

2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies Revised Consultation responses

For information

1. This paper sets out a preliminary summary of the responses received during the Revised Proposals public consultation stage of the 2023 Review.
2. The consultation took place over a four-week period from 8 November to 5 December 2022.
3. This was the final consultation stage of the 2023 Review.

Summary of responses received during initial consultation period

4. Overall 864 responses were received, approximately 780 via the consultation site and a further 80 were submitted by email or post.
5. The type of respondent to the consultation is broken down below:
 - 778 responses from members of the public;
 - 21 responses from councillors;
 - 14 responses from councils;
 - 14 responses from community groups;
 - 15 responses from MPs;
 - 3 responses from national political parties (Scottish Liberal Democrats, Scottish Labour and Scottish Conservative and Unionist);
 - 6 responses from local political parties;
 - 8 responses from MSPs; and
 - 5 responses from other organisations.
6. Details of the source of respondents visiting the consultation site are listed in the table below.

Visit Source	
Facebook	309
Other	221
(blank)	131
Local Newspaper	54
Web	49
Other Social Media	45
Twitter	24
National Newspaper	23
TV	5
In a Local Place of Deposit	2
Radio	1
Grand Total	864

7. A table with responses broken down by council area is shown in Appendix A.
8. All individual responses will be considered but the main issues to have emerged from the responses are:

- Auchterarder residents opposing the proposed Clackmannanshire and Forth Valley constituency because there are few ties between Falkirk, Clackmannanshire and Perthshire;
 - the division of Musselburgh;
 - opposition to the proposed Nairn, Strathspey and Moray West constituency in Highland and Moray alongside opposition to the loss of a Moray only constituency and general opposition to the 2023 Review in Highland council area;
 - opposition to the proposals in Angus, North Lanarkshire and Falkirk council areas generally;
 - the proposed names of the Airdrie and Kilsyth Hills and Cumbernauld constituencies; and
 - the inclusion of Scotlandwell in a constituency with Glenrothes rather than Kinross-shire.
9. Approximately 10% of all responses generally opposed the review and legislation governing it whilst not making any specific comment on the proposals.
10. Approximately 25% of respondents made alternative suggestions. Many of these were alternative names – particularly the retention of Airdrie and Shotts as a constituency name and opposition to the Glasgow South East constituency name given much of it is north of the River Clyde which is seen as a strong north/south divide in the city. Very few suggested multiple council area or all-Scotland alternative constituency designs.

Issues raised during public consultation

11. A summary of responses is provided below, by council area grouping.

Perth and Kinross, Angus, Dundee City, Clackmannanshire, Stirling, Falkirk and West Lothian Grouping

Perth and Kinross (156 responses)

Opposition to placing Auchterarder and surrounding Perthshire villages in the proposed Clackmannanshire and Forth Valley constituency. Some respondents suggested they have closer links with Stirling council area. This suggestion was also made by Perth and Kinross Council. Opposition to Scotlandwell being in a separate constituency to the rest of Kinross-shire.

Angus (32 responses)

Opposition to the proposals with responses citing an opposition to the proposed North Tayside constituency and a general opposition to the loss of an Angus constituency however little recognition of the reasons why it cannot be retained.

Fife (22 responses)

Opposition to changes generally and particularly those which present cross council area constituencies such as Scotlandwell linked in with Glenrothes and Dollar with Dunfermline.

Dundee City (8 responses)

Opposition to placing the eastern half of Dundee with a large area of Angus.

Clackmannanshire (17 responses)

Opposition to split Clackmannanshire between constituencies.

Stirling (1 response)

General opposition to the Review.

Falkirk (26 responses)

Majority of responses oppose proposals to place Denny in a constituency separate from Falkirk and others oppose proposals to join part of the council area with Clackmannanshire.

West Lothian (1 response)

Support for the proposed Bathgate and Linlithgow constituency.

City of Edinburgh, Midlothian and East Lothian Grouping

East Lothian (56 responses)

Considerable opposition to splitting Musselburgh but no alternative boundaries were presented although a response from East Lothian Council made alternative name suggestions.

City of Edinburgh (7 responses)

A number of responses citing support for the proposed Edinburgh West constituency and a single response in opposition to the proposals for Edinburgh West.

Midlothian

No responses relating to Midlothian.

Highland, Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, Moray, Argyll and Bute Grouping

Highland (237 responses)

Mixed responses with a variety of critical comments but with most commenting on the size of the constituencies and loss of constituencies overall. Some comments regarding the proposed boundary at Lochaber.

Argyll and Bute (9 responses)

General opposition to the proposals and concern about the size of the constituency with part of Highland council area being added to it.

Moray (62 responses)

Most opposition focussed on the proposal to the split up Moray between 2 constituencies although some recognition that the proposals are improved from the initial proposals where the council area was split between 3 constituencies. There were also general comments regarding the review and the reduction of MPs overall.

Aberdeenshire (20 responses)

All but one oppose the proposals for a variety of reasons.

Aberdeen City (1 response)

Single response querying the placement of Kittybrewster in an Aberdeen South constituency.

Glasgow City, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Grouping

Renfrewshire (10 responses)

Responses opposed the constituency names. Others cited opposition to the process and a number of individuals cited specific boundaries within the proposed Renfrewshire constituencies.

Glasgow City (30 responses)

Variety of issues raised including opposition to boundary by Cardonald, the naming of Glasgow South East and parts of what was previously Glasgow Central and opposition to the review generally and the proposed reduction in constituencies in Glasgow.

Inverclyde (4 responses)

Three responses in opposition and one in support. Opposition focussed on the proposal to expand the constituency beyond the council area boundary.

South Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire, East Dunbartonshire, Dumfries and Galloway and Scottish Borders Grouping

South Lanarkshire (18 responses)

Opposition to the proposals generally.

North Lanarkshire (27 responses)

Some support for the proposals but also a number of suggestions for names to be changed in Airdrie and also the inclusion of Kirkintilloch in a constituency name.

Dumfries and Galloway (9 responses)

Opposition to parts of the east of the council area being placed with Scottish Borders and South Lanarkshire.

West Dunbartonshire (1 response)

Single response from the returning officer regarding the possible difficulties posed by part of Glasgow City council area being placed in a constituency with West Dunbartonshire.

East Dunbartonshire (11 responses)

A variety of comments, all in opposition, with a number questioning the treatment of Kirkintilloch.

Scottish Borders (14 responses)

A number of responses in opposition to the proposals particularly the boundary by Clovenfords near Galashiels.

East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire Grouping

Only 3 responses received within this grouping with no specific issues raised.

Next steps

12. The Secretariat will fully analyse all responses received during the final consultation stage and develop final recommendations for consideration by the Commission at its forthcoming meetings in early 2023.

Conclusion

13. The Commission is invited to note this summary of responses to the final consultation period.

**Secretariat
December 2022**

Appendix A

Responses to final consultation by Council Area

Council Area	
Highland	237
Perth and Kinross	156
<i>All Scotland</i>	<i>81</i>
Moray	62
East Lothian	56
Angus	32
Glasgow City	30
North Lanarkshire	27
Falkirk	26
Fife	22
Aberdeenshire	20
South Lanarkshire	18
Clackmannanshire	17
Scottish Borders	14
East Dunbartonshire	11
Renfrewshire	10
Dumfries and Galloway	9
Argyll and Bute	9
Dundee City	8
City of Edinburgh	7
Inverclyde	4
South Ayrshire	2
West Dunbartonshire	1
Stirling	1
West Lothian	1
East Renfrewshire	1
Aberdeen City	1
North Ayrshire	1
Grand Total	864

Appendix B**Summary of Proposals from Final Consultation News Release 8 November 2022****East Renfrewshire council area**

The proposed East Renfrewshire constituency is unchanged from the existing arrangements and the Initial Proposals.

East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas

The four proposed Ayrshire constituencies (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock, Central Ayrshire, Kilmarnock and Loudoun and North Ayrshire and Arran) are unchanged from the existing arrangements and the Initial Proposals.

City of Edinburgh, East Lothian and Midlothian council areas

This grouping proposes no change to the overall number of constituencies – 7.

The proposed Midlothian constituency is unchanged from the existing arrangements and the Initial Proposals.

In Edinburgh, the proposed Edinburgh South West constituency is unchanged from the existing arrangements and the Initial Proposals. The other Edinburgh constituency names are unchanged from the existing arrangements and Initial Proposals but there are changes to the proposed constituency boundaries from the Initial Proposals at Pilton, Craigleith and Gilmerton, with minor changes at Bruntsfield and Moredun. The proposed Edinburgh East constituency now includes a larger part of Musselburgh than the Initial Proposals.

In East Lothian we have amended the constituency boundary at Musselburgh and re-named the proposed constituency as East Lothian and Lammermuirs to reflect the extensive geography of the constituency and that it no longer follows East Lothian council area boundary.

Glasgow City, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas

There are currently ten constituencies within this grouping, the Revised Proposals propose nine constituencies as was the case in the Initial Proposals.

The proposed Inverclyde and Renfrewshire constituency boundaries are unchanged from the Initial Proposals but the constituencies are re-named: Inverclyde and Renfrewshire West; Paisley and Renfrewshire North; and Paisley and Renfrewshire South.

The Revised Proposals have made changes to all of the Glasgow constituency boundaries. These include two new constituency boundaries in the east of Glasgow, as well as minor changes by: Arden; Strathbungo; Strathcona; and Yoker.

Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Argyll and Bute, Highland and Moray council areas

There are currently ten constituencies within this grouping, the Revised Proposals propose nine constituencies as was the case with the Initial Proposals.

The proposed West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine constituency is unchanged from the existing arrangements and the Initial Proposals.

The proposed arrangements for Aberdeen City are unchanged from the Initial Proposals with two constituencies wholly within the council area boundary.

The proposed Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber constituency has a minor boundary change from the Initial Proposals, north of Kinlochleven. The constituency name has been amended from the Initial Proposals.

Elsewhere in Aberdeenshire, Highland and Moray council areas we have a proposed: a smaller constituency in the north of Highland, named Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross; and Moray is now divided between two rather than three constituencies.

Dumfries and Galloway, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire, Scottish Borders, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas

This grouping proposes no change to the overall number of constituencies – 12.

We have made changes from our Initial Proposals in East Dunbartonshire where we have proposed: a Kilsyth Hills and Cumbernauld constituency that includes Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch; and a Bearsden and Campsie Fells constituency that includes Bearsden, Milngavie, Bishopbriggs, Stepps and Chryston.

The proposed Dumfries and Galloway constituency and Dumfriesshire, Tweeddale and Clydesdale constituency are similar to the Initial Proposals except for minor changes to the boundary by Dumfries at Dunscore and Lochar Water.

We have also made minor changes to the Initial Proposals at Coatdyke by Coatbridge and at Yoker.

We have renamed the Airdrie and Shotts constituency as Airdrie. All other constituency names and boundaries are unchanged.

Angus, Clackmannanshire, Dundee City, Falkirk, Fife, Perth and Kinross, Stirling and West Lothian council areas

This grouping proposes no change to the overall number of constituencies – 13.

The proposed Stirling constituency is unchanged from the existing arrangements and Initial Proposals.

The proposed North East Fife constituency is unchanged from the Initial Proposals.

Elsewhere we are proposing a new design of constituencies for this grouping.

In West Lothian council area: Broxburn now sits within a Livingston constituency; and Whitburn within a Bathgate and Linlithgow constituency.

In Falkirk council area: Skinflats is added to a Falkirk constituency; and Denny and Stenhousemuir, with most of Clackmannanshire and Auchterarder create a Clackmannanshire and Forth Valley constituency.

In Fife council area: Dollar is included in a Dunfermline and East Ochils constituency; the Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath constituency boundary is amended at Kelty and West Wemyss; and the Glenrothes constituency includes Scotlandwell from Kinross-shire.

In Perth and Kinross council area: a Perth and Loch Leven constituency includes Kinross-shire, Perth, Strathearn and Carse of Gowrie; and a North Tayside constituency includes north Perthshire, Brechin, Forfar and Montrose.

In Angus and Dundee City council areas we are proposing a Dundee West constituency and a Dundee East and Arbroath constituency.