

2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies Revised Proposals - Constituency names and designations

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to finalise constituency names and the designation of constituencies for its Revised Proposals.
2. The constituencies covering Angus, Clackmannanshire, Dundee City, Falkirk, Fife, Perth and Kinross, Stirling and West Lothian council areas are provisional as the Commission has not yet agreed its Revised Proposals for those areas.

Names

3. The Commission's policy governing the naming of constituencies is detailed in the 2023 Review Policies and Procedures booklet, an extract of "Naming and designation of constituencies" is at Appendix A.
4. The Commission's Information Paper "Constituency names in Scotland since 1950" can be found on its website: www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Constituency_names_since_1950.pdf. A copy has been printed and is enclosed.
5. Appendix B lists the constituencies that comprise the Revised Proposals by council area. The spreadsheet compares proposed constituency names, mainly retained from the Initial Proposals, Scottish Parliament constituency names, and suggested names from consultation responses. For some council areas data from the National Records of Scotland Mid-2020 Population Estimates for Settlements and Localities in Scotland is also provided.
6. The Commission's Initial Proposals named constituencies Dumfries and Galloway and West Dunbartonshire, even though they did not follow their respective council area boundaries. The Commission also proposed an East Lothian Coast constituency and an Argyll constituency that were similar to the Argyll and Bute and East Lothian council area boundaries.

Designations

7. Appendix C lists each constituency in the Revised Proposals in descending order of area. All of the existing burgh constituencies cover an area of 120km² or less with two exceptions: East Dunbartonshire county constituency (85km²) and Dundee East burgh constituency (157km²).
8. The Initial Proposals county constituencies were all 150km² or larger and the burgh constituencies were 108km² or less.
9. The designation of constituencies in the Initial Proposals was not raised as an issue during the public consultation.

Maps

10. Maps of the agreed constituencies within their council area grouping is at Appendix D.
11. A map of historical county boundaries and names of some natural features is at Appendix E.

Recommendation

12. The Secretariat recommends that the Commission agrees its Revised Proposals for constituency names and designations.

Secretariat

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Appendix A

Extract from 2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies: Policies and Procedures Booklet

Naming and designation of constituencies

51. As part of a review, we recommend a name for each constituency, and have developed a set of 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 UK Parliament constituencies in general differ from those of Scottish 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, in order 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 or East Kilbride); and
- to use 'South West' rather than 'Southwest.'

52. We take account of local views when recommending names for constituencies, and also encourage local authorities to submit suggestions to us.

53. We are required to designate each constituency as either a burgh or a county constituency, but the 1986 Act does not define these terms. We consider that constituencies comprising predominantly urban areas will normally be designated as burgh constituencies, and constituencies which are predominantly rural will normally be designated as county constituencies. The designation affects the expenses allowable at elections. For this review, our proposed constituencies smaller than 109 km² are typically classified as burgh constituencies.

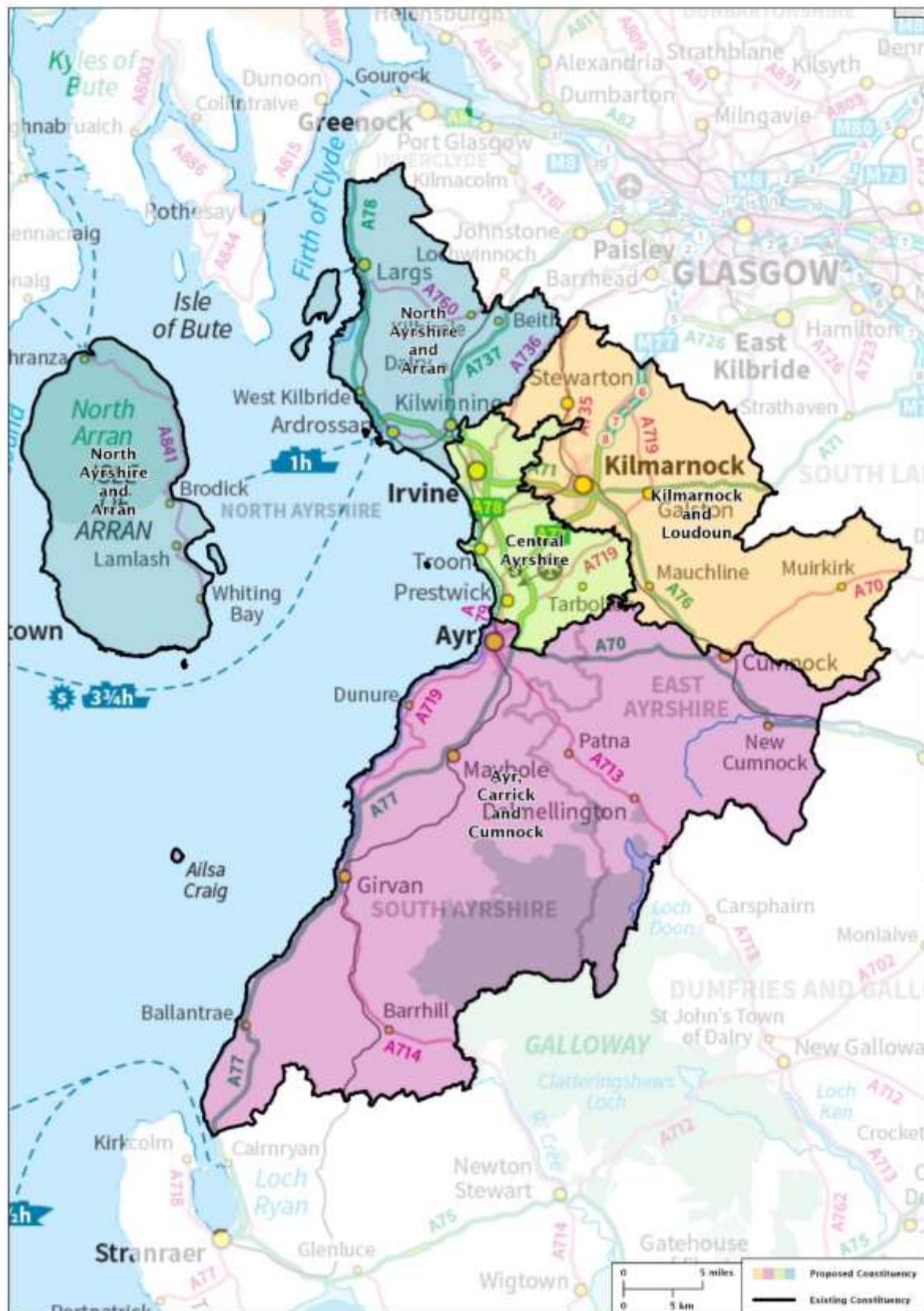
54. Responsibility for reviews of Scottish Parliament boundaries passed to Boundaries Scotland in May 2017, under the terms of the Scotland Act 2016. We have shared our constituency naming policy with them.

Appendix C

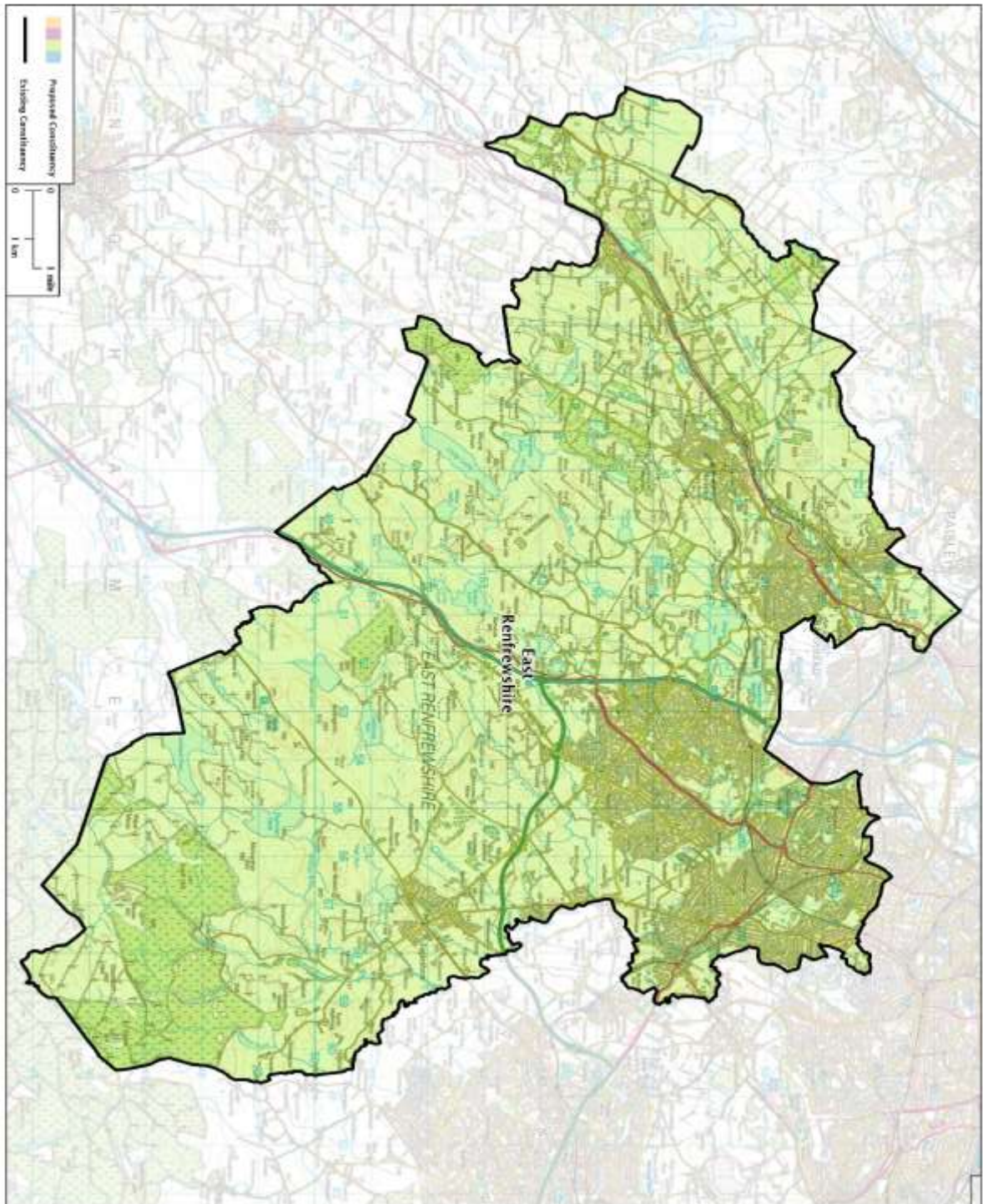
Revised Proposal constituencies and proposed designations (excludes Angus, Clackmannanshire, Dundee City, Falkirk, Fife, Perth and Kinross, Stirling and West Lothian council areas)

Constituency	area (sq km)
Highland North	10,408
Highland Central	9,909
Argyll	9,294
Highland East	4,750
Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale	4,548
Dumfries and Galloway	4,105
Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	3,764
West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	3,272
Central Aberdeenshire	3,151
Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock	1,636
North Aberdeenshire	1,450
North Ayrshire and Arran	834
Kilmarnock and Loudon	702
East Lothian Coast	691
Midlothian	355
East Kilbride and Strathaven	305
Hamilton and Clyde Valley	258
Airdrie and Shotts	239
Central Ayrshire	237
Inverclyde and Bridge of Weir	218
Motherwell and Clydesdale North	214
West Dunbartonshire	184
East Renfrewshire	174
Kelvin North	160
Renfrew South	150
Kelvin South	136
Edinburgh West	107
Aberdeen North	104
Aberdeen South	102
Edinburgh South West	90
Renfrew North	79
Coatbridge and Bellshill	69
Rutherglen	41
Glasgow North East	39
Edinburgh East	34
Edinburgh South	31
Glasgow South West	30
Glasgow South East	28
Glasgow North	28
Glasgow South	26
Edinburgh North and Leith	20
Glasgow West	19

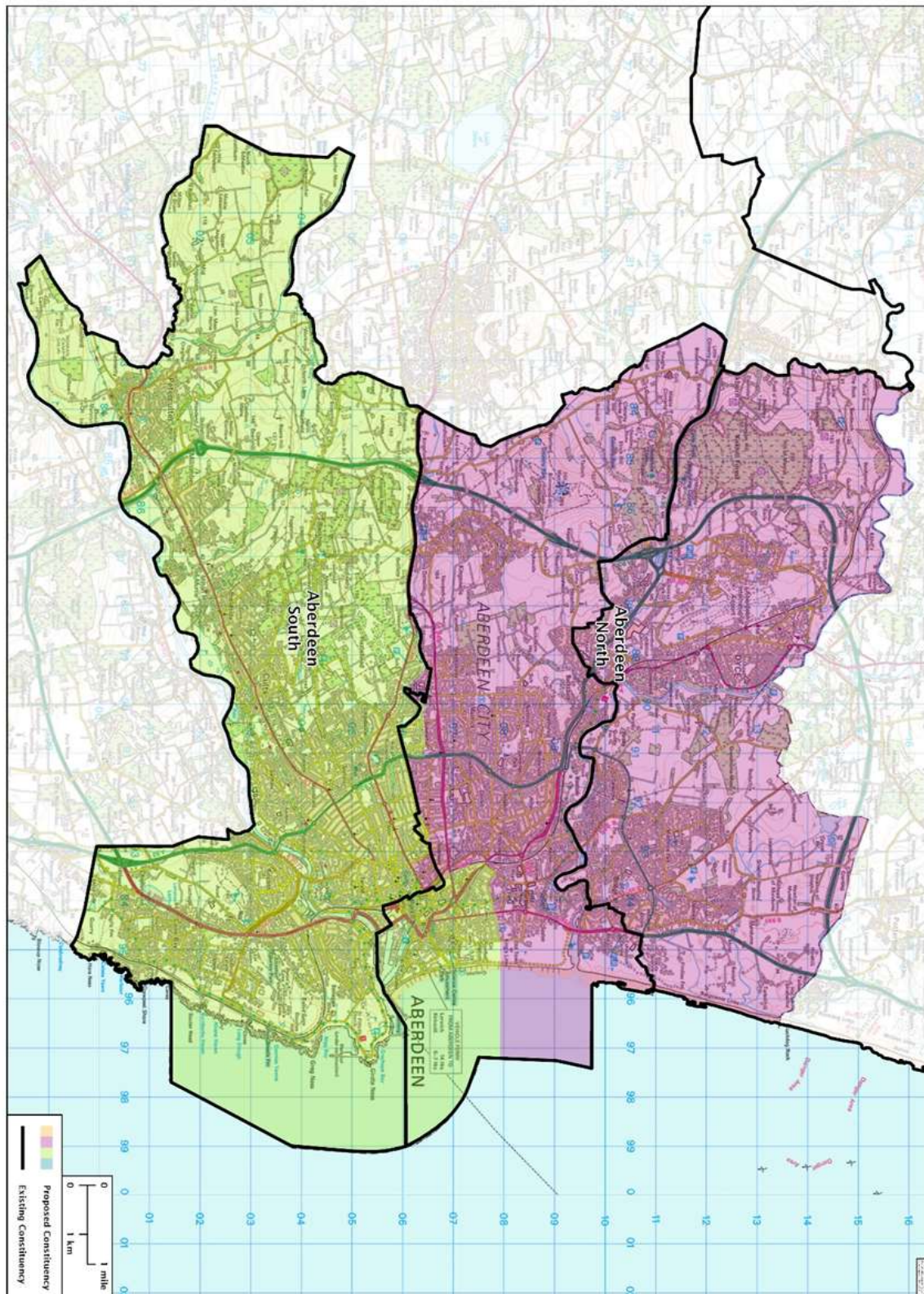
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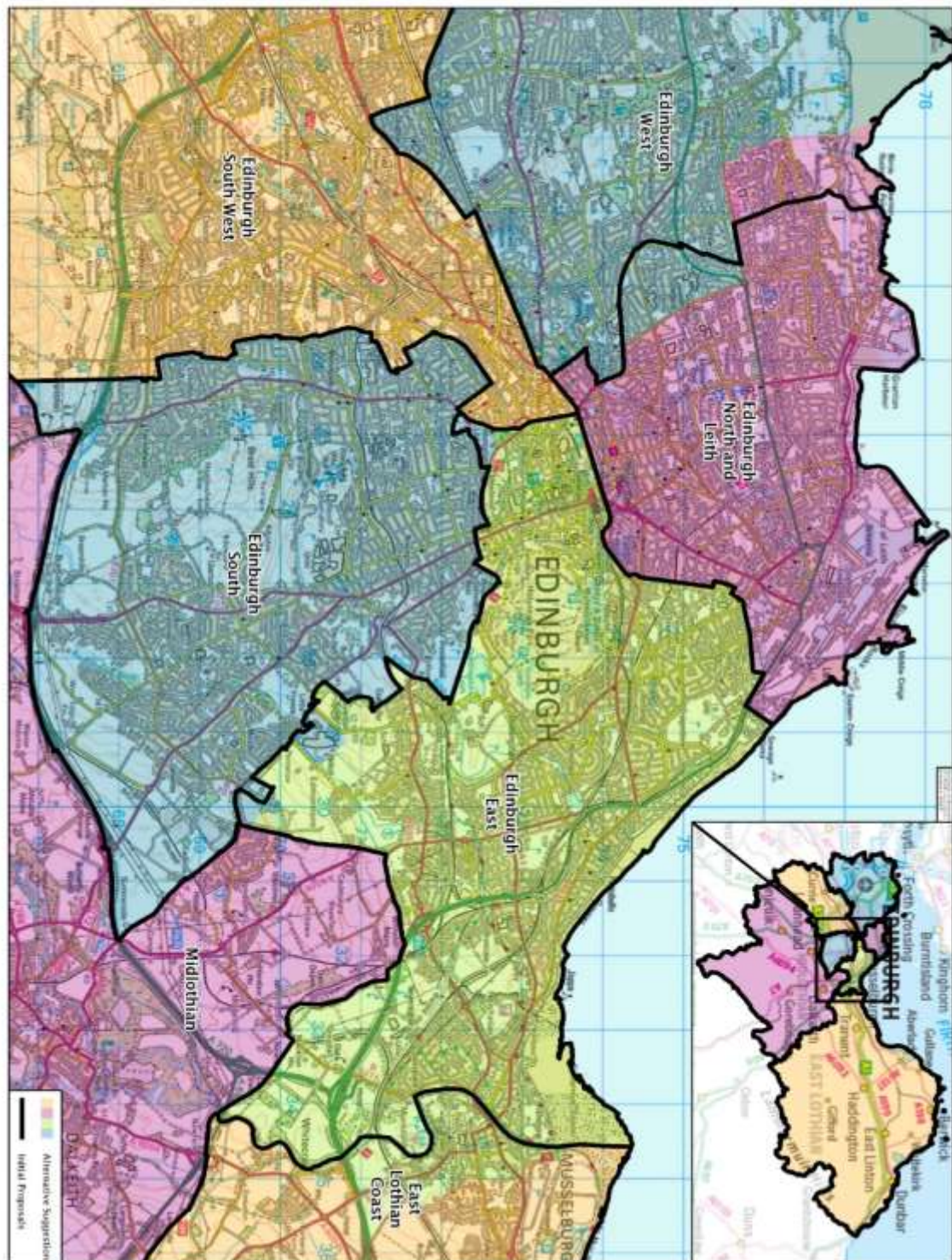
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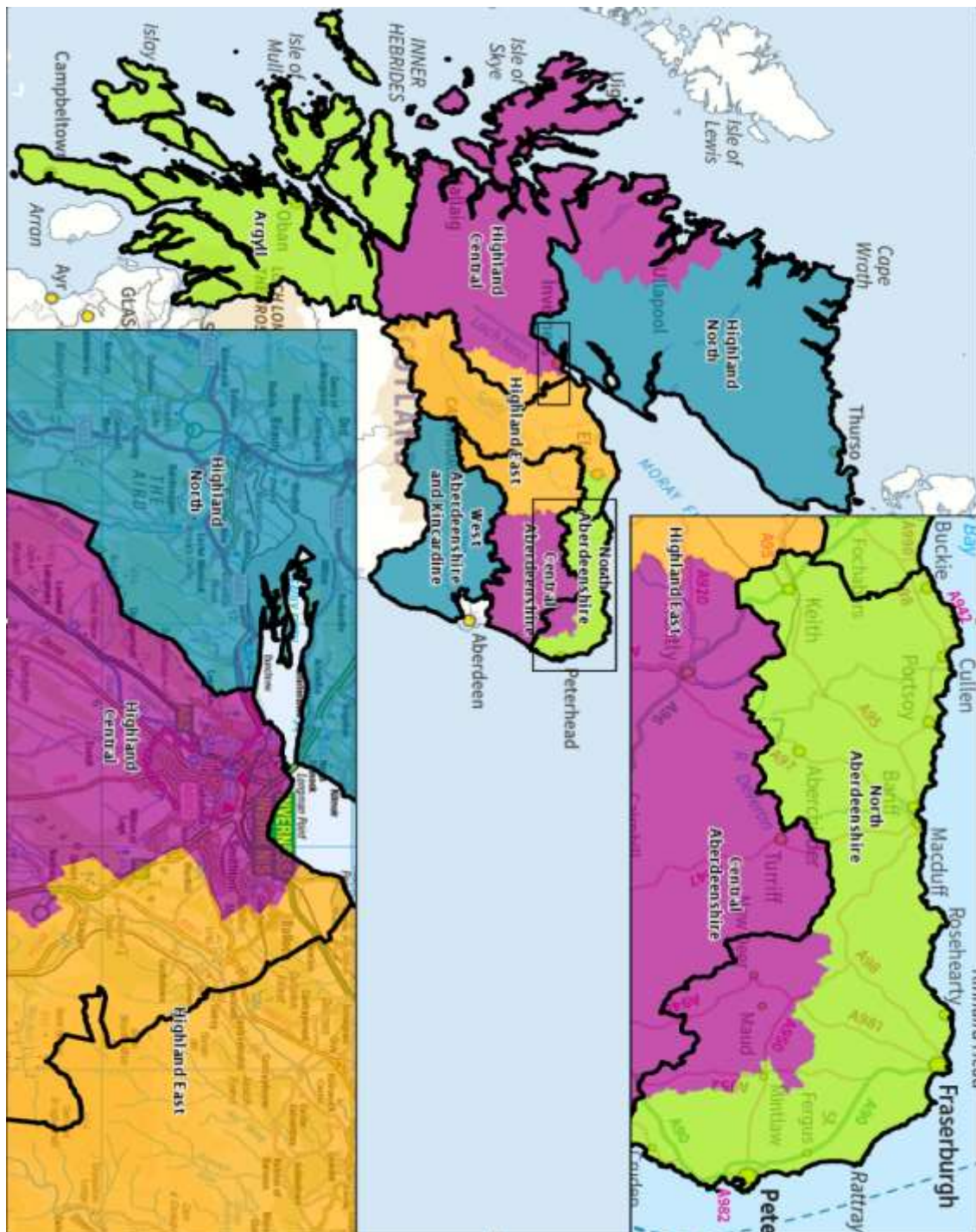
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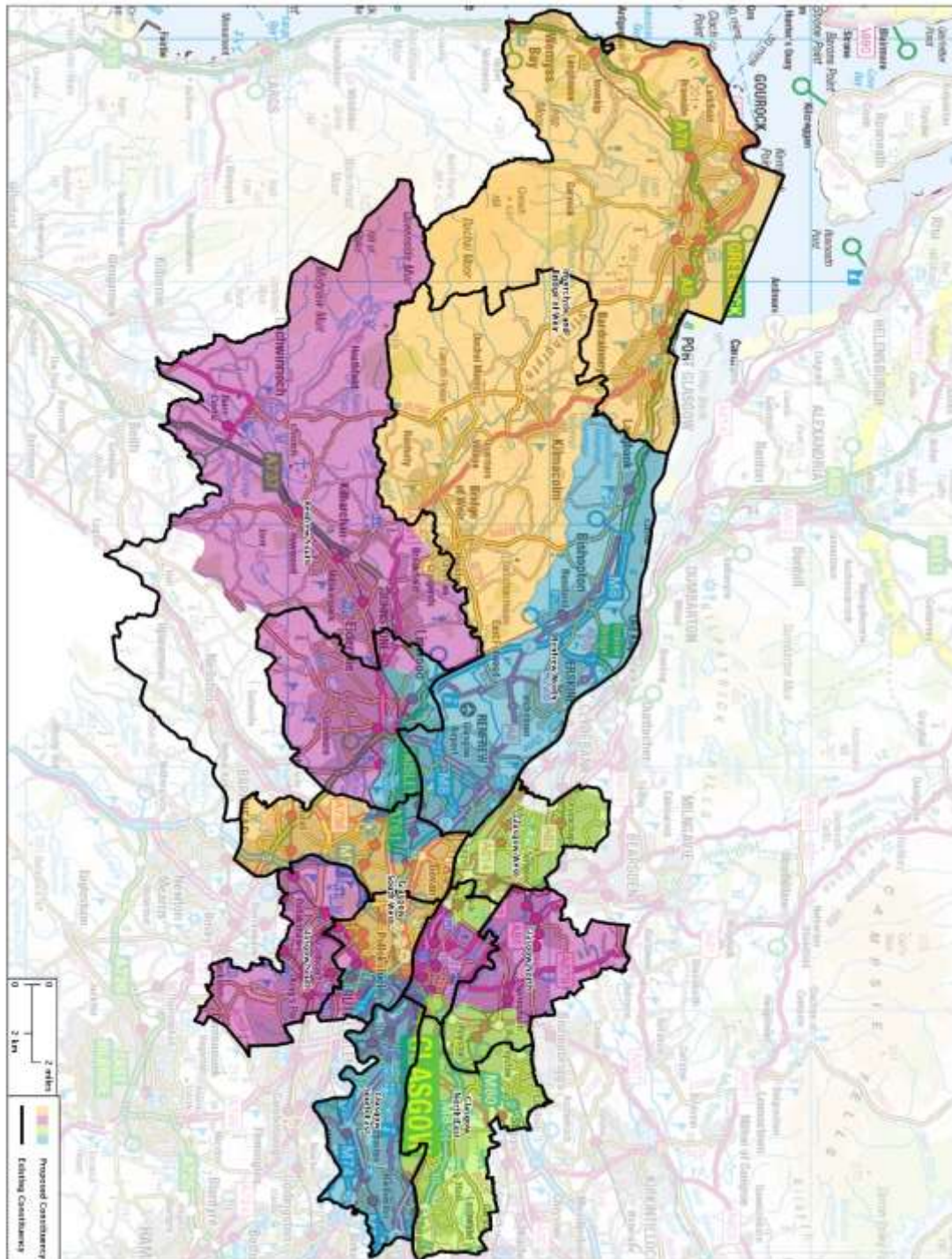
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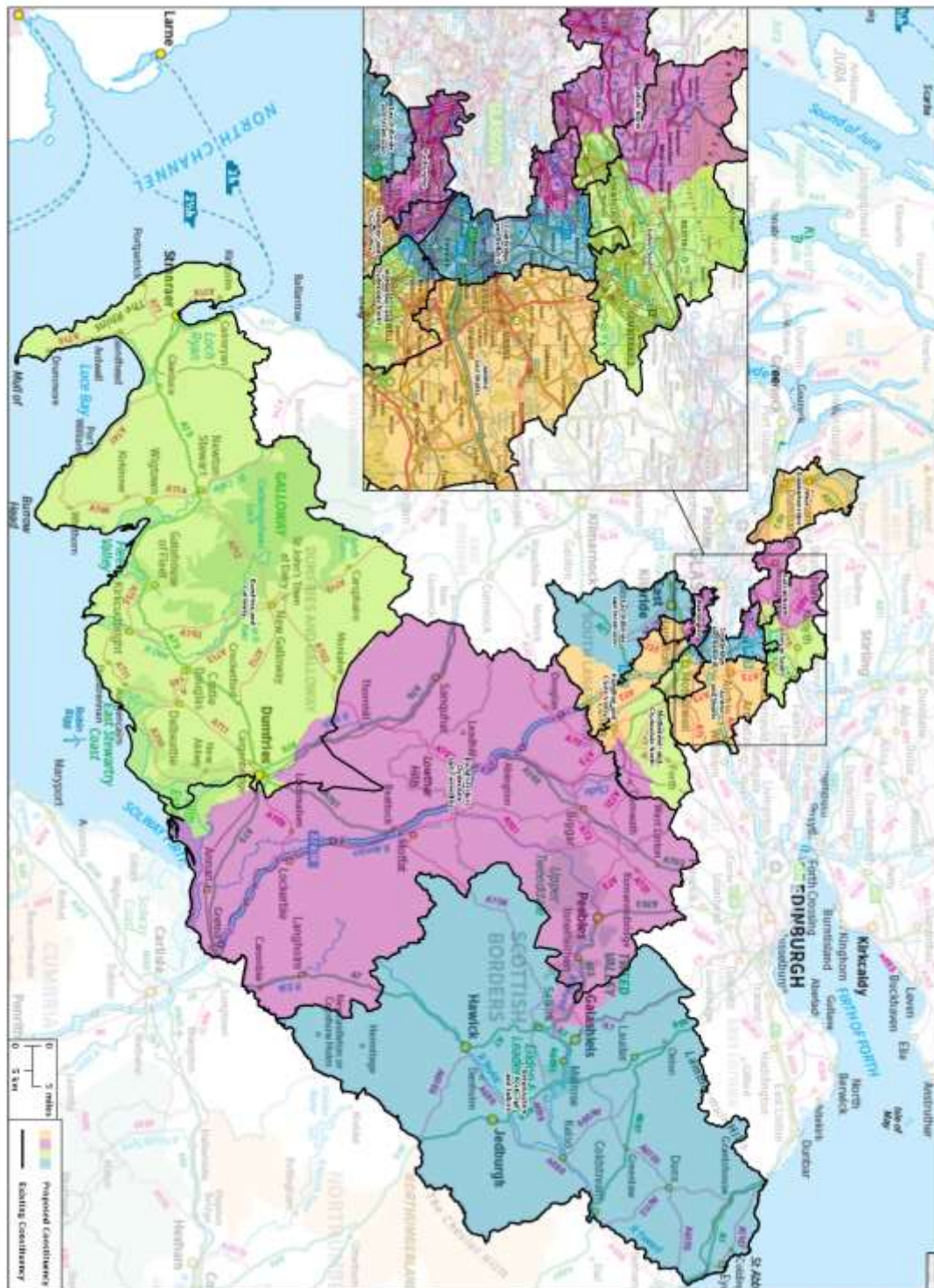
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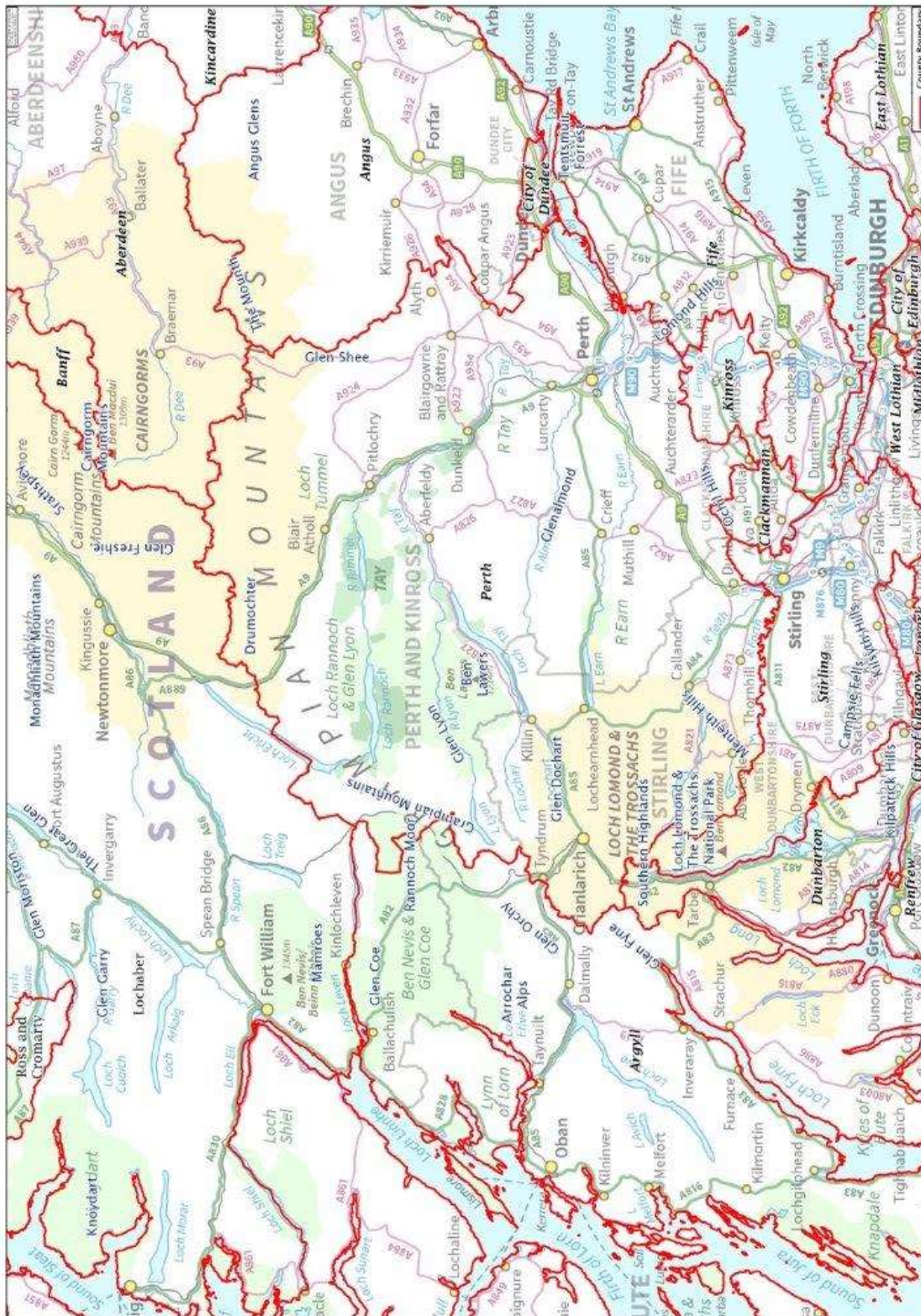
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Historical county boundaries and natural features



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Council area	Proposed Names (Initial Proposals and Secretariat suggestions)	Scottish Parliament constituency names	Notes and suggested alternative names
Aberdeen City	Aberdeen North Aberdeen South	Aberdeen Central Aberdeen Donside Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	No changes from initial proposals. No alternative names submitted. Historically always been an Aberdeen North and Aberdeen South
Aberdeenshire	North Aberdeenshire (pt) Central Aberdeenshire (pt) West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	Aberdeen South and North Kincardine Aberdeenshire East Aberdeenshire West Angus North and Mearns Banffshire and Buchan Coast	Suggestions: Gordon and Speyside; Gordon and Glenlivet; Bennachie; Aberdeenshire South See also Moray Towns populations Peterhead (19,000), Inverurie ((14,700), Fraserburgh (12,600), Stonehaven (11,200), Ellon (10,100), Banchory (7,500), Banff (4,000)
Angus (tbc)	Angus and Strathmore (pt) Dundee East and Arbroath (pt)	Angus North and Mearns Angus South	Grouping still TBC. Alternative names suggested: East Perthshire and Angus; Angus See also Dundee and Perth and Kinross
Argyll and Bute	Argyll (pt)	Argyll and Bute Dumbarton	Strong opposition to proposed name of Argyll with no reference to Bute. Suggestion to include the name of other islands (Bute 6,500, Islay 3,200, Mull 2,800, all other islands less than 700 persons). Suggestions: Argyll and Bute; Argyll, Bute and Lochaber; Argyll, Lomond and Bute; Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber;
Clackmannanshire (tbc)	Mid Forth Valley (pt)	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	Grouping still TBC Suggestion to include Clackmannanshire in a constituency name
Dumfries & Galloway	Dumfries and Galloway Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale (pt)	Dumfriesshire Galloway and West Dumfries	Minor changes to existing and initial proposals. One suggestion – Annandale, Clydesdale and Tweeddale
Dundee City (tbc)	Dundee East and Arbroath (pt) Dundee West and Gowrie (pt)	Dundee City East Dundee City West	Grouping still TBC. Historically always been a Dundee East and Dundee West Alternative name suggested: East Perthshire and Angus See also Angus and Perth and Kinross
East Ayrshire	Kilmarnock and Loudoun Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock (pt)	Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	Boundary and name unchanged from existing and initial proposals
East Dunbartonshire	Kelvin North (pt) Kelvin South (pt)	Clydebank and Milngavie Strathkelvin and Bearsden	Opposition to proposed Kelvin North and Kelvin South names as more relevant to west end of Glasgow. Alternative suggestions: Cumbernauld; Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch; Strathkelvin North; East Dunbartonshire and Kilsyth; Bearsden and Kilsyth; Campsie; Cumbernauld and Lenzie; Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch; Bearsden and Strathkelvin The most populated towns are Bearsden (28,500), Bishopbriggs (23,700) and Kirkintilloch (21,900) See also North Lanarkshire
East Lothian	East Lothian Coast Edinburgh East (pt)	East Lothian Midlothian North and Musselburgh	Opposition to proposed name East Lothian Coast. Suggestions to be named East Lothian. See also Edinburgh
East Renfrewshire	East Renfrewshire	Eastwood Renfrewshire South	Boundary and name unchanged from existing and initial proposals
Edinburgh, City of	Edinburgh East (pt) Edinburgh North and Leith Edinburgh South Edinburgh South West Edinburgh West	Edinburgh Central Edinburgh Eastern Edinburgh Northern and Leith Edinburgh Pentlands Edinburgh Southern Edinburgh Western	Alternative names for Edinburgh East: Edinburgh East and Fisherrow; Edinburgh East and Musselburgh; East Edinburgh and West Musselburgh Alternative name for Edinburgh North East: Edinburgh Central and Leith Alternative name Edinburgh South East: Edinburgh East Alternative name Edinburgh South West: Edinburgh Pentlands Minimal change to existing boundaries and retains existing Edinburgh South West constituency
Falkirk (tbc)	Forth Valley South Linlithgow and Bathgate (pt) Mid Forth Valley (pt)	Falkirk East Falkirk West	Grouping still TBC. Alternative suggestions: Forth Valley North; Forth Valley South; Falkirk; Falkirk South; Clackmannan and Denny; Clackmannan and Larbert; Clackmannan and Carron; Falkirk and Grangemouth See also West Lothian and Clackmannanshire
Fife (tbc)	North East Fife West Fife (pt) Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath Glenrothes and Loch Leven (pt)	Cowdenbeath Dunfermline Kirkcaldy Mid Fife and Glenrothes North East Fife	Grouping still TBC. Strong opposition to lack of reference to Dunfermline Alternative names suggested: Dunfermline and West Fife; West Fife and Dunfermline; Dunfermline; Kirkcaldy and Inverkeithing; Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath; Strathleven; Mid Fife; Central Fife and Kinross; Glenrothes, Loch Leven and (South) Levenmouth; Kinross and Leven; Glenrothes and Kinross The most populated towns are Dunfermline (55,000), Kirkcaldy (50,370), Glenrothes (38,400), Cowdenbeath (12,000), Methil (10,900)
Glasgow City	Glasgow South Glasgow North East Glasgow North Glasgow South East Glasgow South West Glasgow West Renfrew North (pt) West Dunbartonshire (pt)	Glasgow Anniesland Glasgow Cathcart Glasgow Kelvin Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn Glasgow Pollock Glasgow Provan Glasgow Shettleston Glasgow Southside	Suggestion for Glasgow Inner East rather than Glasgow Central See also Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire.
Highland	Highland Central Highland East (pt) Highland North Argyll(pt)	Caitness, Sutherland and Ross Inverness and Nairn Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	Suggestion for Gaelic names. Another suggested retaining similar names to existing. Suggestion to have a reference to Nairn. Suggestions: Strathspey, Elgin and Nairn; Strathspey and Nairn; Inverness-shire; Ross, Caithness and Sutherland; Inverness and Highland Central; Inverness and Loch Ness; Inverness and Great Glen and Skye; Badenoch, Strathspey, Nairn and Elgin; Ross, Cromarty, Sutherland and Caithness; The Northern Counties; Northern Highlands; Highlands North; Inverness-shire and Skye; Inverness-shire; Inverness; Caithness, Ross and Sutherland; Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross; Inverness, West Highlands and Skye; Inverness and Skye; Caithness, Sutherland, Ross and Cromarty
Inverclyde	Inverclyde and Bridge of Weir (pt)	Greenock and Inverclyde Renfrewshire North and West	No changes from initial proposals. See also Renfrewshire. Suggestion: Inverclyde and Strathgryffe, or South Clyde
Midlothian	Midlothian	Midlothian North and Musselburgh Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	Boundary and name unchanged from existing and initial proposals
Moray	Banff and Buchan (pt) Gordon and Moray South (pt) Highland East and Elgin (pt)	Banffshire and Buchan Coast Moray	Suggestions: Moray North and Nairn; Elgin, Nairn and Badenoch See also Aberdeenshire and Highland
North Ayrshire	North Ayrshire and Arran Central Ayrshire (pt)	Cunningham North Cunningham South	Boundary and name unchanged from existing and initial proposals
North Lanarkshire	Airdrie and Shotts Coatbridge and Bellshill Motherwell and Clydesdale North (pt) Kelvin South (pt) Kelvin North (pt)	Airdrie and Shotts Coatbridge and Chryston Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Motherwell and Wishaw Uddingston and Bellshill	Alternative suggestion: Motherwell and Carluke Most populated towns are Cumbernauld (50,500), Coatbridge (44,000), Airdrie (36,400), Motherwell (33,000), Wishaw (30,000), Bellshill (20,000), Kilsyth (10,400), Shotts (8,600) See also East Dunbartonshire, South Lanarkshire
Perth and Kinross (tbc)	Perth and Tay Anqus and Strathmore (pt) West Fife (pt) Glenrothes and Loch Leven (pt) Dundee West and Gowrie (pt)	Perthshire North Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	Grouping still TBC. Mainly opposition to a Perth and Tay constituency name. Alternative suggested names: Perth and West Perthshire; Perth and Perthshire West; Perthshire West; West Perthshire See also Anqus, Dundee, Fife
Renfrewshire	Renfrew North (pt) Renfrew South Inverclyde and Bridge of Weir (pt)	Paisley Renfrewshire North and West Renfrewshire South	Strong opposition to proposed names and absence of Paisley or Renfrewshire. Alternative suggestions: South Clyde; Renfrewshire North; Renfrewshire South. Renfrewshire Council suggested: Paisley and Renfrewshire North and Paisley and Renfrewshire South West. See also Glasgow and Inverclyde.
Scottish Borders	Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale (pt)	Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	Minor changes from existing and initial proposals
South Ayrshire	Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock (pt) Central Ayrshire (pt)	Ayr Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	Boundary and name unchanged from existing and initial proposals
South Lanarkshire	East Kilbride and Strathaven Rutherglen Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale (pt) Hamilton and Clyde Valley Motherwell and Clydesdale North (pt)	Clydesdale East Kilbride Uddingston and Bellshill Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse Rutherglen	Alternative suggested names: Hamilton and Lanark; East Kilbride, Strathaven and Stonehouse; Glasgow South East; Rutherglen and Bothwell Most populated towns are East Kilbride (75,300), Hamilton (54,500), Rutherglen (31,000), Larkhall (15,000), Carluke (14,000), Lanark (9,000). See also North Lanarkshire, Dumfries and Galloway
Stirling (tbc)	Stirling	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane Stirling	Grouping still TBC. Unchanged from existing and follows council area boundary Suggestion – Stirling and Dunblane
West Dunbartonshire	West Dunbartonshire (pt)	Clydebank and Milngavie Dumbarton	Minor change to existing and initial proposals. Contains all of West Dunbartonshire council area as well as a small part of Glasgow at Yoker
West Lothian (tbc)	Livingston Linlithgow and Bathgate(pt)	Almond Valley Linlithgow	Grouping still TBC. Alternative names suggested: Linlithgow and Bo'ness; Bathgate and Bo'ness; Bo'ness, Linlithgow and Bathgate; West Lothian North and Bo'ness The most populated towns are Livingston (57,000), Bathgate (23,600) Broxburn (16,000), Linlithgow (12,800), Armadale (12,700), Whitburn (11,500). In Falkirk – Bo'ness (14,800). See also Falkirk

Pt = covers more than one council area
Source of population data <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/population/population-estimates/settlements-and-localities/mid-2020>