

2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies

Consideration of Revised Proposals for East Renfrewshire council area

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to consider responses to the initial and secondary consultation on its initial proposals and whether it wishes to make changes to its proposals for East Renfrewshire council area.

Background

2. The total electorate in East Renfrewshire council area is 72,959, giving a theoretical entitlement to one constituency.
3. The Commission's initial proposals for this area retained the existing East Renfrewshire constituency which is coterminous with the council area boundary. A map of the constituency is at Appendix A.

Proposed Constituency	Wards	Electorate
East Renfrewshire	East Renfrewshire -all wards	72,959

Representations received

4. 12 responses were received during the two consultation periods that related to East Renfrewshire council area. All responses have been shared with the Commission. All responses to the initial consultation stage are available on the Commission's consultation site www.bcs2023review.com. Each response has been allocated a reference number from the consultation site.

Summary of responses

5. There was mainly support for the Commission's initial proposals to retain the existing East Renfrewshire constituency, coterminous with the East Renfrewshire council area boundary.

East Renfrewshire Consultation Responses and Analysis

6. 12 responses focused solely on East Renfrewshire during the initial consultation period.
7. Nine members of the public (11266, 11300, 11302, 11303, 11304, 11310, 11312, 11320, 11358), an MSP (11368) and a community council (11309) all support the initial proposals which retain the existing East Renfrewshire constituency.
8. One member of the public (11294) suggested reviewing the boundary between East Renfrewshire and Glasgow City council areas by Aurs Road, Barrhead due to new housing developments.
9. Aurs Road acts a boundary between East Renfrewshire and Glasgow City council areas. According to the East Renfrewshire Council planning website, the new housing development sits just within the East Renfrewshire boundary.

All Scotland Consultation Responses that apply to this grouping and Analysis

10. There were approximately 140 general responses to the initial consultation opposing the 2023 Review or making comments out-with the legislation for the review.
11. A member of the public suggested that the Commission should not group council areas for designing constituencies because it offers less flexibility in constituency design and may bring political bias. They also suggested constituency names based on the principle of a main area or town and a subsidiary area (12161).
12. A member of the public (11879) suggested smaller constituencies across Scotland.
13. Two members of the public submitted all Scotland alternative suggestions (11874, 11876) which retained the existing East Renfrewshire constituency.
14. The Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party (11960, 12170) supported no change to the existing East Renfrewshire constituency boundary.

Constituency names

15. No alternative names were submitted.
16. A member of the public submitted a general comment on constituency names and enclosed an article from Political Quarterly “What’s in a Name? The Length of Westminster Constituency Titles, 1950-2024” (11977).
17. 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 revised proposals.

Summary

18. There has been a low level of response to the initial proposals for this single constituency council area.

Recommendation

19. Taking into account all of the evidence arising from the public consultations on the initial proposals, the Secretariat invites the Commission to adopt without amendment the initial proposals for East Renfrewshire council area as the Commission’s revised proposals (as in Appendix A), subject to consideration of all other constituencies.

Secretariat
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Initial proposals – East Renfrewshire council area

Appendix A

