

2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies News coverage following publication of Revised Proposals

Background

1. The Commission is invited to note the news coverage regarding its Revised Proposals. The 4-week revised consultation period started on 8 November and ended on 5 December 2022.
2. The news coverage has been collated from the Google Alert service. These alerts highlight any mention of the Commission or key words relating to the Commission's work.

Media Coverage

3. During the consultation, there were 30 articles published in the media that mentioned the 2023 Review. Links to the news articles can be found in Appendix A.
4. Eight articles focussed on the changes for the whole of Scotland, in particular, the number of constituencies dropping to 57.
5. Six articles focussed on the revised proposals in Highland. They mentioned the size of the Highland constituencies and losing an MP.
6. Five stated that the proposals will break local community ties in Moray.
7. Two stated that communities within the proposed Clackmannanshire and Forth Valley constituency have little in common.
8. Two reports commented on the proposals in East Lothian and they will break local community ties in Musselburgh.
9. Two focused on the proposed changes in Angus and the proposed name.
10. The other articles focussed on the following areas: Argyll and Bute; City of Edinburgh; Lanarkshire and Scottish Borders.

Conclusion

11. The Secretariat will continue to monitor news coverage during the 2023 Review and will keep the Commission informed of any significant issues raised.

**Secretariat
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Appendix A – Media coverage on Revised Proposals**All Scotland general comments**

- [Scotland to lose two Commons seats in latest Boundary Commission proposals | Scotland | The Guardian](#)
- [Boundary reviews: Revised proposals and next steps \(parliament.uk\)](#)
- [Two senior Tory MPs in jeopardy as plans for major shake-up of UK's constituencies revealed | Politics News | Sky News](#)
- [How might Scotland's electoral map be changing? – BBC News](#)
- [Boundary Commission for Scotland: 2022 – 2023 Review Revised Proposals consultation begins | The Highland Council](#)
- [SNP under-fire for bemoaning MP boundary changes despite independence vow – Scottish Daily Express](#)
- [SNP rages as 'disgraceful' proposal for Scotland to lose 2 MPs and England gain 10 | Politics | News | Express.co.uk](#)
- [Boundary Commission Scotland: Plans could change our political future \(pressandjournal.co.uk\)](#)

Highland comments

- [New Highland constituency plans slammed as a 'ridiculous' numbers exercise \(strathspey-herald.co.uk\)](#)
- [DREW HENDRY: They draw lines on a map to make the numbers fit Remembrance thanks \(inverness-courier.co.uk\)](#)
- [New Highland constituency plans slammed as 'ridiculous' \(ross-shirejournal.co.uk\)](#)
- [Council to challenge Boundary Commission for Scotland proposals | The Highland Council](#)
- [Highland Council to challenge Boundary Commission for Scotland constituency change proposals; plans include enlarging the Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross constituency \(northern-times.co.uk\)](#)
- [DAVID STEWART: Proposed changes to boundaries make very little sense \(inverness-courier.co.uk\)](#)

Argyll and Bute comment

- [Councils diverge on MP boundary changes – Campbeltown Courier](#)

Aberdeenshire/Moray comments

- [Final consultation starts on revised Parliamentary constituencies \(grampianonline.co.uk\)](#)
- [Councillor blasts 'absurd' proposals to split up Moray \(grampianonline.co.uk\)](#)
- [Changes to Moray UK parliament seat will sever Elgin communities \(pressandjournal.co.uk\)](#)
- [Moray Council opposes Boundary Commission for Scotland proposals](#)
- [Moray Council officially objects to constituency breakup plan \(northern-scot.co.uk\)](#)

City of Edinburgh comment

- [Edinburgh constituencies: New boundaries for Edinburgh and Lothian seats by the next UK general election | Edinburgh News \(scotsman.com\)](#)

Clackmannanshire/Falkirk comments

- [Consultation begins on revised boundaries for Falkirk area seats at Westminster | Falkirk Herald](#)
- [MSP "upset" over plans to carve up Wee County Westminster constituency boundary – Daily Record](#)

East Lothian comments

- [Boundary Commission review: Most of Musselburgh set to be moved | East Lothian Courier](#)
- [Musselburgh: South Scotland MSP criticises boundary change plans | East Lothian Courier](#)

Angus comments

- [Fury as Scotland to lose TWO MPs in plan to cut Westminster constituencies | The National](#)
- [Angus World | Council, Politics | Councillors oppose Angus constituency proposals \(anguscountyworld.co.uk\)](#)

Lanarkshire comment

- [Lanarkshire MPs criticise Westminster boundary changes – Daily Record](#)

Scottish Borders comment

- [Gerrymandering claims over ‘broken link’ to Galashiels | The Southern Reporter](#)
- [Tweeddale constituency shake-up plan splits opinion at meeting | Peeblesshire News](#)