proposals are shown in Table A1.3. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Proposals were included in the maps of our Revised Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A1.3 – Revised Proposals

Constituency name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Aberdeen North	Aberdeen City	Burgh	77,677
Aberdeen South	Aberdeen City	Burgh	77,106
Angus South and Dundee East	Angus Dundee City	County	71,383
Banff and Buchan	Aberdeenshire	County	78,079
Dundee	Dundee City	Burgh	76,317
Gordon and Deeside	Aberdeenshire	County	78,028
Kincardine and Angus North	Aberdeenshire Angus	County	73,849
Total			532,439

16. On 17 October 2017, we published our Revised Proposals for constituencies in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Dundee City council areas for the specified consultation period of 8 weeks.
17. We received 27 representations in response to the consultation on our Revised Proposals for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Dundee City council areas both supporting our decision to amend the boundary by Banchory to retain local ties in Deeside and also opposing these changes due to the consequential changes in Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Angus council areas. We received an alternative suggestion in Angus that followed ward boundaries and retained local ties in the area.

Final Recommendations

18. We considered the representations received in response to our public consultation on our Revised Proposals at our meeting of 5 February 2018. Paper 2018/02 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We noted that there had been some support for the changes which placed Banchory in a constituency with other Deeside communities rather than with a Kincardine and Angus North constituency. We also noted that there had been limited opposition to the Revised Proposals elsewhere. We agreed to amend our Revised Proposals in Angus as the alternative suggestion submitted provided an improvement by using ward boundaries which were more likely to reflect local ties and be easily identifiable.
19. We agreed recommended constituency names and designations at our meeting of 21 May 2018. Paper 2018/17 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We decided to make no changes to the constituency names.
20. Details of our Final Recommendations for constituencies in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Dundee City council areas are in Table A1.4. Maps of

individual constituencies in the Final Recommendations are available in Appendix H. Constituency by council area is in Appendix F and individual wards contained in each constituency in Appendix G. Analysis of the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 5.

Table A1.4 – Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Area (sq. km)	Electorate
Aberdeen North	Burgh	133.2	77,677
Aberdeen South	Burgh	131.4	77,106
Angus South and Dundee East	County	523.4	72,307
Banff and Buchan	County	1,776.1	78,079
Dundee	Burgh	43.4	76,317
Gordon and Deeside	County	3,774.9	78,028
Kincardine and Angus North	County	2,426.9	72,925
Total			532,439

Appendix A2

Argyll and Bute; Highland; and Moray council areas

Map – Final Recommendations: Argyll and Bute; Highland; and Moray council areas
(maps of individual constituencies are located in Appendix H)



Constituencies at the start of this review

21. At the start of this review, Argyll and Bute had a single constituency coterminous with the council area boundary. Highland had 3 constituencies wholly within the council area and Moray had a single constituency coterminous with the council area boundary. The constituencies are shown in Table A2.1.

Table A2.1 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Current constituency	Council areas	Area (sq. km)	Designation	Electorate
Argyll and Bute	Argyll and Bute	7,164	County	65,944
Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	Highland	8,752	County	45,898
Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey	Highland	4,953	County	74,354
Moray	Moray	2,257	County	69,405
Ross, Skye and Lochaber	Highland	12,768	County	51,817
Total				307,418

Initial Proposals

22. We designed constituencies for this area within our overall approach to grouping council areas for constituency design. Our proposed grouping for this area included 4 constituencies exactly covering the extent of Argyll and Bute, Highland and Moray council areas.

23. We discussed our Initial Proposals for these council areas at our meeting of 13 June 2016 in Paper 2016/15. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of those meetings. We agreed proposed constituency names and designations at our meeting of 5 September 2016. Paper 2016/34 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.

24. In deciding upon our Initial Proposals for Argyll and Bute, Highland and Moray council areas, we considered that constituencies meeting the electorate and area requirements were reasonably possible in the circumstances. We took account of existing constituency boundaries, ward boundaries and Scottish Parliament boundaries, and proposed an option that resulted in the division of fewer wards than other options considered.

25. Our Initial Proposals were as shown in Table A2.2. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Initial Proposals were included in the maps of our Initial Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A2.2 – Initial Proposals

Constituency name	Council areas	Area (sq. km)	Designation	Electorate
Argyll, Bute and Lochaber	Argyll and Bute Highland	10,302	County	77,574
Highland North	Highland	12,985	County	73,147
Inverness and Skye	Highland	9,995	County	78,220
Moray and Nairn	Moray Highland	2,612	County	78,477
Total				307,418

26. On 20 October 2016, we published our Initial Proposals for these council areas for the specified initial consultation period of 12 weeks.

27. We received 129 representations in response to the initial consultation on our Initial Proposals for Argyll and Bute, Highland and Moray council areas.

28. On 28 February 2017, we published the representations we received during the consultation for the specified secondary consultation period of 4 weeks. In response, we received a further 25 representations concerning Argyll and Bute, Highland and Moray council areas.

Revised Proposals

29. We considered the representations received on our Initial Proposals in these council areas at our meeting of 6 July 2017 in Paper 2017/74. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

30. The main issues to emerge during the consultations were: respondents in Argyll and Bute council area opposed the creation of a constituency that includes the southern part of Lochaber within an Argyll, Bute and Lochaber constituency; opposition from electors in Highland council area to the proposed boundary by Fort William, which placed Kilmallie Community Council area (including the settlements of Corpach and Banavie just north of Fort William), in a constituency separate from Fort William; and a very limited response in opposition to the proposed Moray and Nairn constituency.

31. Some representations contained suggestions that did not comply with the statutory rules governing this review. We did not consider those suggestions further.

32. After considering all responses to the consultation we decided to amend the boundary between the proposed Argyll, Bute and Lochaber constituency and Inverness and Skye constituency, north of Fort William. It placed Kilmallie Community Council area in a constituency with Fort William to retain local ties in this area.

33. We agreed revised constituency names and designations at our meeting of 8 August 2017. We changed the name of 1 constituency in this grouping in an effort to provide consistency: Inverness and Skye became Highland South. Paper 2017/79 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.

34. Our Revised Proposals are shown in Table A2.3. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Proposals were included in the maps of our Revised Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A2.3 – Revised Proposals

Constituency name	Council areas	Area (sq. km)	Designation	Electorate
Argyll, Bute and Lochaber	Argyll and Bute Highland	9,917	County	77,661
Highland North	Highland	12,985	County	73,147
Highland South	Highland	10,381	County	78,133
Moray and Nairn	Moray Highland	2,612	County	78,477
Total				307,418

35. On 17 October 2017, we published our Revised Proposals for constituencies in Argyll and Bute, Highland and Moray council areas for the specified consultation period of 8 weeks.
36. We received 62 representations in response to the consultation on our Revised Proposals for Argyll and Bute, Highland and Moray council areas. Most of the representations opposed the size of the proposed Highland constituencies and Highland North in particular, with many respondents questioning whether a single MP could effectively represent such a large area. Respondents also questioned links between Nairn and Moray and links between Lochaber and Argyll and Bute council area.

Final Recommendations

37. We considered the representations received in response to our public consultation on our Revised Proposals at our meeting of 21 May 2018. Paper 2018/16 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We noted that many respondents had objected to the size of the constituencies in the Revised Proposals, particularly Highland North, and that these objections were understandable. We considered, however, that the requirements in legislation with regard to the number of electors in each constituency and the low population density of the areas in question meant creating large constituencies could not be avoided and we agreed to adopt our Revised Proposals as our Final Recommendations for Argyll and Bute, Highland and Moray council areas.
38. We agreed recommended constituency names and designations at our meeting of 21 May 2018. Paper 2018/17 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We recognised that some respondents to the consultation wished constituencies to have more descriptive names but noted the difficulty in achieving short, descriptive names for constituencies which cover many communities. We acknowledged that the reference to Lochaber in the name “Argyll, Bute and Lochaber” presented a problem as only part of Lochaber is in this constituency. We considered that the use of “Lochaber” or “South Lochaber” would be inconsistent with the other constituency names in this group of council areas, by highlighting one community, where the names are otherwise based on the council areas covered by the constituencies. We also noted that “Highland South” might be misleading as the constituency does not include all of the southern part of Highland council area. We decided to retain the

names Highland North and Moray and Nairn but renamed Argyll, Bute and Lochaber constituency as “Argyll, Bute and South West Highland”, and Highland South constituency as “Highland Central.”

39. Details of our Final Recommendations for constituencies in Argyll and Bute, Highland and Moray council areas are in Table A2.4. Maps of individual constituencies in the Final Recommendations are available in Appendix H. Constituency by council area is in Appendix F and individual wards contained in each constituency in Appendix G. Analysis of the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 5.

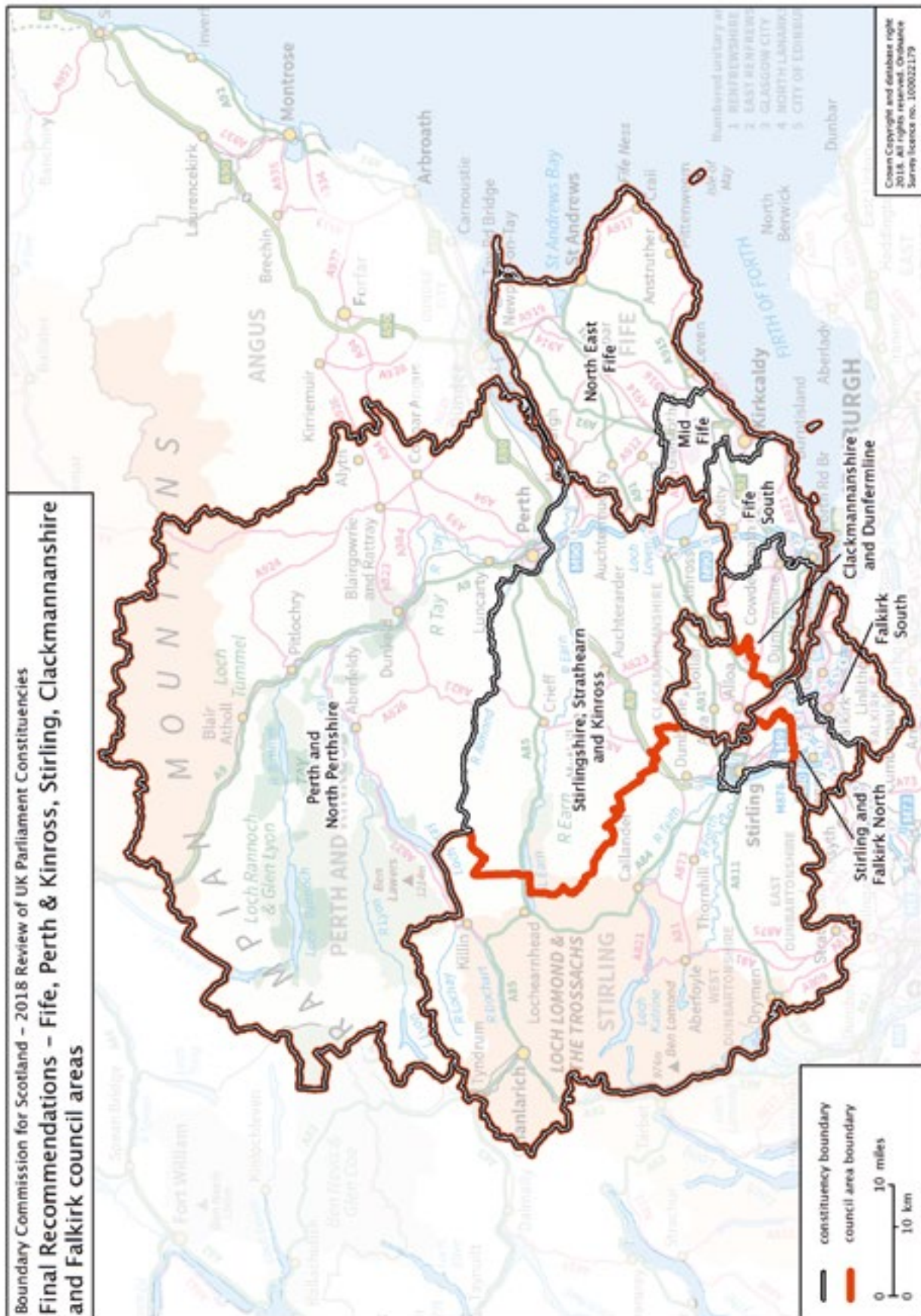
Table A2.4 – Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Area (sq. km)	Electorate
Argyll, Bute and South West Highland	County	9,916.7	77,661
Highland Central	County	10,380.4	78,133
Highland North	County	12,984.7	73,147
Moray and Nairn	County	2,611.7	78,477
Total			307,418

Appendix A3

Clackmannanshire; Falkirk; Fife; Perth and Kinross; and Stirling council areas

Map – Final Recommendations: Clackmannanshire; Falkirk; Fife; Perth and Kinross; and Stirling council areas (maps of individual constituencies are located in Appendix H)



Constituencies at the start of this review

40. At the start of this review, Clackmannanshire council area was covered by 1 constituency which also comprised part of Perth and Kinross council area. Falkirk council area was covered by 1 constituency wholly within the council area, and 1 constituency which also comprised part of West Lothian council area. Fife council area was covered by 4 constituencies wholly within the council area. Perth and Kinross council area was covered by 1 constituency wholly within the council area, and 1 constituency which also comprised Clackmannanshire council area. Stirling council area was covered by a single constituency coterminous with the council area boundary. The constituencies are shown in Table A3.1.

Table A3.1 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Current constituency	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Dunfermline and West Fife	Fife	County	73,965
Falkirk	Falkirk	County	80,755
Glenrothes	Fife	County	65,584
Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath	Fife	County	71,698
Linlithgow and East Falkirk	Falkirk West Lothian	County	83,593
North East Fife	Fife	County	56,716
Ochil and South Perthshire	Clackmannanshire Perth and Kinross	County	74,680
Perth and North Perthshire	Perth and Kinross	County	69,964
Stirling	Stirling	County	63,704
Total			640,659

Initial Proposals

41. We designed constituencies for this area within our overall approach to grouping council areas for constituency design. Our proposed groupings for this area included 3 constituencies exactly covering the extent of Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling council areas and 5 constituencies exactly covering the extent of Fife and Perth and Kinross council areas.
42. We discussed our Initial Proposals for Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling council areas at our meetings of 13 June 2016 and 5 September 2016. Papers 2016/16 and 2016/21 and the minutes of our meetings record our discussion and conclusions; and Fife and Perth and Kinross council areas at our meetings of 5 August 2016, 5 September 2016 and 3 October 2016. Papers 2016/29, 2016/37 and 2016/39 and the minutes of our meetings record our discussion and conclusions. We agreed proposed constituency names and designations at our meeting of 5 September 2016. Paper 2016/34 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.
43. In deciding upon our Initial Proposals for Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling council areas, we found constituency design challenging because of the low average electorate and considered options that improved the division of the city of Stirling.

44. In deciding upon our Initial Proposals for Fife and Perth and Kinross council areas, we agreed upon an option that divided fewer wards between constituencies and appeared to offer a greater degree of continuity of existing constituency boundaries.
45. Our Initial Proposals were as shown in Table A3.2. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Initial Proposals were included in the maps of our Initial Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A3.2 – Initial Proposals

Current constituency	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Clackmannanshire and Stirling North	Clackmannanshire Stirling	County	71,122
Falkirk	Falkirk	County	73,839
Stirling South	Falkirk Stirling	County	71,150
Sub total			216,111
Dunfermline	Fife	County	78,254
Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy	Fife	Burgh	71,677
Kinross-shire and Cowdenbeath	Fife Perth and Kinross	County	75,780
North East Fife	Fife	County	76,900
Perthshire	Perth and Kinross	County	72,831
Sub total			375,442
Total			591,553

46. On 20 October 2016, we published our Initial Proposals for these council areas for the specified initial consultation period of 12 weeks.
47. We received 227 representations in response to the initial consultation on our Initial Proposals for Clackmannanshire, Falkirk, Fife, Perth and Kinross and Stirling council areas.
48. On 28 February 2017, we published the representations we received during the consultation for the specified secondary consultation period of 4 weeks. In response, we received a further 27 representations concerning Clackmannanshire, Falkirk, Fife, Perth and Kinross and Stirling council areas.

Revised Proposals

49. We considered the representations received on our Initial Proposals in these council areas at our meetings of 6 July 2017 and 8 August 2017. Papers 2017/73 and 2017/78 and the minutes of our meetings record our discussion and conclusions.
50. The main issue to emerge during the consultation was opposition to the proposed Kinross-shire and Cowdenbeath constituency. 170 responses opposed the proposed constituency stating there are no historic, economic, natural, social or geographical links between rural Perthshire and urban Fife. A number of respondents suggested linking south Perthshire and Kinross-shire with Stirlingshire instead as these areas have historic links and are also linked by the A9 and A85 roads.

51. There was also some opposition to the Initial Proposals by Stirling as the city was split between constituencies.
52. Some representations contained suggestions that did not comply with the statutory rules governing this review. We did not consider those suggestions further.
53. After considering all responses to the consultation we decided to amend the proposed grouping of council areas. We agreed to combine the groupings of Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling council areas with Fife and Perth and Kinross council areas because it allowed us to address opposition to the proposed Kinross-shire and Cowdenbeath constituency. In addition, this new grouping enabled us to design a set of constituencies which minimised change to the Initial Proposals by retaining 2 constituencies and making only a minor change to 2 other constituencies. In this design only 2 wards are split, while the Initial Proposals split 5 wards. We also adopted the suggestion to create a south Perthshire and Kinross-shire constituency.
54. We agreed revised constituency names and designations at our meeting of 8 August 2017. Paper 2017/79 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. With the new grouping of council areas and changes to constituency boundaries, we amended the names of all constituencies except North East Fife.
55. Our Revised Proposals are shown in Table A3.3. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Proposals were included in the maps of our Revised Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A3.3 – Revised Proposals

Constituency name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Clackmannanshire and Dunfermline	Clackmannanshire Fife	County	75,735
Falkirk South	Falkirk	County	71,118
Fife South	Fife	County	77,327
Mid Fife	Fife	Burgh	75,166
North East Fife	Fife	County	76,900
Perth and North Perthshire	Perth and Kinross	County	72,831
Stirling and Falkirk North	Falkirk Stirling	County	71,177
Stirlingshire and South Perthshire	Perth and Kinross Stirling	County	71,299
Total			591,553

56. On 17 October 2017, we published our Revised Proposals for constituencies in Clackmannanshire, Falkirk, Fife, Perth and Kinross and Stirling council areas for the specified consultation period of 8 weeks.
57. We received 54 representations in response to the consultation on our Revised Proposals for Clackmannanshire, Falkirk, Fife, Perth and Kinross and Stirling council areas. Most of the representations supported the proposed Stirlingshire and South Perthshire constituency because it addressed issues raised during the consultation on the Initial Proposals. There was opposition to the proposed Clackmannanshire and

Dunfermline constituency because respondents perceived there to be no links between Dunfermline and Clackmannanshire.

Final Recommendations

58. We considered the representations received in response to our public consultation on our Revised Proposals at our meeting of 5 February 2018. Paper 2018/03 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We acknowledged the opposition to the Revised Proposals, particularly to the Clackmannanshire and Dunfermline constituency which divided the town of Dunfermline, but we did not receive detailed alternative suggestions which would offer an improvement upon the Revised Proposals for the wider council area grouping. We agreed therefore to adopt our Revised Proposals as our Final Recommendations.
59. We agreed recommended constituency names and designations at our meeting of 21 May 2018. Paper 2018/17 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We considered suggestions to include reference to Kinross or Kinross-shire in the name of Stirlingshire and South Perthshire constituency. We noted that Kinross is included in the name of one of the council areas which form part of this constituency but wished to avoid a constituency name that exhaustively described the area covered. We decided that “Strathearn” which covers most of the area of South Perthshire in the constituency could be used in place of “South Perthshire”, and that “Kinross” could be included in the constituency name, while keeping it reasonably short, and agreed to rename “Stirlingshire and South Perthshire” constituency as “Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross”. We decided to make no changes to other constituency names in this grouping, noting there had been no alternative suggestions.
60. Details of our Final Recommendations for constituencies in Clackmannanshire, Falkirk, Fife, Perth and Kinross and Stirling council areas are in Table A3.4. Maps of individual constituencies in the Final Recommendations are available in Appendix H. Constituency by council area is in Appendix F and individual wards contained in each constituency in Appendix G. Analysis of the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 5.

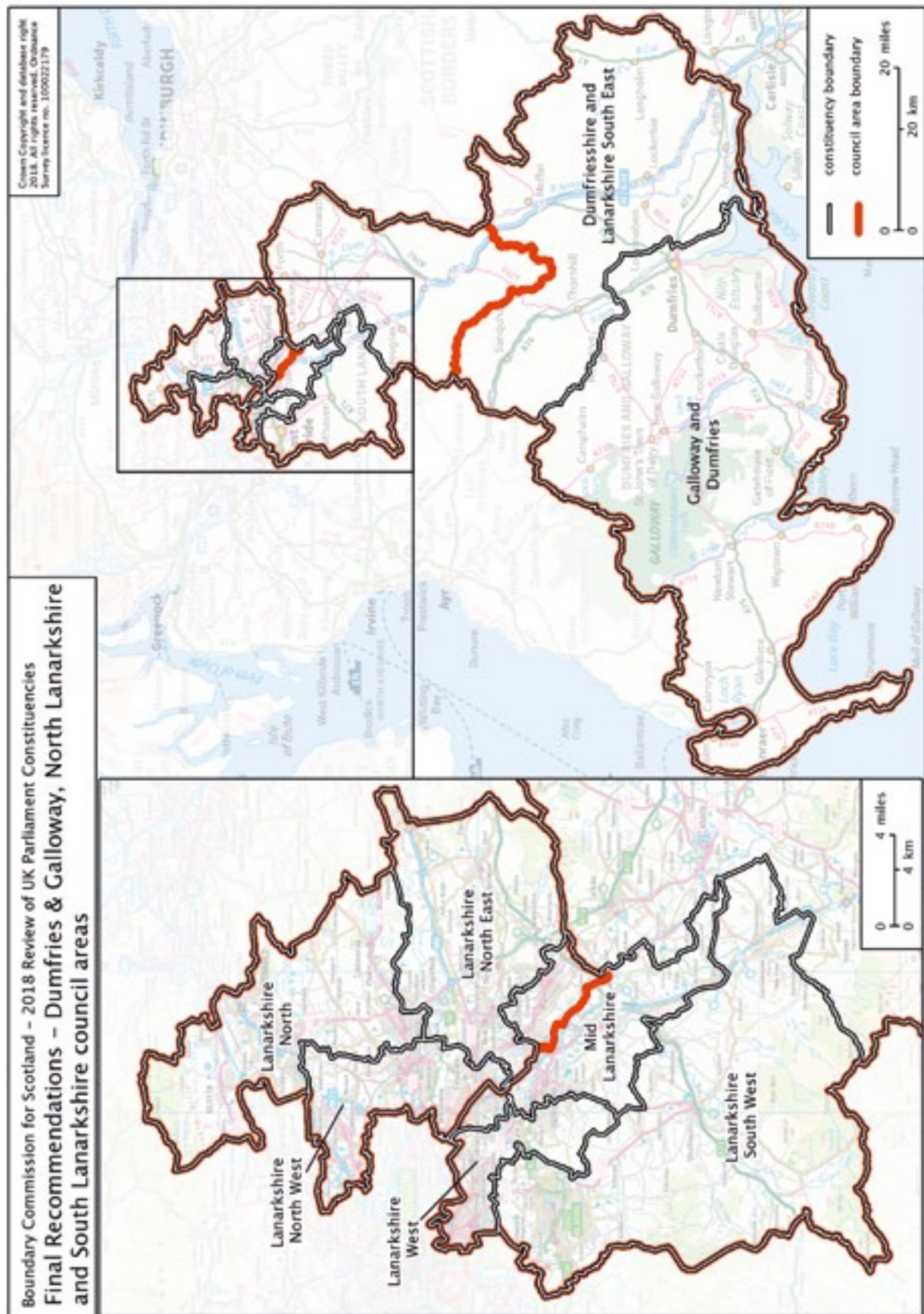
Table A3.4 – Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Area (sq. km)	Electorate
Clackmannanshire and Dunfermline	County	338.8	75,735
Falkirk South	County	189.6	71,118
Fife South	County	226.4	77,327
Mid Fife	Burgh	139.1	75,166
North East Fife	County	833.5	76,900
Perth and North Perthshire	County	3,981.3	72,831
Stirling and Falkirk North	County	191.6	71,177
Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross	County	3,626.1	71,299
Total			591,553

Appendix A4

Dumfries and Galloway; North Lanarkshire; and South Lanarkshire council areas

Map – Final Recommendations: Dumfries and Galloway; North Lanarkshire; and South Lanarkshire council areas (maps of individual constituencies are located in Appendix H)



Constituencies at the start of this review

61. At the start of this review, Dumfries and Galloway council area was covered by 1 constituency wholly within the council area, and 1 constituency which also comprised part of Scottish Borders and South Lanarkshire council areas. North Lanarkshire council area was covered by 3 constituencies wholly within the council area, and 1 constituency which also comprised part of East Dunbartonshire. South Lanarkshire council area was covered by 3 constituencies wholly within the council area, and 1 constituency which also comprised part of Dumfries and Galloway and Scottish Borders council areas. The constituencies are shown in Table A4.1.

Table A4.1 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Current constituency	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Airdrie and Shotts	North Lanarkshire	County	63,552
Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill	North Lanarkshire	Burgh	70,068
Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East	North Lanarkshire East Dunbartonshire	County	65,097
Dumfries and Galloway	Dumfries and Galloway	County	72,327
Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale	Dumfries and Galloway Scottish Borders South Lanarkshire	County	65,739
East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow	South Lanarkshire	County	79,311
Lanark and Hamilton East	South Lanarkshire	County	75,761
Motherwell and Wishaw	North Lanarkshire	Burgh	67,612
Rutherglen and Hamilton West	South Lanarkshire	Burgh	78,671
Total			638,138

Initial Proposals

62. We designed constituencies for this area within our overall approach to grouping council areas for constituency design. Our proposed grouping for this area included 8 constituencies exactly covering the extent of Dumfries and Galloway, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas.

63. We discussed our Initial Proposals for these council areas at our meeting of 18 July 2016. Paper 2016/23 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We agreed proposed constituency names and designations at our meeting of 5 September 2016. Paper 2016/34 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.

64. In deciding upon our Initial Proposals for Dumfries and Galloway, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas, we considered: existing constituency boundaries, including the boundary between Airdrie and Coatbridge; local ties by Coatbridge, Motherwell and Rutherglen; and avoided the division of as many wards as possible.

65. Our Initial Proposals were as shown in Table A4.2. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Initial Proposals were included in the maps of our Initial Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A4.2 – Initial Proposals

Current constituency	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Airdrie South and Shotts	North Lanarkshire	County	73,109
Clydesdale and Eskdale	Dumfries and Galloway South Lanarkshire	County	75,090
Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Monklands East	North Lanarkshire	County	74,961
Dumfries and Galloway	Dumfries and Galloway	County	78,093
East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow	South Lanarkshire	County	76,833
Hamilton and Motherwell	North Lanarkshire South Lanarkshire	Burgh	78,281
Monklands West	North Lanarkshire	Burgh	74,263
Rutherglen and Hamilton West	South Lanarkshire	Burgh	76,341
Total			606,971

66. On 20 October 2016, we published our Initial Proposals for these council areas for the specified initial consultation period of 12 weeks.

67. We received 224 representations in response to the initial consultation on our Initial Proposals for Dumfries and Galloway, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas.

68. On 28 February 2017, we published the representations we received during the consultation for the specified secondary consultation period of 4 weeks. In response, we received a further 148 representations concerning Dumfries and Galloway, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas.

Revised Proposals

69. We considered the representations received on our Initial Proposals in these council areas at our meetings of 12 June 2017 and 6 July 2017. Papers 2017/66 and 2017/72 and the minutes of our meetings record our discussion and conclusions.

70. The main issue to emerge during the consultation was the proposed boundary by Dumfries and Annandale. Over 300 responses opposed the boundary that separated Heathhall and Locharbriggs from Dumfries and also placed Annan within a separate constituency to the remainder of Annandale. A number of respondents also supported a suggestion that offered an alternative boundary by Dumfries and Annandale.

71. There was some opposition to the proposed Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Monklands East constituency because it split Airdrie and combined Airdrie and Cumbernauld, 2 areas with few, if any, historical or current links.

72. Some representations contained suggestions that did not comply with the statutory rules governing this review. We did not consider those suggestions further.

73. After considering all responses to the consultation we decided to amend the proposed boundary by Dumfries and Annandale to better reflect local ties in the area, by including Heathhall and Locharbriggs within a Dumfries constituency, and Annan in a constituency

with the rest of Annandale. We altered the proposed boundary to the south of Airdrie to address issues raised during the consultation, while minimising change to the Initial Proposals in Lanarkshire where there had been limited response to the Initial Proposals.

74. We agreed revised constituency names and designations at our meeting of 8 August 2017. Paper 2017/79 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We decided to amend the names of all constituencies within this grouping. For constituencies within North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas we added compass points to “Lanarkshire”, instead of using names of towns and districts. We also named a constituency Galloway and Dumfries instead of Dumfries and Galloway because the constituency boundary was not coterminous with the council area.
75. Our Revised Proposals are shown in Table A4.3. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Proposals were included in the maps of our Revised Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A4.3 – Revised Proposals

Current constituency	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Dumfriesshire and Lanarkshire South East	Dumfries and Galloway and South Lanarkshire	County	78,301
Galloway and Dumfries	Dumfries and Galloway	County	74,882
Lanarkshire North	North Lanarkshire	County	77,877
Lanarkshire North East	North Lanarkshire	County	72,316
Lanarkshire North West	North Lanarkshire	Burgh	74,263
Lanarkshire South West	South Lanarkshire	County	76,833
Lanarkshire West	South Lanarkshire	Burgh	76,341
Mid Lanarkshire	North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire	Burgh	76,158
Total			606,971

76. On 17 October 2017, we published our Revised Proposals for constituencies in Dumfries and Galloway, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas for the specified consultation period of 8 weeks.
77. We received 51 representations in response to the consultation on our Revised Proposals for Dumfries and Galloway, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas. The responses opposed the proposed Galloway and Dumfries constituency name, stating that there are no historic links between Dumfries and Galloway and South Lanarkshire council areas and opposed Airdrie being split between 2 constituencies. There was support for the Revised Proposals by Dumfries because they had addressed concerns expressed earlier in the Review.

Final Recommendations

78. We considered the representations received in response to our public consultation on our Revised Proposals at our meeting of 5 February 2018. Paper 2018/01 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. While there was opposition to some elements of the Revised Proposals, and some alternative suggestions, these suggestions did not provide detailed alternative boundaries which

addressed the issues raised or considered consequential changes to boundaries elsewhere; therefore, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Proposals and we adopted them as our Final Recommendations.

79. We agreed recommended constituency names and designations at our meeting of 21 May 2018. Paper 2018/17 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We noted that a number of responses had suggested renaming “Galloway and Dumfries” constituency as “Dumfries and Galloway” constituency but did not adopt this suggestion because the constituency only covers part of Dumfries and Galloway council area, and having the same name could cause confusion. We decided therefore to make no changes to the constituency names.
80. Details of our Final Recommendations for constituencies in Dumfries and Galloway, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas are in Table A4.4. Maps of individual constituencies in the Final Recommendations are available in Appendix H. Constituency by council area is in Appendix F and individual wards contained in each constituency in Appendix G. Analysis of the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 5.

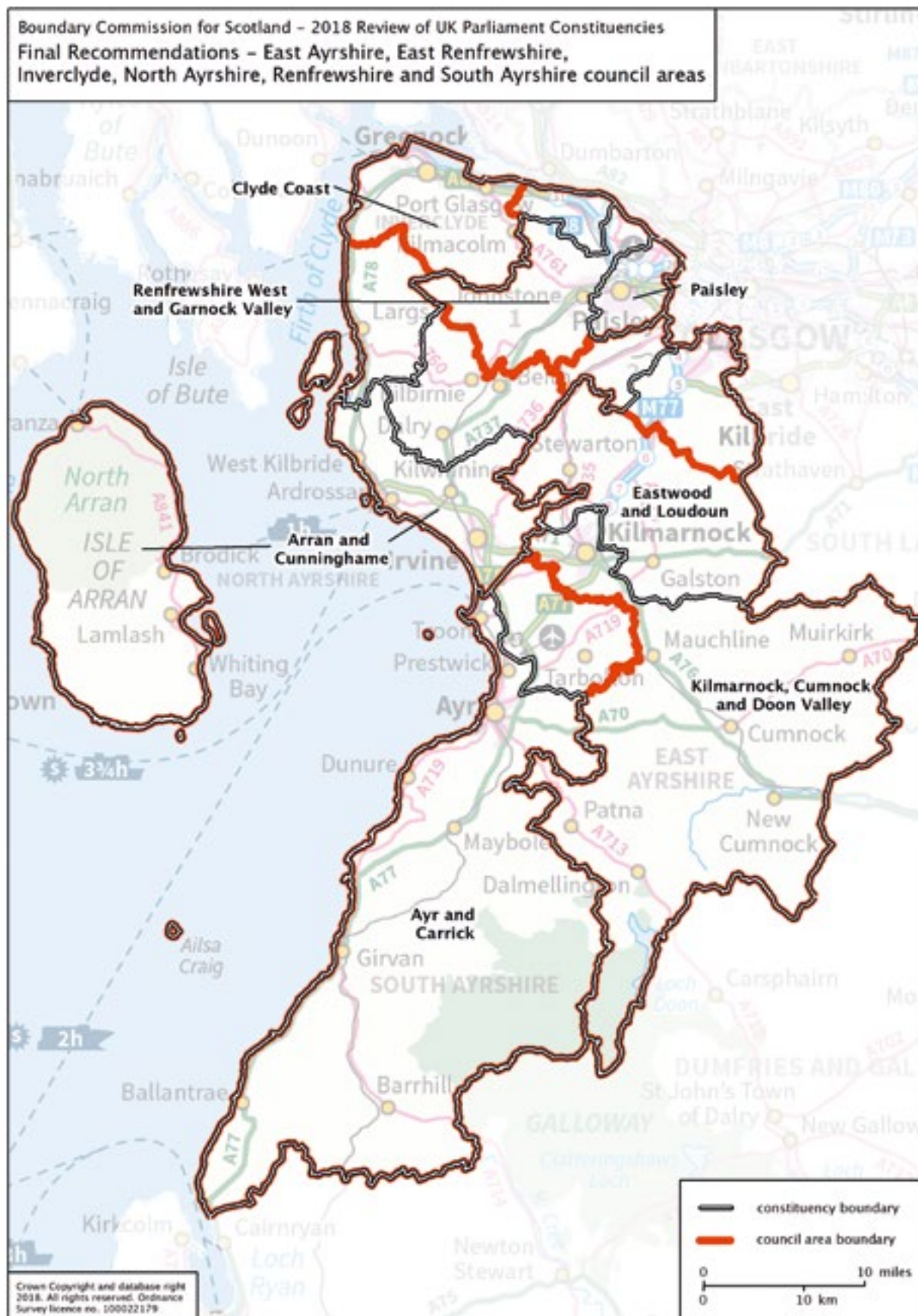
Table A4.4 – Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Area (sq. km)	Electorate
Dumfriesshire and Lanarkshire South East	County	3,722.8	78,301
Galloway and Dumfries	County	4,168.5	74,882
Lanarkshire North	County	188.3	77,877
Lanarkshire North East	County	175.1	72,316
Lanarkshire North West	Burgh	82.7	74,263
Lanarkshire South West	County	403.4	76,833
Lanarkshire West	Burgh	56.7	76,341
Mid Lanarkshire	Burgh	124.9	76,158
Total			606,971

Appendix A5

**East Ayrshire; East Renfrewshire; Inverclyde; North Ayrshire;
Renfrewshire; and South Ayrshire council areas**

Map – Final Recommendations: East Ayrshire; East Renfrewshire; Inverclyde; North Ayrshire; Renfrewshire; and South Ayrshire council areas (maps of individual constituencies are located in Appendix H)



Constituencies at the start of this review

81. At the start of this review, East Ayrshire council area was covered by 1 constituency wholly within the council area, and 1 constituency which also comprised part of South Ayrshire council area. East Renfrewshire council area was covered by a single constituency coterminous with the council area boundary. Inverclyde council area was also covered by a single constituency coterminous with the council area boundary. North Ayrshire council area was covered by 1 constituency wholly within the council area, and 1 constituency which also comprised part of South Ayrshire council area. South Ayrshire council area was covered by 1 constituency which also comprised part of North Ayrshire council area, and 1 constituency which also comprised part of East Ayrshire council area. Renfrewshire council area was covered by 2 constituencies wholly within the council area. The constituencies are shown in Table A5.1.

Table A5.1 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Current constituency	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock	East Ayrshire South Ayrshire	County	69,299
Central Ayrshire	North Ayrshire South Ayrshire	County	66,870
East Renfrewshire	East Renfrewshire	County	67,706
Inverclyde	Inverclyde	County	56,956
Kilmarnock and Loudoun	East Ayrshire	County	71,195
North Ayrshire and Arran	North Ayrshire	County	70,779
Paisley and Renfrewshire North	Renfrewshire	County	64,246
Paisley and Renfrewshire South	Renfrewshire	County	58,803
Total			525,854

Initial Proposals

82. We designed constituencies for this area within our overall approach to grouping council areas for constituency design. Our proposed grouping for this area included 7 constituencies exactly covering the extent of East Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and South Ayrshire council areas.

83. We discussed our Initial Proposals for these council areas at our meeting of 5 August 2016. Paper 2016/26 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We agreed proposed constituency names and designations at our meeting of 5 September 2016. Paper 2016/34 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.

84. In deciding upon our Initial Proposals for East Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and South Ayrshire council areas, we agreed a constituency design that: did not split Ayr, Kilmarnock or Paisley between constituencies; placed Ayr and Prestwick within a single constituency; and created a number of constituencies with strong local ties.

85. Our Initial Proposals were as shown in Table A5.2. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Initial Proposals were included in the maps of our Initial Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A5.2 – Initial Proposals

Current constituency	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Ayr and Carrick	South Ayrshire	County	77,352
Cunninghame East	East Ayrshire East Renfrewshire	County	71,251
Cunninghame West	North Ayrshire	County	74,566
Inverclyde and Largs	Inverclyde North Ayrshire	County	73,965
Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley	East Ayrshire South Ayrshire	County	78,431
Paisley	East Renfrewshire Renfrewshire	Burgh	75,331
West Renfrewshire	North Ayrshire Renfrewshire	County	74,958
Total			525,854

86. On 20 October 2016, we published our Initial Proposals for these council areas for the specified initial consultation period of 12 weeks.
87. We received 457 representations in response to the initial consultation on our Initial Proposals for East Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and South Ayrshire council areas.
88. On 28 February 2017, we published the representations we received during the consultation for the specified secondary consultation period of 4 weeks. In response, we received a further 101 representations concerning East Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and South Ayrshire council areas.

Revised Proposals

89. We considered the representations received on our Initial Proposals in these council areas at our meeting of 3 May 2017. Paper 2017/77 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.
90. The main issue to emerge during the consultation was support for the proposed Ayr and Carrick constituency in South Ayrshire that linked Ayr, Prestwick and Troon. There was some opposition to the proposals in Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and North Ayrshire council areas.
91. Some representations contained suggestions that did not comply with the statutory rules governing this review. We did not consider those suggestions further.
92. After considering all responses to the consultation, we decided to adopt an alternative suggestion and amended the proposed boundary by Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and North Ayrshire council areas. We had received suggestions to link Inverclyde with Renfrewshire rather than North Ayrshire because there are stronger ties, including transport, community, historical and geographical between these areas. We retained 4 constituencies from the Initial Proposals including the Ayr and Carrick constituency, and the Cunninghame East constituency, which were well supported in the public consultation.

93. We agreed revised constituency names and designations at our meeting of 8 August 2017. Paper 2017/79 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We decided to rename “Cunninghame East” as “Eastwood and Loudoun”; and “Cunninghame West” as “Arran and Cunninghame”. We adopted the names “Inverclyde and Erskine” and “Renfrewshire West” for the suggested constituencies in Renfrewshire. We retained the constituency names of: Ayr and Carrick; Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley; and Paisley from the Initial Proposals.
94. Our Revised Proposals are shown in Table A5.3. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Proposals were included in the maps of our Revised Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A5.3 – Revised Proposals

Current constituency	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Arran and Cunninghame	North Ayrshire	County	74,566
Ayr and Carrick	South Ayrshire	County	77,352
Eastwood and Loudoun	East Renfrewshire East Ayrshire	County	71,251
Inverclyde and Erskine	Inverclyde Renfrewshire	County	77,184
Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley	East Ayrshire South Ayrshire	County	78,431
Paisley	East Renfrewshire Renfrewshire	Burgh	75,648
Renfrewshire West	North Ayrshire Renfrewshire	County	71,422
Total			525,854

95. On 17 October 2017, we published our Revised Proposals for constituencies in East Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and South Ayrshire council areas for the specified consultation period of 8 weeks.
96. We received 226 representations in response to the consultation on our Revised Proposals for East Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and South Ayrshire council areas. The responses opposed the proposed Renfrewshire West constituency that extended from Paisley to the Clyde coast, opposed local ties being broken by Bridge of Weir and expressed concerns about increasing the size of the existing Inverclyde constituency.

Final Recommendations

97. We considered the representations received in response to our public consultation on our Revised Proposals at our meetings of 12 March 2018 and 21 May 2018. Papers 2018/09 and 2018/15 and the minutes of our meetings record our discussion and conclusions.
98. We noted the low number of objections to our Revised Proposals for the constituencies of Ayr and Carrick, Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley and Eastwood and Loudoun constituencies, as well as the high levels of support these constituencies had

received in response to the Initial Proposals. We agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Proposals for these constituencies and adopted them as our Final Recommendations.

99. We considered alternative constituency designs which addressed the issues raised during the consultation in Inverclyde, North Ayrshire and Renfrewshire council areas. We agreed upon a design that avoided the division of the Garnock Valley, Inverclyde and Paisley/Renfrew. We also considered retaining local ties by Bridge of Weir. We did not consider that further significant improvements to the constituencies covering these council areas could be achieved within the constraints of the legislation governing the Review.
100. We agreed recommended constituency names and designations at our meeting of 21 May 2018. Paper 2018/17 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We agreed to name a constituency Renfrewshire West and Garnock Valley because it covered the western part of Renfrewshire and included the whole of the Garnock Valley. We also agreed to name a constituency Clyde Coast because it included the Largs and Cumbraes area of North Ayrshire council area, the whole of Inverclyde council area, and a small part of the north west of Renfrewshire council area containing Langbank and Bishopton. We decided to make no changes to the other constituency names because they provided short but clear descriptions of their constituency areas.
101. Details of our Final Recommendations for constituencies in East Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and South Ayrshire council areas are in Table A5.4. Maps of individual constituencies in the Final Recommendations are available in Appendix H. Constituency by council area is in Appendix F and individual wards contained in each constituency in Appendix G. Analysis of the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 5.

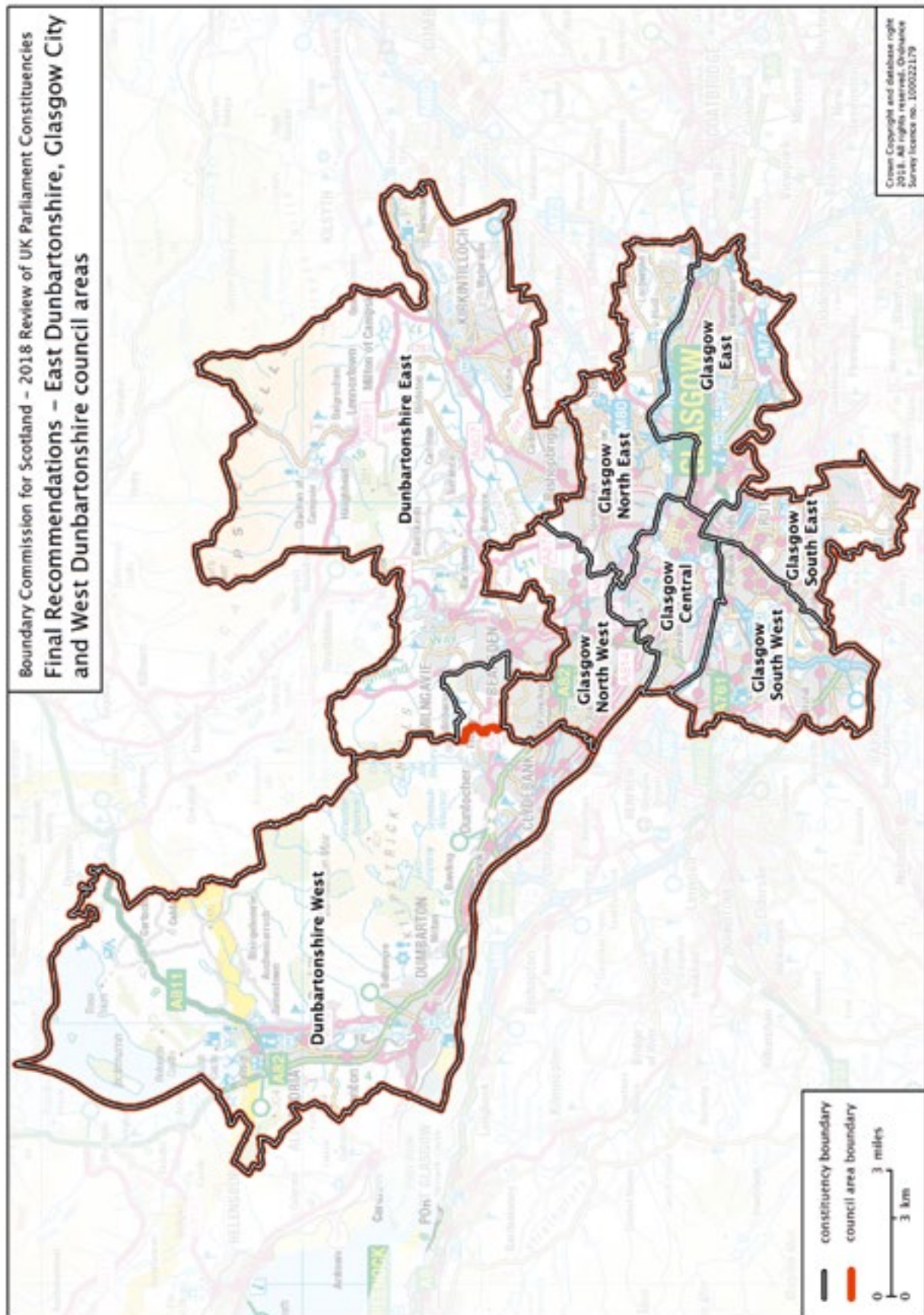
Table A5.4 – Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Area (sq. km)	Electorate
Arran and Cunninghame	County	629.2	73,528
Ayr and Carrick	County	1,107.3	77,352
Clyde Coast	County	336.4	75,475
Eastwood and Loudoun	County	436.6	71,251
Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley	County	1,082.3	78,431
Paisley	Burgh	57.3	71,599
Renfrewshire West and Garnock Valley	County	377.0	78,218
Total			525,854

Appendix A6

East Dunbartonshire; Glasgow City; and West Dunbartonshire council areas

Map – Final Recommendations: East Dunbartonshire; Glasgow City; and West Dunbartonshire council areas (maps of individual constituencies are located in Appendix H)



Constituencies at the start of this review

102. At the start of this review, East Dunbartonshire council area was covered by 1 constituency wholly within the council area, and 1 constituency which also comprised part of North Lanarkshire council area. Glasgow City council area was covered by 7 constituencies wholly within the council area. West Dunbartonshire council area was covered by a single constituency coterminous with the council area boundary. The constituencies are shown in Table A6.1.

Table A6.1 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East	East Dunbartonshire North Lanarkshire	County	65,097
East Dunbartonshire	East Dunbartonshire	County	65,362
Glasgow Central	Glasgow City	Burgh	64,307
Glasgow East	Glasgow City	Burgh	66,934
Glasgow North	Glasgow City	Burgh	54,699
Glasgow North East	Glasgow City	Burgh	60,671
Glasgow North West	Glasgow City	Burgh	65,762
Glasgow South	Glasgow City	Burgh	70,642
Glasgow South West	Glasgow City	Burgh	63,699
West Dunbartonshire	West Dunbartonshire	County	66,725
Total			643,898

Initial Proposals

103. We designed constituencies for this area within our overall approach to grouping council areas for constituency design. Our proposed grouping for this area included 8 constituencies exactly covering the extent of East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow City and West Dunbartonshire council areas.

104. We discussed our Initial Proposals for these council areas at our meetings of 5 September 2016 and 3 October 2016. Papers 2016/30 and 2016/40 and the minutes of our meetings record our discussion and conclusions. We agreed proposed constituency names and designations after considering Paper 2016/34. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 5 September 2016.

105. In deciding upon our Initial Proposals for East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow City and West Dunbartonshire council areas, we agreed a constituency design that: did not unnecessarily include parts of Glasgow City council area with other council areas; did not split more wards than necessary; provided an easily identifiable boundary west of Milngavie; and avoided the division of a community council area in Bearsden.

106. Our Initial Proposals were as shown in Table A6.2. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Initial Proposals were included in the maps of our Initial Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A6.2 – Initial Proposals

Constituency name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Glasgow Central	Glasgow City	Burgh	75,718
Glasgow East	Glasgow City	Burgh	75,433
Glasgow North	Glasgow City	Burgh	71,443
Glasgow South East	Glasgow City	Burgh	72,479
Glasgow South West	Glasgow City	Burgh	73,477
Glasgow West	Glasgow City	Burgh	77,803
Milngavie and Kirkintilloch	East Dunbartonshire	County	71,594
West Dunbartonshire and Bearsden North	East Dunbartonshire West Dunbartonshire	County	77,258
Total			595,205

107. On 20 October 2016, we published our Initial Proposals for these council areas for the specified initial consultation period of 12 weeks.
108. We received 229 representations in response to the initial consultation on our Initial Proposals for East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow City and West Dunbartonshire council areas.
109. On 28 February 2017, we published the representations we received during the consultation for the specified secondary consultation period of 4 weeks. In response, we received a further 84 representations concerning East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow City and West Dunbartonshire council areas.

Revised Proposals

110. We considered the representations received on our Initial Proposals in these council areas at our meeting of 6 July 2017. Paper 2017/67 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.
111. The main issue to emerge during the consultations was opposition to the division of Bearsden in the Initial Proposals. The chief concerns were: that Bearsden should not be divided; that it, or part of it should not be separated from Milngavie; and that no part of it should be in a constituency with West Dunbartonshire.
112. There was some public support for and opposition to a suggestion to avoid dividing Bearsden and keeping it in a constituency with Milngavie by creating constituencies which crossed the Glasgow City/East Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City/West Dunbartonshire local authority boundaries, as well as adjusting the proposed boundary between Glasgow North and Glasgow West at Ruchill to allow this.
113. There was some public opposition to a suggestion to incorporate Milngavie rather than the northern part of Bearsden in a constituency with West Dunbartonshire.
114. A second issue to arise during the consultations was opposition to the proposed boundary which passed through Craigton Village to the north west of Milngavie. Respondents felt that this boundary broke local ties within Craigton Village and between Craigton Village and Milngavie.

115. There were a small number of consultation responses with respect to Glasgow City council area, some of which made suggestions for modified boundaries to improve local ties.
116. Some representations contained suggestions that did not comply with the statutory rules governing this review. We did not consider those suggestions further.
117. After considering all responses to the consultation we decided to: retain a division of Bearsden but use a more easily identifiable boundary within the town; amend the Initial Proposals to avoid the division of Craigton Village; and amend the Initial Proposals in the southside of Glasgow and at Kelvinside to better reflect local ties within Glasgow.
118. We agreed revised constituency names and designations after considering Paper 2017/79. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 8 August 2017. We decided to amend the names of 4 of the constituencies in the grouping: “West Dunbartonshire and Bearsden North” became “Dunbartonshire West”; “Milngavie and Kirkintilloch” became “Dunbartonshire East”; “Glasgow West” became “Glasgow North West” and “Glasgow North” became “Glasgow North East”.
119. Our Revised Proposals are shown in Table A6.3. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Proposals were included in the maps of our Revised Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A6.3 – Revised Proposals

Constituency name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Dunbartonshire East	East Dunbartonshire	County	76,393
Dunbartonshire West	East Dunbartonshire West Dunbartonshire	County	72,459
Glasgow East	Glasgow City	Burgh	75,433
Glasgow Central	Glasgow City	Burgh	73,735
Glasgow North East	Glasgow City	Burgh	71,443
Glasgow North West	Glasgow City	Burgh	75,983
Glasgow South East	Glasgow City	Burgh	73,621
Glasgow South West	Glasgow City	Burgh	76,138
Total			595,205

120. On 17 October 2017, we published our Revised Proposals for constituencies in East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow City and West Dunbartonshire council areas for the specified consultation period of 8 weeks.
121. We received 181 representations in response to the consultation on our Revised Proposals for East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow City and West Dunbartonshire council areas. Most of the representations opposed the division of Bearsden and including part of it in a constituency with West Dunbartonshire.

Final Recommendations

122. We considered the representations received in response to our public consultation on our Revised Proposals at our meeting of 12 March 2018. Paper 2018/10 and

the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We noted that the division of Bearsden and inclusion of part of it in a constituency with West Dunbartonshire had attracted considerable opposition on the basis that this would break local ties within Bearsden. We discussed earlier constituency designs that we had considered, such as linking West Dunbartonshire council area with Milngavie and linking East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas with Glasgow City council area. We also considered linking West Dunbartonshire council area with Argyll and Bute council area and North Lanarkshire council area with East Dunbartonshire council area. These alternative constituency designs would avoid the division of Bearsden but they all broke local ties in other areas and we concluded that a constituency boundary in Bearsden was the best option available to ensure that all constituencies in the wider area were within the electoral quota, while minimising disruption to local ties.

123. We noted the low level of responses and the lack of detailed alternative suggestions for Glasgow City council area which suggested that the Revised Proposals reasonably reflected local ties within the council area.
124. We agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Proposals, and adopted them as our Final Recommendations.
125. We agreed recommended constituency names and designations at our meeting of 21 May 2018. Paper 2018/17 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We decided to make no changes to the constituency names, noting we had received no other suggestions or objections to the constituency names.
126. Details of our Final Recommendations for constituencies in East Dunbartonshire; Glasgow City; and West Dunbartonshire council areas are in Table A6.4. Maps of individual constituencies in the Final Recommendations are available in Appendix H. Constituency by council area is in Appendix F and individual wards contained in each constituency in Appendix G. Analysis of the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 5.

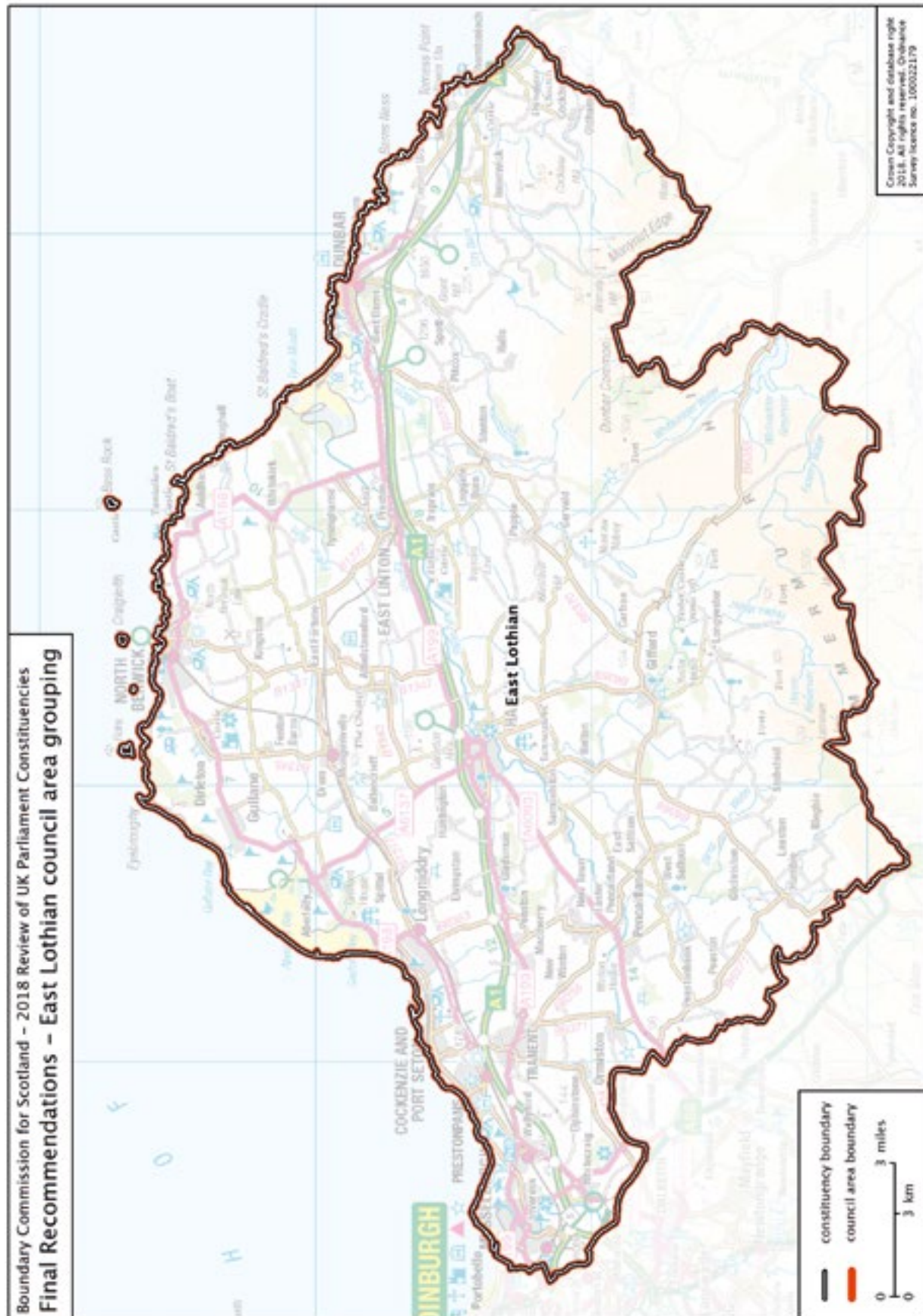
Table A6.4 – Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Area (sq. km)	Electorate
Dunbartonshire East	County	169.3	76,393
Dunbartonshire West	County	187.9	72,459
Glasgow Central	Burgh	19.9	73,735
Glasgow East	Burgh	33.3	75,433
Glasgow North East	Burgh	38.1	71,443
Glasgow North West	Burgh	29.8	75,983
Glasgow South East	Burgh	22.8	73,621
Glasgow South West	Burgh	32.6	76,138
Total			595,205

Appendix A7

East Lothian council area

Map – Final Recommendations: East Lothian council area (maps of individual constituencies are located in Appendix H)



Constituencies at the start of this review

127. At the start of this review, East Lothian council area was covered by a single constituency coterminous with the council area boundary. The constituency is shown in Table A7.1.

Table A7.1 – Constituency at the start of this review

Current constituency	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
East Lothian	East Lothian	County	76,153
Total			76,153

Initial Proposals

128. We designed constituencies for this area within our overall approach to grouping council areas for constituency design. Our proposed grouping for this area included a single constituency coterminous with the boundary of East Lothian council area.

129. We discussed our Initial Proposals for this council area at our meeting of 5 September 2016. Paper 2016/32 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We agreed the proposed constituency name and designation at our meeting of 5 September 2016. Paper 2016/34 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.

130. In deciding upon our Initial Proposals for East Lothian we acknowledged that the existing East Lothian UK Parliament constituency boundary is coterminous with East Lothian council area and within the electorate quota for this review. Therefore, we agreed that retaining the existing constituency maintained a constituency that is easily recognised by the electorate.

131. Our Initial Proposals were as shown in Table 7.2. The proposed constituency contained all wards within East Lothian council area.

Table A7.2 – Initial Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
East Lothian	East Lothian	County	76,153
Total			76,153

132. On 20 October 2016, we published our Initial Proposals for this council area for the specified initial consultation period of 12 weeks.

133. We received 18 representations in response to the initial consultation on our Initial Proposals for East Lothian council area.

134. On 28 February 2017, we published the representations we received during the consultation for the specified secondary consultation period of 4 weeks. In response, we received a further 6 representations concerning East Lothian council area.

Revised Proposals

135. We considered the representations received on our Initial Proposals in this council area at our meeting of 13 April 2017. Paper 2017/60 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.

136. The responses directly referencing East Lothian council area all supported the Commission's Initial Proposals.
137. Some representations contained suggestions that did not comply with the statutory rules governing this review. We did not consider those suggestions further.
138. After considering all responses to the consultation we agreed to adopt our Initial Proposals as our Revised Proposals for East Lothian council area.
139. We agreed the constituency name and designation at our meeting of 8 August 2017. Paper 2017/79 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We decided to retain East Lothian as a constituency name because the constituency and council area boundary are coterminous.
140. Our Revised Proposals are shown in Table A7.3. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Proposals were included in the maps of our Revised Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A7.3 – Revised Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
East Lothian	East Lothian	County	76,153
Total			76,153

141. On 17 October 2017, we published our Revised Proposals for a constituency in East Lothian council area for the specified consultation period of 8 weeks.
142. We received 1 representation in response to the consultation on our Revised Proposals for East Lothian council area, supporting the adoption of the Revised Proposals as our Final Recommendations.

Final Recommendations

143. We considered the representation received in response to our public consultation on our Revised Proposals at our meeting of 5 February 2018. Paper 2018/04 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. In light of the lack of opposition or any alternative suggestion received, we agreed that no change was required to this aspect of our Revised Proposals and adopted it within our Final Recommendations.
144. We agreed the recommended constituency name and designation at our meeting of 21 May 2018. Paper 2018/17 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We decided to make no changes to the constituency name.
145. Details of our Final Recommendations for the constituency in East Lothian council area are in Table A7.4. Maps of individual constituencies in the Final Recommendations are available in Appendix H. Constituency by council area is in Appendix F and individual wards contained in each constituency in Appendix G. Analysis of the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 5.

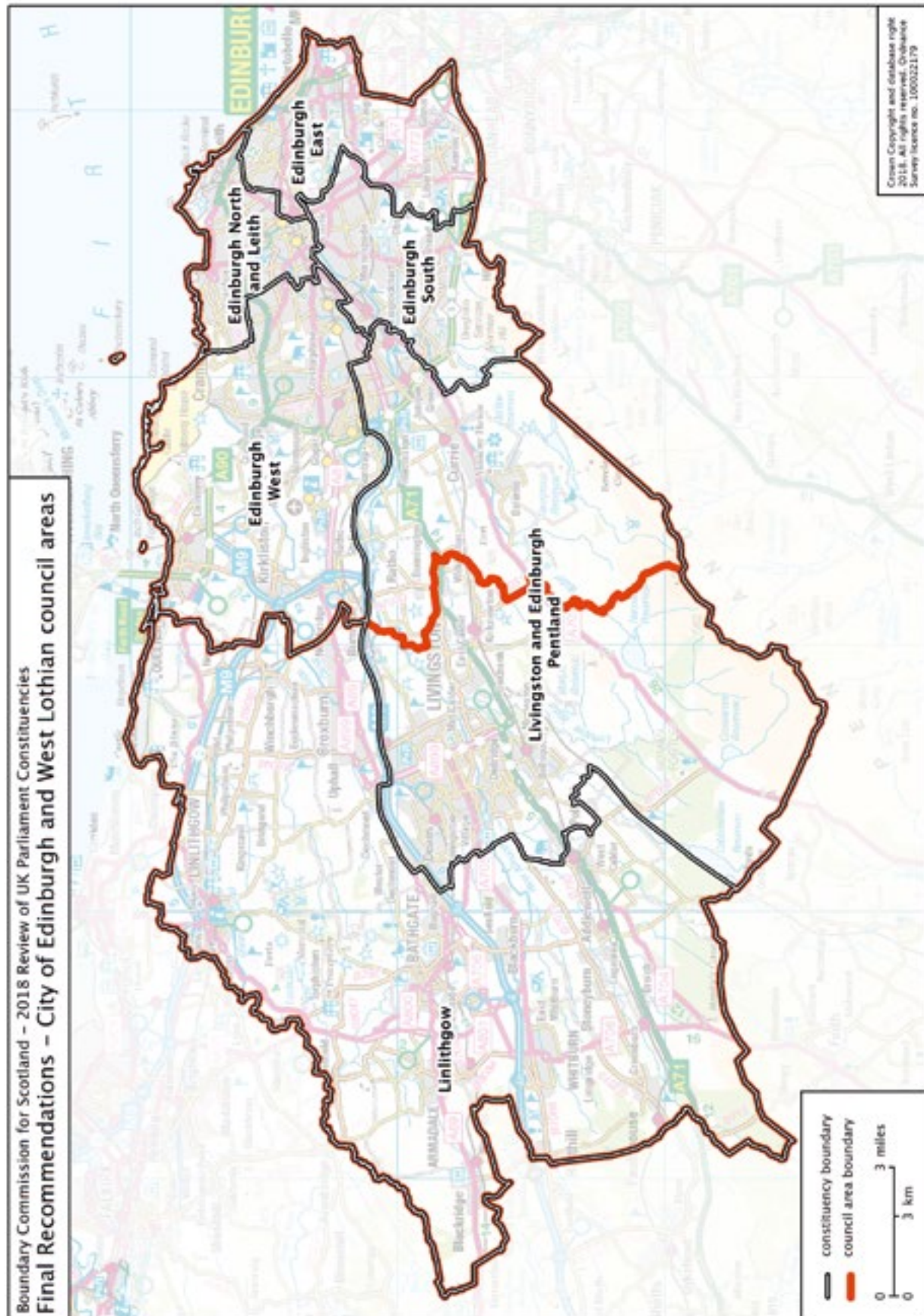
Table A7.4 – Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Area (sq. km)	Electorate
East Lothian	County	700.9	76,153
Total			76,153

Appendix A8

City of Edinburgh; and West Lothian council areas

Map – Final Recommendations: City of Edinburgh; and West Lothian council areas
(maps of individual constituencies are located in Appendix H)



Constituencies at the start of this review

146. At the start of this review, City of Edinburgh had 5 constituencies wholly within the council area and West Lothian had 1 constituency wholly within the council area and 1 constituency partly in the council area and partly in Falkirk council area. The constituencies are shown in Table A8.1.

Table A8.1 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Current constituency	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Edinburgh East	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	60,452
Edinburgh North and Leith	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	72,954
Edinburgh South	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	60,328
Edinburgh South West	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	66,458
Edinburgh West	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	68,472
Linlithgow and East Falkirk	Falkirk West Lothian	County	83,593
Livingston	West Lothian	County	78,737
Total			490,994

Initial Proposals

147. We designed constituencies for this area within our overall approach to grouping council areas for constituency design. Our proposed grouping for this area included 6 constituencies exactly covering the extent of City of Edinburgh and West Lothian council areas.

148. We discussed our Initial Proposals for these council areas at our meetings of 5 August and 5 September 2016 in Papers 2016/31 and 2016/33 respectively. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of those meetings. We agreed proposed constituency names and designations at our meeting of 5 September 2016. Paper 2016/34 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.

149. In deciding upon our Initial Proposals for City of Edinburgh and West Lothian council areas, we considered existing constituency boundaries and agreed a design in which the proposed constituencies in North Edinburgh were most like the existing constituencies and also where possible used existing ward and community council boundaries in a further effort to respect local ties.

150. Our Initial Proposals were as shown in Table A8.2. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Initial Proposals were included in the maps of our Initial Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A8.2 – Initial Proposals

Constituency name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Edinburgh East	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	74,009
Edinburgh North and Leith	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	71,541
Edinburgh Pentland and Livingston	City of Edinburgh West Lothian	County	78,164
Edinburgh South West and Central	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	77,029
Edinburgh West	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	77,738
Linlithgow	West Lothian	County	78,026
Total			456,507

151. On 20 October 2016, we published our Initial Proposals for these council areas for the specified initial consultation period of 12 weeks.
152. We received 131 representations in response to the initial consultation on our Initial Proposals for City of Edinburgh and West Lothian council areas.
153. On 28 February 2017, we published the representations we received during the consultation for the specified secondary consultation period of 4 weeks. In response, we received a further 19 representations concerning City of Edinburgh and West Lothian council areas.

Revised Proposals

154. We considered the representations received on our Initial Proposals in these council areas at our meeting of 6 July 2017 in Paper 2017/65. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of that meeting.
155. The main issues to emerge during the consultations were: opposition to the proposal that split City of Edinburgh ward 15 (Southside/Newington) breaking local ties; support for the proposed Edinburgh Southwest and Central constituency; and support for an alternative suggestion that placed the City of Edinburgh ward 11 (City Centre) in an Edinburgh East constituency and avoided splitting ward 15 between constituencies.
156. Some representations contained suggestions that did not comply with the statutory rules governing this review. We did not consider those suggestions further.
157. After considering all responses to the consultation we adopted a design that avoided the division of ward 15 (Southside/Newington) between constituencies and also meant that Marchmont and Sciennes and Morningside Community Council areas were not divided between constituencies.
158. We agreed revised constituency names and designations at our meeting of 8 August 2017. Paper 2017/79 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We decided to amend the names of one of the constituencies within this grouping, “Edinburgh Southwest and Central” was renamed as “Edinburgh Southside”.
159. Our Revised Proposals are shown in Table A8.3. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Proposals were included in the maps of our Revised Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A8.3 – Revised Proposals

Constituency name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Edinburgh East	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	74,455
Edinburgh North and Leith	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	71,541
Edinburgh Pentland and Livingston	City of Edinburgh West Lothian	County	78,164
Edinburgh Southside	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	76,583
Edinburgh West	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	77,738
Linlithgow	West Lothian	County	78,026
Total			456,507

160. On 17 October 2017, we published our Revised Proposals for constituencies in City of Edinburgh and West Lothian council areas for the specified consultation period of 8 weeks.
161. We received 119 representations in response to the consultation on our Revised Proposals for City of Edinburgh and West Lothian council areas. The responses mainly opposed the proposed boundary in central Edinburgh because it broke local ties in the City Centre ward by placing it within an Edinburgh East constituency.

Final Recommendations

162. We considered the representations received in response to our public consultation on our Revised Proposals at our meetings of 12 March 2018 and 21 May 2018. Papers 2018/08 and 2018/14 and the minutes of our meetings record our discussion and conclusions.
163. We considered alternative options and agreed on a constituency design which provided an improvement on the Revised Proposals because it better reflected local ties in the New Town and West End of Edinburgh and also followed recognisable boundaries in Leith that also considered local ties in that area.
164. We agreed recommended constituency names and designations at our meeting of 21 May 2018. Paper 2018/17 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.
165. We accepted the suggestion to rename “Edinburgh Pentland and Livingston” as “Livingston and Edinburgh Pentland” because the majority of the electors in the constituency live in the Livingston area, and rename “Edinburgh Southside” as “Edinburgh South” because its name was consistent with other constituency names in Edinburgh. We decided to make no other changes to constituency names in this grouping.
166. Details of our Final Recommendations for constituencies in City of Edinburgh and West Lothian council areas are in Table A8.4. Maps of individual constituencies in the Final Recommendations are available in Appendix H. Constituency by council area is in Appendix F and individual wards contained in each constituency in Appendix G. Analysis of the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 5.

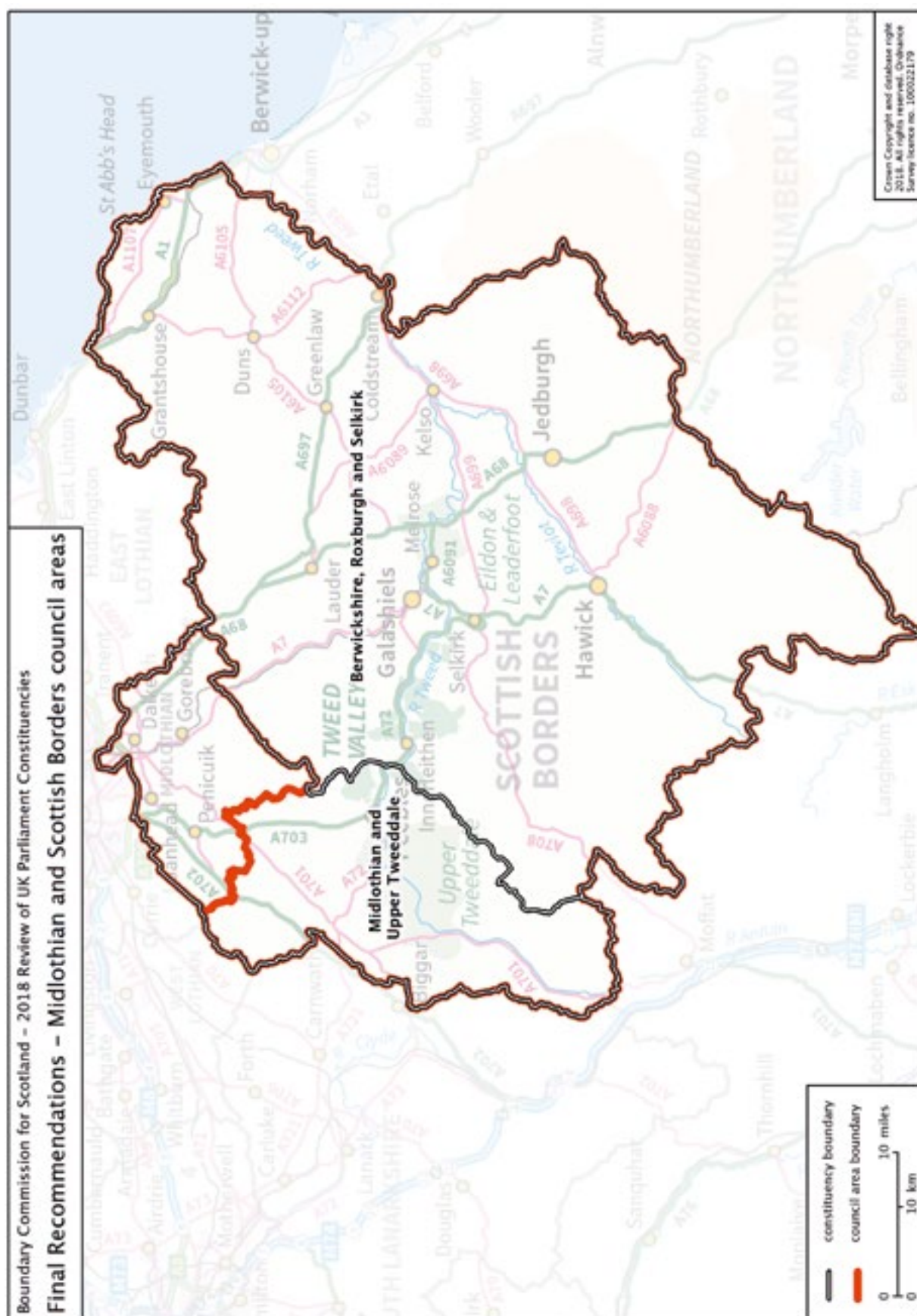
Table A8.4 – Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Area (sq. km)	Electorate
Edinburgh East	Burgh	37.8	72,027
Edinburgh North and Leith	Burgh	21.8	73,969
Edinburgh South	Burgh	37.8	76,583
Edinburgh West	Burgh	91.5	77,738
Linlithgow	County	289.5	78,026
Livingston and Edinburgh Pentland	County	226.1	78,164
Total			456,507

Appendix A9

Midlothian; and Scottish Borders council areas

Map – Final Recommendations: Midlothian; and Scottish Borders council areas (maps of individual constituencies are located in Appendix H)



Constituencies at the start of this review

167. At the start of this review, Midlothian council area was covered by a single constituency coterminous with the boundary of the council area. Scottish Borders council area was covered by 1 constituency wholly within the council area, and 1 constituency which also comprised part of Dumfries and Galloway and South Lanarkshire council areas. The constituencies are shown in Table A9.1.

Table A9.1 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	Scottish Borders	County	70,565
Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale	Dumfries and Galloway Scottish Borders South Lanarkshire	County	65,739
Midlothian	Midlothian	County	65,308
Total			201,612

Initial Proposals

168. We designed constituencies for this area within our overall approach to grouping council areas for constituency design. Our proposed grouping for this area included 2 constituencies exactly covering the extent of Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas.

169. We discussed our Initial Proposals for these council areas at our meeting of 5 August 2016. Paper 2016/28 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We agreed proposed constituency names and designations at our meeting of 5 September 2016. Paper 2016/34 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.

170. In deciding upon our Initial Proposals for Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas, we agreed a constituency design that respected local ties, particularly around Galashiels and surrounding towns in the Scottish Borders.

171. Our Initial Proposals were as shown in Table A9.2. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Initial Proposals were included in the maps of our Initial Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A9.2 – Initial Proposals

Constituency name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	Scottish Borders	County	74,428
Midlothian and Peebles	Midlothian Scottish Borders	County	76,208
Total			150,636

172. On 20 October 2016, we published our Initial Proposals for these council areas for the specified initial consultation period of 12 weeks.

173. We received 18 representations in response to the initial consultation on our Initial Proposals for Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas.

174. On 28 February 2017, we published the representations we received during the consultation for the specified secondary consultation period of 4 weeks. In response, we received a further 5 representations concerning Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas.

Revised Proposals

175. We considered the representations received on our Initial Proposals in these council areas at our meeting of 13 April 2017. Paper 2017/61 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions.

176. There was a low number of responses during the consultation. Some responses objected to the proposed Midlothian and Peebles constituency, stating there are no ties between Midlothian and Peebles and that the proposals broke local ties within the Tweed Valley.

177. Some representations contained suggestions that did not comply with the statutory rules governing this review. We did not consider those suggestions further.

178. After considering all responses to the consultation we decided to amend the proposed boundary in the Tweed Valley by including Cardrona within the proposed Midlothian and Peebles constituency to reflect its ties with Peebles.

179. We agreed revised constituency names and designations at our meeting of 8 August 2017. Paper 2017/79 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We decided to rename “Midlothian and Peebles” as “Midlothian and Upper Tweeddale”. We retained the constituency name of Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk from the Initial Proposals.

180. Our Revised Proposals are shown in Table A9.3. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Proposals were included in the maps of our Revised Proposals which are available on our website.

Table A9.3 – Revised Proposals

Constituency name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	Scottish Borders	County	73,812
Midlothian and Upper Tweeddale	Midlothian Scottish Borders	County	76,824
Total			150,636

181. On 17 October 2017, we published our Revised Proposals for constituencies in Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas for the specified consultation period of 8 weeks.

182. We received 43 representations in response to the consultation on our Revised Proposals for Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas. The responses mainly

opposed the proposed Midlothian and Upper Tweeddale constituency because the respondents perceived there to be no links between Peebles and Midlothian.

Final Recommendations

183. We considered the representations received in response to our public consultation on our Revised Proposals at our meeting of 12 March 2018. Paper 2018/07 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We considered the responses opposing a constituency that linked Midlothian with Peebles but noted that the current Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale Scottish Parliament constituency and UK Parliament Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale constituency cover large areas of Midlothian and Tweeddale. In light of the lack of alternative suggestions received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Proposals, and adopted them as our Final Recommendations.
184. We agreed recommended constituency names and designations at our meeting of 21 May 2018. Paper 2018/17 and the minutes of our meeting record our discussion and conclusions. We considered suggestions to rename Midlothian and Upper Tweeddale constituency but agreed they did not better describe the area and decided to make no changes to the constituency names.
185. Details of our Final Recommendations for constituencies in Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas are in Table A9.4. Maps of individual constituencies in the Final Recommendations are available in Appendix H. Constituency by council area is in Appendix F and individual wards contained in each constituency in Appendix G. Analysis of the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 5.

Table A9.4 – Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Area (sq. km)	Electorate
Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	County	3,992.1	73,812
Midlothian and Upper Tweeddale	County	1,105.9	76,824
Total			150,636

Appendix B

Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986

As amended

An Act to consolidate the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Acts 1949 to 1979 and certain related enactments.

1 *Parliamentary constituencies*

(1) There shall for the purpose of parliamentary elections be the county and borough constituencies (or in Scotland the county and burgh constituencies), each returning a single member, which are described in Orders in Council made under this Act.

(2) In this Act and, except where the context otherwise requires, in any Act passed after the Representation of the People Act 1948, 'constituency' means an area having separate representation in the House of Commons.

2 *The Boundary Commissions*

(1) For the purpose of the continuous review of the distribution of seats at parliamentary elections, there shall continue to be four permanent Boundary Commissions, namely a Boundary Commission for England, a Boundary Commission for Scotland, a Boundary Commission for Wales and a Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland.

(2) Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect with respect to the constitution of, and other matters relating to, the Boundary Commissions.

3 *Reports of the Commissions*

(1) Each Boundary Commission shall keep under review the representation in the House of Commons of the part of the United Kingdom with which they are concerned and shall, in accordance with subsection (2) below, submit to the Secretary of State reports with respect to the whole of that part of the United Kingdom, either –

(a) showing the constituencies into which they recommend that it should be divided in order to give effect to the rules set out in Schedule 2 to this Act, or

(b) stating that, in the opinion of the Commission, no alteration is required to be made in respect of that part of the United Kingdom in order to give effect to the said rules.

(2) A Boundary Commission shall submit reports under subsection (1) above periodically –

(a) before 1st October 2018 but not before 1st September 2018, and

(b) before 1st October of every fifth year after that.

(2A) A failure by a Boundary Commission to submit a report within the time limit which is appropriate to that report shall not be regarded as invalidating the report for the purposes of any enactment.

(2B) In relation to any report which a Boundary Commission are required by subsection (2) above to submit before a particular date but have not yet submitted (a 'pending boundary report'), the Commission shall submit to the Speaker of the House of Commons –

(a) during the January that begins one year and nine months before that date, and

(b) during each subsequent January,

a report setting out what progress they have made with the preparation of the pending boundary report, with particular reference to the requirement in subsection (2) above.

(2C) On receiving a report under subsection (2B) above, the Speaker shall lay it before Parliament.

(3)

(4) A report of a Boundary Commission under this Act showing the constituencies into which they recommend that any area should be divided shall state, as respects each constituency, the name by which they recommend that it should be known, and whether they recommend that it should be a county constituency or a borough constituency (or in Scotland a county constituency or a burgh constituency).

(5) As soon as may be after the submission of a report under subsection (1) above, the Secretary of State shall lay the report before Parliament.

(5A) As soon as may be after the submission of all four reports under subsection (1) above that are required by subsection (2) above to be submitted before a particular date, the Secretary of State shall lay before Parliament the draft of an Order in Council for giving effect to the recommendations contained in them.

(5B) Where –

(a) a Boundary Commission have submitted a report under subsection (1) above (but no draft under subsection (5A) above has yet been laid in relation to the report),

(b) the Commission notify the Secretary of State that the recommendations contained in the report are to have effect with specified modifications, and

(c) the Commission submit to the Secretary of State a statement of the reasons for those modifications,

the draft under subsection (5A) above shall give effect to the recommendations with those modifications.

(5C) Subsections (5A) to (5B) above do not apply where each of the reports mentioned in subsection (5) above states that no alteration is required to be made in respect of the part of the United Kingdom with which the Commission in question are concerned.

(6) Schedule 2 to this Act which contains the rules referred to above shall have effect.

4 *Orders in Council*

(1) The draft of any Order in Council laid before Parliament by the Secretary of State under this Act for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report of a Boundary Commission may make provision for any matters which appear to him to be incidental to, or consequential on, the recommendations.

(2) Where any such draft gives effect to any such recommendations with modifications, the Secretary of State shall lay before Parliament together with the draft the statement submitted under section 3(5B)(c) above of the reasons for the modifications.

(3) If any such draft is approved by resolution of each House of Parliament, the Secretary of State shall submit it to Her Majesty in Council.

(4) If a motion for the approval of any such draft is rejected by either House of Parliament or withdrawn by leave of the House, the Secretary of State may amend the draft and lay the amended draft before Parliament, and if the draft as so amended is approved by resolution of each House of Parliament, the Secretary of State shall submit it to Her Majesty in Council.

(5) Where the draft of an Order in Council is submitted to Her Majesty in Council under this Act, Her Majesty in Council may make an Order in terms of the draft which (subject to subsection (6) below) shall come into force on such date as may be specified in the Order and shall have effect notwithstanding anything in any enactment.

(6) The coming into force of any such Order shall not affect any parliamentary election or the constitution of the House of Commons until the dissolution of the Parliament then in being.

(7) The validity of any Order in Council purporting to be made under this Act and reciting that a draft of the Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament shall not be called in question in any legal proceedings whatsoever.

5 *Publicity and consultation*

(1) Once a Boundary Commission have decided what constituencies they propose to recommend in a report under section 3(1)(a) above –

(a) the Commission shall take such steps as they think fit to inform people in each of the proposed constituencies –

(i) what the proposals are,

(ii) that a copy of the proposals is open to inspection at a specified place within the proposed constituency, and

(iii) that written representations with respect to the proposals may be made to the Commission during a specified period of 12 weeks ('the initial consultation period');

(b) the Commission shall cause public hearings to be held during the period beginning with the fifth week of the initial consultation period and ending with the tenth week of it.

(2) Subsection (1)(a)(ii) above does not apply to a constituency with respect to which no alteration is proposed.

(3) Schedule 2A to this Act, which makes further provision about public hearings under subsection (1)(b) above, has effect.

(4) After the end of the initial consultation period the Commission -

(a) shall publish, in such manner as they think fit, representations made as mentioned in subsection (1)(a) above and records of public hearings held under subsection (1)(b) above;

(b) shall take such steps as they think fit to inform people in the proposed constituencies that further written representations with respect to the things published under paragraph (a) above may be made to the Commission during a specified period of four weeks ('the secondary consultation period').

(5) If after the end of the secondary consultation period the Commission are minded to revise their original proposals so as to recommend different constituencies, they shall take such steps as they see fit to inform people in each of those revised proposed constituencies -

(a) what the revised proposals are,

(b) that a copy of the revised proposals is open to inspection at a specified place within the revised proposed constituency, and

(c) that written representations with respect to the revised proposals may be made to the Commission during a specified period of eight weeks.

(6) Subsection (5) above does not apply to any proposals to make further revisions.

(7) Steps taken under subsection (4) or (5) above need not be of the same kind as those taken under subsection (1) above.

(8) A Boundary Commission shall take into consideration -

(a) written representations duly made to them as mentioned in subsection (1)(a), (4)(b) or (5)(c) above, and

(b) representations made at public hearings under subsection (1)(b) above.

(9) Except as provided by this section and Schedule 2A to this Act, a Boundary Commission shall not cause any public hearing or inquiry to be held for the purposes of a report under this Act.

(10) Where a Boundary Commission publish -

(a) general information about how they propose to carry out their functions (including, in the case of the Boundary Commission for England, information about the extent (if any) to which they propose to take into account the boundaries mentioned in rule 5(2) of Schedule 2 to this Act), or

(b) anything else to which subsection (1), (4) or (5) above does not apply, it is for the Commission to determine whether to invite representations and, if they decide to do so, the procedure that is to apply.

6A ...

6B *Functions of the Lord President of the Council*

See the Lord President of the Council Order 2010 by virtue of which functions of the Secretary of State under this Act are exercisable concurrently with the Lord President of the Council.

7 *Consequential amendments*

Schedule 3 to this Act shall have effect.

8 *Repeals and revocation*

(1) The enactments specified in Schedule 4 to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

(2) Article 2(7) of the Local Government Reorganisation (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 is hereby revoked.

9 *Citation, commencement and extent*

(1) This Act may be cited as the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, and shall be included among the Acts which may be cited as the Representation of the People Acts.

(2) This Act shall come into force at the end of the period of three months beginning with the day on which it is passed.

(3) This Act extends to Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

THE BOUNDARY COMMISSIONS

Constitution

1 The Speaker of the House of Commons shall be the chairman of each of the four Commissions.

2 Each of the four Commissions shall consist of the chairman, a deputy chairman and two other members appointed by the Secretary of State.

3 The deputy chairman -

(a) in the case of the Commission for England shall be a judge of the High Court appointed by the Lord Chancellor,

(b) in the case of the Commission for Scotland shall be a judge of the Court of Session appointed by the Lord President of the Court of Session,

(c) in the case of the Commission for Wales shall be a judge of the High Court appointed by the Lord Chancellor,

(d) in the case of the Commission for Northern Ireland shall be a judge of the High Court in Northern Ireland appointed by the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland.

4 A Member of any Commission (other than the chairman) shall hold his appointment for such term and on such conditions as may be determined before his appointment by the person appointing him.

4A In the case of a member of a Commission other than the chairman or deputy chairman, the conditions referred to in paragraph 4 above may include such provisions with respect to remuneration as the Secretary of State may determine with the approval of the Treasury.

Officers

5 The officers of each Commission shall include, as assessors, the following persons -

(a) in the case of the Commission for England, the Statistics Board and the Director General of Ordnance Survey,

(b) in the case of the Commission for Scotland, the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Scotland and the Director General of Ordnance Survey,

(c) in the case of the Commission for Wales, the Statistics Board and the Director General of Ordnance Survey,

(d) in the case of the Commission for Northern Ireland, the Registrar General of Births and Deaths in Northern Ireland, the Commissioner of Valuation for Northern Ireland, the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland and the Chief Survey Officer of Land and Property Services.

6 (1) The Secretary of State may, at the request of any Commission, appoint one or more assistant Commissioners to assist the Commission in the discharge of their functions.

(2) Any such assistant Commissioner shall be appointed either for a certain term or for the purposes of a particular matter, and on such conditions as to remuneration and otherwise as may be determined before his appointment by the Secretary of State with the approval of the Treasury.

7 The Secretary of State shall appoint a secretary to each of the Commissions, and may appoint such other officers of any Commission as he may determine with the approval of the Treasury, and the term and conditions of any such appointment shall be such as may be so determined.

Expenses

8 The expenses of each Commission, including the remuneration and travelling and other expenses of the members, assistant Commissioners, secretary and other officers, shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament.

Proceedings and instruments

9 A Commission shall have power to act notwithstanding a vacancy among their members, and at any meeting of a Commission two, or such greater number as the Commission may determine, shall be the quorum.

10 For the purpose of considering any matter of common concern, the Commissions, or any two or three of them, may hold joint meetings.

11 Subject to the provisions of this Act, each of the Commissions shall have power to regulate their own procedure.

12 Every document purporting to be an instrument made or issued by a Commission and to be signed by the secretary or any person authorised to act in that behalf, shall be received in evidence and shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be an instrument made or issued by the Commission.

SCHEDULE 2

RULES FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS

Number of constituencies

- 1 The number of constituencies in the United Kingdom shall be 600.

Electorate per constituency

- 2 (1) The electorate of any constituency shall be –
- (a) no less than 95% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and
 - (b) no more than 105% of that quota.
- (2) This rule is subject to rules 4(2), 6(3) and 7.
- (3) In this Schedule the ‘United Kingdom electoral quota’ means –

$$U/596$$

where U is the electorate of the United Kingdom minus the electorate of the constituencies mentioned in rule 6.

Allocation of constituencies to parts of the United Kingdom

- 3 (1) Each constituency shall be wholly in one of the four parts of the United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland).
- (2) The number of constituencies in each part of the United Kingdom shall be determined in accordance with the allocation method set out in rule 8.

Area of constituencies

- 4 (1) A constituency shall not have an area of more than 13,000 square kilometres.
- (2) A constituency does not have to comply with rule 2(1)(a) if –
- (a) it has an area of more than 12,000 square kilometres, and
 - (b) the Boundary Commission concerned are satisfied that it is not reasonably possible for the constituency to comply with that rule.

Factors

- 5 (1) A Boundary Commission may take into account, if and to such extent as they think fit –
- (a) special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency;
 - (b) local government boundaries as they exist on the most recent ordinary council-election day before the review date;
 - (c) boundaries of existing constituencies;
 - (d) any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies;

(e) the inconveniences attendant on such changes.¹

(2) The Boundary Commission for England may take into account, if and to such extent as they think fit, boundaries of the electoral regions specified in Schedule 1 to the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 (ignoring paragraph 2(2) of that Schedule and the references to Gibraltar) as it has effect on the most recent ordinary council-election day before the review date.

(3) This rule has effect subject to rules 2 and 4.

Protected constituencies

6 (1) There shall be two constituencies in the Isle of Wight.

(2) There shall continue to be -

(a) a constituency named Orkney and Shetland, comprising the areas of the Orkney Islands Council and the Shetland Islands Council;

(b) a constituency named Na h-Eileanan an Iar, comprising the area of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.

(3) Rule 2 does not apply to these constituencies.

Northern Ireland

7 (1) In relation to Northern Ireland, sub-paragraph (2) below applies in place of rule 2 where -

(a) the difference between -

(i) the electorate of Northern Ireland, and

(ii) the United Kingdom electoral quota multiplied by the number of seats in Northern Ireland (determined under rule 8), exceeds one third of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and

(b) the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland consider that having to apply rule 2 would unreasonably impair -

(i) their ability to take into account the factors set out in rule 5(1), or

(ii) their ability to comply with section 3(2) of this Act.

¹ Rule 5(1)(e) does not apply to a report due to be submitted before 1 October 2013, as specified by section 11(2) of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011.

(2) The electorate of any constituency shall be -

(a) no less than whichever is the lesser of -

$N-A$

and 95% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and

(b) no more than whichever is the greater of -

$N+A$

and 105% of the United Kingdom electoral quota,

where -

N is the electorate of Northern Ireland divided by the number of seats in Northern Ireland (determined under rule 8), and

A is 5% of the United Kingdom electoral quota.

The allocation method

8 (1) The allocation method referred to in rule 3(2) is as follows.

(2) The first constituency shall be allocated to the part of the United Kingdom with the greatest electorate.

(3) The second and subsequent constituencies shall be allocated in the same way, except that the electorate of a part of the United Kingdom to which one or more constituencies have already been allocated is to be divided by -

$2C+1$

where C is the number of constituencies already allocated to that part.

(4) Where the figure given by sub-paragraph (3) above is the same for two or more parts of the United Kingdom, the part to which a constituency is to be allocated shall be the one with the smaller or smallest actual electorate.

(5) This rule does not apply to the constituencies mentioned in rule 6, and accordingly -

(a) the electorate of England shall be treated for the purposes of this rule as reduced by the electorate of the constituencies mentioned in rule 6(1);

(b) the electorate of Scotland shall be treated for the purposes of this rule as reduced by the electorate of the constituencies mentioned in rule 6(2).

Interpretation

9 (1) This rule has effect for the purposes of this Schedule.

(2) The 'electorate' of the United Kingdom, or of a part of the United Kingdom or a constituency, is the total number of persons whose names appear on the relevant

version of a register of parliamentary electors in respect of addresses in the United Kingdom, or in that part or that constituency.

For this purpose the relevant version of a register is the version that is required by virtue of subsection (1) of section 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to be published no later than the review date, or would be so required but for –

- (a) any power under that section to prescribe a later date, or
- (b) subsection (1A) of that section.

(3) ‘Local government boundaries’ are –

- (a) in England, the boundaries of counties and their electoral divisions, districts and their wards, London boroughs and their wards and the City of London,
- (b) in Wales, the boundaries of counties, county boroughs, electoral divisions, communities and community wards,
- (c) in Scotland, the boundaries of local government areas and the electoral wards into which they are divided under section 1 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004, and
- (d) in Northern Ireland, the boundaries of wards.

(4) ‘Ordinary council-election day’ is –

- (a) in relation to England and Wales, the ordinary day of election of councillors for local government areas;
- (b) in relation to Scotland, the day on which the poll is held at ordinary elections of councillors for local government areas;
- (c) in relation to Northern Ireland, the day of an election for any district council (other than an election to fill a casual vacancy).

(5) The ‘review date’, in relation to a report under section 3(1) of this Act that a Boundary Commission is required (by section 3(2)) to submit before a particular date, is two years and ten months before that date.

(6) ‘The United Kingdom electoral quota’ has the meaning given by rule 2(3).

(7) A reference in rule 6 to an area is to the area as it existed on the coming into force of Part 2 of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011.

SCHEDULE 2A

PUBLIC HEARINGS ABOUT BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS

Purpose of hearings

1 The purpose of a public hearing is to enable representations to be made about any of the proposals with which the hearing is concerned.

Number of hearings

2 (1) In relation to any particular report under section 3(1)(a) of this Act –

(a) the Boundary Commission for England shall cause at least two and no more than five public hearings to be held in each English region;

(b) the Boundary Commission for Scotland shall cause at least two and no more than five public hearings to be held in Scotland;

(c) the Boundary Commission for Wales shall cause at least two and no more than five public hearings to be held in Wales;

(d) the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland shall cause at least two and no more than five public hearings to be held in Northern Ireland.

(2) The public hearings in an English region shall be concerned with proposals for that region, and shall between them cover the whole region.

(3) The public hearings in Scotland shall be concerned with proposals for Scotland, and shall between them cover the whole of Scotland.

(4) The public hearings in Wales shall be concerned with proposals for Wales, and shall between them cover the whole of Wales.

(5) The public hearings in Northern Ireland shall be concerned with proposals for Northern Ireland, and shall between them cover the whole of Northern Ireland.

Chair of hearing

3 For each public hearing the Boundary Commission concerned shall appoint a person to chair the hearing.

Length of hearings

4 A public hearing shall be completed within two days.

Procedure at hearings

5 It is for the chair of each public hearing to determine the procedure that is to govern that hearing.

6 The chair shall make arrangements for a public hearing to begin with an explanation of –

(a) the proposals with which the hearing is concerned;

(b) how written representations about the proposals may be made (as mentioned in section 5(1)(a), (4)(b) or (5)(c) of this Act).

- 7 (1) The chair of a public hearing must allow representations to be made –
- (a) by each qualifying party;
 - (b) by any other persons (whether individuals or organisations) considered by the chair to have an interest in any of the proposals with which the hearing is concerned.

Paragraph (b) above has effect subject to sub-paragraph (3)(b) below.

- (2) The chair may restrict the amount of time allowed for representations –

- (a) by qualifying parties, and
- (b) by other persons,

and need not allow the same amount to each.

- (3) The chair may determine –

- (a) the order in which representations are made, and
- (b) if necessary because of shortage of time, which of those wishing to make representations are not allowed to do so, in whatever way the chair decides.

- 8 (1) The chair may put questions, or allow questions to be put, to a person present at the hearing.
- (2) If questions are allowed to be put, the chair may regulate the manner of questioning or restrict the number of questions a person may ask.

Interpretation

- 9 In this Schedule –

‘the chair’ means the person appointed under paragraph 3 above;

‘English region’ means an electoral region specified in Schedule 1 to the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 (ignoring paragraph 2(2) of that Schedule and the references to Gibraltar) as it has effect on the day referred to in rule 5(2) of Schedule 2 to this Act;

‘public hearing’ means a hearing under section 5(1)(b) of this Act;

‘qualifying party’ means a party that is registered under Part 2 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 and either –

- (a) has at least one Member of the House of Commons representing a constituency in the region, or (as the case may be) the part of the United Kingdom, in which the hearing is held, or
- (b) received at least 10% of the votes cast in that region or part in the most recent parliamentary general election.

SCHEDULE 3
CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

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SCHEDULE 4
REPEALS

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Appendix C

Council area UK Parliamentary electorate and theoretical entitlement to constituencies

- 1 Table C.1 shows the theoretical entitlement to constituencies which is calculated by dividing the council area electorate by the UK electoral quota.

Table C.1 – Council area electorate and theoretical entitlement to constituencies

Council area	1 December 2015 parliamentary electorate	Theoretical entitlement
Aberdeen City	150,235	2.01
Aberdeenshire	193,635	2.59
Angus	85,631	1.15
Argyll and Bute	65,944	0.88
Clackmannanshire	37,165	0.50
Dumfries and Galloway	113,303	1.52
Dundee City	102,938	1.38
East Ayrshire	89,709	1.20
East Dunbartonshire	82,127	1.10
East Lothian	76,153	1.02
East Renfrewshire	67,706	0.91
Edinburgh, City of	328,664	4.40
Falkirk	115,242	1.54
Fife	267,963	3.58
Glasgow City	446,353	5.97
Highland	172,069	2.30
Inverclyde	56,956	0.76
Midlothian	65,308	0.87
Moray	69,405	0.93
North Ayrshire	101,916	1.36
North Lanarkshire	249,925	3.34
Perth and Kinross	107,479	1.44
Renfrewshire	123,049	1.65
Scottish Borders	85,328	1.14
South Ayrshire	86,518	1.16
South Lanarkshire	243,743	3.26
Stirling	63,704	0.85
West Dunbartonshire	66,725	0.89
West Lothian	127,843	1.71
Total	3,842,736	51.39
<i>Na h-Eileanan an Iar</i>	<i>20,887</i>	
<i>Orkney Islands</i>	<i>16,294</i>	
<i>Shetland Islands</i>	<i>16,935</i>	
Scotland total	3,896,852	

Map C.2 – Theoretical entitlement to constituencies for mainland council areas

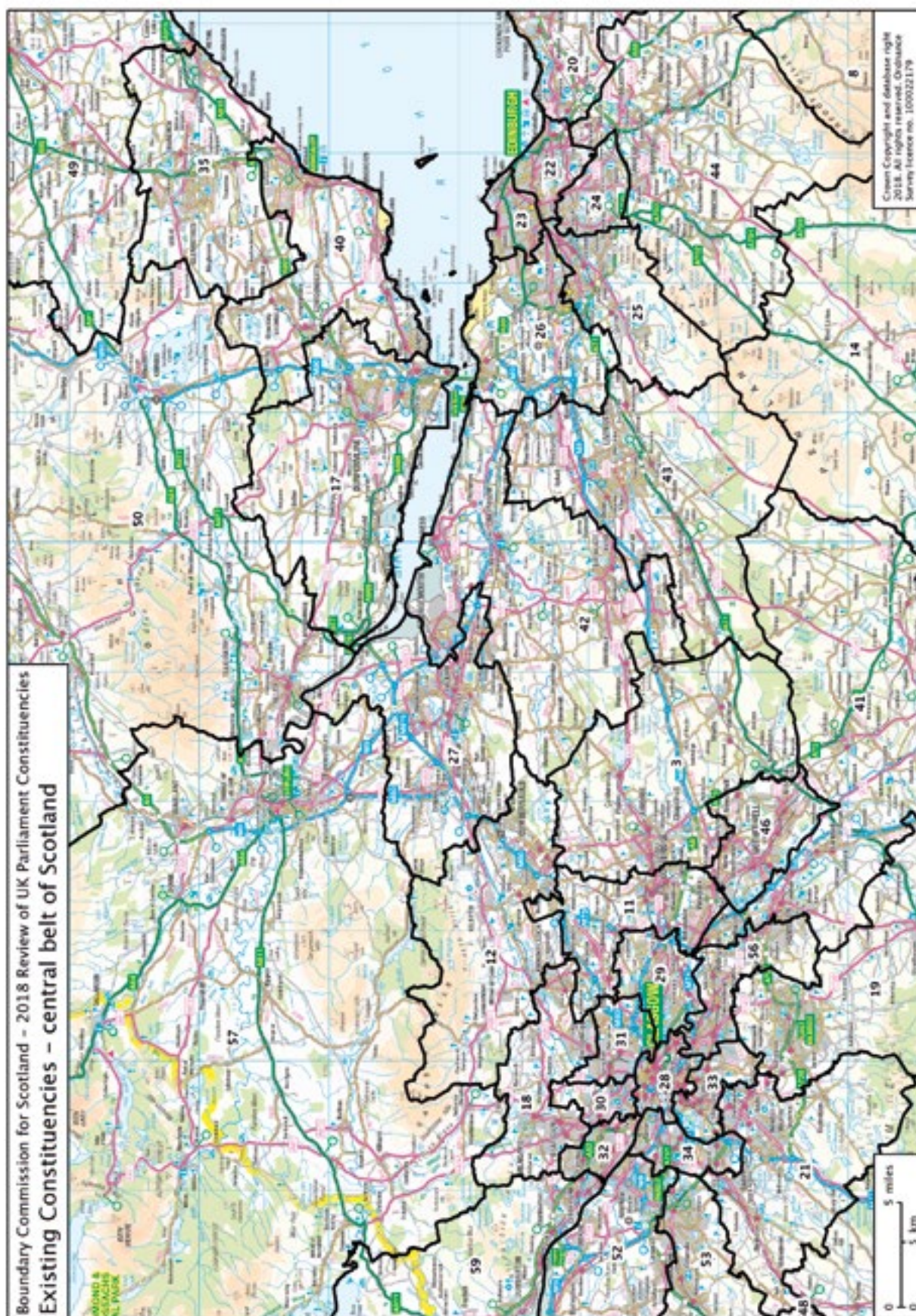


Appendix D

Existing constituencies

Map D.1 Existing Constituencies – All Scotland



Map D.2 Existing Constituencies – central belt of Scotland

Appendix E

Public Hearings

1. The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended) states we must hold between 2 and 5 Public Hearings between the fifth and tenth week of the initial consultation period.
2. Each Public Hearing had a geographical focus covering a number of council areas. The majority of comments made at a Hearing related to the area of geographical focus, but we made it clear that anyone attending a Hearing was able to comment on our Initial Proposals for any part of Scotland.
3. Each Hearing was chaired by a Sheriff Principal, and began at 10am or 11am. It continued until everyone wishing to speak had done so – each Hearing concluded in the late morning or early afternoon. Each Hearing could have continued into a second day if it had not been possible to accommodate all those wishing to speak during a single day.
4. People were welcome to attend a Hearing, whether wishing to speak or not. They did not need to attend for the whole day, but were free to arrive and leave when they wished. People did not have to let us know in advance if they wanted to speak at a Hearing, but it assisted the planning of the Hearing if we knew who was intending to speak. Those intending to speak could contact us in advance to arrange a specific time during the Hearing to do so. Those unable to attend at 10am on the first day but wishing to speak were asked to let us know in advance, or to make this known to us at the start of the Hearing, so that we could ensure that they were able to speak.
5. Table E.1 lists the Public Hearings.
6. At each Public Hearing, our Secretary made a short statement to explain our proposals for the area and how representations could be made.

Table E.1 – Public Hearings

Date	Hearing	Chair	Focus (council area)
24 Nov 2016	Glasgow Royal Concert Hall 220 Buchanan Street Glasgow G2 3NY	Sheriff Principal Turnbull	Dumfries and Galloway East Dunbartonshire Glasgow City North Lanarkshire South Lanarkshire West Dunbartonshire
29 Nov 2016	Dundee The City Chambers 14 City Square Dundee DD1 3BY	Sheriff Principal Lewis	Aberdeen City Aberdeenshire Angus Dundee City Fife Perth and Kinross

Date	Hearing	Chair	Focus (council area)
1 Dec 2016	Ayr Ayr Town Hall New Bridge Street Ayr KA7 1JX	Sheriff Principal Abercrombie	East Ayrshire East Renfrewshire Inverclyde North Ayrshire Renfrewshire South Ayrshire
5 Dec 2016	Inverness Town House High Street Inverness IV1 1JJ	Sheriff Principal Pyle	Argyll and Bute Highland Moray
7 Dec 2016	Edinburgh Apex Hotel 23–27 Waterloo Place Edinburgh EH1 3BH	Sheriff Principal Stephen	City of Edinburgh Clackmannanshire East Lothian Falkirk Midlothian Scottish Borders Stirling West Lothian

7. In order to provide a consistent approach, we issued a guidance document to the Chairs of each Hearing, which appears below.
8. A total of 81 people spoke at the Hearings. Most of the attendees were associated with a political party. We are grateful to all participants for assisting in the review. We published transcripts of the Hearings at the same time as we commenced the secondary consultation on our Initial Proposals.

Guidance for Public Hearing Chairs

Introduction

1. This document provides guidance to the Chairs of the Public Hearings which are being held as part of the Boundary Commission for Scotland's 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies.
2. The Public Hearings are an important part of the 12-week public consultation on the Commission's Initial Proposals for constituencies which is taking place from 20 October 2016 to 11 January 2017. The Hearings are being held under section 5(1)(b) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986.
3. Further details of the review are available on the Commission's website (www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/2018_westminster) and in the Commission's 'Policies and Procedures' booklet for the review.

Purpose

4. The purposes of the Public Hearings are firstly for the Commission to explain its proposals, and secondly to allow anyone to comment on any of the Commission's Initial Proposals for constituencies in Scotland.

Roles of Chair

5. The roles of the Chair of a Public Hearing are:
 - to determine the procedure to be followed at the Public Hearing;
 - to ensure that the legislation regarding the Public Hearing is followed; and
 - to ensure that all those wishing to speak are able to do so.
6. The Chair is not required to submit a report to the Commission on the Public Hearing, although the Commission would welcome any comments which the Chair may wish to make.

Representations

7. Speaking at a Public Hearing is only one of the ways by which an individual or organisation can make a representation on the Commission's Initial Proposals. Representations can also be made to the Commission:
 - in writing;
 - by email; or
 - using the consultation area of the Commission's website. This area of the website includes interactive mapping showing the Commission's Initial Proposals.
8. The Commission encourages anyone making a representation to ensure that it is as effective as possible at allowing the Commission to judge whether an amendment to the Initial Proposals is practicable and desirable. To that end, the Commission notes that:
 - representations will be judged on the quality of argument and evidence presented;
 - representations which support are as important as those which oppose; and
 - effective representations will:
 - o where they are objecting to the Commission's proposals, suggest an alternative, as well as setting out the objection;
 - o take account of the statutory requirements;
 - o consider the consequences of the suggested alternative across the widest possible area.

9. All representations will be published on the Commission’s website at the end of the public consultation period. When they are published, there will be a 4-week period of scrutiny when anyone will be able to remark to the Commission on any of the representations submitted.

Legislation

10. The legislation for this review is the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended. That legislation appears in the Commission’s ‘Policies and Procedures’ booklet. Schedule 2A to the 1986 Act sets out the requirements for Public Hearings.
11. Paragraph 7 of Schedule 2A specifies certain facts relating to a “qualifying party”. The definition in the legislation means that *qualifying parties* for the Public Hearings are the Conservative Party, the Labour Party, the Liberal Democrats and the Scottish National Party.

Timing

12. Each Hearing is programmed to last up to a day. If it has not been possible to hear all those who wish to speak at any of the 5 Public Hearings being held throughout Scotland, those affected will be offered the opportunity to make their views known by appointment at the Commission’s offices in Edinburgh. Each Hearing is advertised to start at 10am, excepting that in Inverness which starts at 11am.
13. The legislation allows for *qualifying parties* to be given a different amount of time to speak than others. Beyond that, it is clearly important that all those wishing to speak have an equal opportunity to do so. It may be appropriate to allow each *qualifying party* 30 minutes to speak at a Public Hearing, and to allow others 10 minutes each, but this is at your discretion.
14. Commission staff will collate details of those who have indicated in advance their intention to attend the Public Hearing, and, if they are intending to speak, any limitations on their availability. It is hoped that those who wish to speak over lunchtime can be accommodated.

Transcript

15. The Commission has arranged for a transcript to be made of the Public Hearing proceedings. Anyone speaking at the Public Hearing should identify themselves by name and organisation (if any) for the purpose of the transcript, and for the benefit of others attending.
16. This transcript will be placed on the Commission’s website at the same time as all comments received during the public consultation period, after the end of that period.
17. The Commission expects that oral representations will be made only in English at the Hearings, and that representations in other languages such as Gaelic will be made in writing.

Appendix F

Recommended constituencies: relationship with council areas and wards

Table F.1 – Constituencies within each council area

Council area	Wards* 2007–2017	Recommended constituency
Aberdeen City	1–6, 7 (part) 8–13, 7 (part)	Aberdeen North (part) Aberdeen South (part)
Aberdeenshire	8 (part) 18 (part) 1–7, 8 (part), 9 8 (part), 10–16 17, 19, 18 (part)	Aberdeen North (part) Aberdeen South (part) Banff and Buchan Gordon and Deeside Kincardine and Angus North (part)
Angus	4–7 1–3, 8	Angus South and Dundee East (part) Kincardine and Angus North (part)
Argyll and Bute	All	Argyll, Bute and South West Highland (part)
Clackmannanshire	All	Clackmannanshire and Dunfermline (part)
Dumfries and Galloway	8 (part), 9 (part), 11–13 1–7, 8 (part), 9 (part), 10	Dumfriesshire and Lanarkshire South East (part) Galloway and Dumfries
Dundee City	6, 8 1–5, 7	Angus South and Dundee East (part) Dundee
East Ayrshire	1, 6 (part) 2–5, 6 (part), 7–9	Eastwood and Loudoun (part) Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley (part)
East Dunbartonshire	1, 2 (part), 3–8 2 (part)	Dunbartonshire East Dunbartonshire West (part)
East Lothian	All	East Lothian
East Renfrewshire	1 (part), 3–6 1 (part), 2	Eastwood and Loudoun (part) Renfrewshire West and Garnock Valley (part)

Council area	Wards* 2007–2017	Recommended constituency
Edinburgh, City of	11 (part), 12 (part), 13 (part), 14, 16–17	Edinburgh East
	4, 5 (part), 11 (part), 12 (part), 13 (part)	Edinburgh North and Leith
	8–10, 15	Edinburgh South
	1, 3, 5 (part), 6, 7 (part)	Edinburgh West
	2, 7 (part)	Livingston and Edinburgh Pentland (part)
Falkirk	1–2, 6, 7 (part), 8–9	Falkirk South
	3–5, 7 (part)	Stirling and Falkirk North (part)
Fife	1–3	Clackmannanshire and Dunfermline (part)
	4–9, 10 (part)	Fife South
	10 (part), 11–16, 23 (part)	Mid Fife
	17–22, 23 (part)	North East Fife
Glasgow City	5 (part), 10 (part), 11, 12 (part), 15 (part)	Glasgow Central
	9, 18 (part), 19–20	Glasgow East
	10 (part), 16, 17, 18 (part), 21	Glasgow North East
	12 (part), 13–14, 1 5 (part)	Glasgow North West
	1, 2 (part), 7–8	Glasgow South East
	2 (part), 3–4, 5 (part), 6	Glasgow South West
Highland	12 (part), 22	Argyll, Bute and South West Highland (part)
	6 (part), 11, 12 (part), 13 (part), 14–18, 20–21	Highland Central
	1–5, 6 (part), 7–10, 13 (part)	Highland North
	19	Moray and Nairn (part)
Inverclyde	All	Clyde Coast (part)
Midlothian	All	Midlothian and Upper Tweeddale (part)
Moray	All	Moray and Nairn (part)
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	All	Na h-Eileanan an Iar

Council area	Wards* 2007–2017	Recommended constituency
North Ayrshire	1–5, 6 (part) 8 6 (part), 7	Arran and Cunninghame Clyde Coast (part) Renfrewshire West and Garnock Valley (part)
North Lanarkshire	1–4, 7–8, 11 (part) 11 (part), 12, 15–17, 19, 20 (part) 5–6, 9–10, 13–14 18, 20 (part)	Lanarkshire North Lanarkshire North East Lanarkshire North West Mid Lanarkshire (part)
Orkney Islands	All	Orkney and Shetland (part)
Perth and Kinross	1–5, 10–12 6–9	Perth and North Perthshire Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross (part)
Renfrewshire	10 (part) 1–6, 7 (part) 7 (part), 8–9, 10 (part), 11	Clyde Coast (part) Paisley Renfrewshire West and Garnock Valley (part)
Scottish Borders	2 (part), 3–11 1, 2 (part)	Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk Midlothian and Upper Tweeddale (part)
Shetland Islands	All	Orkney and Shetland (part)
South Ayrshire	1–5, 7–8 6	Ayr and Carrick Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley (part)
South Lanarkshire	1–3, 4 (part) 4 (part), 5–10 11–15, 18, 19 (part) 4 (part), 16–17, 19 (part), 20	Dumfriesshire and Lanarkshire South East (part) Lanarkshire South West Lanarkshire West Mid Lanarkshire (part)
Stirling	4, 5 (part), 6–7 1–3, 5 (part)	Stirling and Falkirk North (part) Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross (part)
West Dunbartonshire	All	Dunbartonshire West (part)
West Lothian	1–2, 6 (part), 7–9 3–5, 6 (part)	Linlithgow Livingston and Edinburgh Pentland (part)

* We took account of the ward boundaries in place from 2007 to 2017, in line with the legislation. New wards were introduced from May 2017 and we explored using these during the development of our Revised Proposals if consultation responses suggested adopting them to improve local ties. However, we did so on the merits of their being better indicators of local ties, rather than because they are the new ward boundaries.

Appendix G

Council area wards within recommended constituencies

Table G.1 – Council area abbreviations used in Table G.2

Council area	Code	Council area	Code
Aberdeen City	ABN	Inverclyde	I
Aberdeenshire	ABS	Midlothian	MID
Angus	ANG	Moray	M
Argyll and Bute	AB	<i>Na h-Eileanan an Iar</i>	N
Clackmannanshire	CLK	North Ayrshire	NA
Dumfries and Galloway	DG	North Lanarkshire	NL
Dundee City	DDE	<i>Orkney Islands</i>	O
East Ayrshire	EA	Perth and Kinross	PK
East Dunbartonshire	ED	Renfrewshire	R
East Lothian	ELN	Scottish Borders	SB
East Renfrewshire	ER	<i>Shetland Islands</i>	S
Edinburgh, City of	E	South Ayrshire	SA
Falkirk	FLK	South Lanarkshire	SL
Fife	FE	Stirling	STG
Glasgow City	G	West Dunbartonshire	WD
Highland	H	West Lothian	WL

Table G.2 – Wards* within recommended constituencies

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Aberdeen North	ABN1	Dyce/Bucksburn/Danestone	14,408
	ABN2	Bridge of Don	14,267
	ABN3	Kingswells/Sheddocksley/Summerhill	10,630
	ABN4	Northfield/Mastrick North	11,203
	ABN5	Hilton/Woodside/Stockethill	10,398
	ABN6	Tillydrone/Seaton/Old Aberdeen	8,278
	ABN7 (part)	Midsocket/Rosemount	5,090
	ABS8 (part)	Mid Formartine	3,403
Total			77,677
Aberdeen South	ABN7 (part)	Midsocket/Rosemount	5,186
	ABN8	George St/Harbour	9,444
	ABN9	Lower Deeside	11,166
	ABN10	Hazelhead/Ashley/Queens Cross	13,153
	ABN11	Airyhall/Broomhill/Garthdee	11,525
	ABN12	Torry/Ferryhill	13,383
	ABN13	Kincorth/Nigg/Cove	12,104
	ABS18 (part)	Stonehaven and Lower Deeside	1,145
Total			77,106

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Angus South and Dundee East	ANG4	Monifieth & Sidlaw	12,849
	ANG5	Carnoustie & District	10,133
	ANG6	Arbroath West & Letham	11,397
	ANG7	Arbroath East & Lunan	11,307
	DDE6	North East	10,809
	DDE8	The Ferry	15,812
Total			72,307
Argyll, Bute and South West Highland	AB1	South Kintyre	5,142
	AB2	Kintyre & The Islands	5,038
	AB3	Mid Argyll	5,859
	AB4	Oban South & The Isles	7,778
	AB5	Oban North & Lorn	7,567
	AB6	Cowal	5,697
	AB7	Dunoon	5,423
	AB8	Isle of Bute	4,784
	AB9	Lomond North	5,925
	AB10	Helensburgh Central	7,255
	AB11	Helensburgh & Lomond South	5,476
	H12 (part)	Caol & Mallaig	3,772
	H22	Fort William & Ardnamurchan	7,945
Total			77,661
Arran and Cunninghame	NA1	Irvine West	14,293
	NA2	Irvine East	14,707
	NA3	Kilwinning	12,815
	NA4	Saltcoats and Stevenson	14,629
	NA5	Ardrossan and Arran	12,938
	NA6 (part)	Dalry and West Kilbride	4,146
Total			73,528
Ayr and Carrick	SA1	Troon	11,802
	SA2	Prestwick	12,079
	SA3	Ayr North	12,215
	SA4	Ayr East	11,328
	SA5	Ayr West	11,809
	SA7	Maybole North Carrick and Coylton	10,614
	SA8	Girvan and South Carrick	7,505
Total			77,352
Banff and Buchan	ABS1	Banff and District	8,640
	ABS2	Troup	7,443
	ABS3	Fraserburgh and District	10,863
	ABS4	Central Buchan	10,609
	ABS5	Peterhead North and Rattray	10,763
	ABS6	Peterhead South and Cruden	8,743
	ABS7	Turriff and District	9,084
	ABS8 (part)	Mid Formartine	497
	ABS9	Ellon and District	11,437
Total			78,079

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	SB2 (part)	Tweeddale East	4,086
	SB3	Galashiels & District	9,948
	SB4	Selkirkshire	7,411
	SB5	Leaderdale & Melrose	8,170
	SB6	Mid Berwickshire	7,928
	SB7	East Berwickshire	8,133
	SB8	Kelso & District	7,992
	SB9	Jedburgh & District	6,816
	SB10	Hawick & Denholm	6,698
	SB11	Hawick & Hermitage	6,630
Total			73,812
Clackmannanshire and Dunfermline	CLK1	Clackmannanshire West	8,332
	CLK2	Clackmannanshire North	8,133
	CLK3	Clackmannanshire Central	5,984
	CLK4	Clackmannanshire South	9,121
	CLK5	Clackmannanshire East	5,595
	FE1	West Fife and Coastal Villages	14,062
	FE2	Dunfermline North	9,730
	FE3	Dunfermline Central	14,778
Total			75,735
Clyde Coast	I1	Inverclyde East	12,019
	I2	Inverclyde East Central	9,389
	I3	Inverclyde North	11,028
	I4	Inverclyde South	7,794
	I5	Inverclyde West	8,230
	I6	Inverclyde South West	8,496
	NA8	North Coast and Cumbraes	12,937
	R10 (part)	Bishopton, Bridge of Weir & Langbank	5,582
Total			75,475
Dumfriesshire and Lanarkshire South East	DG8 (part)	Mid and Upper Nithsdale	6,700
	DG9 (part)	Lochar	1,428
	DG11	Annandale South	10,629
	DG12	Annandale North	10,160
	DG13	Annandale East and Eskdale	9,504
	SL1	Clydesdale West	14,873
	SL2	Clydesdale North	11,725
	SL3	Clydesdale East	9,811
Total	SL4 (part)	Clydesdale South	3,471
			78,301

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Dunbartonshire East	ED1	Milngavie	10,281
	ED2 (Part)	Bearsden North	5,322
	ED3	Bearsden South	10,613
	ED4	Campsie & Kirkintilloch North	9,004
	ED5	Bishopbriggs North & Torrance	10,894
	ED6	Bishopbriggs South	9,597
	ED7	Lenzie & Kirkintilloch South	11,380
	ED8	Kirkintilloch East & Twechar	9,302
Total			76,393
Dunbartonshire West	ED2 (Part)	Bearsden North	5,734
	WD1	Lomond	8,715
	WD2	Leven	13,134
	WD3	Dumbarton	13,055
	WD4	Kilpatrick	8,944
	WD5	Clydebank Central	11,563
	WD6	Clydebank Waterfront	11,314
Total			72,459
Dundee	DDE1	Strathmartine	14,517
	DDE2	Lochee	13,631
	DDE3	West End	11,826
	DDE4	Coldside	13,549
	DDE5	Maryfield	10,976
	DDE7	East End	11,818
Total			76,317
East Lothian	ELN1	Musselburgh West	8,080
	ELN2	Musselburgh East and Carberry	9,931
	ELN3	Preston/Seton/Gosford	13,962
	ELN4	Fa'side	13,857
	ELN5	North Berwick Coastal	10,046
	ELN6	Haddington and Lammermuir	10,059
	ELN7	Dunbar and East Linton	10,218
Total			76,153
Eastwood and Loudoun	EA1	Annick	9,582
	EA6 (part)	Irvine Valley	10,862
	ER1 (part)	Neilston, Uplawmoor and Newton Mearns North	9,517
	ER3	Giffnock and Thornliebank	10,758
	ER4	Netherlee, Stamperland and Williamwood	10,246
	ER5	Newton Mearns South	9,582
	ER6	Busby, Clarkston and Eaglesham	10,704
Total			71,251

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Edinburgh East	E11 (part)	City Centre	3,252
	E12 (part)	Leith Walk	3,253
	E13 (part)	Leith	5,133
	E14	Craigentinny/Duddingston	18,719
	E16	Liberton/Gilmerton	23,654
	E17	Portobello/Craigmillar	18,016
Total			72,027
Edinburgh North and Leith	E4	Forth	21,944
	E5 (part)	Inverleith	12,164
	E11 (part)	City Centre	10,814
	E12 (part)	Leith Walk	17,141
	E13 (part)	Leith	11,906
Total			73,969
Edinburgh South	E8	Colinton/Fairmilehead	18,588
	E9	Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	16,786
	E10	Meadows/Morningside	22,165
	E15	Southside/Newington	19,044
Total			76,583
Edinburgh West	E1	Almond	20,061
	E3	Drum Brae/Gyle	17,560
	E5 (part)	Inverleith	11,131
	E6	Corstorphine/Murrayfield	17,373
	E7 (part)	Sighthill/Gorgie	11,613
Total			77,738
Falkirk South	FLK1	Bo'ness and Blackness	11,223
	FLK2	Grangemouth	12,499
	FLK6	Falkirk North	14,113
	FLK7 (part)	Falkirk South	10,486
	FLK8	Lower Braes	11,148
	FLK9	Upper Braes	11,649
Total			71,118
Fife South	FE4	Dunfermline South	16,002
	FE5	Rosyth	10,526
	FE6	Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	13,156
	FE7	The Lochs	9,766
	FE8	Cowdenbeath	10,847
	FE9	Lochgelly and Cardenden	9,452
	FE10 (part)	Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	7,578
Total			77,327

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Galloway and Dumfries	DG1	Stranraer and North Rhins	7,036
	DG2	Wigtown West	6,490
	DG3	Mid Galloway	7,294
	DG4	Dee	7,241
	DG5	Castle Douglas and Glenkens	7,860
	DG6	Abbey	8,975
	DG7	North West Dumfries	9,727
	DG8 (part)	Mid and Upper Nithsdale	2,435
	DG9 (part)	Lochar	8,380
	DG10	Nith	9,444
Total			74,882
Glasgow Central	G5 (part)	Govan	18,307
	G10 (part)	Anderston/City	19,531
	G11	Hillhead	20,562
	G12 (part)	Partick West	13,515
	G15 (part)	Maryhill/Kelvin	1,820
Total			73,735
Glasgow East	G9	Calton	17,365
	G18 (part)	East Centre	12,260
	G19	Shettleston	20,831
	G20	Baillieston	24,977
Total			75,433
Glasgow North East	G10 (part)	Anderston/City	690
	G16	Canal	22,712
	G17	Springburn	13,330
	G18 (part)	East Centre	10,039
	G21	North East	24,672
Total			71,443
Glasgow North West	G12 (part)	Partick West	12,768
	G13	Garscadden/Scotstounhill	21,303
	G14	Drumchapel/Anniesland	21,701
	G15 (part)	Maryhill/Kelvin	20,211
Total			75,983
Glasgow South East	G1	Linn	22,438
	G2 (part)	Newlands/Auldburn	10,880
	G7	Langside	19,596
	G8	Southside Central	20,707
Total			73,621
Glasgow South West	G2 (part)	Newlands/Auldburn	6,592
	G3	Greater Pollok	24,844
	G4	Craigton	23,078
	G5 (part)	Govan	3,803
	G6	Pollokshields	17,821
Total			76,138

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Gordon and Deeside	ABS8 (part)	Mid Formartine	8,235
	ABS10	West Garioch	9,179
	ABS11	Inverurie and District	10,557
	ABS12	East Garioch	9,352
	ABS13	Westhill and District	11,622
	ABS14	Huntly, Strathbogie and Howe of Alford	11,777
	ABS15	Aboyne, Upper Deeside and Donside	8,743
	ABS16	Banchory and Mid Deeside	8,563
Total			78,028
Highland Central	H6 (part)	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh	2,858
	H11	Eilean a' Cheo	8,056
	H12 (part)	Caol & Mallaig	2,888
	H13 (part)	Aird & Loch Ness	5,693
	H14	Inverness West	6,650
	H15	Inverness Central	8,860
	H16	Inverness Ness-Side	8,526
	H17	Inverness Millburn	5,956
	H18	Culloden & Ardersier	8,554
	H20	Inverness South	10,240
	H21	Badenoch & Strathspey	9,852
Total			78,133
Highland North	H1	North, West & Central Sutherland	4,682
	H2	Thurso	5,962
	H3	Wick	5,350
	H4	Landward Caithness	8,256
	H5	East Sutherland & Edderton	6,042
	H6 (part)	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh	6,562
	H7	Cromarty Firth	8,925
	H8	Tain & Easter Ross	6,682
	H9	Dingwall & Seaforth	8,977
	H10	Black Isle	8,246
	H13 (part)	Aird & Loch Ness	3,463
Total			73,147
Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley	EA2	Kilmarnock North	9,082
	EA3	Kilmarnock West and Crosshouse	11,928
	EA4	Kilmarnock East and Hurlford	11,101
	EA5	Kilmarnock South	7,756
	EA6 (part)	Irvine Valley	181
	EA7	Ballochmyle	10,609
	EA8	Cumnock and New Cumnock	10,305
	EA9	Doon Valley	8,303
	SA6	Kyle	9,166
Total			78,431

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Kincardine and Angus North	ABS17	North Kincardine	11,898
	ABS18 (part)	Stonehaven and Lower Deeside	9,685
	ABS19	Mearns	11,397
	ANG1	Kirriemuir & Dean	8,534
	ANG2	Brechin & Edzell	8,485
	ANG3	Forfar & District	11,366
	ANG8	Montrose & District	11,560
Total			72,925
Lanarkshire North	NL1	Kilsyth	9,332
	NL2	Cumbernauld North	13,908
	NL3	Cumbernauld South	14,153
	NL4	Abronnhill, Kildrum and The Village	10,939
	NL7	Airdrie North	14,769
	NL8	Airdrie Central	11,860
	NL11 (part)	Airdrie South	2,916
Total			77,877
Lanarkshire North East	NL11 (part)	Airdrie South	11,489
	NL12	Fortissat	11,088
	NL15	Mossend and Holytown	9,826
	NL16	Motherwell West	10,073
	NL17	Motherwell North	13,240
	NL19	Murdostoun	14,477
	NL20 (part)	Wishaw	2,123
Total			72,316
Lanarkshire North West	NL5	Strathkelvin	15,964
	NL6	Coatbridge North and Glenboig	14,027
	NL9	Coatbridge West	11,281
	NL10	Coatbridge South	10,886
	NL13	Thorniewood	11,630
	NL14	Bellshill	10,475
Total			74,263
Lanarkshire South West	SL4 (part)	Clydesdale South	4,144
	SL5	Avondale and Stonehouse	13,296
	SL6	East Kilbride South	11,709
	SL7	East Kilbride Central South	11,092
	SL8	East Kilbride Central North	14,161
	SL9	East Kilbride West	12,644
	SL10	East Kilbride East	9,787
Total			76,833

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Lanarkshire West	SL11	Rutherglen South	11,152
	SL12	Rutherglen Central and North	10,159
	SL13	Cambuslang West	12,332
	SL14	Cambuslang East	11,994
	SL15	Blantyre	13,036
	SL18	Hamilton West and Earnock	13,817
	SL19 (part)	Hamilton South	3,851
Total			76,341
Linlithgow	WL1	Linlithgow	11,951
	WL2	Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	14,155
	WL6 (part)	Fauldhouse and Breich Valley	9,811
	WL7	Whitburn and Blackburn	14,694
	WL8	Bathgate	15,781
	WL9	Armadales and Blackridge	11,634
Total			78,026
Livingston and Edinburgh Pentland	E2	Pentland Hills	16,975
	E7 (part)	Sighthill/Gorgie	11,372
	WL3	Livingston North	16,463
	WL4	Livingston South	16,746
	WL5	East Livingston and East Calder	14,908
	WL6 (part)	Fauldhouse and Breich Valley	1,700
Total			78,164
Mid Fife	FE10 (part)	Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	3,489
	FE11	Kirkcaldy North	11,693
	FE12	Kirkcaldy Central	10,554
	FE13	Kirkcaldy East	9,944
	FE14	Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	13,290
	FE15	Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	13,656
	FE16	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	10,256
	FE23 (part)	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	2,284
Total			75,166
Mid Lanarkshire	NL18	Motherwell South East and Ravenscraig	13,572
	NL20 (part)	Wishaw	11,897
	SL4 (part)	Clydesdale South	3,774
	SL16	Bothwell and Uddingston	10,043
	SL17	Hamilton North and East	12,077
	SL19 (part)	Hamilton South	10,485
	SL20	Larkhall	14,310
Total			76,158

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Midlothian and Upper Tweeddale	MID1	Penicuik	10,740
	MID2	Bonnyrigg	12,714
	MID3	Dalkeith	9,434
	MID4	Midlothian West	11,049
	MID5	Midlothian East	11,102
	MID6	Midlothian South	10,269
	SB1	Tweeddale West	7,443
	SB2 (part)	Tweeddale East	4,073
Total			76,824
Moray and Nairn	H19	Nairn	9,072
	M1	Speyside Glenlivet	7,099
	M2	Keith and Cullen	7,835
	M3	Buckie	7,504
	M4	Fochabers Lhanbryde	7,764
	M5	Heldon and Laich	10,676
	M6	Elgin City North	8,453
	M7	Elgin City South	8,672
	M8	Forres	11,402
Total			78,477
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	N1	Barraigh, Bhatarsaigh, Eirisgeigh & Uibhist a Deas	2,402
	N2	Beinn na Foghla & Uibhist a Tuath	2,251
	N3	Na Hearadh & Ceann a Deas nan Loch	1,798
	N4	Sgir' Uige & Ceann a Tuath nan Loch	2,356
	N5	Sgìre an Rubha	1,856
	N6	Steornabhagh a Deas	2,776
	N7	Steornaghagh a Tuath	2,817
	N8	Loch a Tuath	2,138
	N9	An Taobh Siar & Nis	2,493
Total			20,887
North East Fife	FE17	Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	11,496
	FE18	Tay Bridgehead	10,151
	FE19	St Andrews	9,415
	FE20	East Neuk and Landward	9,690
	FE21	Cupar	10,577
	FE22	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	14,414
	FE23 (part)	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	11,157
Total			76,900

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Orkney and Shetland	O1	Kirkwall East	3,300
	O2	Kirkwall West and Orphir	3,279
	O3	Stromness and South Isles	2,045
	O4	West Mainland	3,341
	O5	East Mainland, South Rondalsay and Burray	2,582
	O6	North Isles	1,747
	S1	North Isles	2,155
	S2	Shetland North	2,360
	S3	Shetland West	1,917
	S4	Shetland Central	2,254
	S5	Shetland South	2,694
	S6	Lerwick North	2,211
	S7	Lerwick South	3,344
Total			33,229
Paisley	R1	Renfrew North	9,584
	R2	Renfrew South & Gallowhill	9,981
	R3	Paisley East & Ralston	12,386
	R4	Paisley North West	12,040
	R5	Paisley South	12,985
	R6	Paisley South West	11,040
	R7 (part)	Johnstone South, Elderslie & Howwood	3,583
Total			71,599
Perth and North Perthshire	PK1	Carse of Gowrie	7,506
	PK2	Strathmore	11,518
	PK3	Blairgowrie & Glens	8,171
	PK4	Highland	6,815
	PK5	Strathhtay	7,151
	PK10	Perth City South	10,747
	PK11	Perth City North	10,831
	PK12	Perth City Centre	10,092
Total			72,831
Renfrewshire West and Garnock Valley	ER1 (part)	Neilston, Uplawmoor and Newton Mearns North	4,615
	ER2	Barrhead	12,284
	NA6 (part)	Dalry and West Kilbride	5,110
	NA7	Kilbirnie and Beith	10,341
	R7 (part)	Johnstone South, Elderslie & Howwood	8,701
	R8	Johnstone North, Kilbarchan & Lochwinnoch	9,474
	R9	Houston, Crosslee & Linwood	11,274
	R10 (part)	Bishopton, Bridge of Weir & Langbank	3,753
	R11	Ersikine & Inchinnan	12,666
Total			78,218

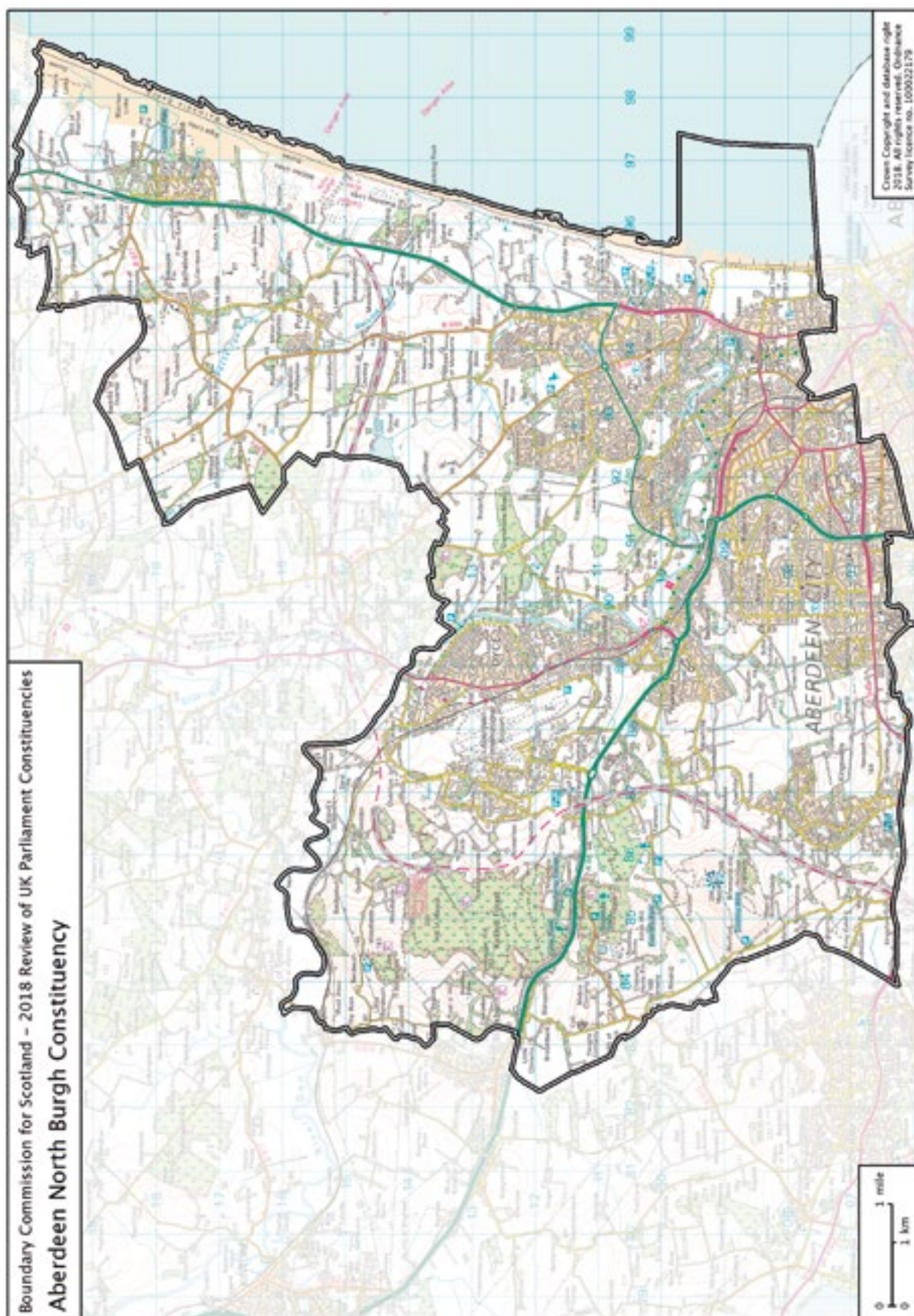
Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Stirling and Falkirk North	FLK3	Denny & Banknock	13,941
	FLK4	Carse, Kinnaird & Tryst	15,207
	FLK5	Bonnybrigg & Larbert	12,002
	FLK7 (part)	Falkirk South	2,974
	STG4	Castle	7,535
	STG5 (part)	Stirling West	1,823
	STG6	Stirling East	9,365
	STG7	Bannockburn	8,330
Total			71,177
Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross	PK6	Strathearn	8,077
	PK7	Strathallan	7,835
	PK8	Kinross-shire	10,020
	PK9	Almond and Earn	8,716
	STG1	Trossachs & Teith	8,727
	STG2	Forth and Endrick	9,745
	STG3	Dunblane & Bridge of Allan	10,941
	STG5 (part)	Stirling West	7,238
Total			71,299

* We took account of the ward boundaries in place from 2007 to 2017, in line with the legislation. New wards were introduced from May 2017 and we explored using these during the development of our Revised Proposals if consultation responses suggested adopting them to improve local ties. However, we did so on the merits of their being better indicators of local ties, rather than because they are the current ward boundaries.

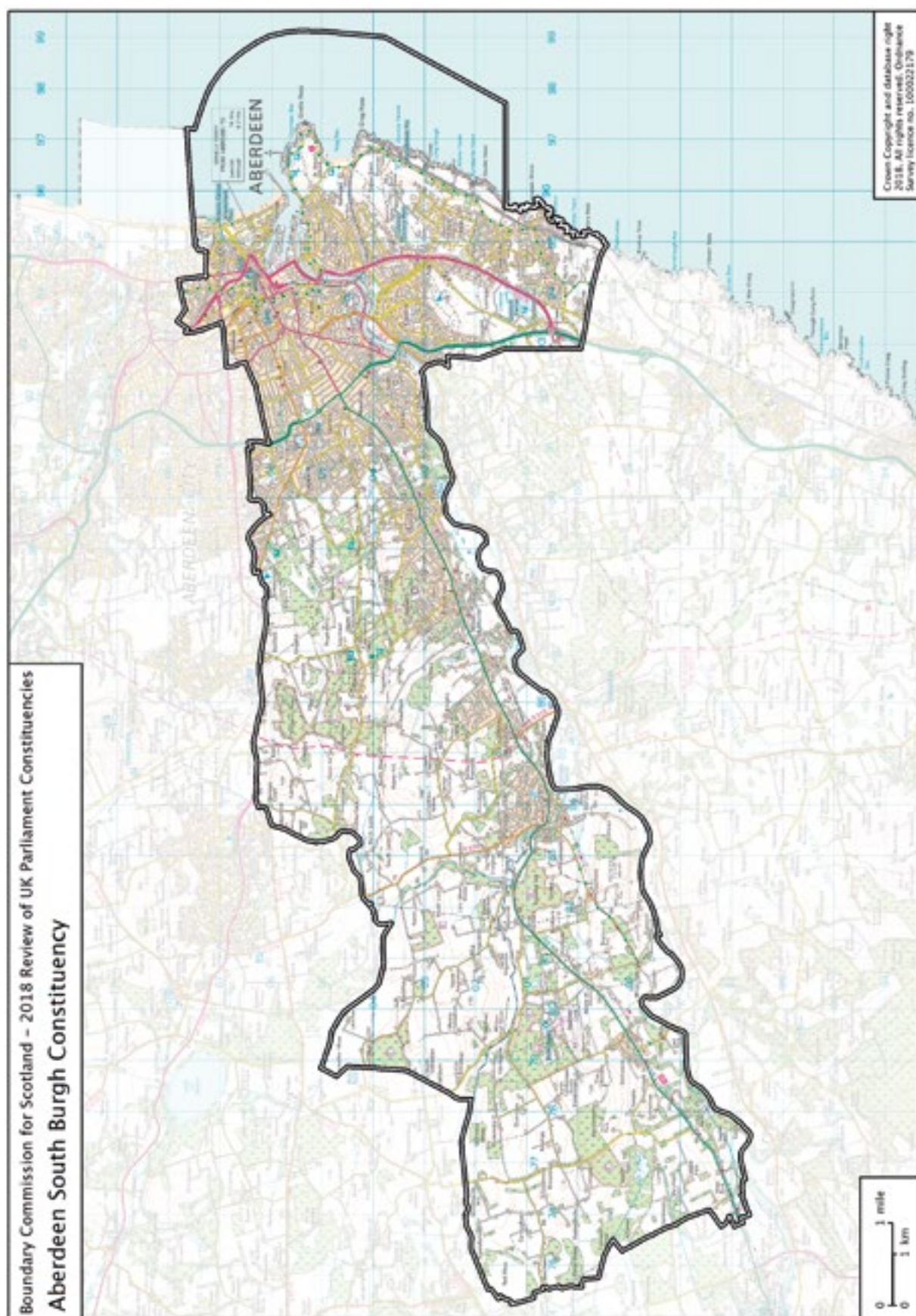
Appendix H

Final Recommendations – constituency maps

The descriptions for the constituency boundaries are based on the ward boundaries in place from 2007 to 2017, in line with the legislation. New wards were introduced from May 2017.



The recommended constituency comprises Aberdeen City council area wards 1 – 6, part of ward 7 (Midstocket/Rosemount) where the boundary follows historical ward boundaries and Westburn Road (A944); and part of Aberdeenshire council area ward 8 (Mid Formartine) where the boundary follows an historical ward boundary and a minor road.

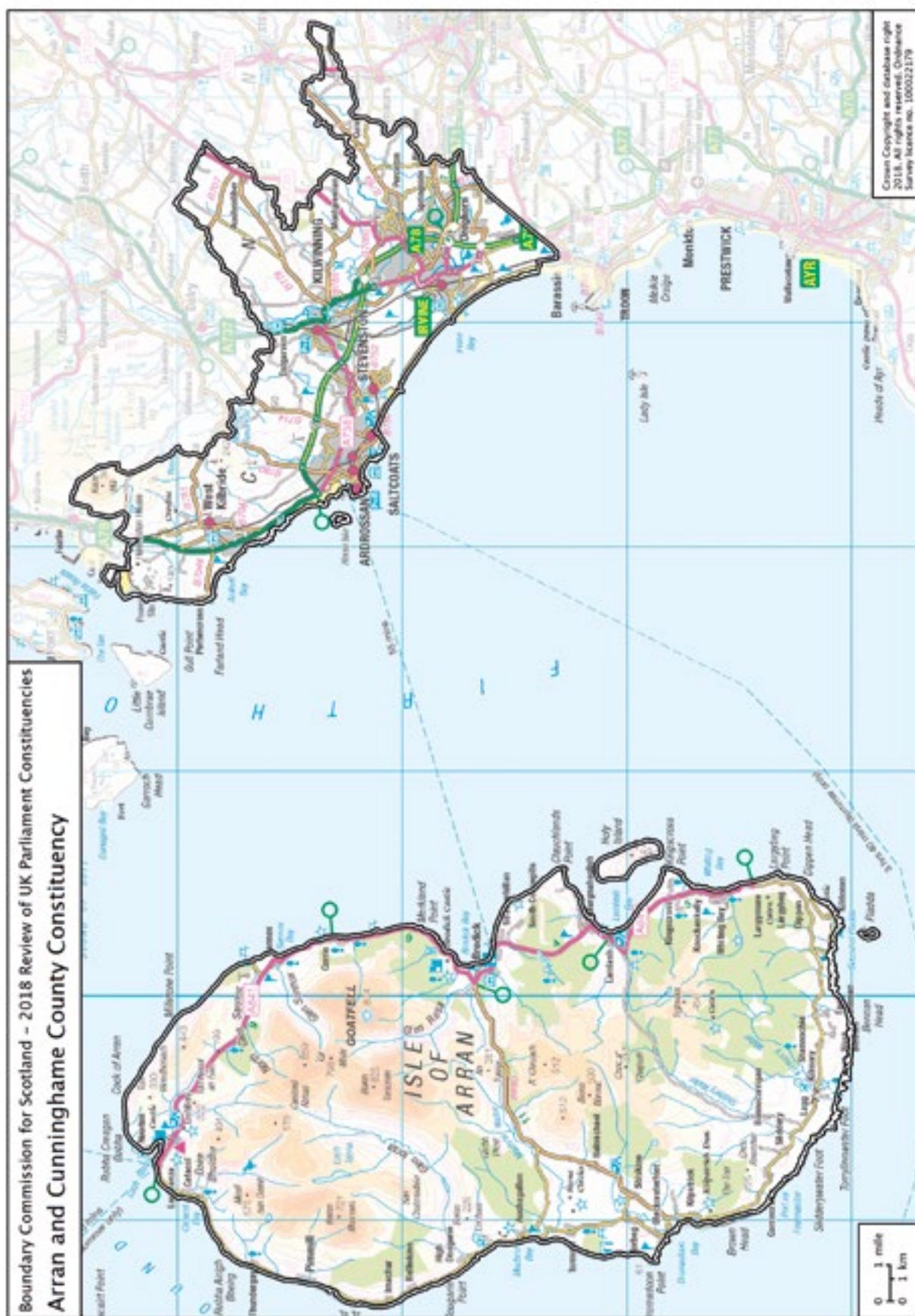


The recommended constituency comprises Aberdeen City council area wards 8 – 13, part of ward 7 (Midstocket/Rosemount) where the boundary follows historical ward boundaries and Westburn Road (A944); and part of Aberdeenshire council area ward 18 (Stonehaven and Lower Deeside) where the boundary follows the River Dee and an historical constituency boundary.

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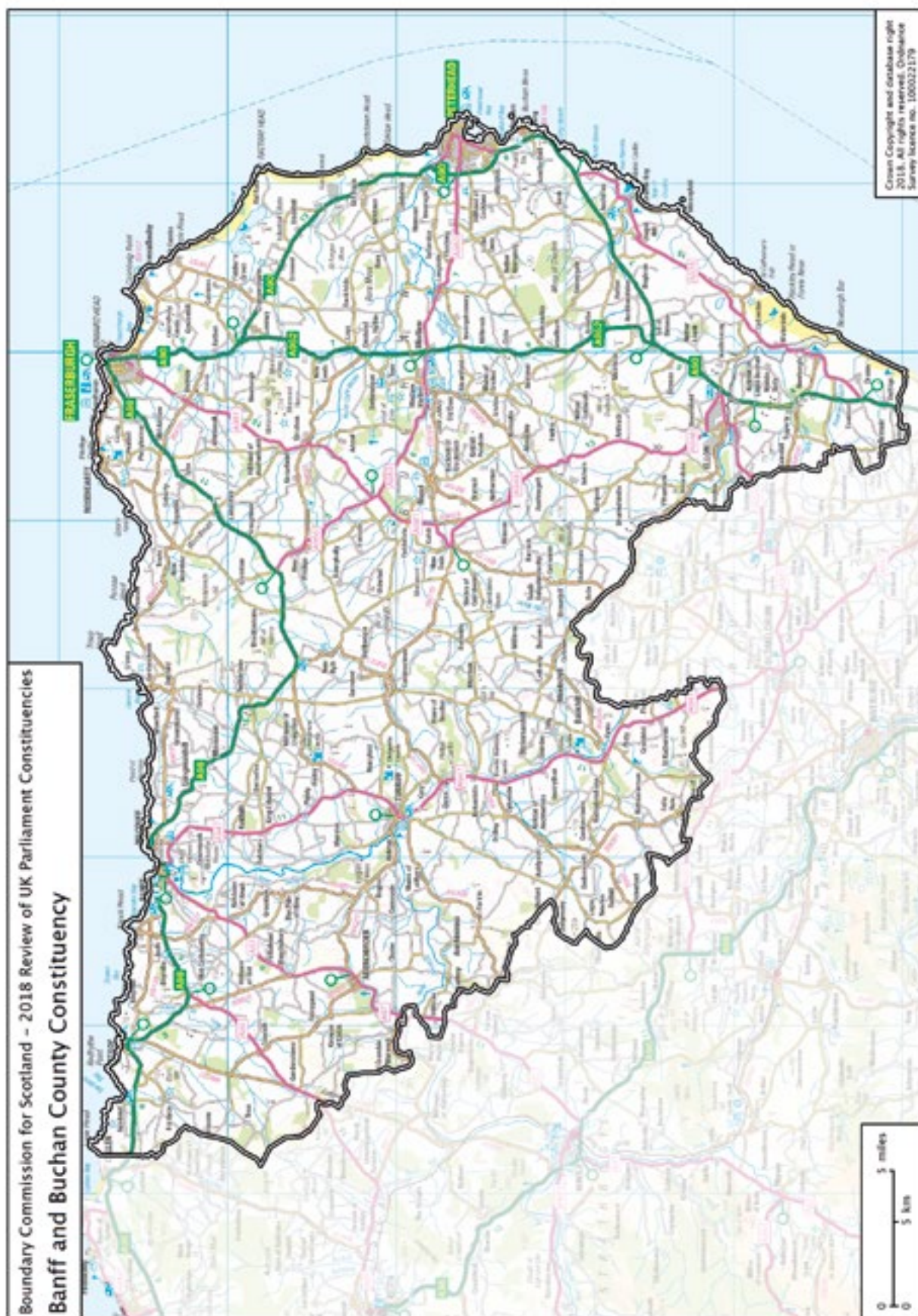
The recommended constituency comprises Argyll and Bute council area; Highland council area ward 22 and part of ward 12 (Caol and Mallaig) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary.



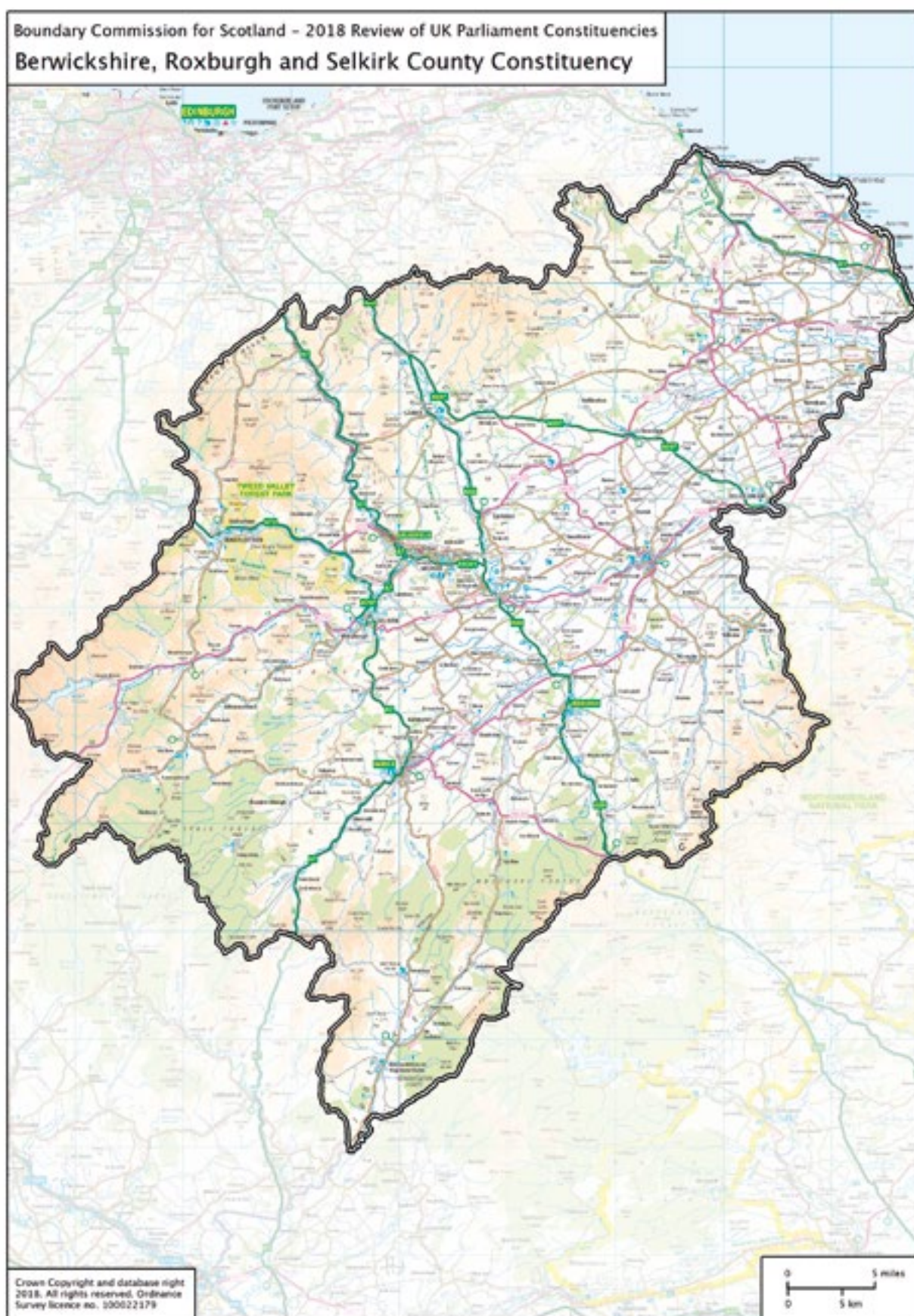
The recommended constituency comprises North Ayrshire council area wards 1 – 5 and part of ward 6 (Dalry and West Kilbride) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary, historical ward boundaries, a burn and a field boundary.



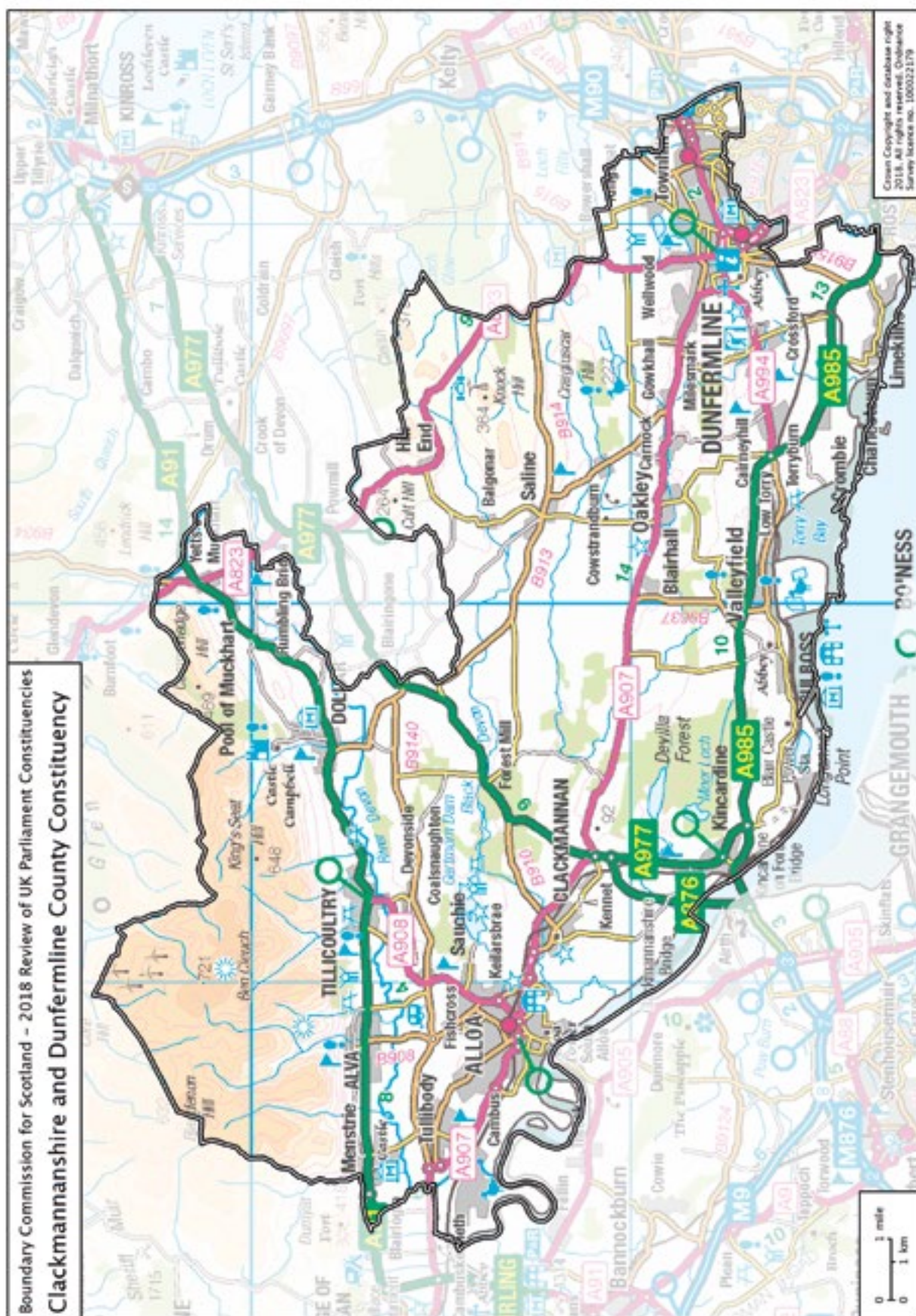
The recommended constituency comprises South Ayrshire council area wards 1 – 5, 7 and 8.



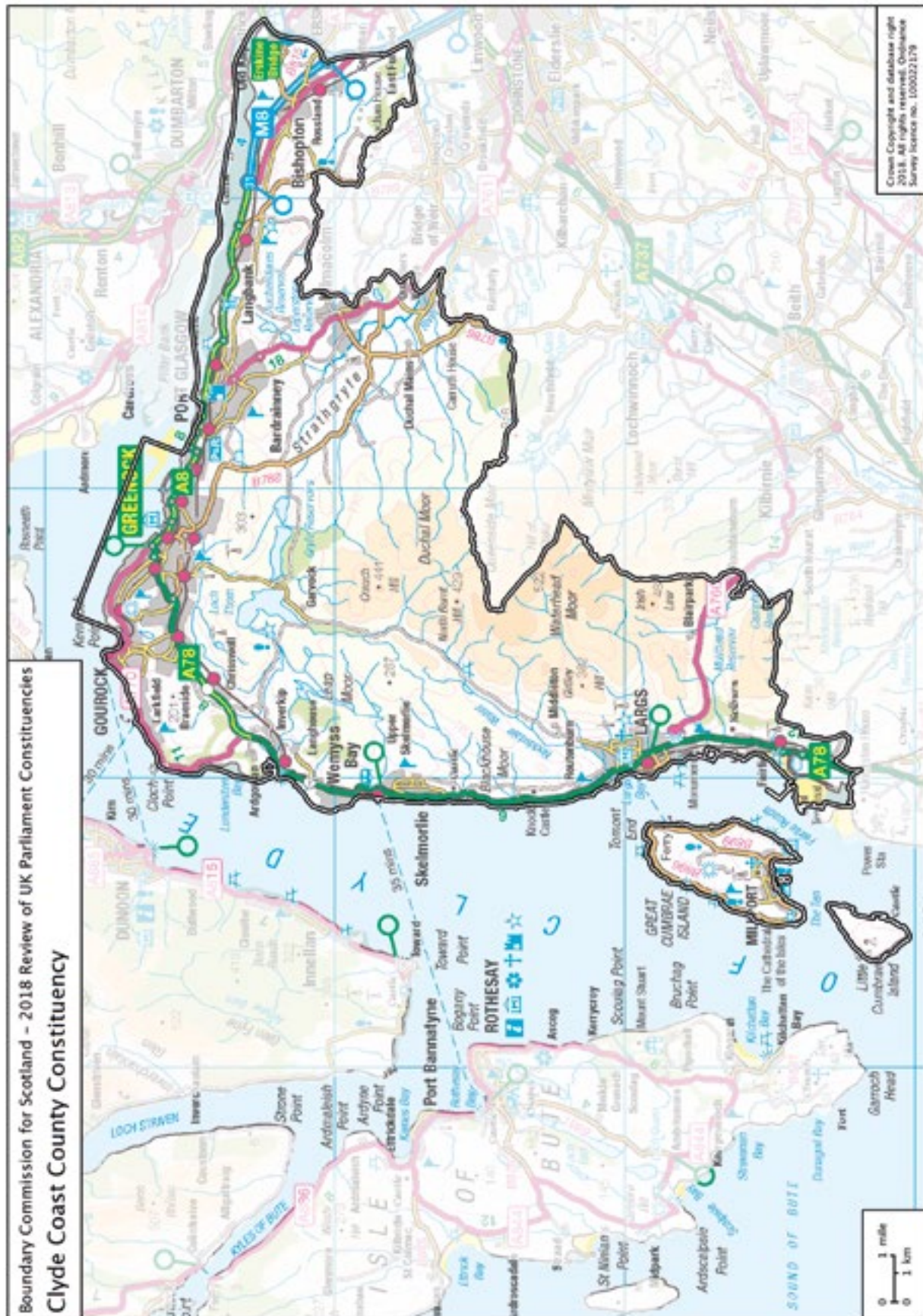
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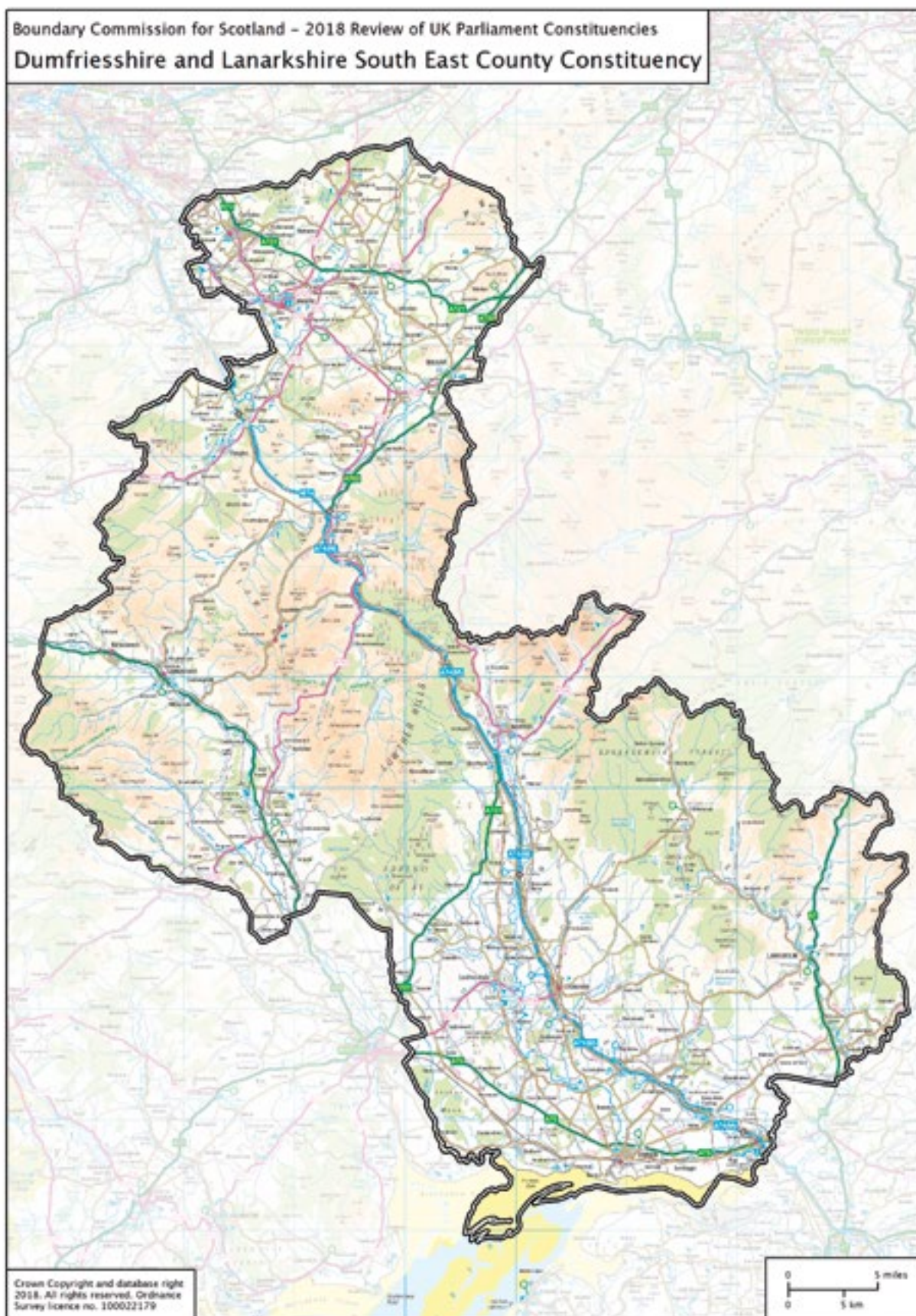
The recommended constituency comprises Scottish Borders council area wards 3 – 11 and part of ward 2 (Tweeddale East) where the boundary follows historical ward boundaries, a community council area boundary and a forest road.



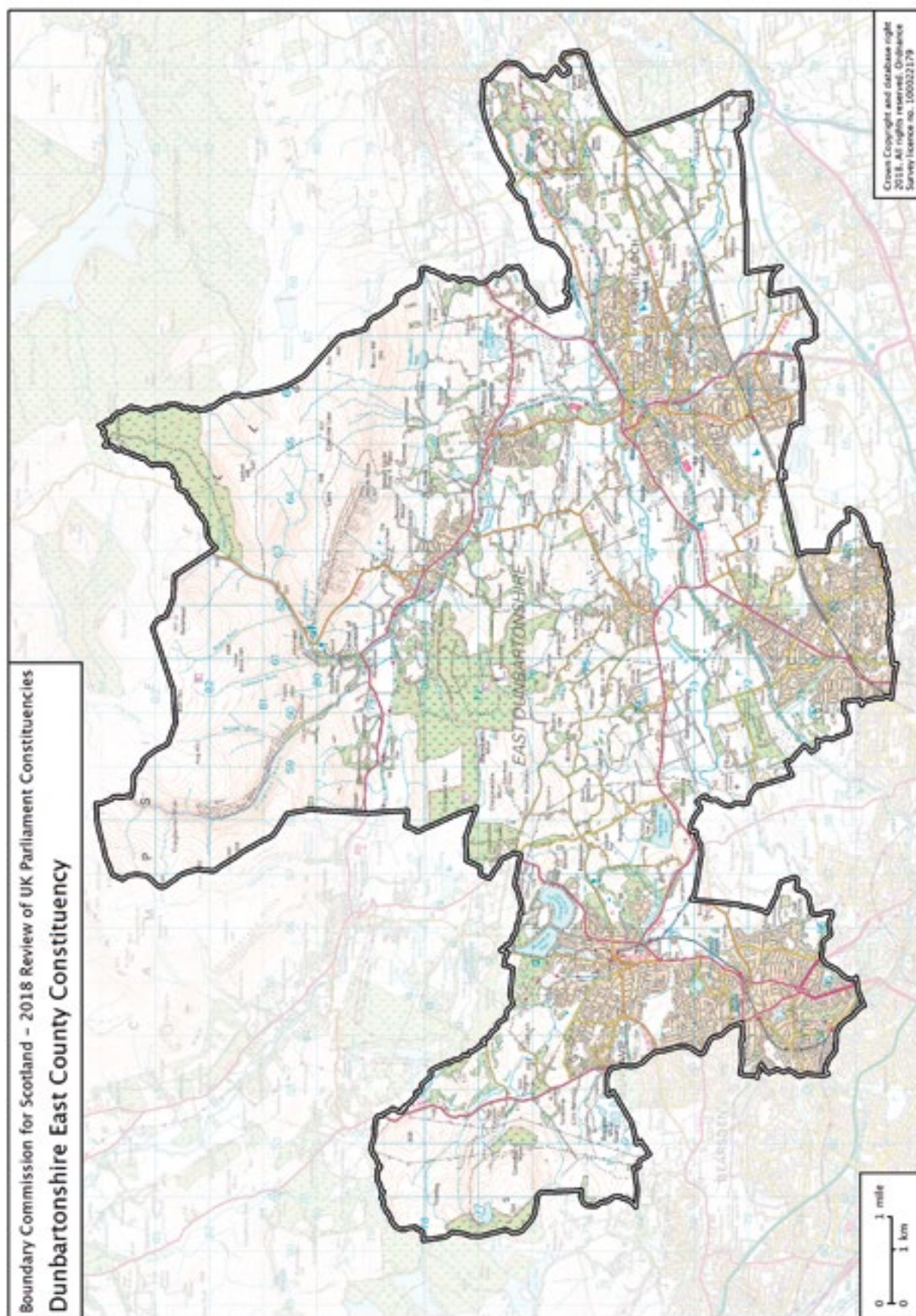
The recommended constituency comprises Clackmannanshire council area; and Fife council area wards 1 – 3.



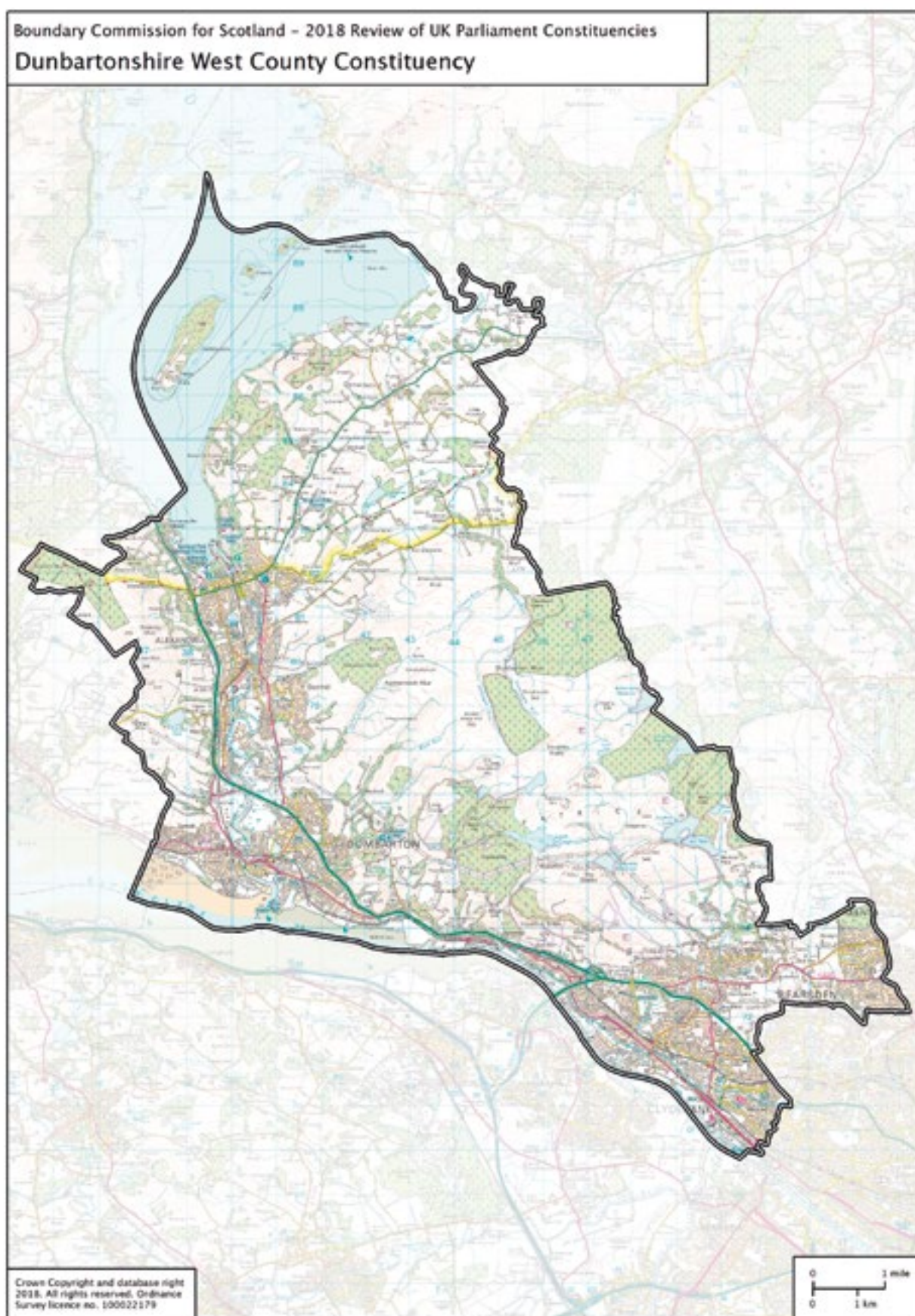
The recommended constituency comprises Inverclyde council area; North Ayrshire council area ward 8; and part of Renfrewshire council area ward 10 (Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary and an historical ward boundary.



The recommended constituency comprises Dumfries and Galloway council area wards 11 – 13, part of ward 8 (Mid and Upper Nithsdale) and ward 9 (Lochar) where the boundaries follow community council area boundaries; and South Lanarkshire council area wards 1 – 3 and part of ward 4 (Clydesdale South) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary and the existing UK Parliament constituency boundary.



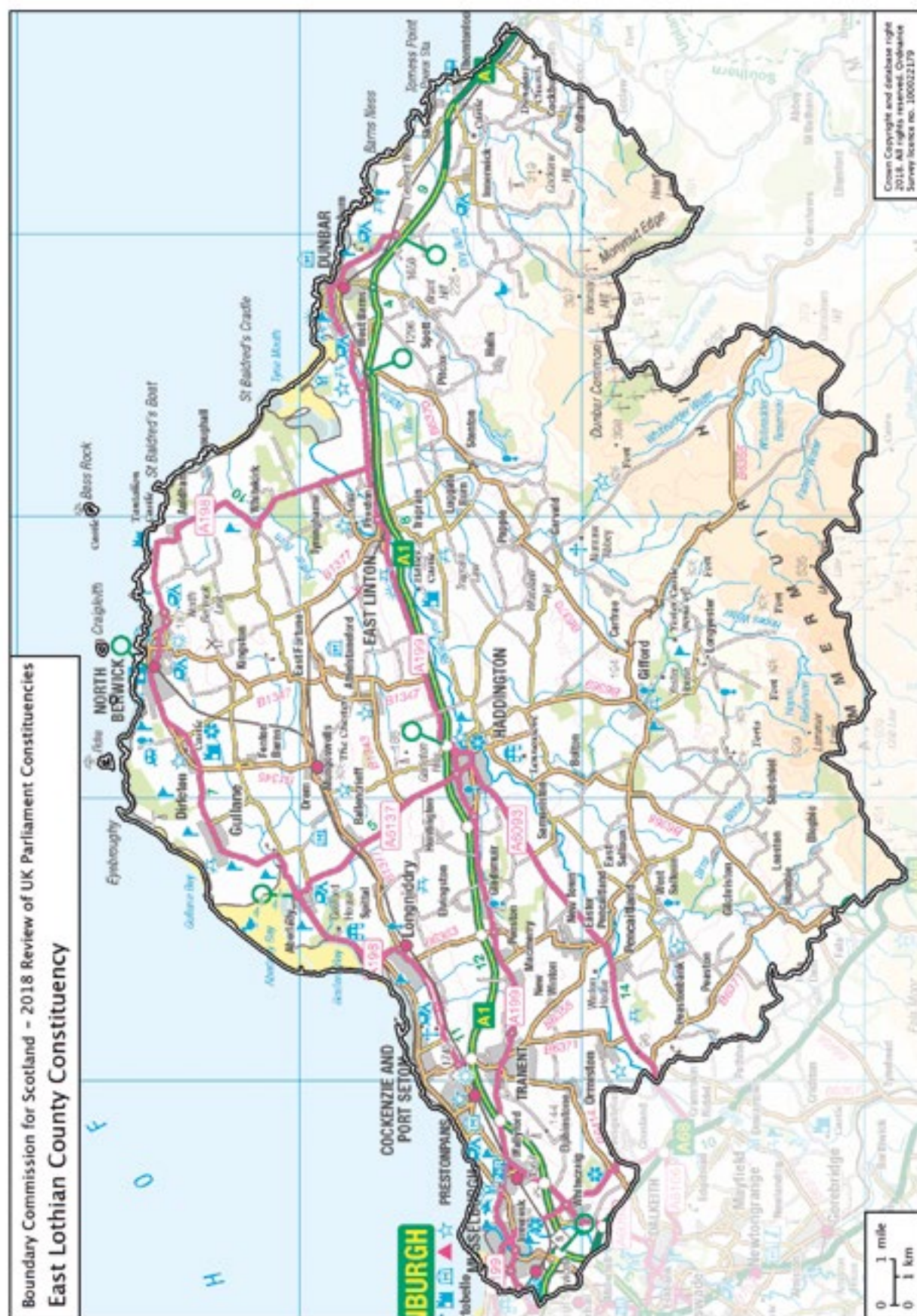
The recommended constituency comprises East Dunbartonshire council area wards 1, 3 – 8 and part of ward 2 (Bearsden North) where the boundary follows Drymen Road and Stockiemuir Road.



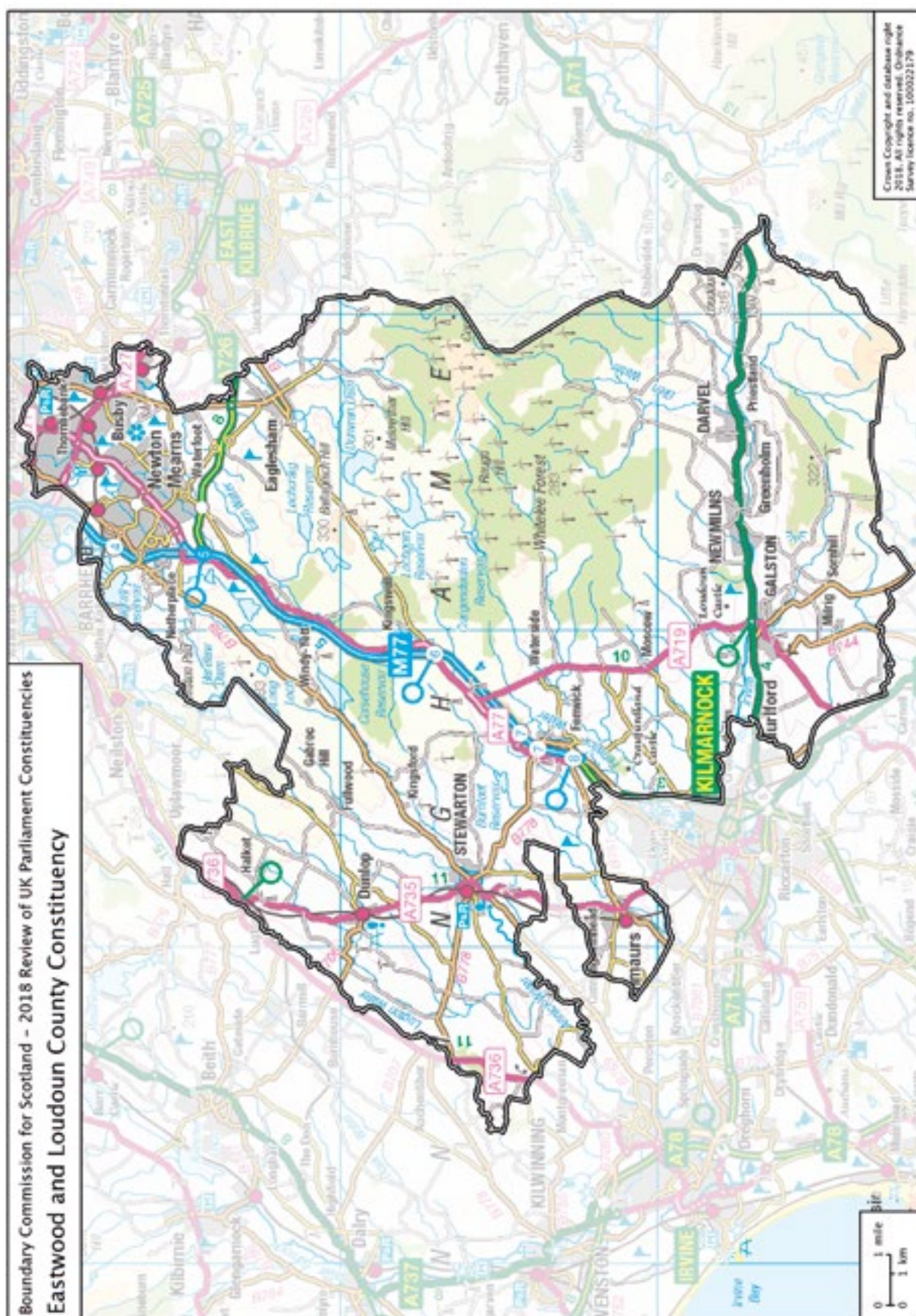
The recommended constituency comprises West Dunbartonshire council area; and part of East Dunbartonshire council area ward 2 (Bearsden North) where the boundary follows Drymen Road and Stockiemuir Road.



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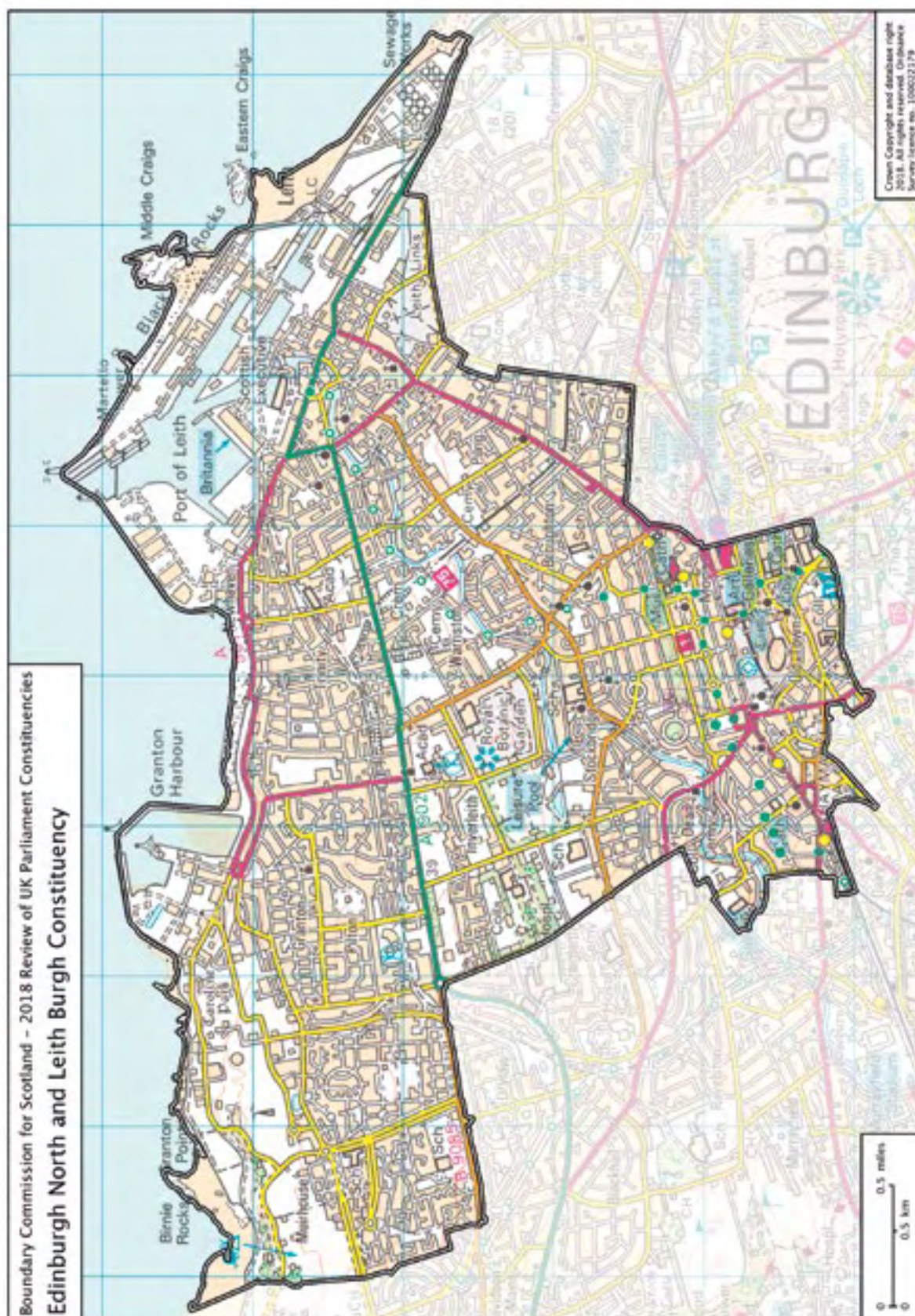
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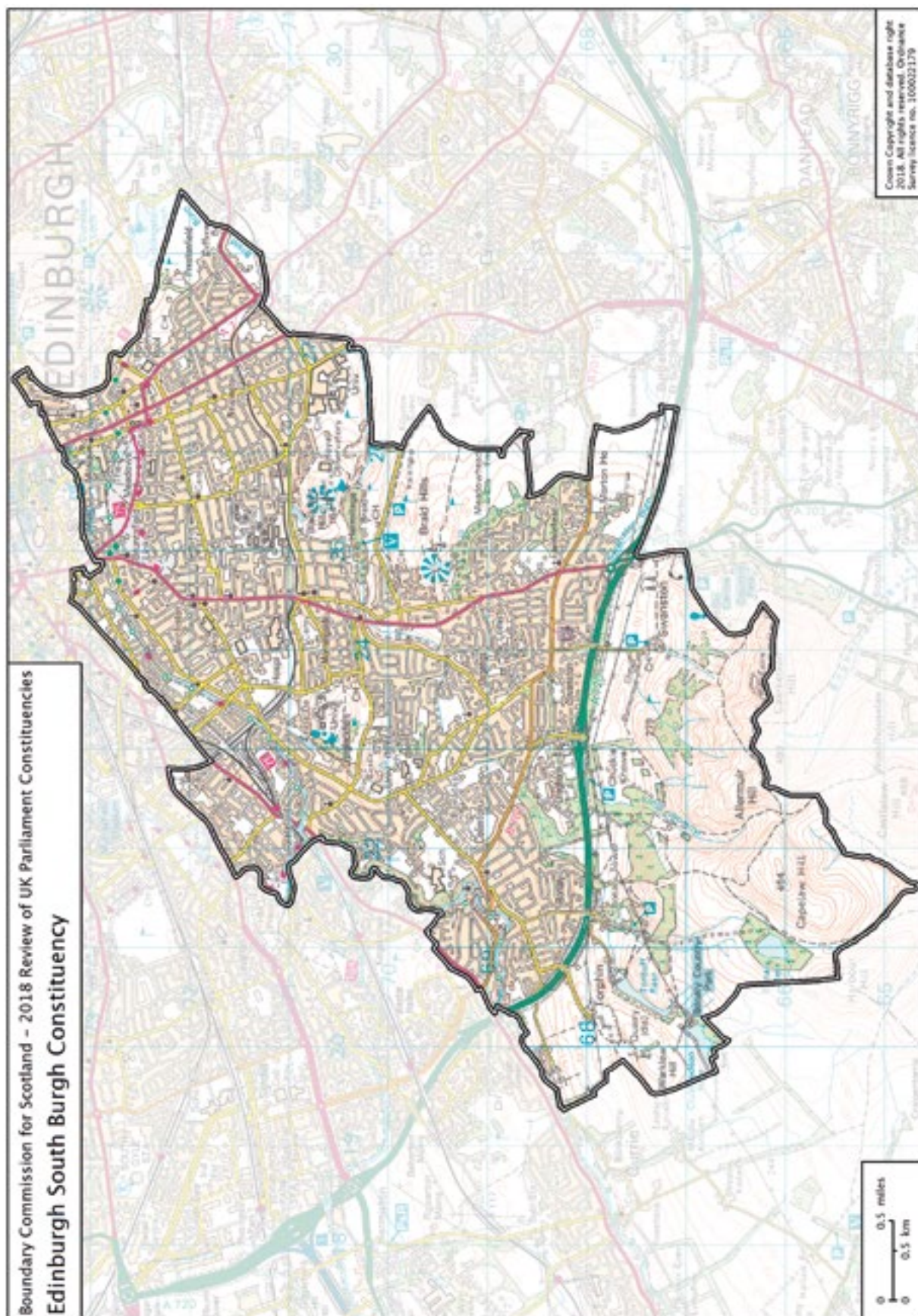
The recommended constituency comprises East Ayrshire council area ward 1 and part of ward 6 (Irvine Valley) where the boundary follows a railway line; and East Renfrewshire council area wards 3 – 6 and part of ward 1 (Neilston, Uplawmoor and Newton Mearns North) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary.



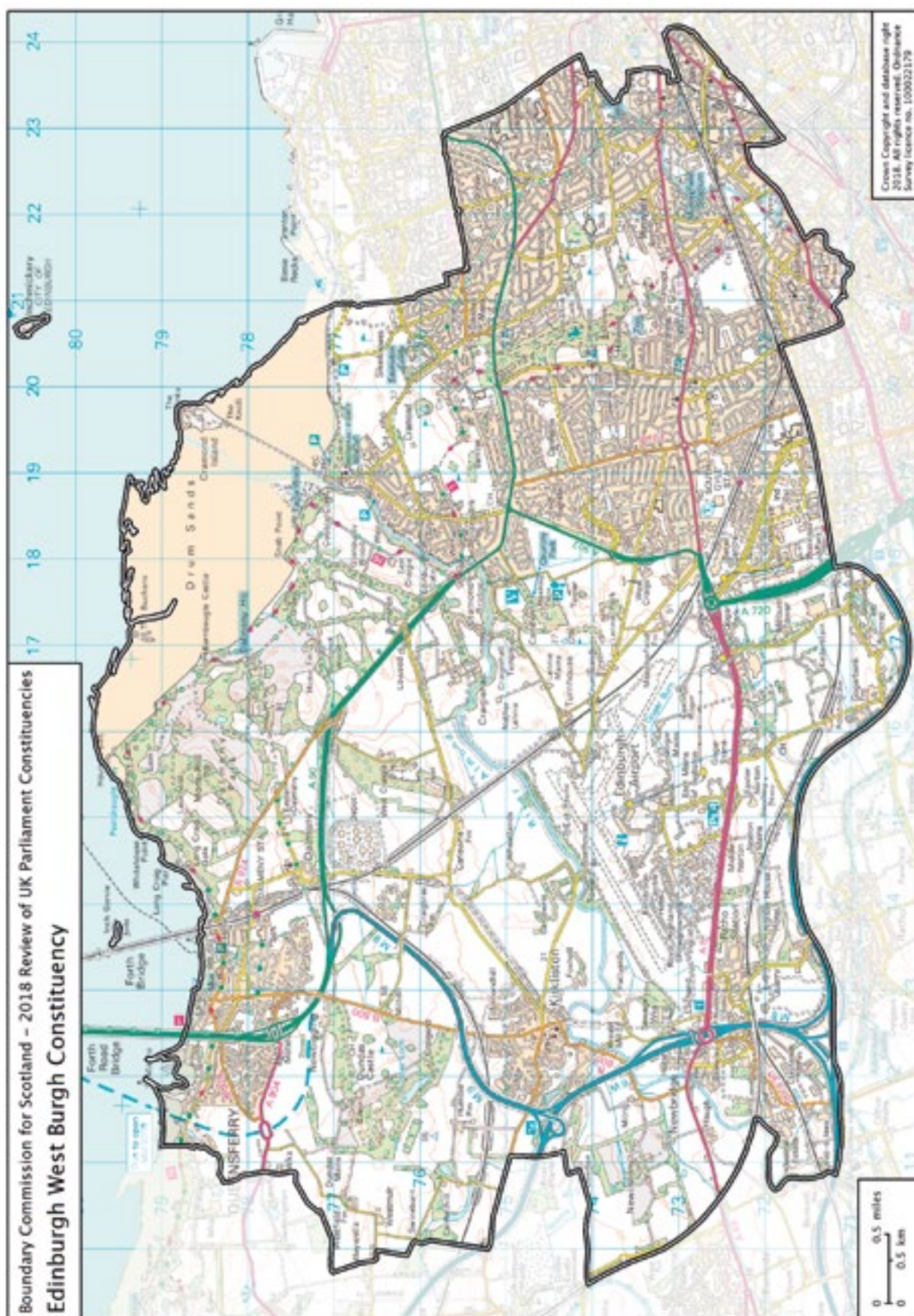
The recommended constituency comprises City of Edinburgh council area wards 14, 16 – 17, part of ward 11 (City Centre) where the boundary follows an historical ward boundary and the North Bridge, and part of ward 12 (Leith Walk) and ward 13 (Leith) where the boundaries follow an existing UK Parliament constituency boundary.



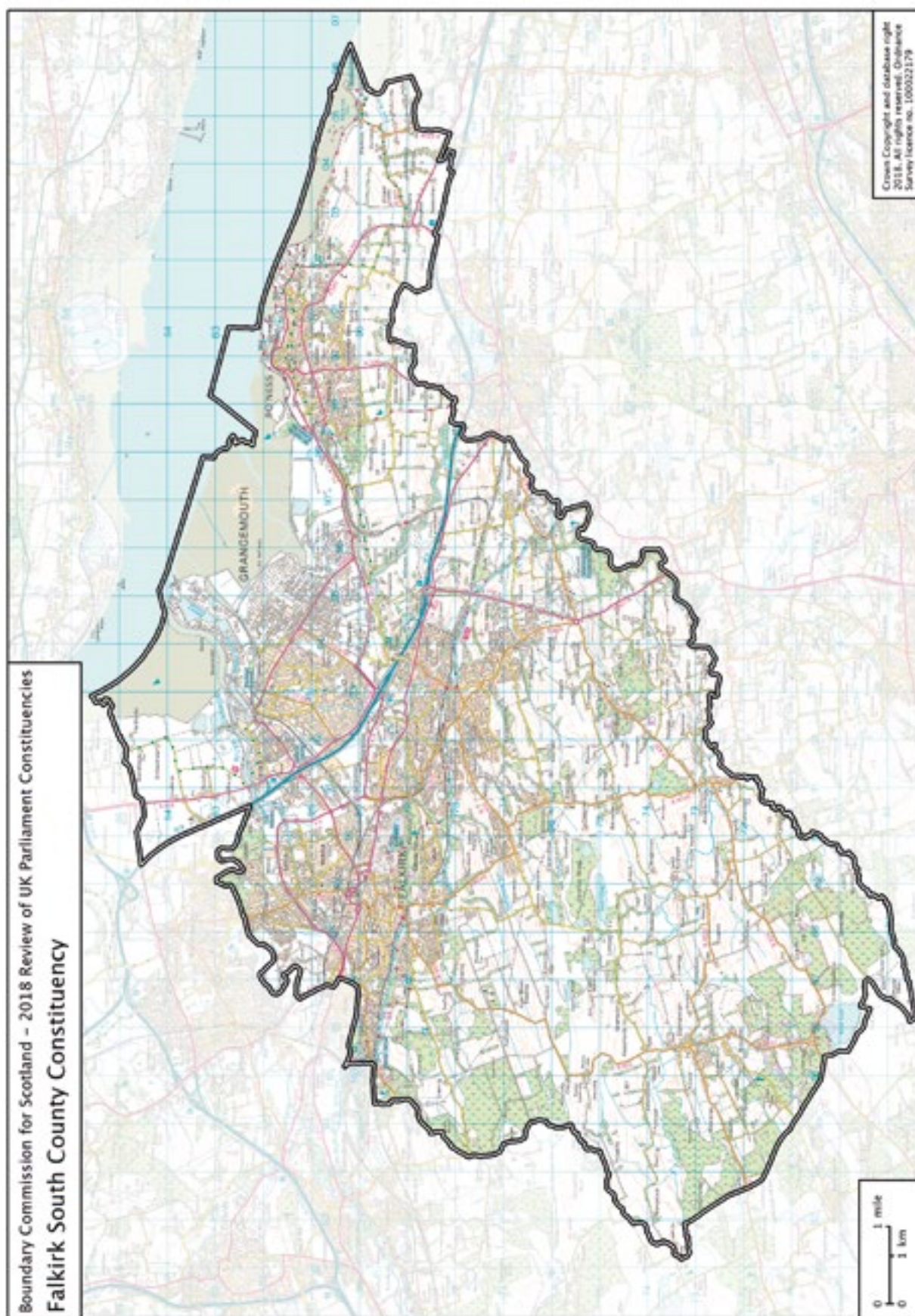
The recommended constituency comprises City of Edinburgh council area ward 4, part of ward 5 (Inverleith) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary and rear fences of properties, part of ward 11 (City Centre) where the boundary follows an historical ward boundary and the North Bridge, and part of ward 12 (Leith Walk) and ward 13 (Leith) where the boundaries follow an existing UK Parliament constituency boundary.



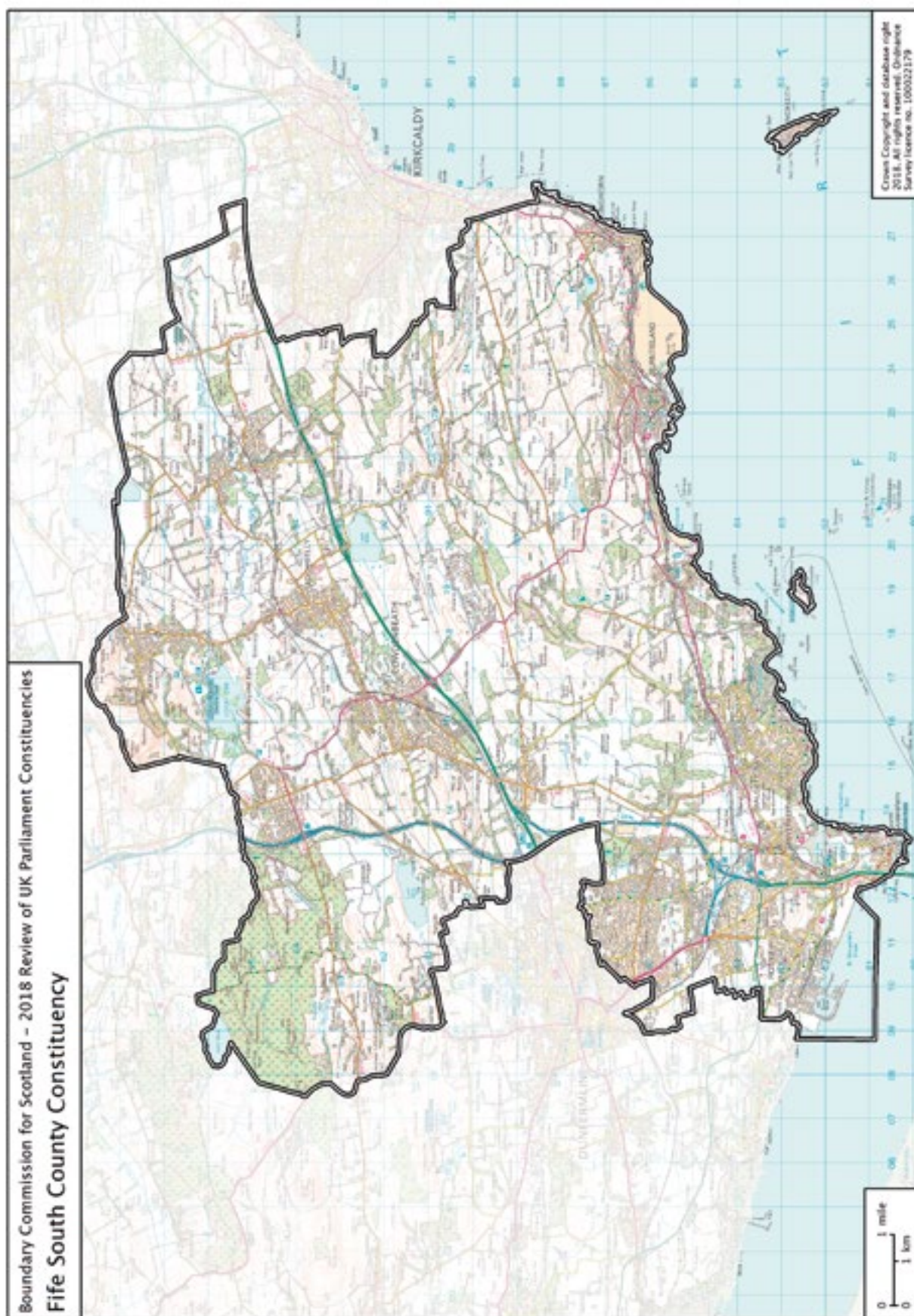
The recommended constituency comprises City of Edinburgh council area wards 8 – 10 and 15.



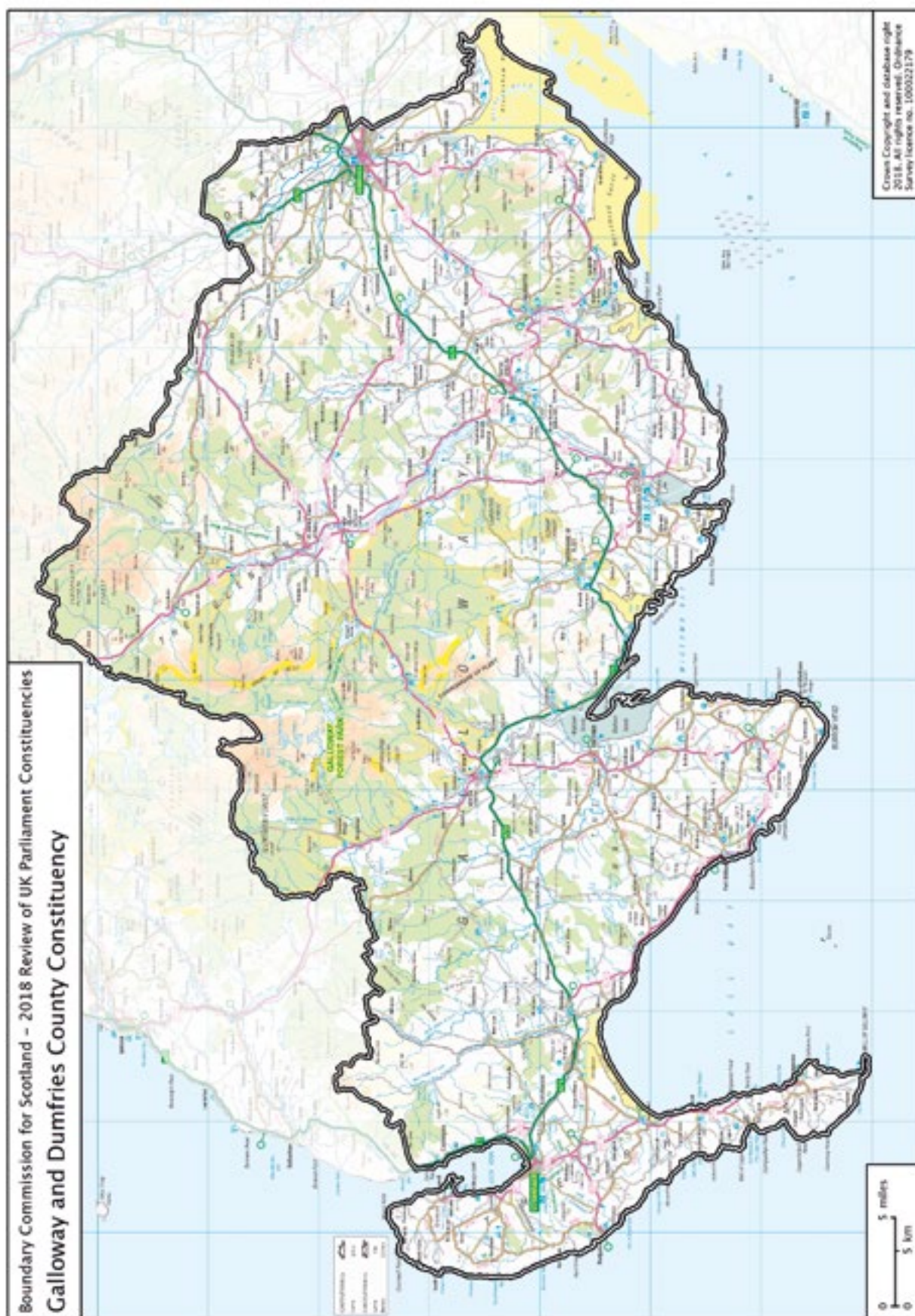
The recommended constituency comprises City of Edinburgh council area wards 1, 3, 6, part of ward 5 (Inverleith) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary and rear fences of properties, and part of ward 7 (Sighthill/Gorgie) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary.



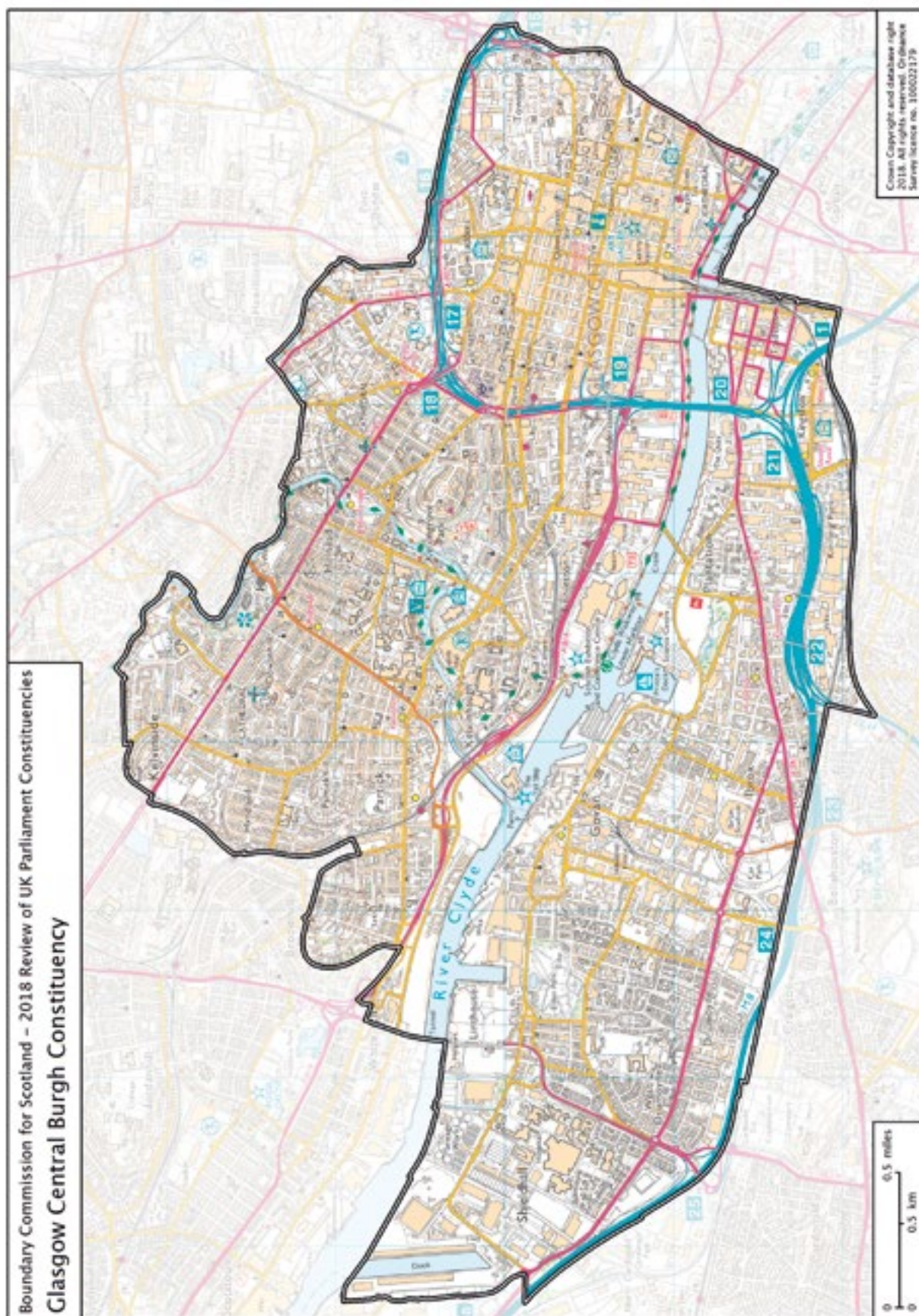
The recommended constituency comprises Falkirk council area wards 1 – 2, 6, 8 – 9 and part of ward 7 (Falkirk South) where the boundary follows a canal, an historical ward boundary and a ward boundary from 2017.



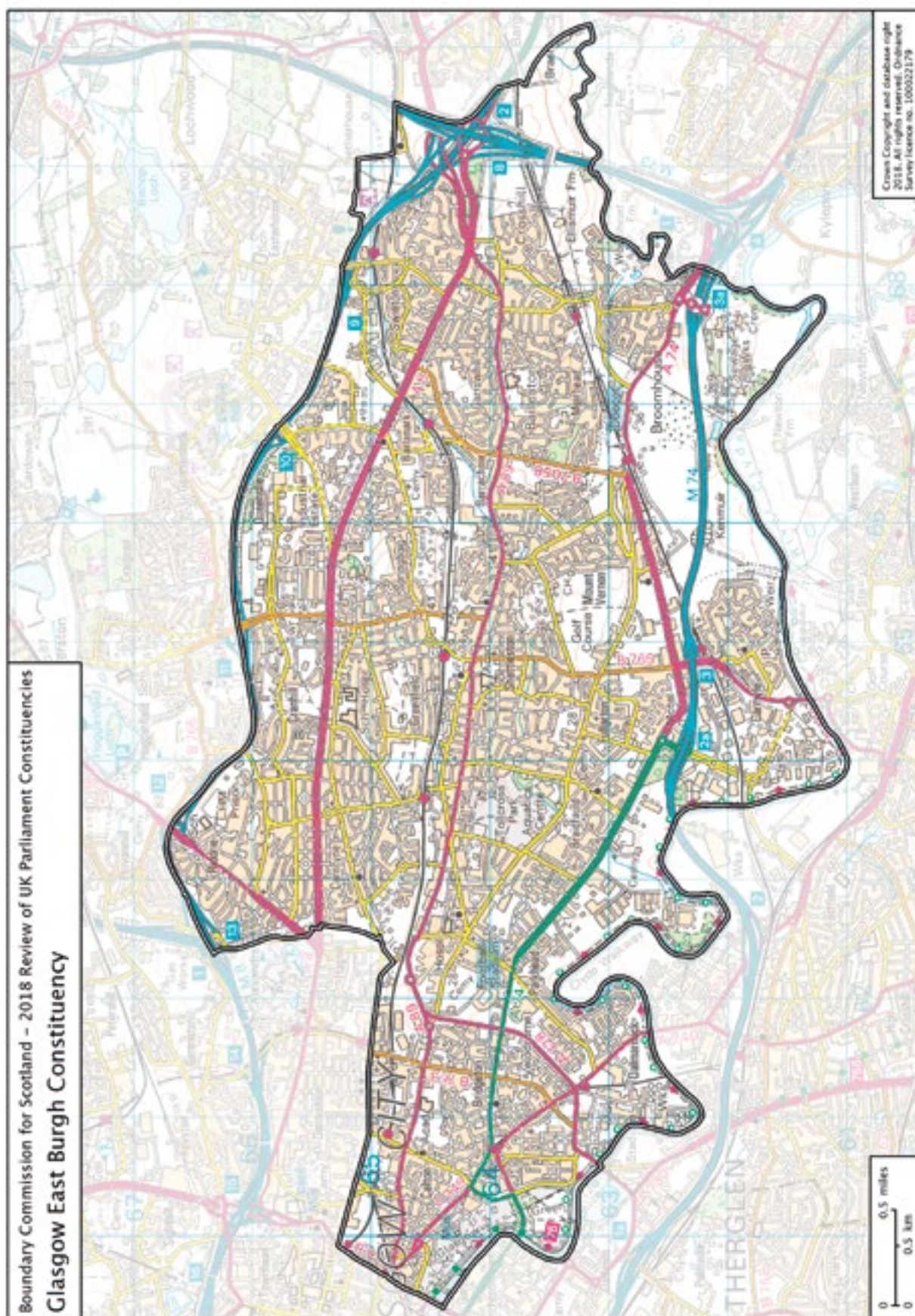
The recommended constituency comprises Fife council area wards 4 – 9 and part of ward 10 (Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy) where the boundary follows an historical ward boundary, the Tiel Burn and a railway line.



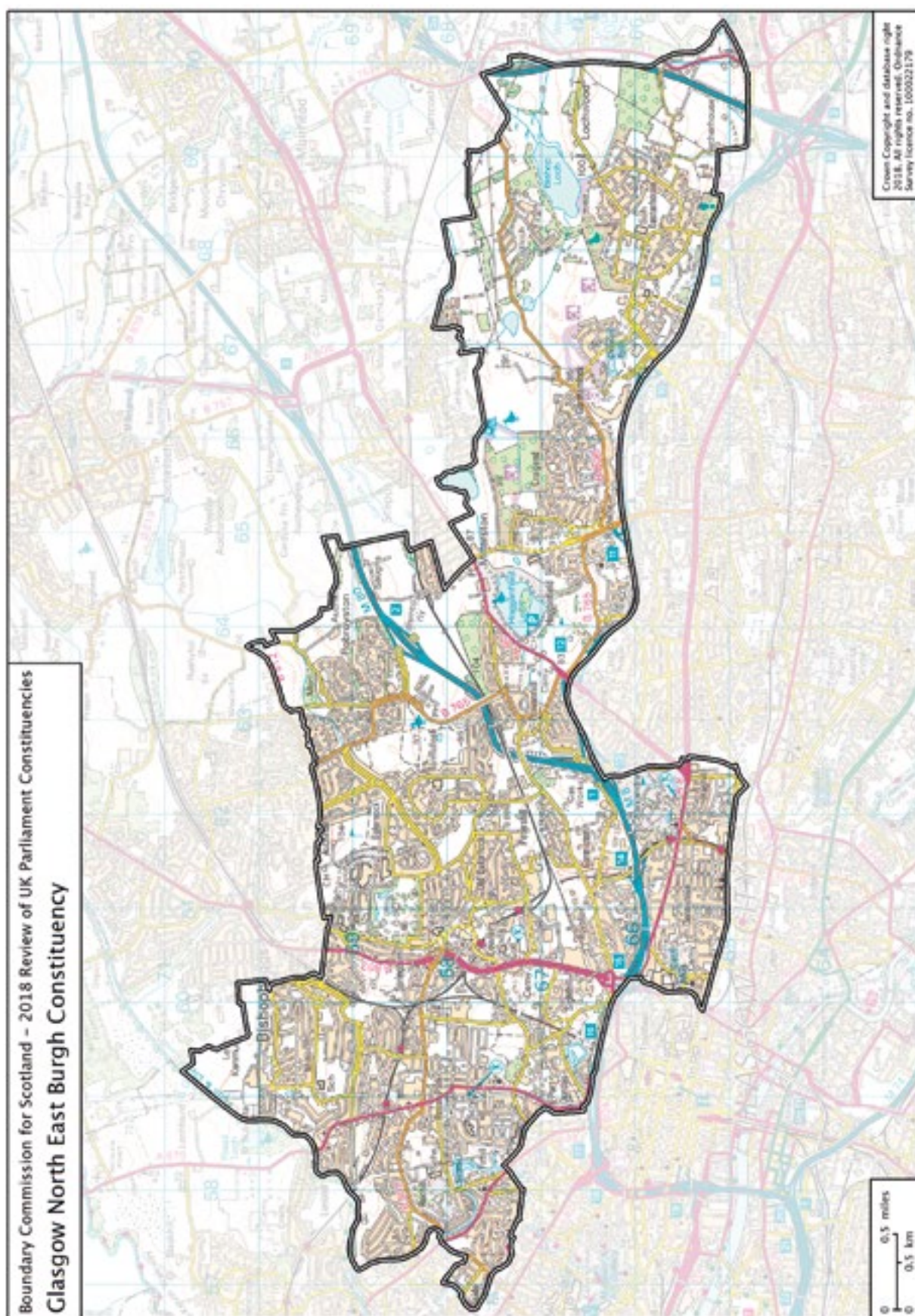
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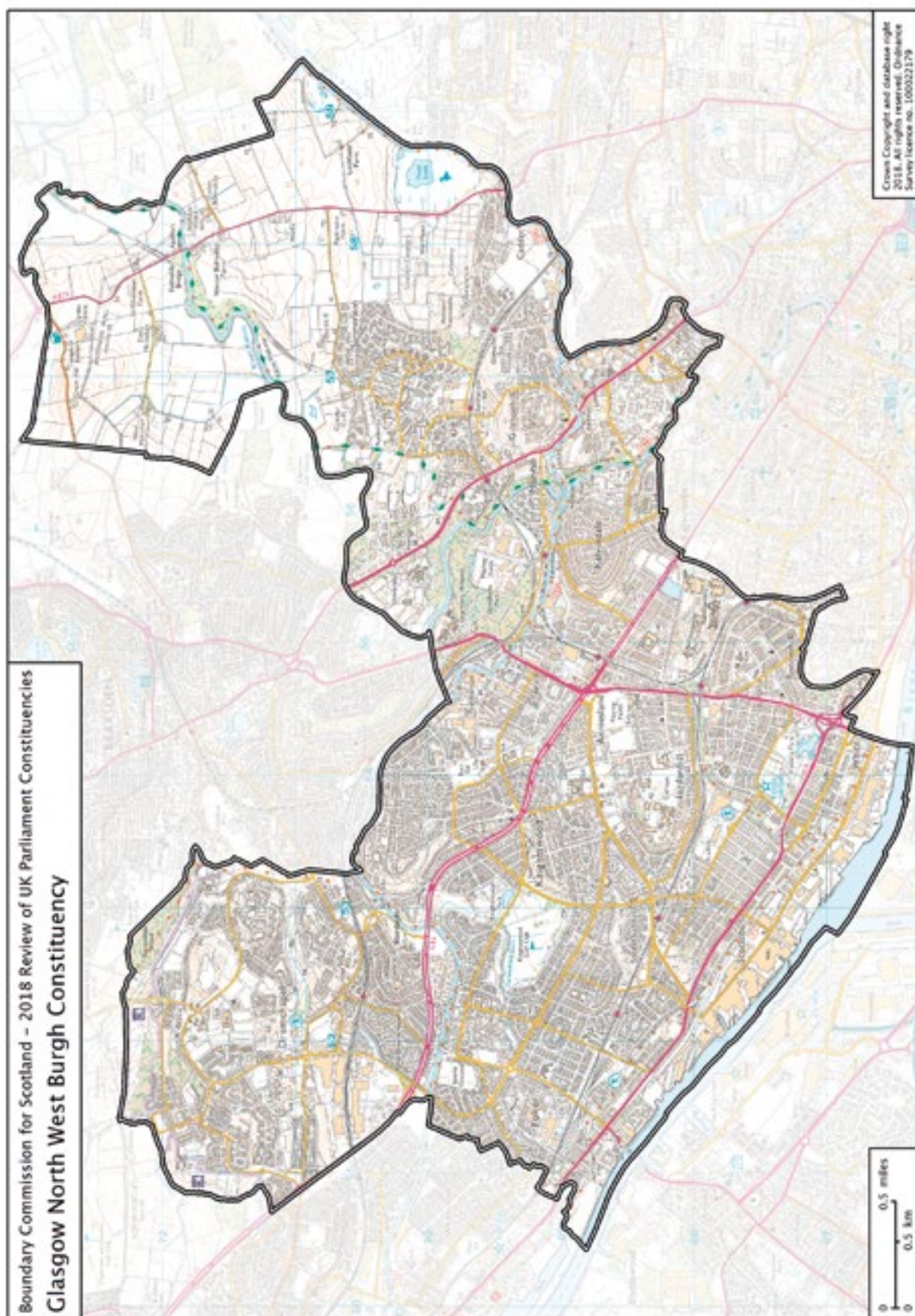
The recommended constituency comprises Glasgow City council area ward 11, part of ward 5 (Govan) where the boundary follows community council area boundaries and the M77 motorway, part of ward 10 (Anderston/City) where the boundary follows the A8 road and Castle Street, part of ward 12 (Partick West) and ward 15 (Maryhill/Kelvin) where the boundaries follow community council area boundaries.



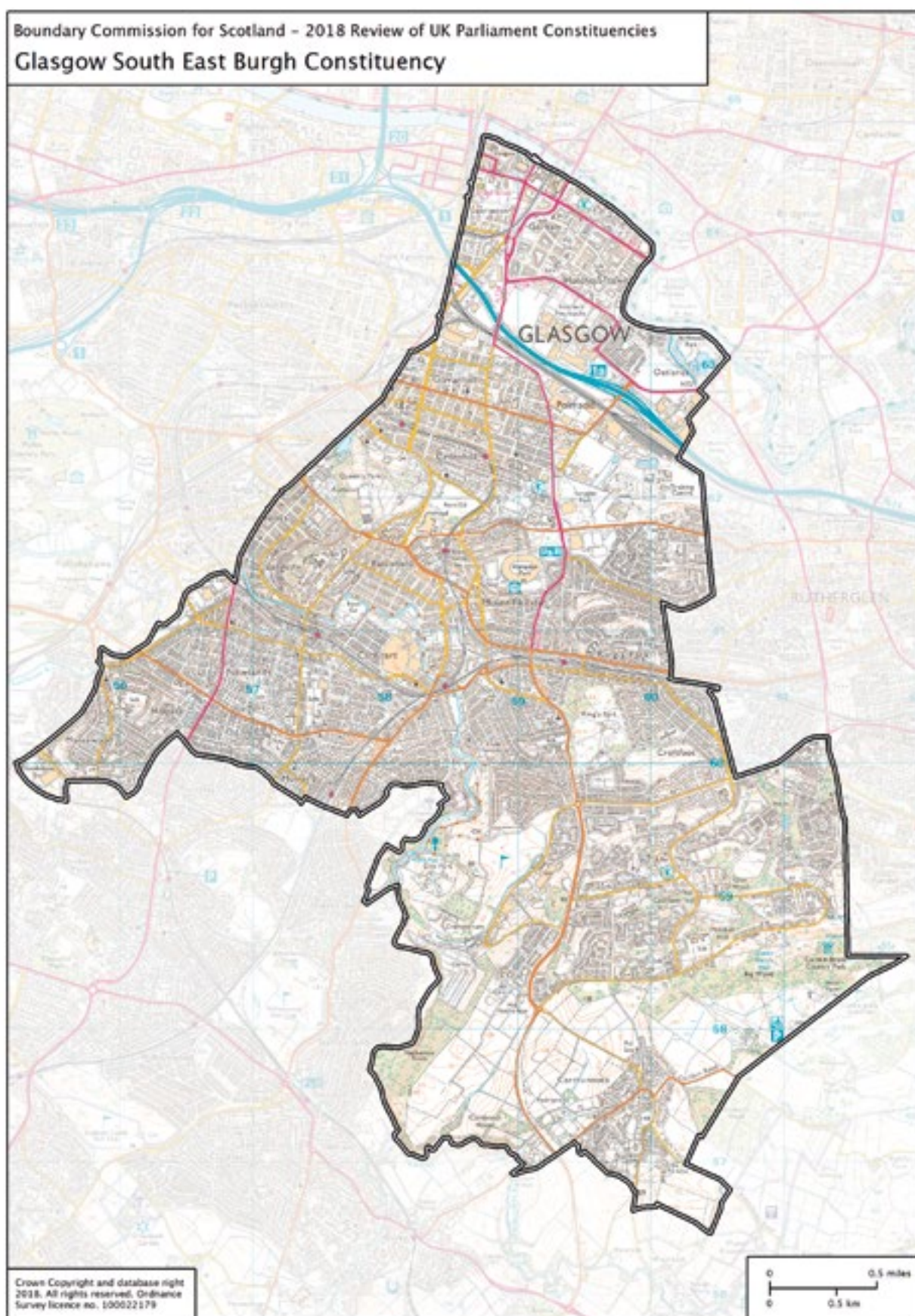
The recommended constituency comprises Glasgow City council area wards 9, 19 – 20 and part of ward 18 (East Centre) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary, Carntyne Road and Todd Street.



The recommended constituency comprises Glasgow City council area wards 16 – 17, 21, part of ward 10 (Anderston/ City) where the boundary follows the A8 road and Castle Street and part of ward 18 (East Centre) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary, Carntyne Road and Todd Street.



The recommended constituency comprises Glasgow City council area wards 13 – 14, part of ward 12 (Partick West) and ward 15 (Maryhill/Kelvin) where the boundaries follow community council area boundaries.



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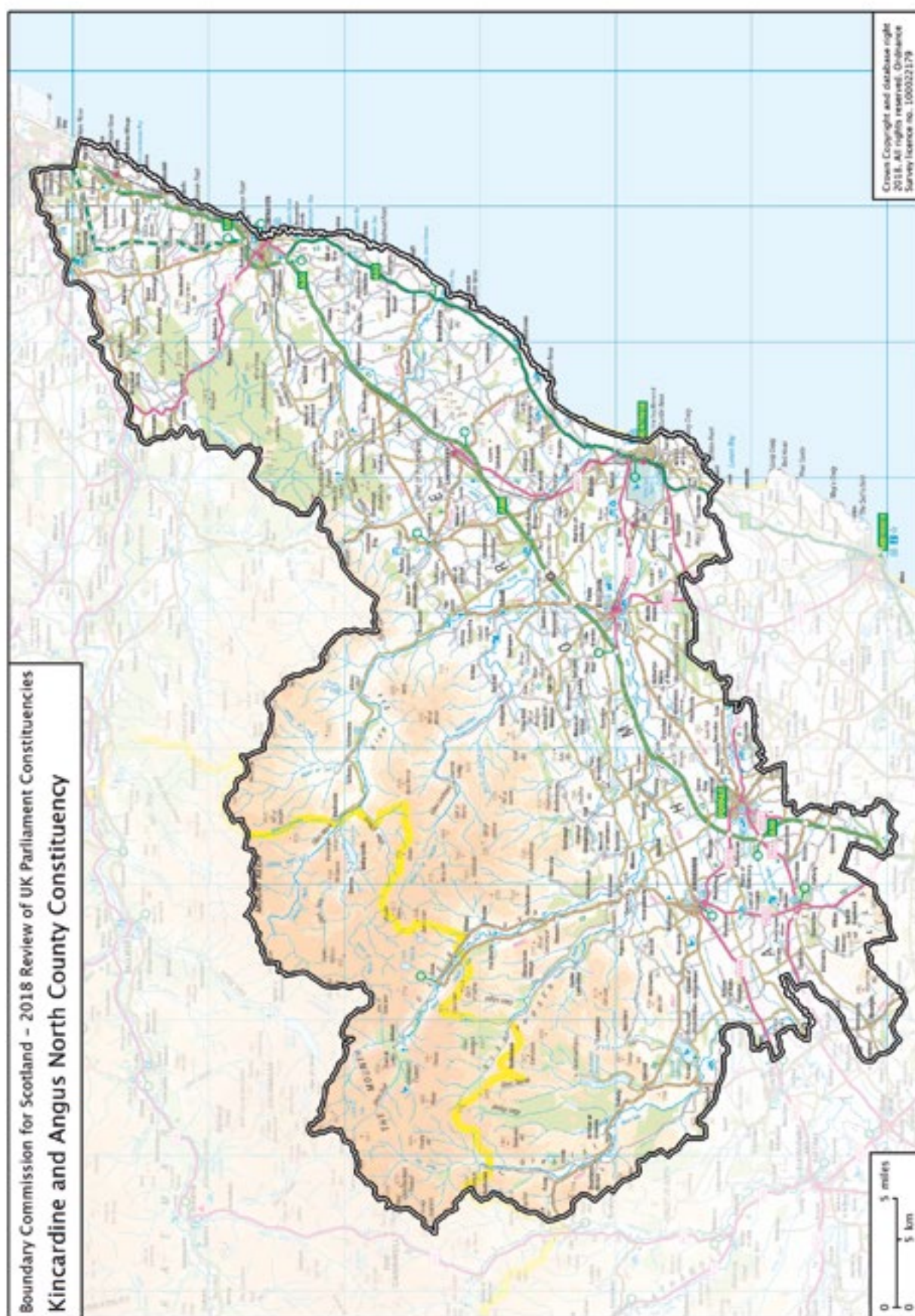
The recommended constituency comprises Glasgow City council area wards 3 – 4, 6, part of ward 2 (Newlands/Auldburn) where the boundary follows community council area boundaries and part of ward 5 (Govan) where the boundary follows community council area boundaries and the M77 motorway.

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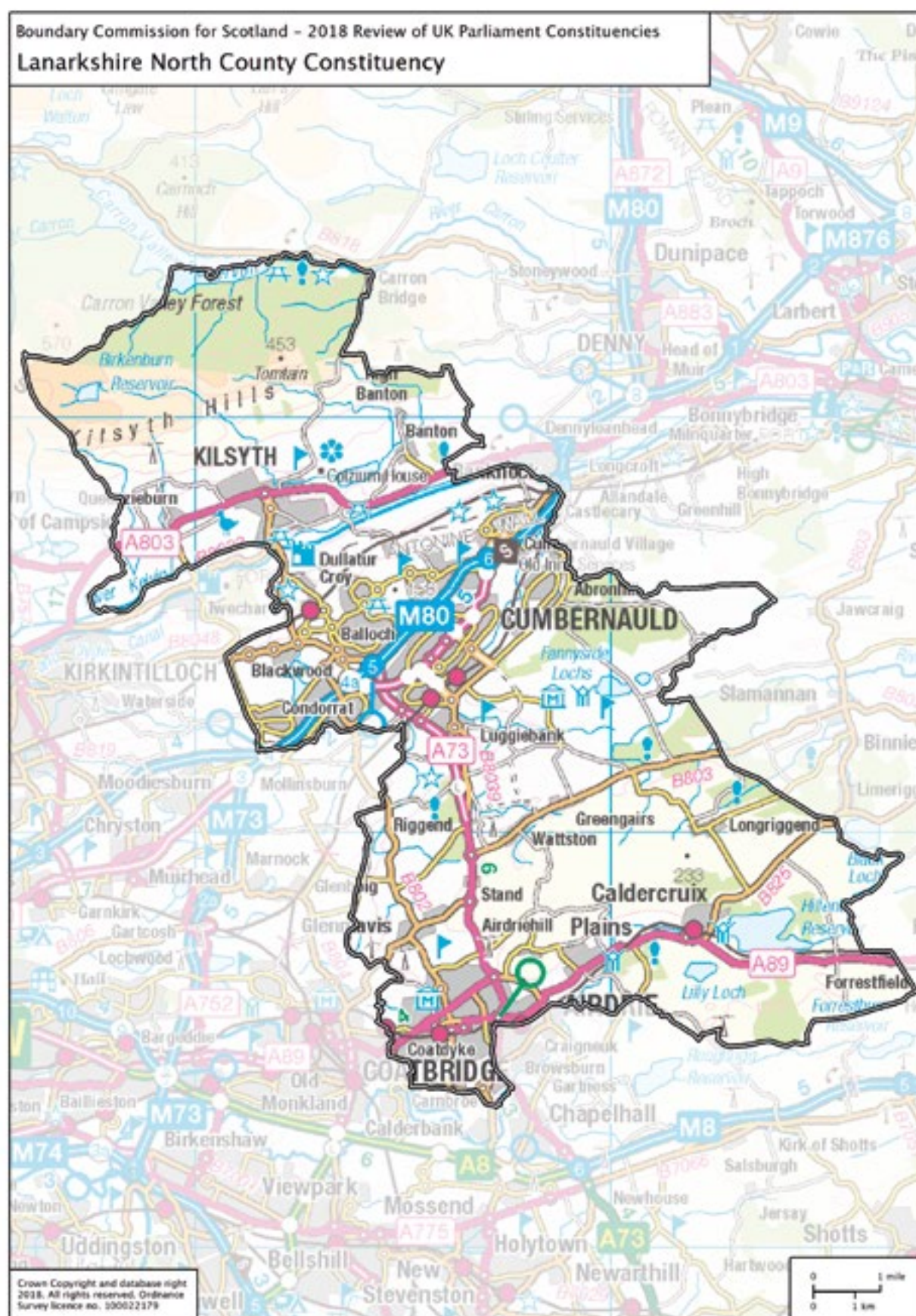
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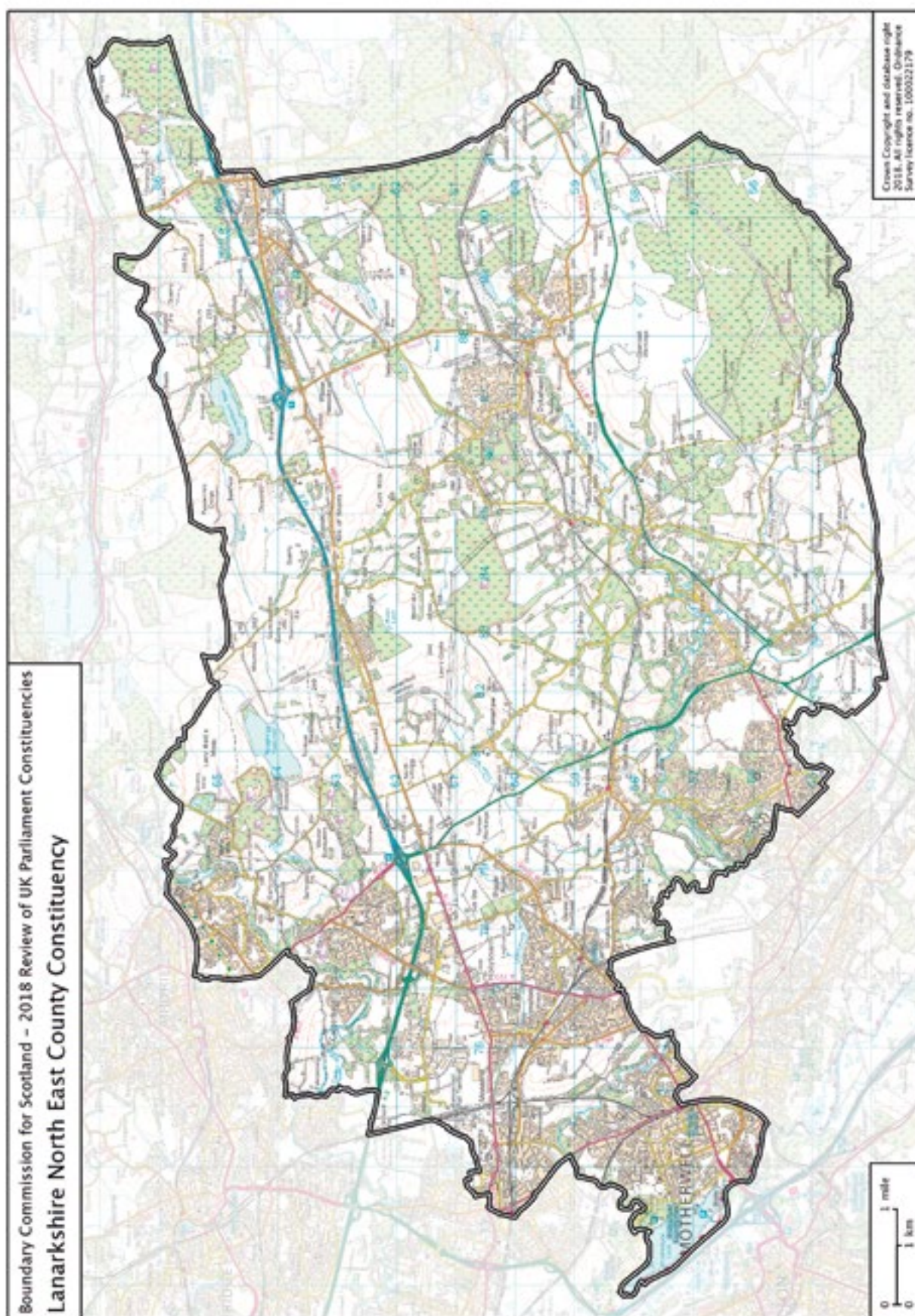
The recommended constituency comprises East Ayrshire council area wards 2 – 5, 7 – 9 and part of ward 6 (Irvine Valley) where the boundary follows a railway line; and South Ayrshire ward 6.



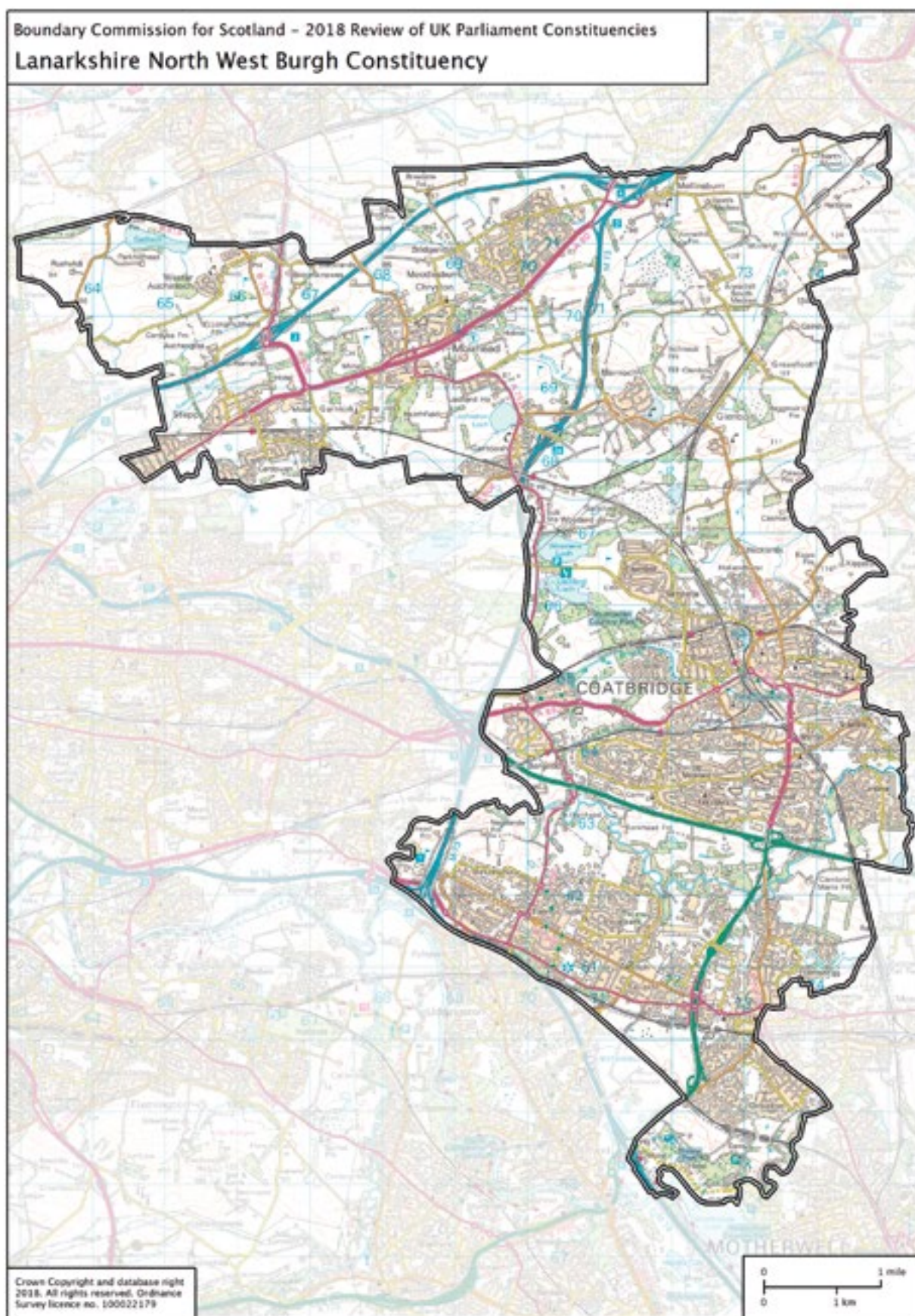
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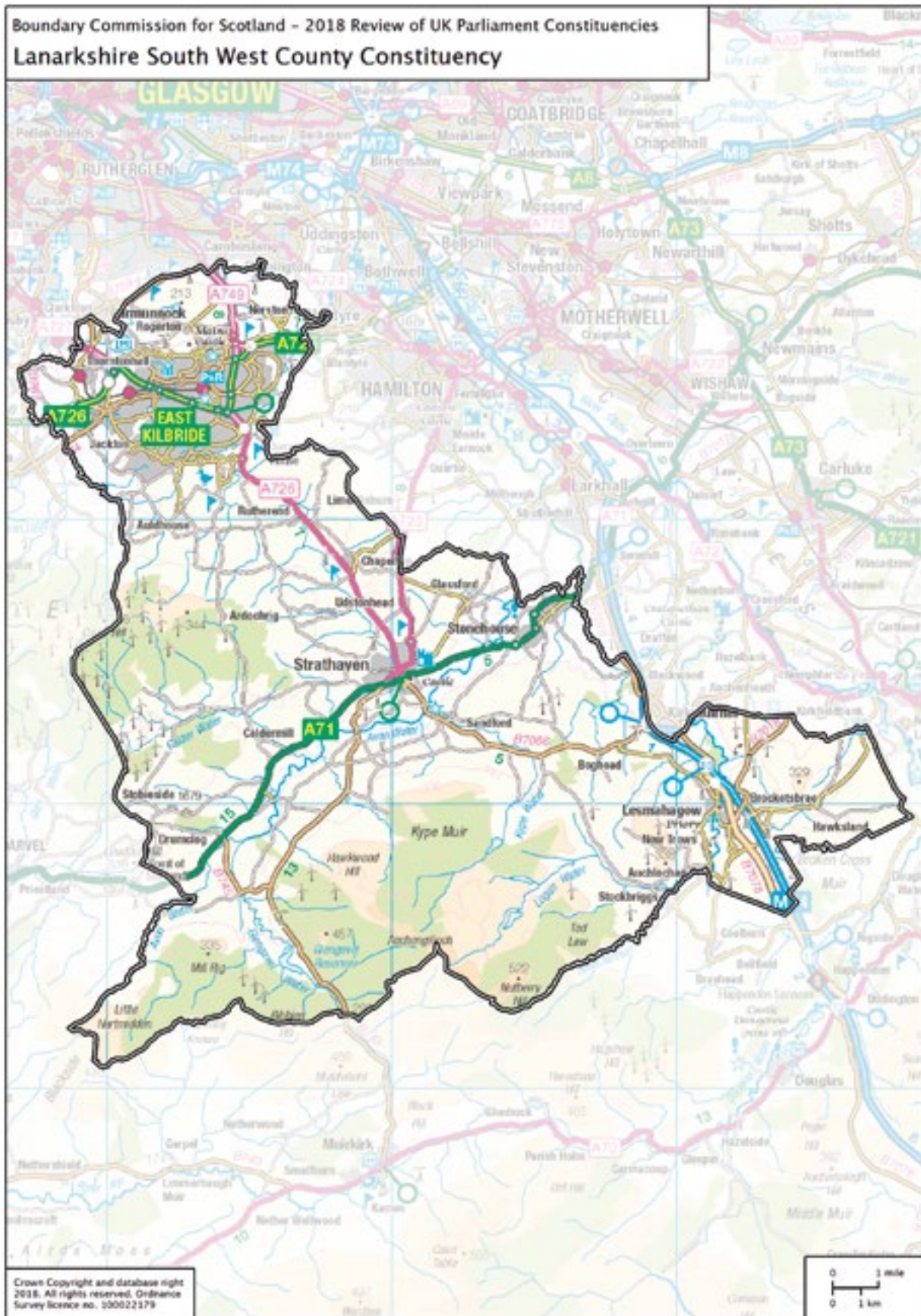
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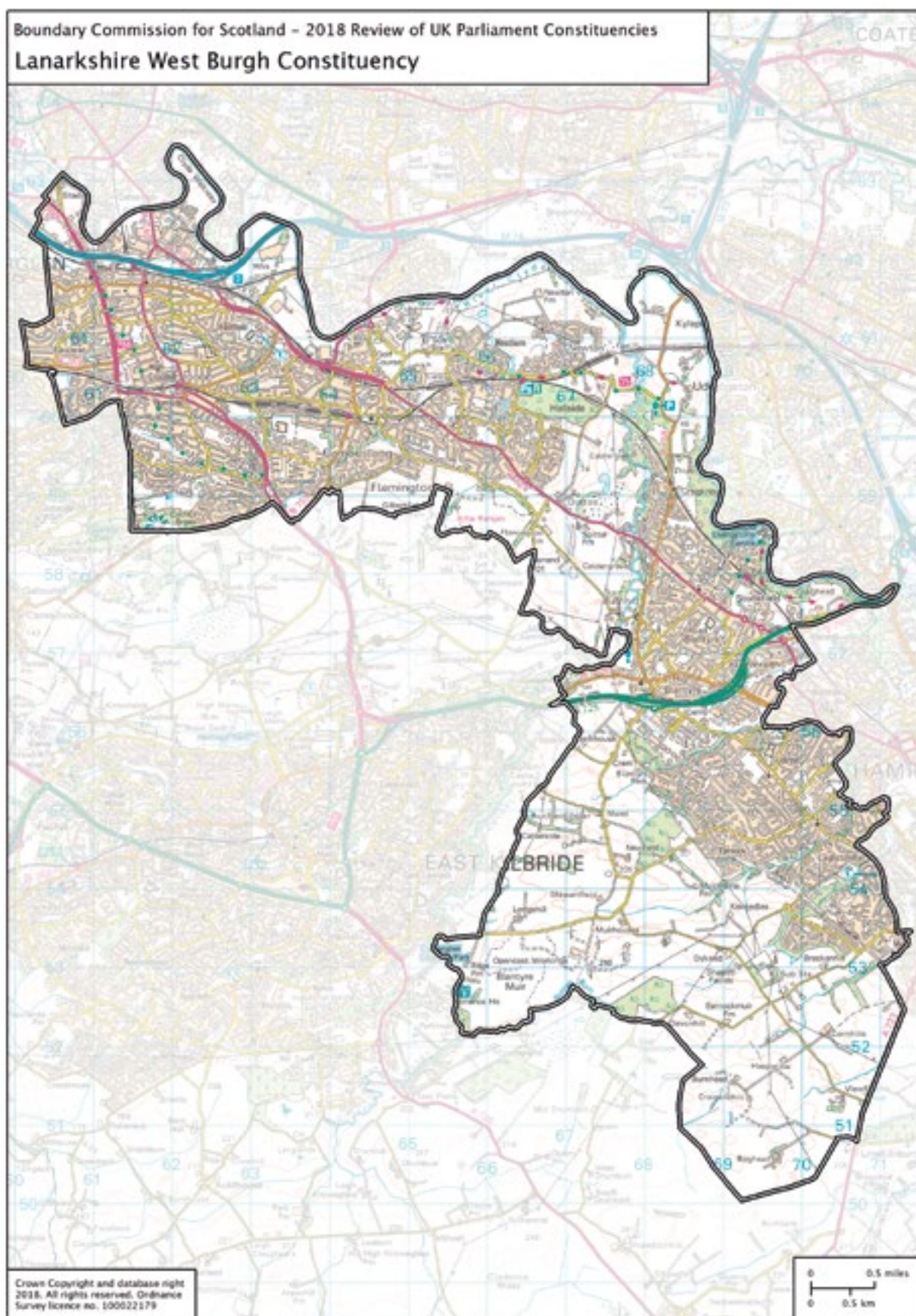
The recommended constituency comprises North Lanarkshire council area wards 12, 15 – 17, 19 and part of ward 11 (Airdrie South) and ward 20 (Wishaw) where the boundaries follow community council area boundaries.



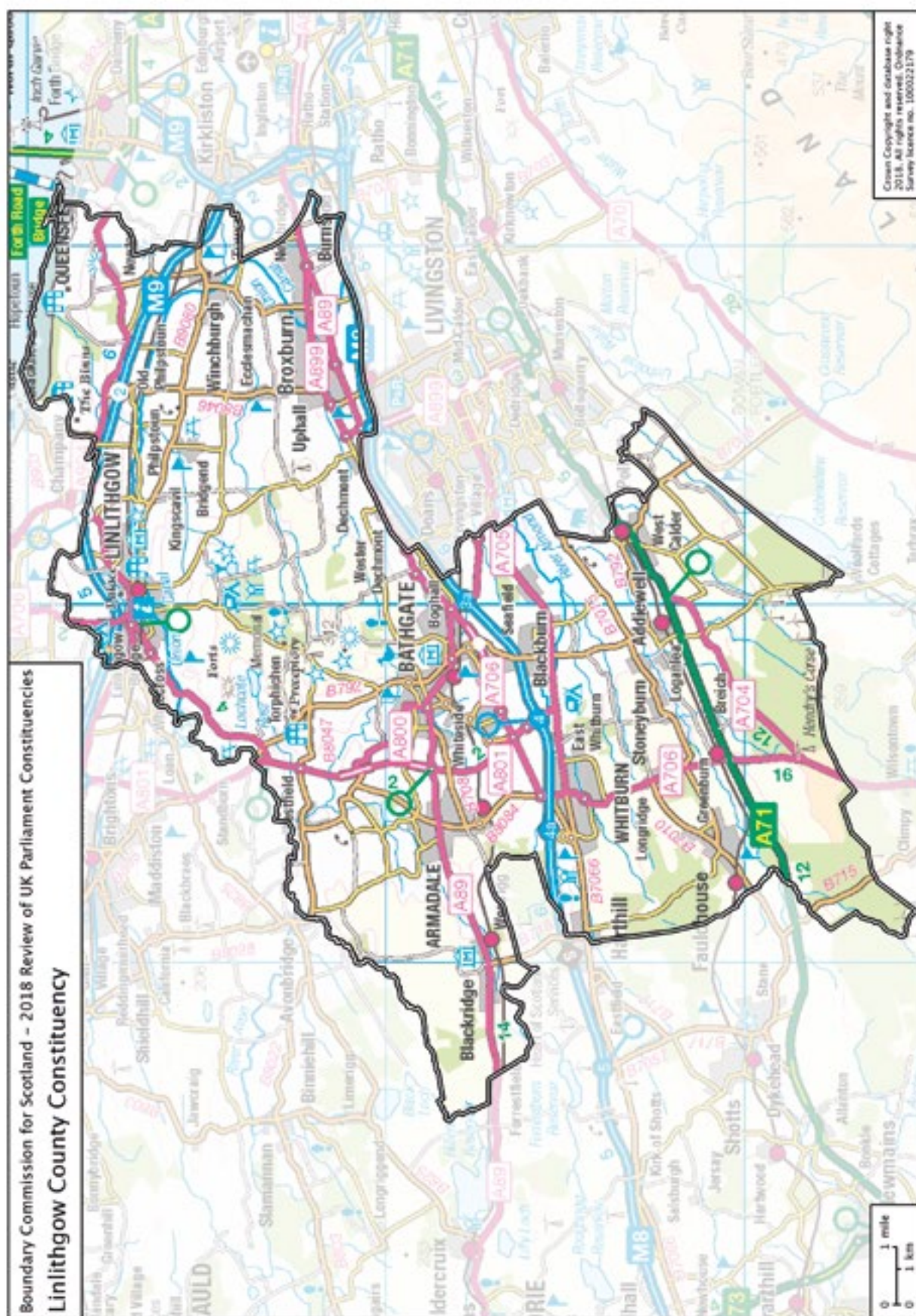
The recommended constituency comprises North Lanarkshire council area wards 5 – 6, 9 – 10 and 13 – 14.

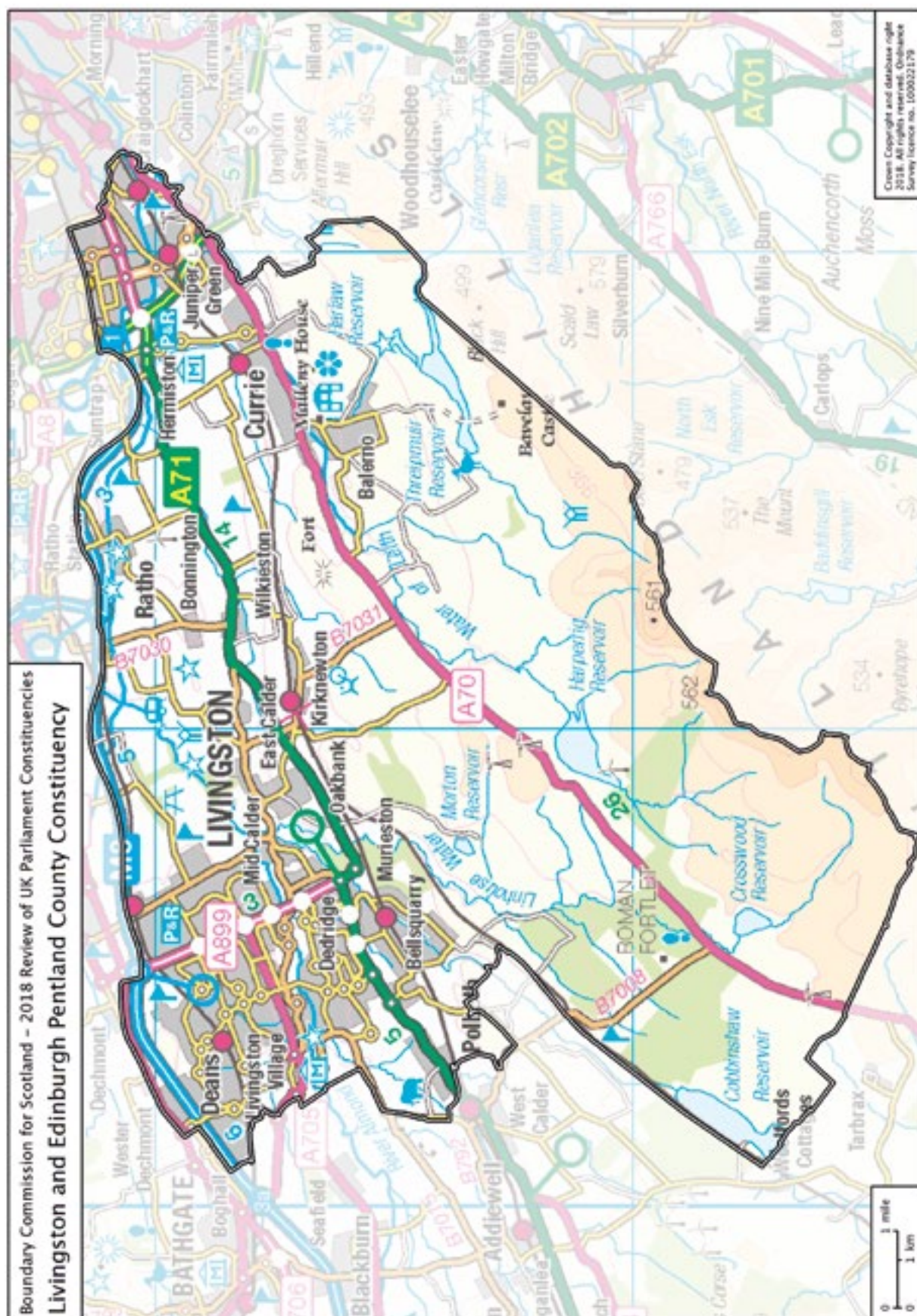


The recommended constituency comprises South Lanarkshire council area wards 5 – 10 and part of ward 4 (Clydesdale South) where the boundary follows community council area boundaries, the existing UK Parliament constituency boundary and the M74 motorway.

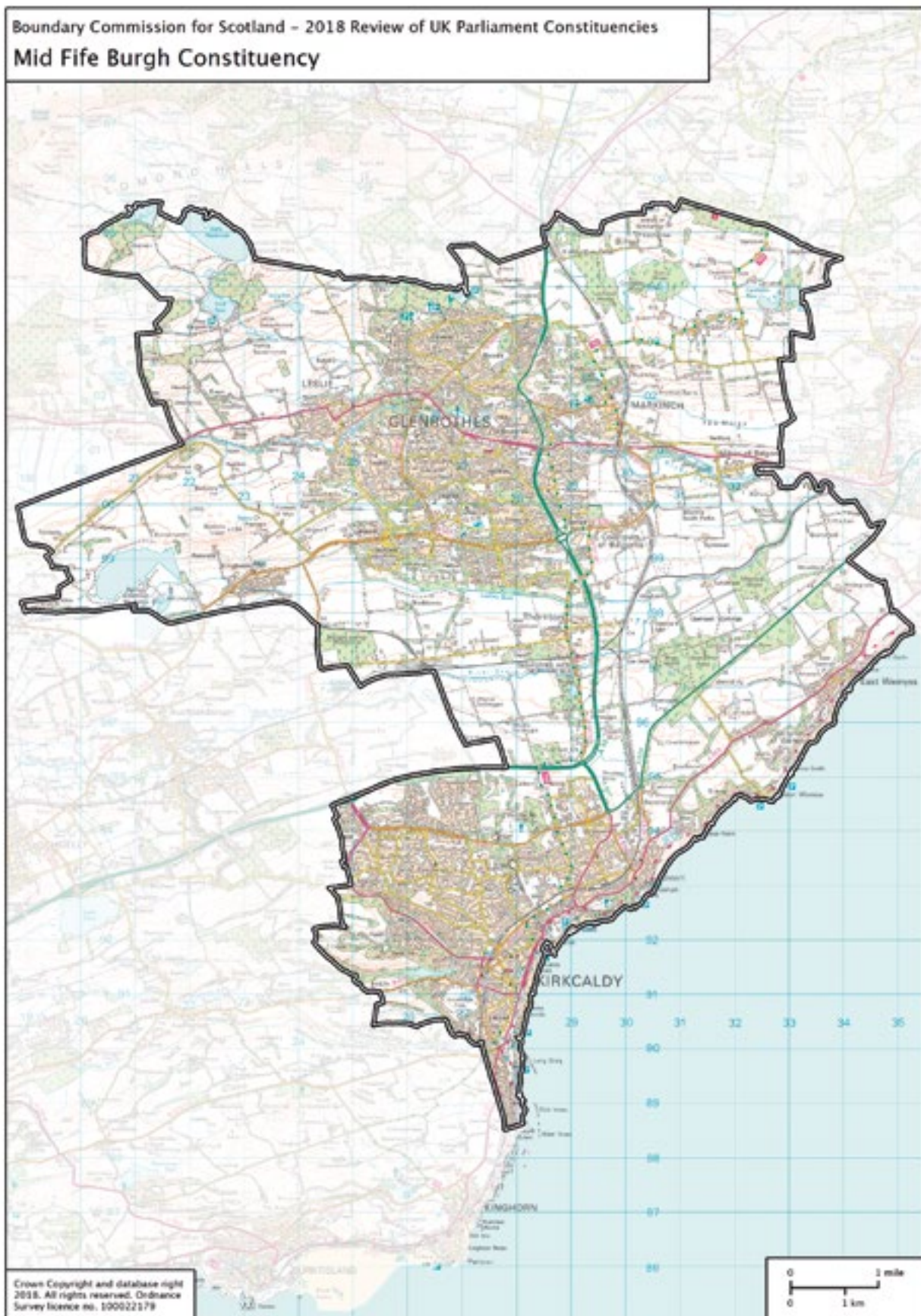


The recommended constituency comprises South Lanarkshire council area wards 11 – 15, 18 and part of ward 19 (Hamilton South) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary.

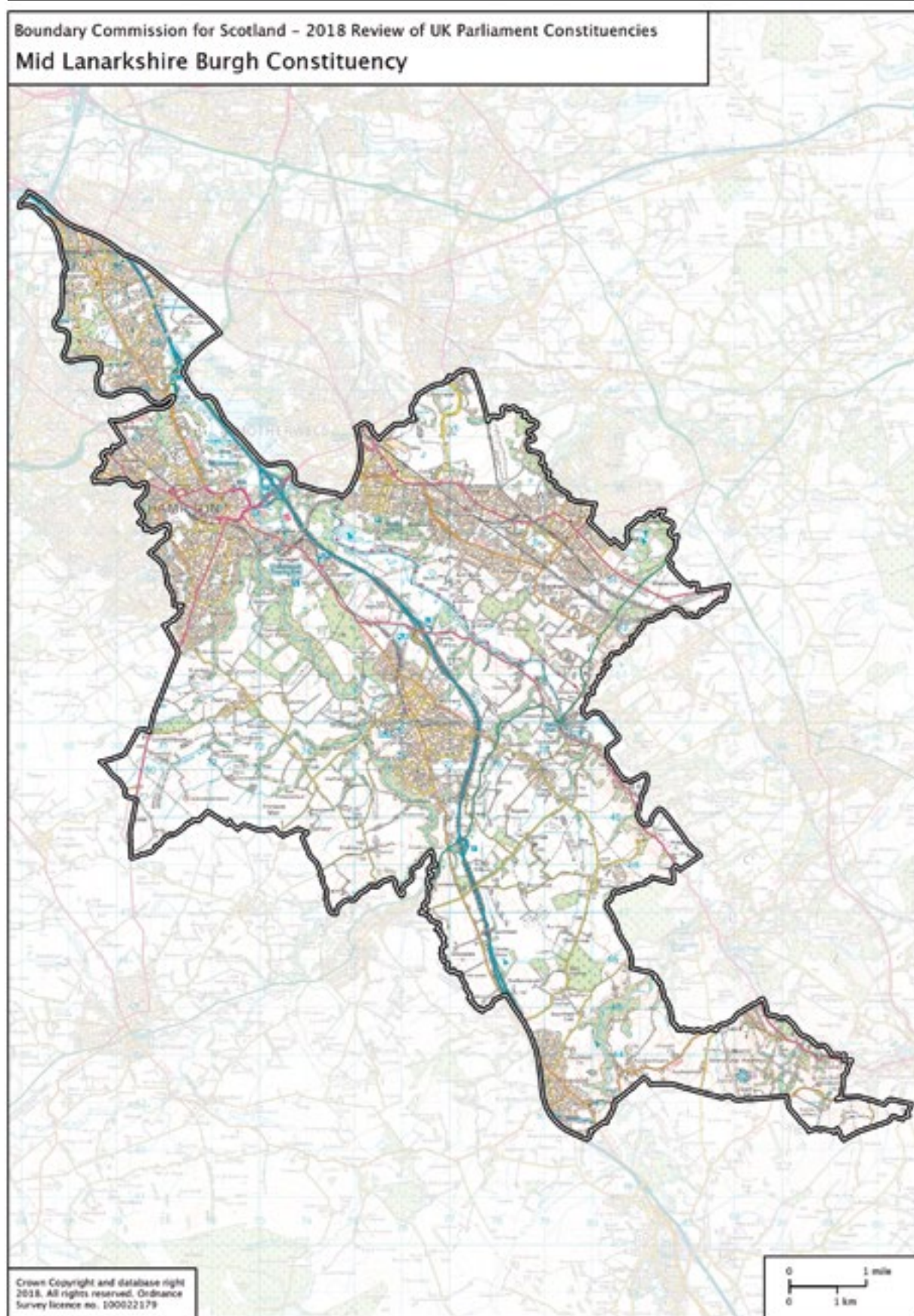




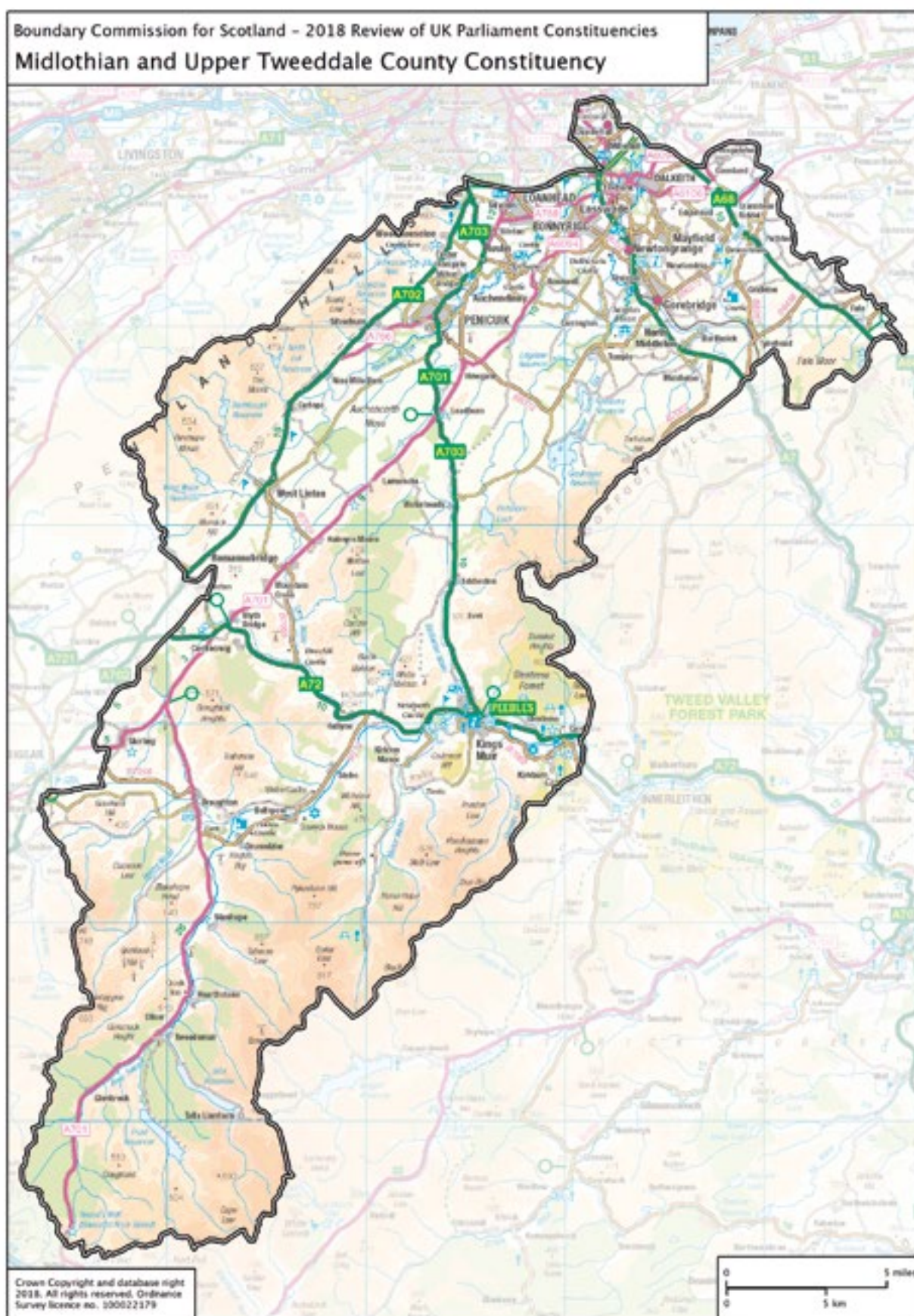
The recommended constituency comprises City of Edinburgh council area ward 2 and part of ward 7 (Sighthill/Gorgie) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary; and West Lothian council area wards 3 – 5 and part of ward 6 (Fauldhouse and Breich Valley) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary.



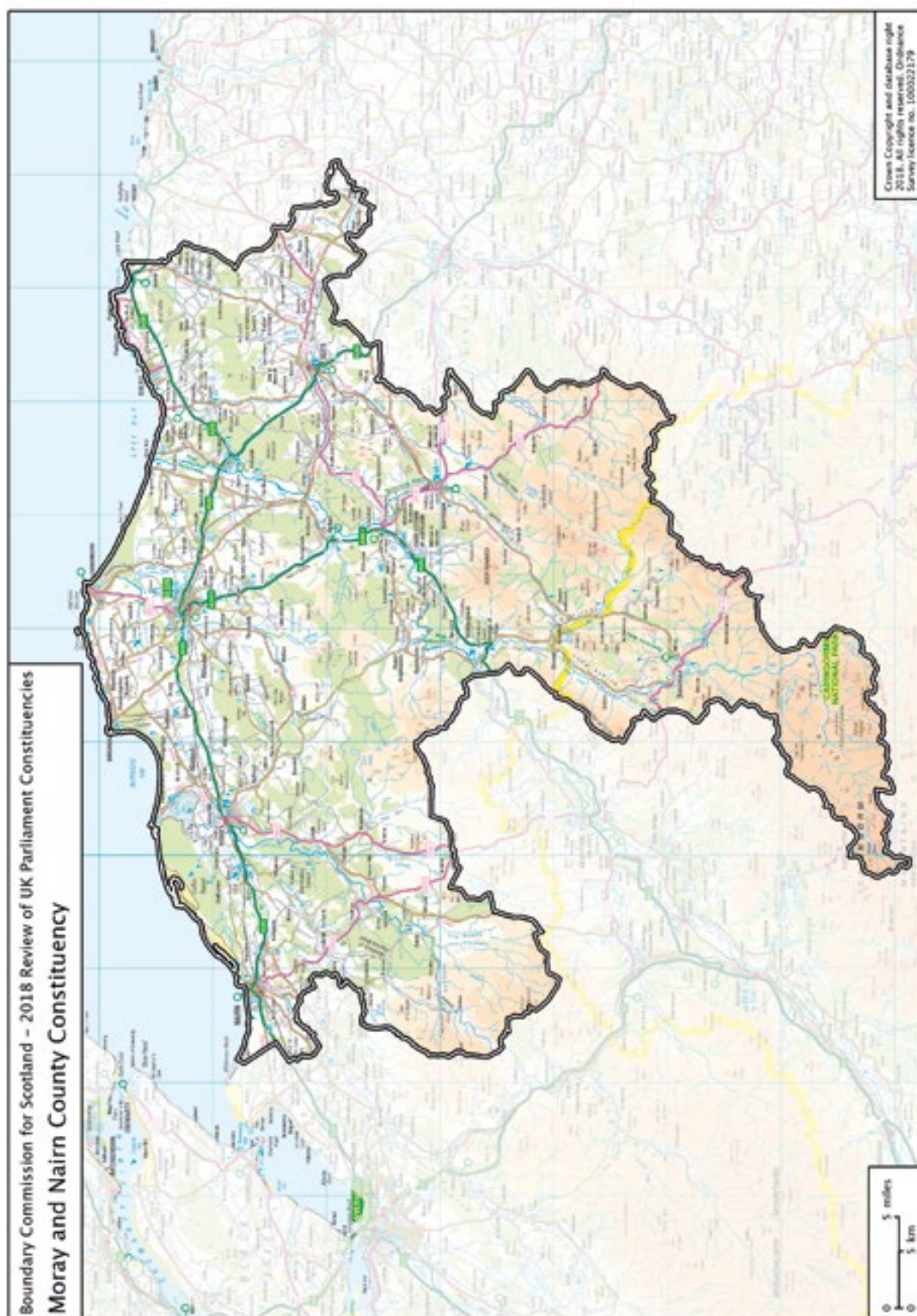
The recommended constituency comprises Fife council area wards 11 – 16, part of ward 10 (Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy) where the boundary follows an historical ward boundary, the Tiel Burn and a railway line, and part of ward 23 (Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary and the A915 road.



The recommended constituency comprises South Lanarkshire council area wards 16 – 17, 20, part of ward 4 (Clydesdale South) where the boundary follows community council area boundaries, the existing UK Parliament constituency boundary and the M74 motorway, and part of ward 19 (Hamilton South) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary; and North Lanarkshire council area ward 18 and part of ward 20 (Wishaw) where the boundary follows community council area boundaries.



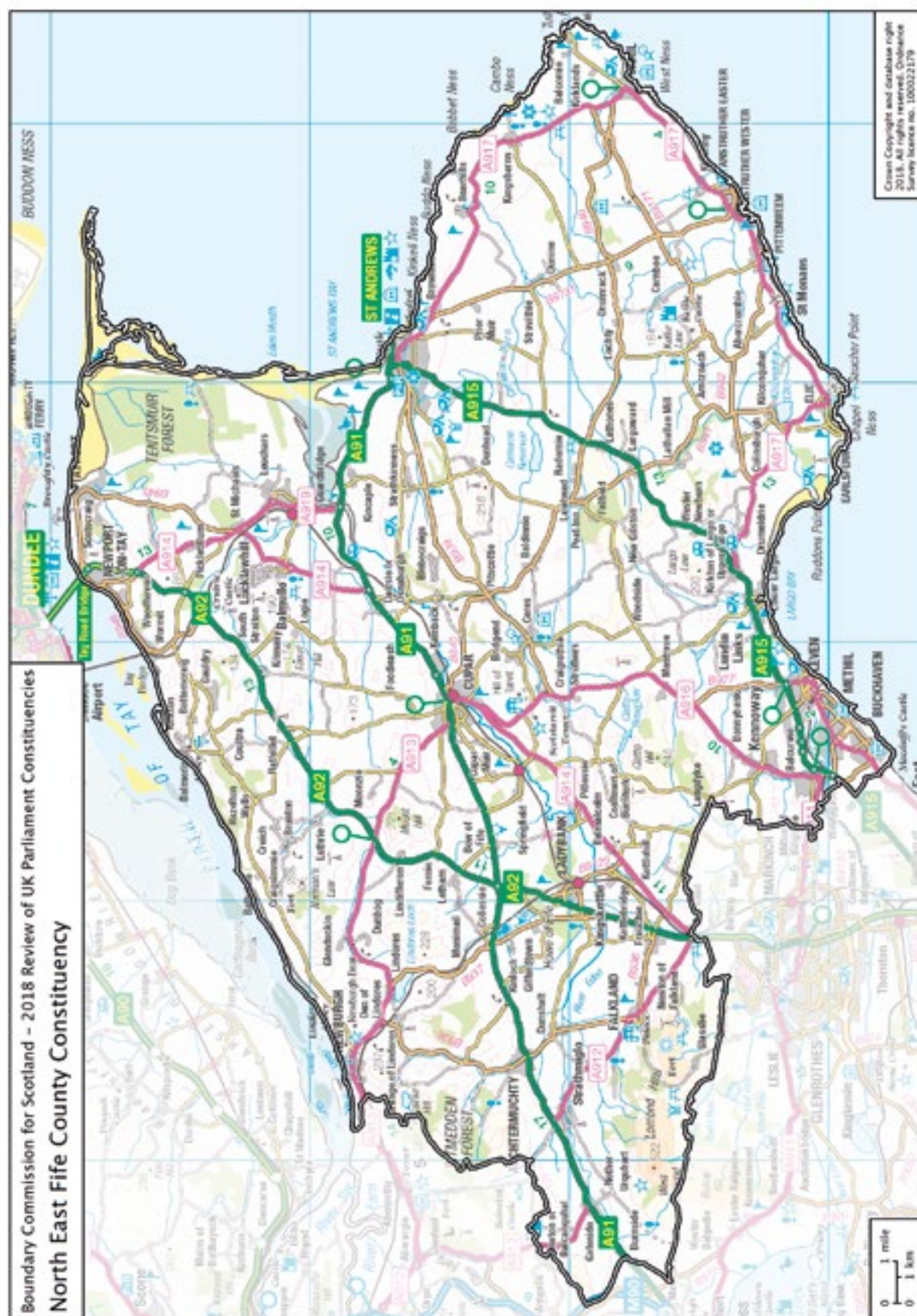
The recommended constituency comprises Midlothian council area and Scottish Borders council area ward 1 and part of ward 2 (Tweeddale East) where the boundary follows historical ward boundaries, a community council area boundary and a forest road.



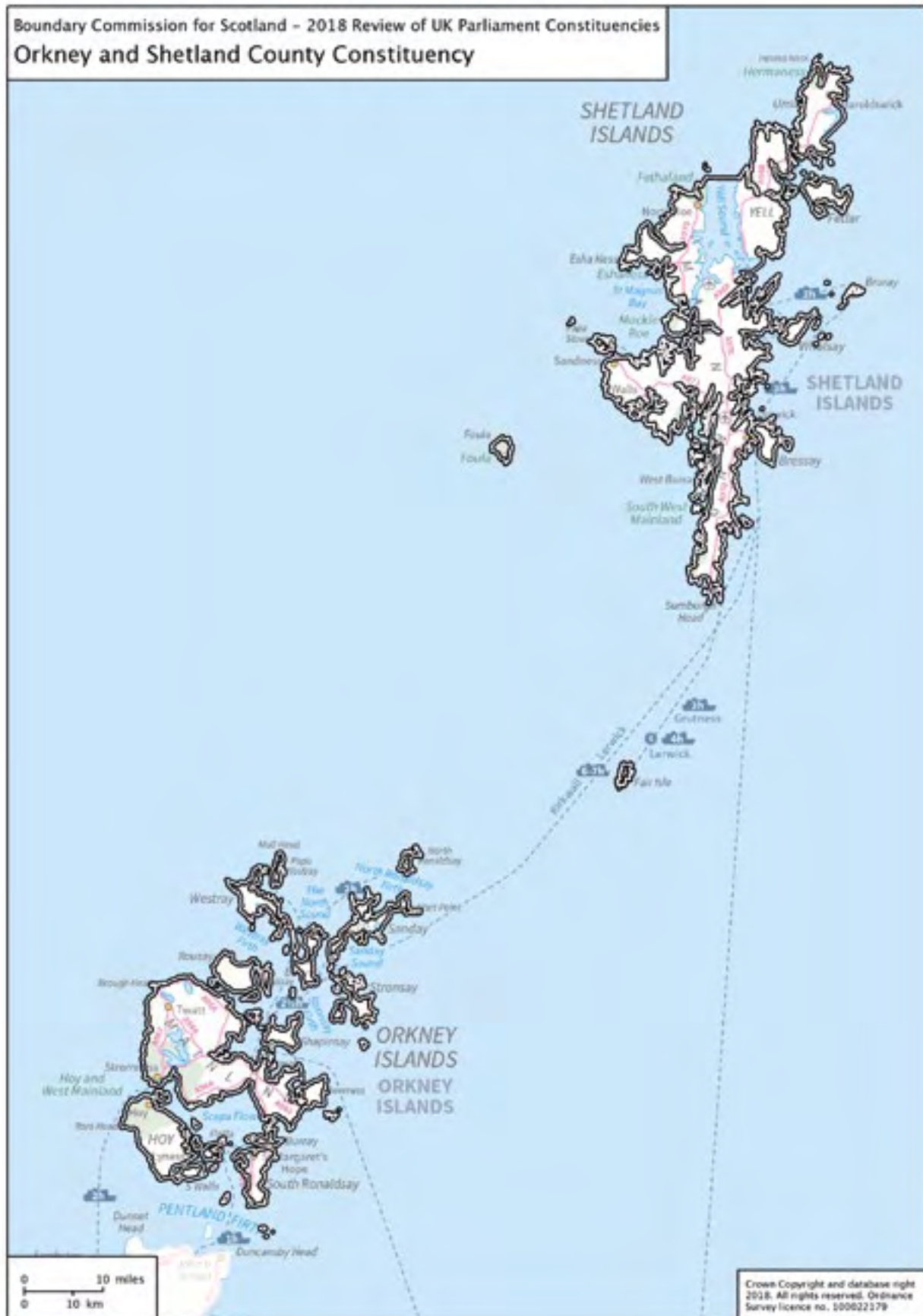
The recommended constituency comprises Moray council area; and Highland council area ward 19.



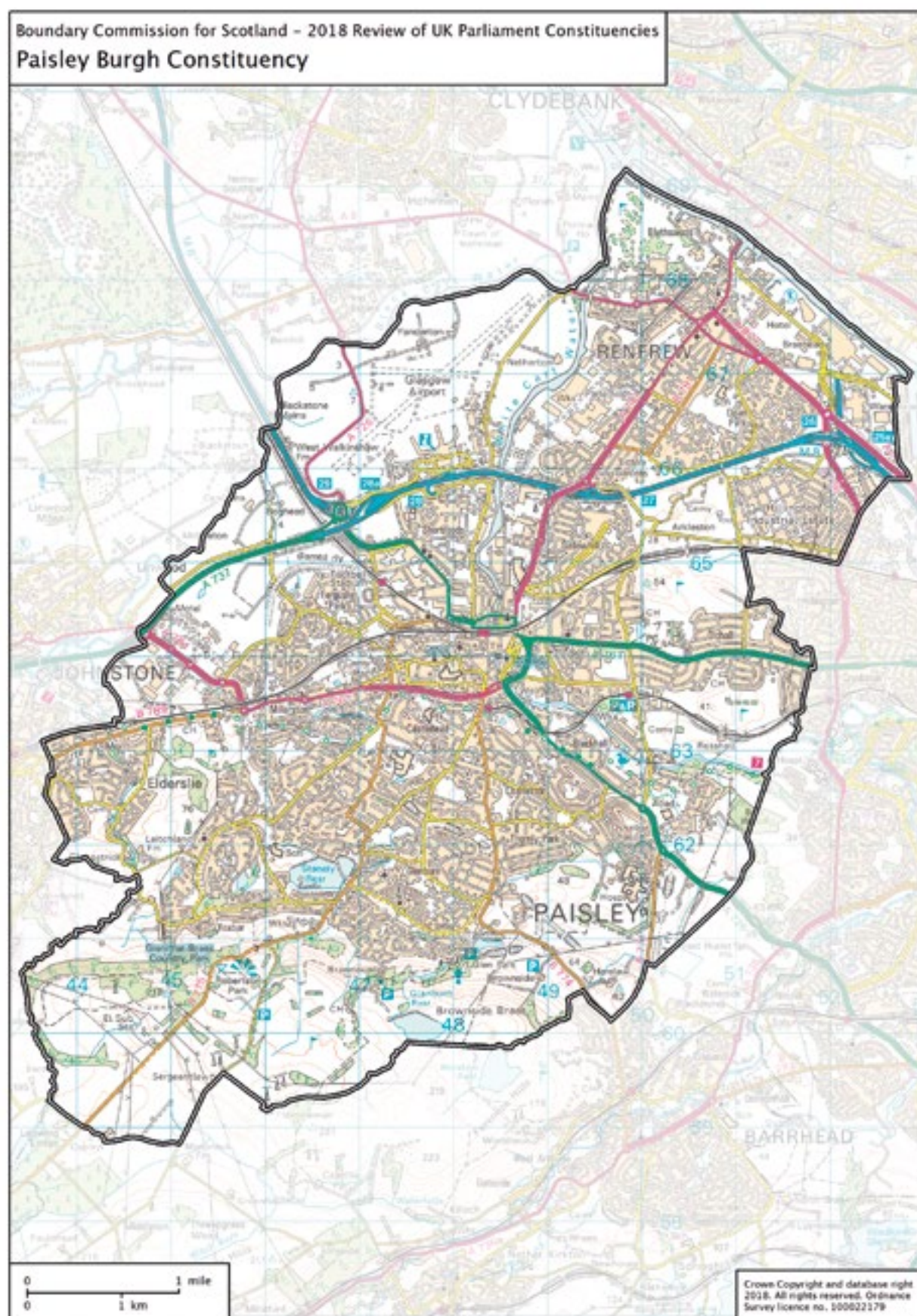
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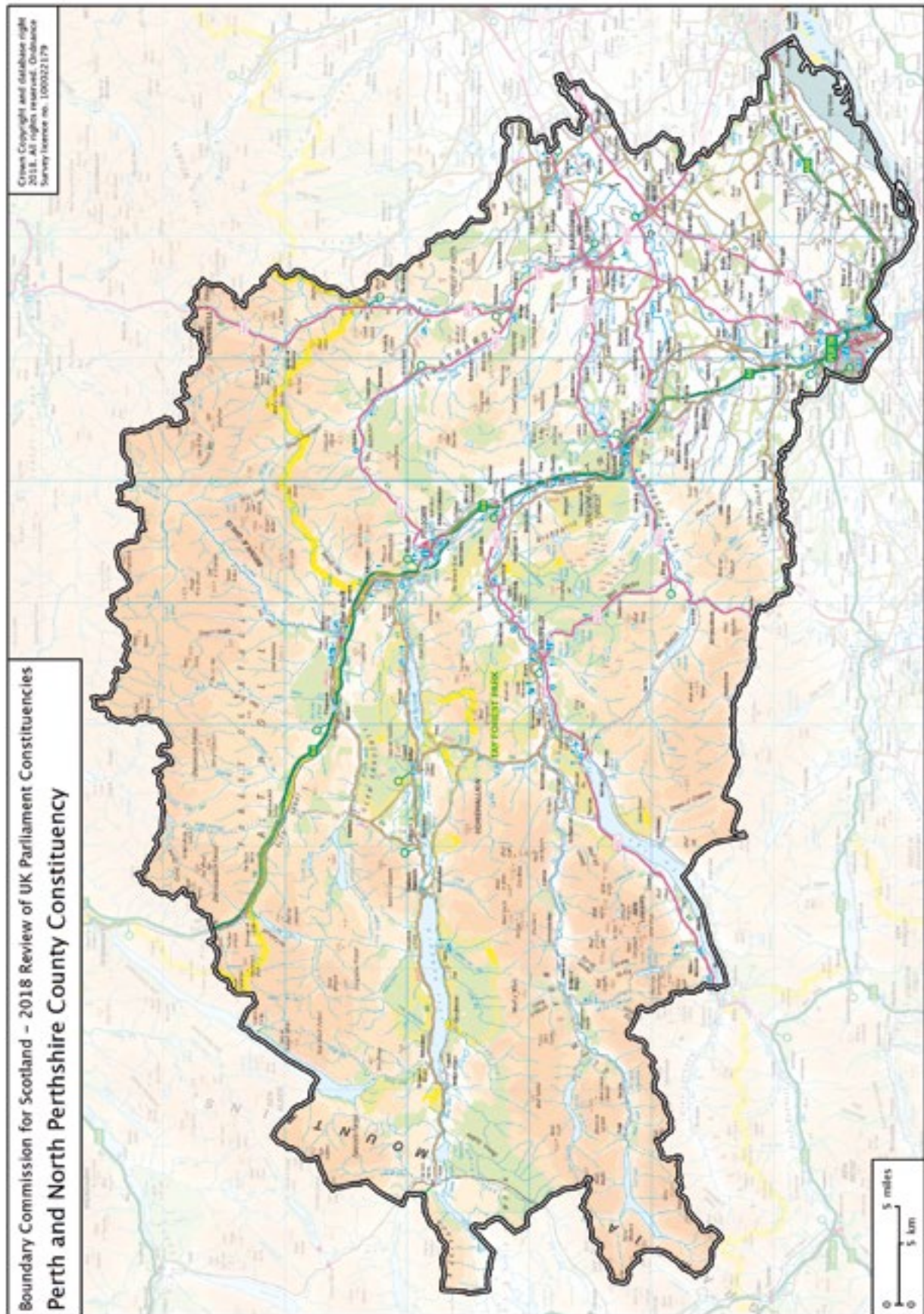
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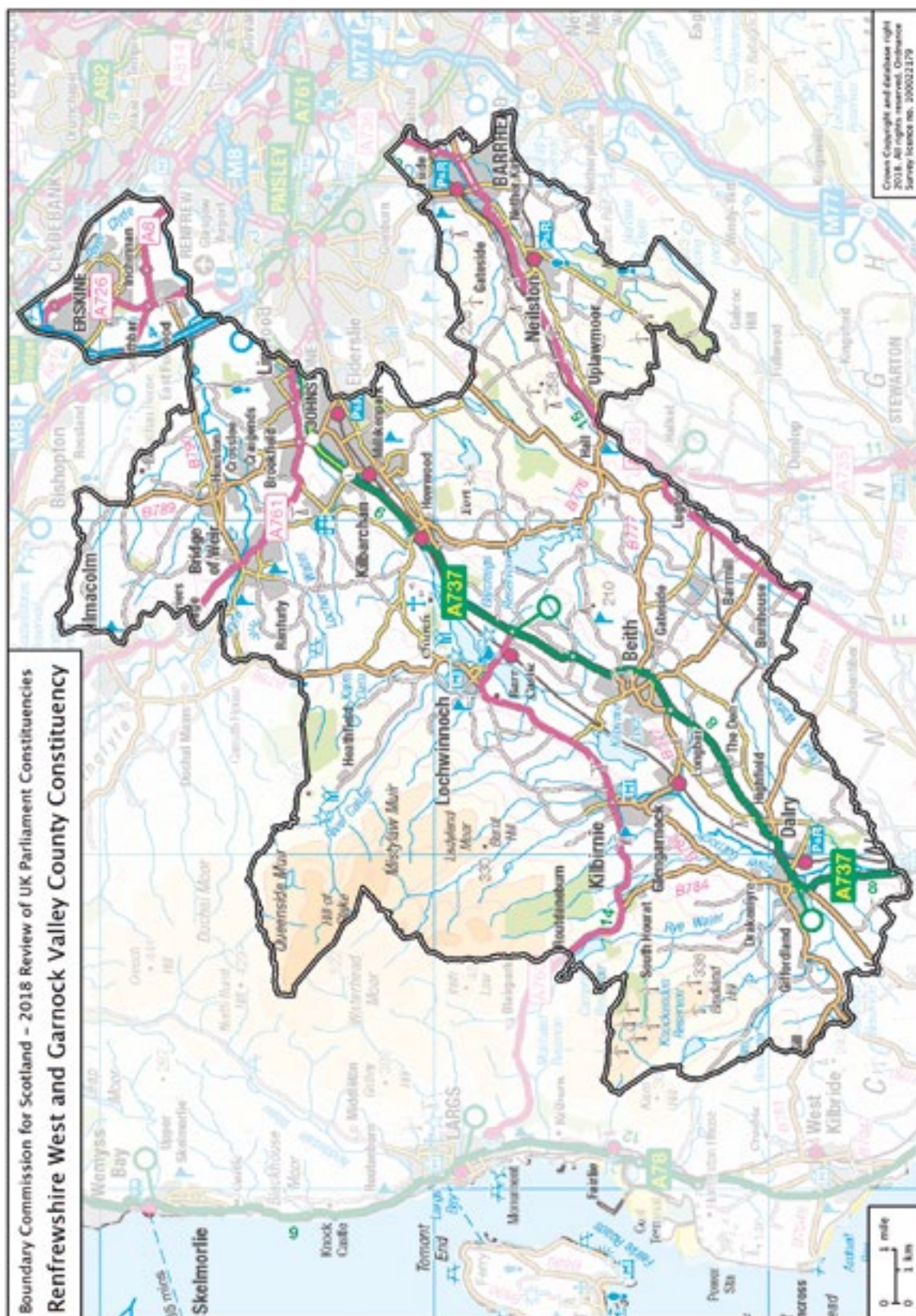
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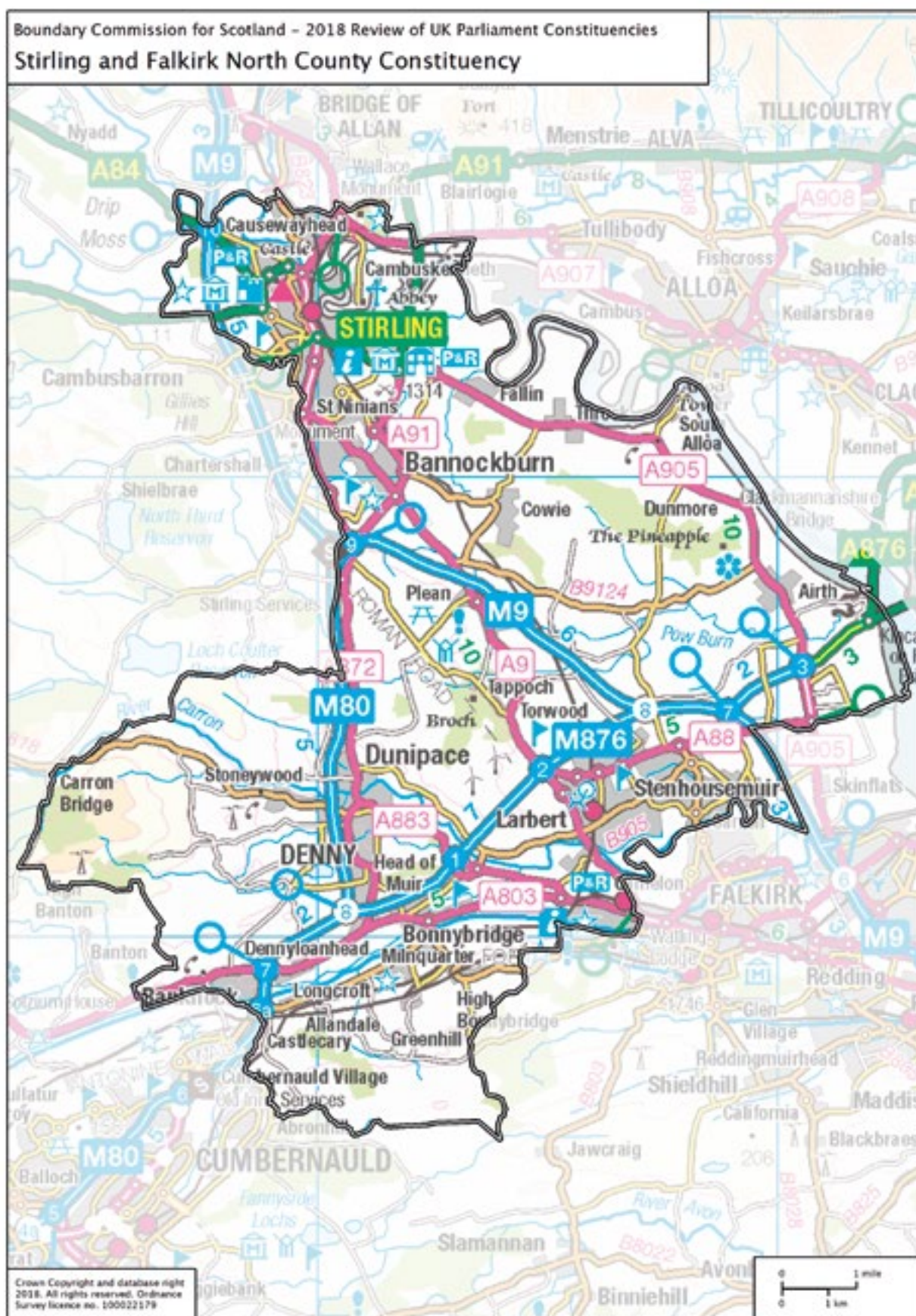
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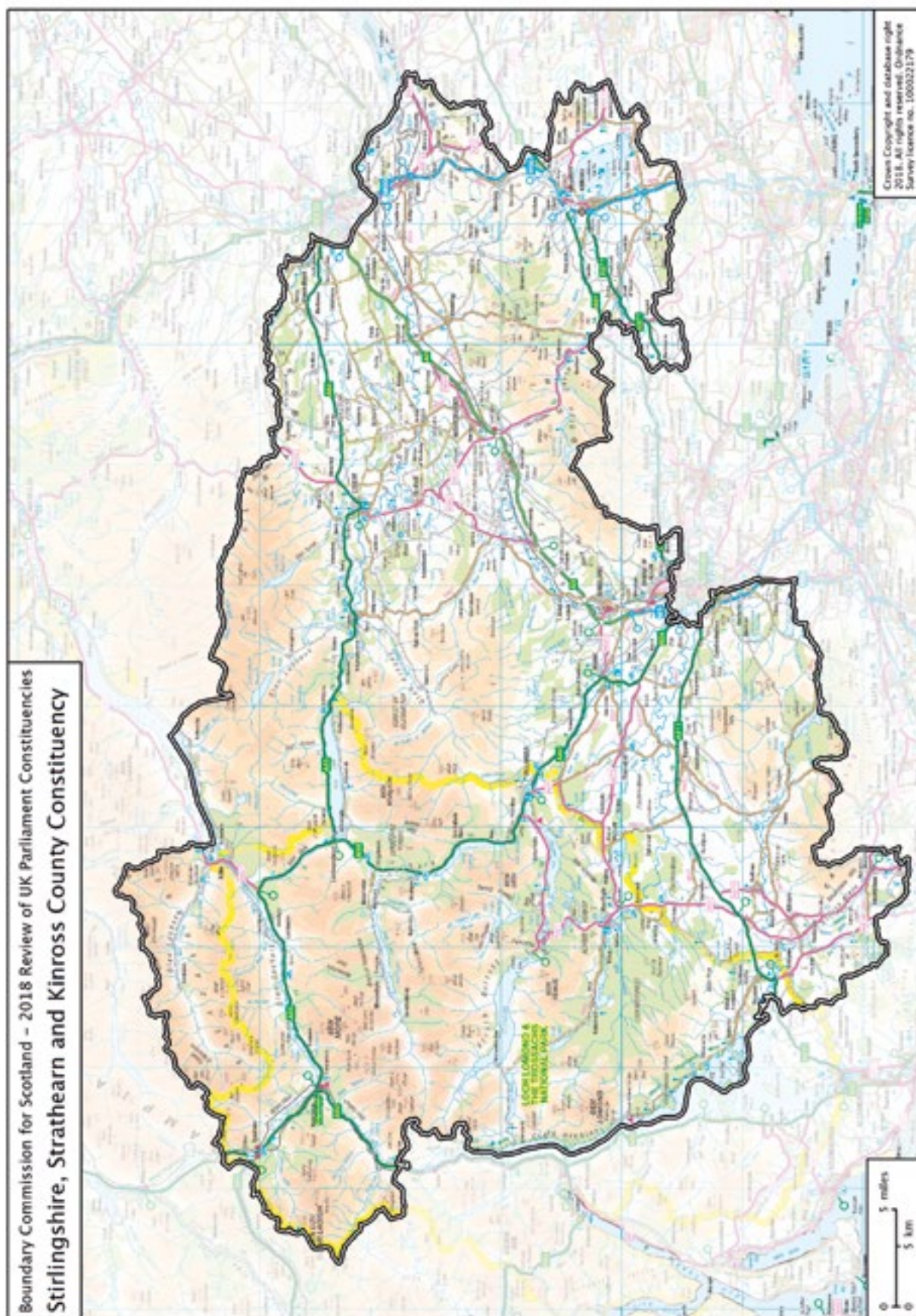
The recommended constituency comprises Perth and Kinross council area wards 1 – 5 and 10 – 12.



The recommended constituency comprises East Renfrewshire council area ward 2 and part of ward 1 (Neilston, Uplawmoor and Newton Mearns North) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary; North Ayrshire council area ward 7 and part of ward 6 (Dalry and West Kilbride) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary, historical ward boundaries, a burn and field boundary; and Renfrewshire council area wards 8, 9 and 11, part of ward 7 (Johnstone South, Elderslie and Howwood) where the boundary follows an historical ward boundary, a burn and a minor road, and part of ward 10 (Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary and an historical ward boundary.



The recommended constituency comprises Falkirk council area wards 3 – 5 and part of ward 7 (Falkirk South) where the boundary follows a canal, an historical ward boundary and a ward boundary from 2017; and Stirling council area wards 4, 6 – 7 and part of ward 5 (Stirling West) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary and an historical ward boundary.



The recommended constituency comprises Perth and Kinross council area wards 6 – 9; and Stirling council area wards 1 – 3 and part of ward 5 (Stirling West) where the boundary follows a community council area boundary and an historical ward boundary.

