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PUBLIC INQUIRIES INTO THE PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN THE COUNTIES OF HAMPSHIRE, PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON

The Commission published proposals on 14 February 2002, recommending that the combined counties of Hampshire and Southampton be allocated sixteen seats, one more than at present, and that Portsmouth should continue to be allocated two seats.

Objections made about the proposals affecting Hampshire and Southampton have required the holding of a local inquiry under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986. The Commission have also exercised their discretion under the Act and have decided to hold a separate local inquiry about the proposals affecting Portsmouth. Official notice of the two inquiries will be published in local newspapers on 9 May 2002. The two inquiries are to be run independently of each other, and no representation will be considered at one inquiry which relates to the other inquiry.

Both inquiries will be held in public and any interested person, whether a supporter of or objector to the Commission's proposals for that particular area may attend and be heard. The Commission would urge all interested parties to attend and make their views known at the relevant inquiry. It should not be assumed that the inquiries will only discuss those matters raised in representations submitted during the representation period allowed nor that the Commission's provisional recommendations will remain unchanged. On many occasions, following consideration of the evidence submitted at an inquiry and the Assistant Commissioner's report, the Commission have revised their recommendations. While the Commission will always invite written representations in respect of any revised recommendations they might publish, all interested parties should be aware that they may not be able to state their case at a further inquiry, as a further inquiry will only rarely be held.

Although arrangements have been made for the two inquiries to be held independently of each other, they are to be conducted by the same Assistant Commissioner, Mr Roger Ellis QC. The inquiry relating to issues concerning Portsmouth will open on:-

**MONDAY 17 JUNE 2002 at 9.30am in the COUNCIL CHAMBER,
PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL, CIVIC OFFICES, PORTSMOUTH.**

The inquiry relating to issues concerning Hampshire and Southampton will open on:-

TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2002 at 10.30am in the WALTON ROOM, THE GUILDHALL, WINCHESTER.

It should be noted that only one day is allocated to the Portsmouth inquiry and that it opens one hour earlier than the Winchester inquiry the next day.

The provisional recommendations, copies of the representations made to the Commission for both areas (together with summaries), and separate statements by the Commission for each of the two areas, each of which will be introduced formally at the relevant inquiry, are open for public inspection at:-

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WATERLOOVILLE	Council Information Office, Tyfield House, Blendworth Lane, Horndean, Waterlooville
WINCHESTER	City Office, Colebrook Street, Winchester

Should you require further information about the local inquiries or about other aspects of the Commission's work please write to the Boundary Commission for England, PO Box 31060, London, SW1V 2FF, or telephone:-

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