

2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies
Constituency considerations for Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling
council areas

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to provisionally agree its Initial Proposals for constituencies in Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling council areas in furtherance of its 2018 Review of UK Parliament constituencies.

Background

2. The Commission considered BCS Paper 2016/16 at its meeting of 13 June 2016. The Commission considered 2 Options for 3 constituencies exactly covering the combined extent of Stirling, Clackmannanshire and Falkirk council areas. It noted that in both options 2 wards are divided between constituencies.
3. The Commission noted the main challenges of constituency design in this group and acknowledged that the distribution of the electorate in this group necessitated the division of the city of Stirling between two constituencies.
4. The Commission expressed a preference for Option 1 but asked that the Secretariat consider whether an alternative option might be developed to offer an improved division of the city of Stirling. This paper presents that option, which is referred to as 'Option 3'.
5. The constituency names in this paper are provisional. The Commission will have the opportunity to review all constituency names and designations prior to the publication of its Initial Proposals.

Option 3

6. All constituencies in this paper have electorates that lie within 5% of the electoral quota and have areas of less than 13,000 km².
7. Option 3 provides for 3 constituencies exactly covering the combined extents of Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling council areas. A map of option 3 constituencies is at Appendix A.
8. Clackmannanshire and Stirling North constituency comprises Clackmannanshire Council area in its entirety along with Stirling wards 1 (Trossachs and Teith), 3 (Dunblane and Bridge of Allan), 4 (Castle) and parts of ward 5 (Stirling West), ward 6 (Stirling West) and ward 7 (Bannockburn). The constituency includes the settlements of Alloa, Dollar, Dunblane, Callander, Killin, Crianlarich and Aberfoyle as well as the northern part of the city of Stirling.
9. Falkirk South constituency comprises Falkirk wards 1 (Bo'ness and Blackness), 6 (Falkirk North), 7 (Falkirk South) 8 (Lower Braes), 9 (Upper Braes) and part of ward 2 (Grangemouth), with the division within ward 2 following the route of the Carron River south of Skinflats. The constituency includes the settlements of Falkirk, Grangemouth, Bo'ness and Polmont.

10. Stirling South and Falkirk North constituency comprises Falkirk wards 3 (Denny and Banknock), 4 (Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst) and 5 (Bonnybridge and Larbert) and that part of ward 2 (Grangemouth) north of the River Carron, along with Stirling wards 2 (Forth and Endrick), part of ward 5 (Stirling West), part of ward 6 (Stirling East) and part of ward 7 (Bannockburn). The constituency includes the settlements of Bannockburn, Drymen, Strathblane, Cambusbarron and Cowie, along with the southern part of the city of Stirling.

11. The electorate, ward composition, designation and suggested name of each constituency in option 3 is shown in Table 1 below:

Constituency name	electorate	wards
Clackmannanshire and Stirling North CC	71,122	Clackmannanshire – all Stirling – 1, 3, 4, 5(pt), 6(pt), 7(pt)
Falkirk South CC	73,839	Falkirk – 1, 2(pt), 6, 7, 8, 9
Stirling South and Falkirk North CC	71,150	Falkirk – 2(pt), 3, 4, 5 Stirling – 2, 5(pt), 6(pt), 7(pt)

Table 1: 2015 parliamentary electorates of option 3 constituencies.

12. In option 3, 4 wards are divided between constituencies: they are Falkirk ward 2 (Grangemouth) and Stirling ward 5 (Stirling West), ward 6 (Stirling East) and ward 7 (Bannockburn). Detailed maps of the boundary in these wards are at Appendices B1 and B2.

13. An overview of option 3 relative to other electoral boundaries is at Appendix C.

14. The boundary through the city of Stirling (from west to east) follows: the rear fences of properties north of St Thomas's Well, a path along the southern edge of King's Park, Snowdon Place Lane, the rear fences of properties on the eastern side of Laurelhill Place, the northern boundary of the police headquarters and government buildings, south along Newhouse, east along Bellfield Road, south along Randolph Road, north along the A9 road to the footbridge, the rear fences of properties in, and the centreline of, Shirra's Brae Road, along Millhall Road, along the railway line generally southeastwards to Easter Greenyards, and along tracks and field boundaries north of Cowie.

15. The boundary through Stirling wards 5 to 7 generally follows the northern boundaries of Cambusbarron, Torbrex, Broomridge, Bannockburn and Cowie community council areas with 2 notable exceptions:

- a) at the northern end of Cambusbarron community council area, the proposed boundary lies to the south of The Homesteads housing development (and follows the ward boundary) despite the development lying within Cambusbarron community council area; and
- b) north of Torbrex community council area the boundary divides King's Park community council area by placing an industrial estate and properties at the northern end of Laurelhill Place in the Stirling South and Falkirk North constituency.

16. The choice of boundary through Stirling wards 5 to 7 was in part influenced by the constraints on design placed by electorates and the electoral quota and the weakness of the Torbrex / King's Park community council boundary relative to the built environment in the area.

17. The advantage of option 3 is:

- The division of Stirling wards 5 to 7 generally utilise community council boundaries that have been existent since at least 2003, so the route of the boundary will not be novel to local residents.

18. The disadvantage of option 3 is:

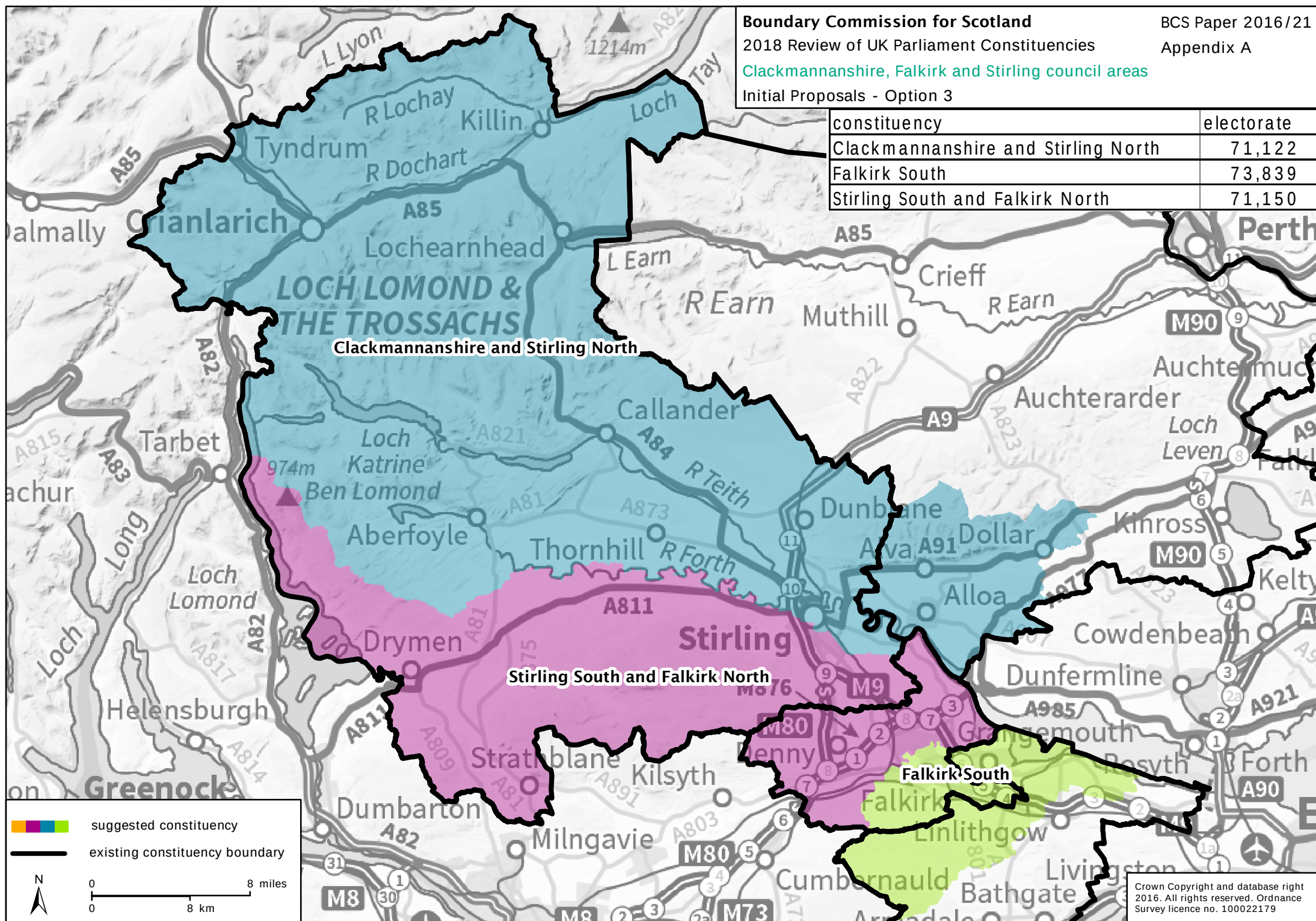
- 4 wards are divided between constituencies.

Conclusion

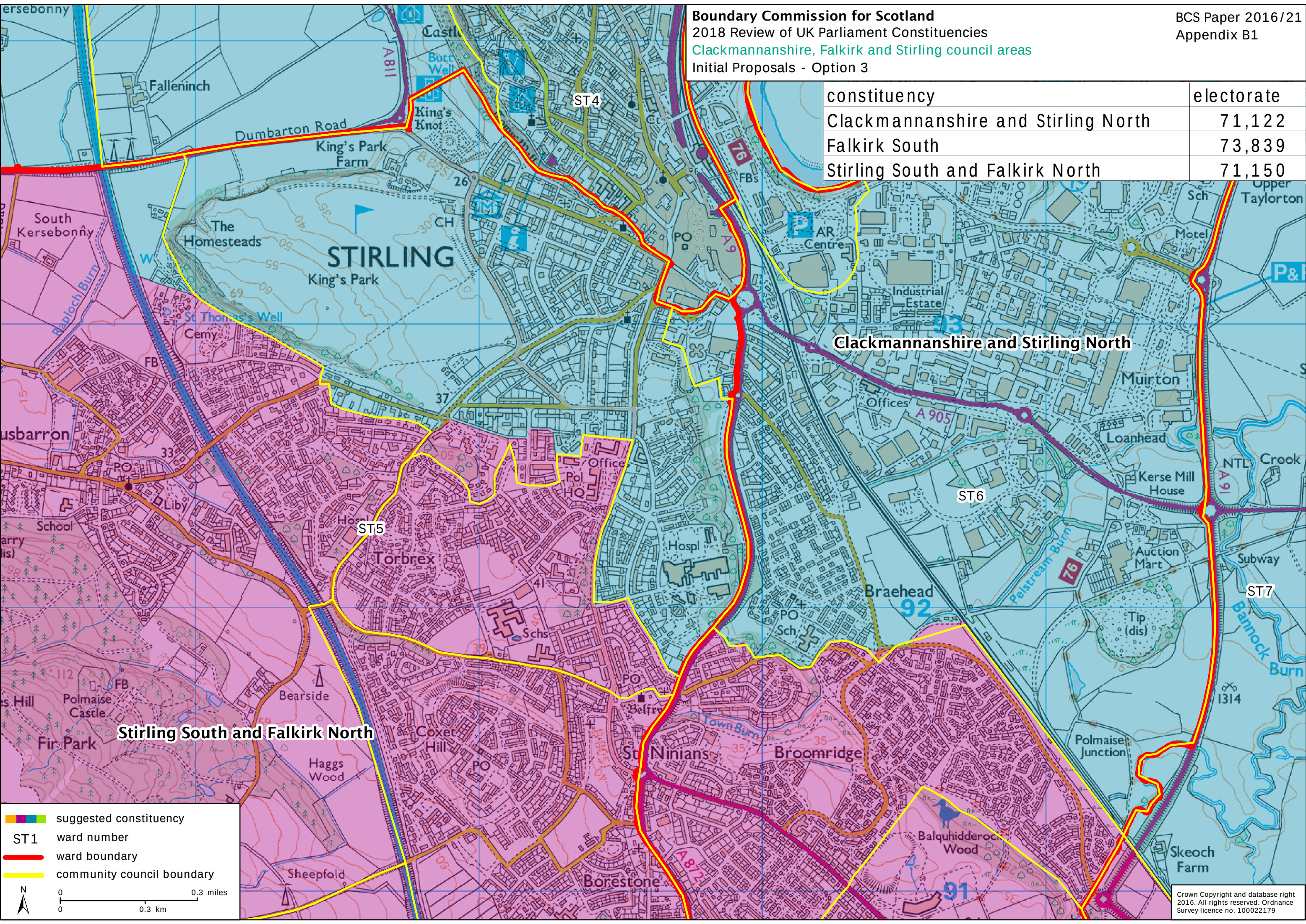
19. The Commission is invited to agree its Initial Proposals for public consultation, subject to satisfactory constituencies elsewhere in Scotland.

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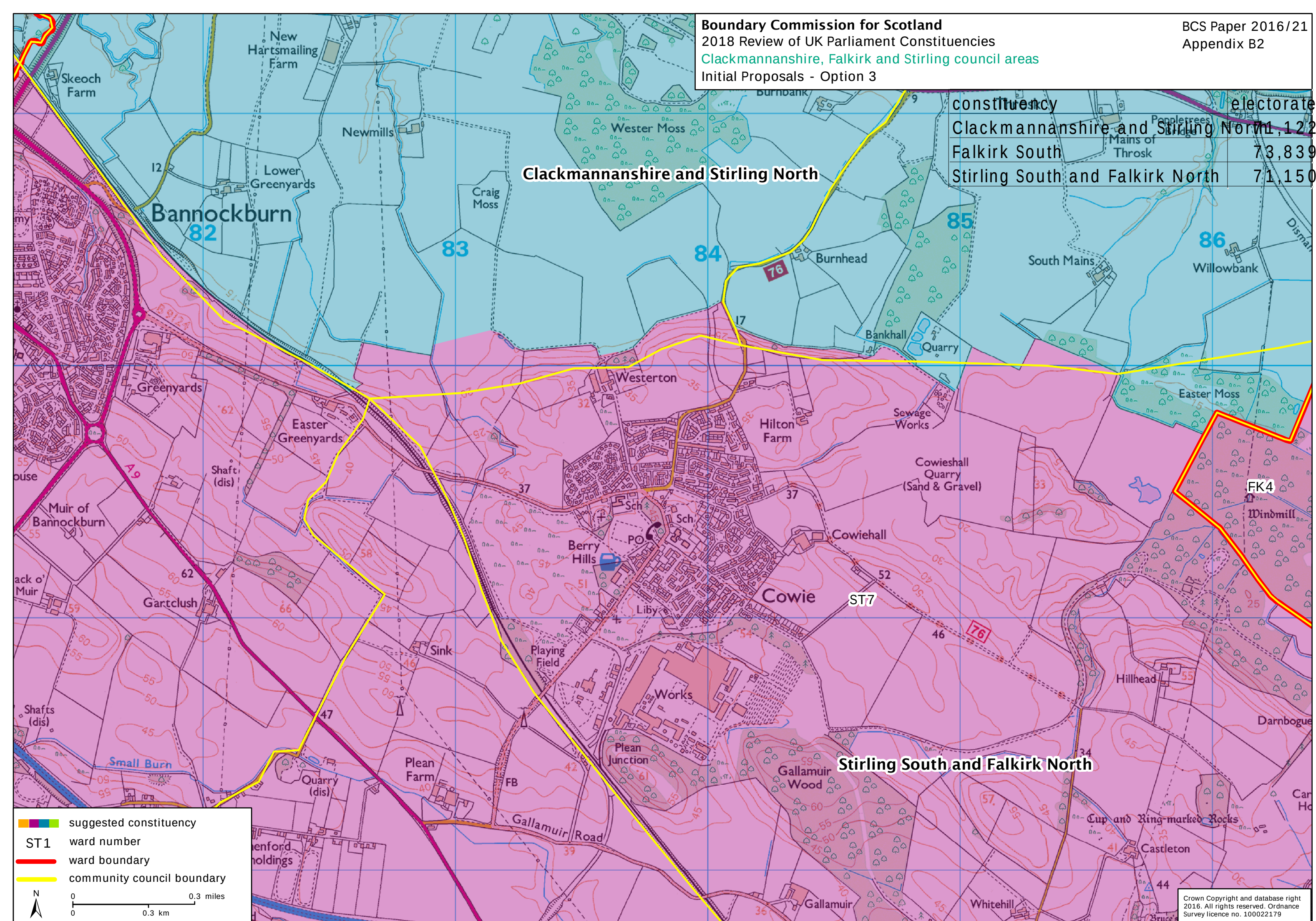
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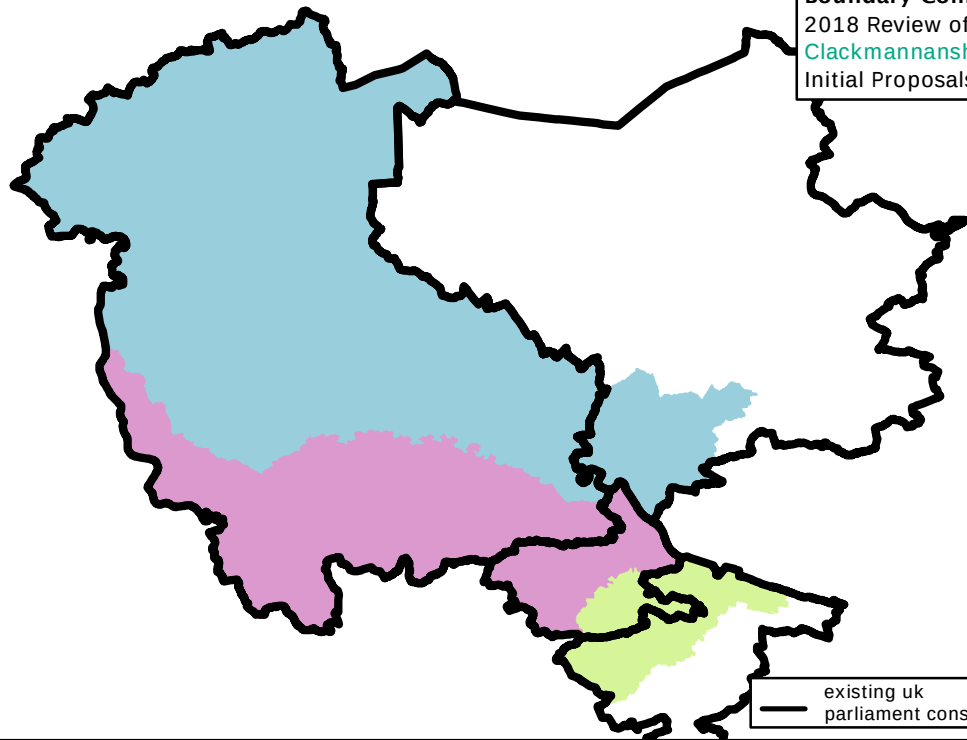


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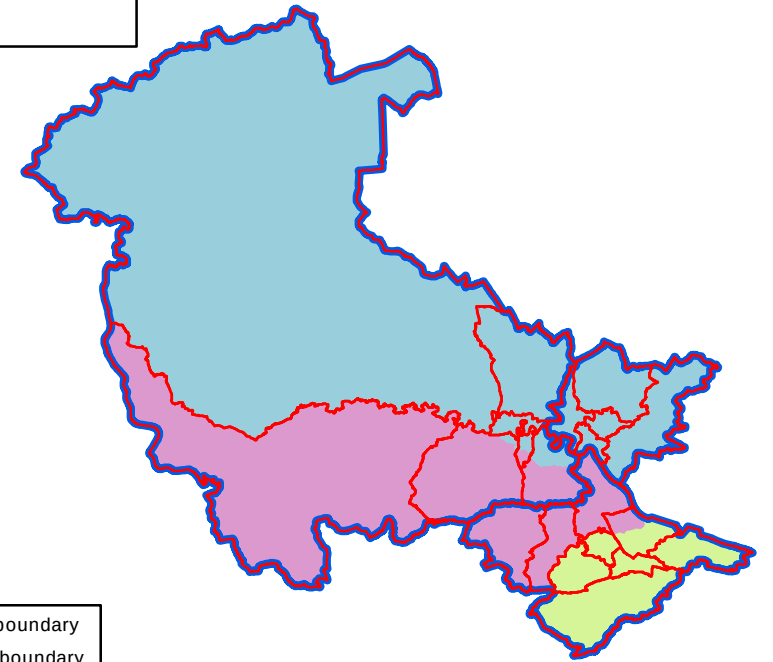


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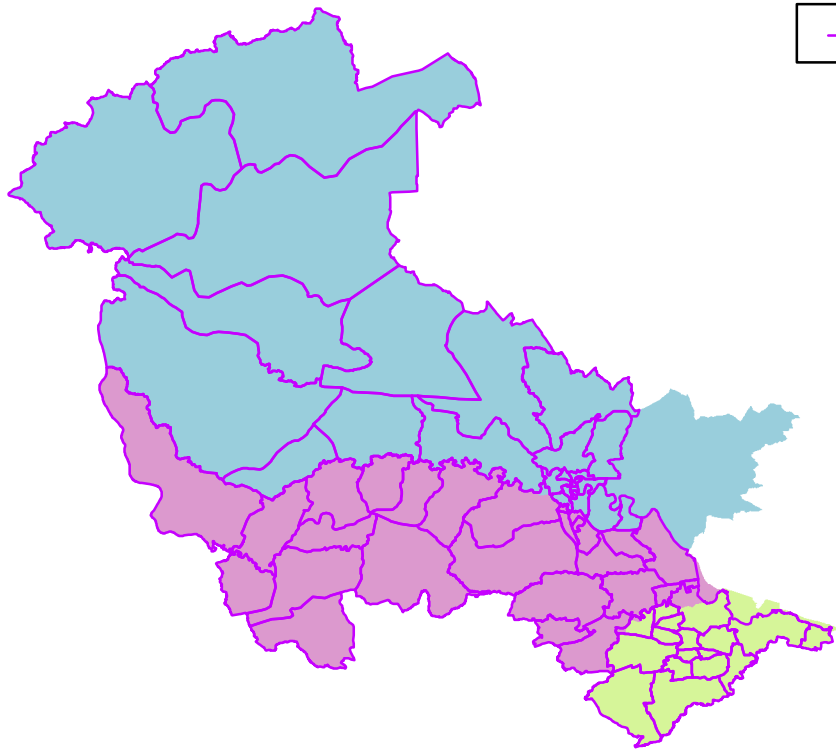




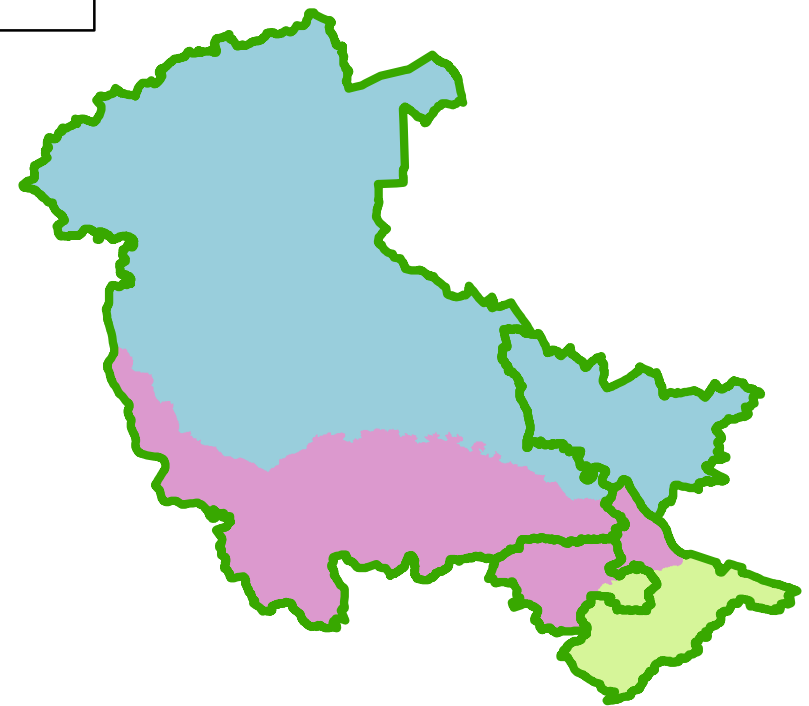
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