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### **PROPOSALS FOR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN THE COUNTIES OF HAMPSHIRE, PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON**

**The Commission will publish provisional recommendations on 14 February 2002 for changes to the seventeen existing constituencies in the area covered by the counties of Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton.**

**Portsmouth is allocated two seats and the combined area of Hampshire and Southampton is allocated an extra, sixteenth seat. The allocation of the extra seat will require major changes to be made to some of the existing constituency boundaries in Hampshire and Southampton.**

#### **Provisional Recommendations**

1. The combined area of Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton currently has seventeen constituencies with a parliamentary electorate in 2000 of 1,251,523. This number of electors, when divided by the 2000 electoral quota of 69,934, gives a theoretical entitlement to 17.90 seats. The electoral quota is explained in "Background Note" below.
2. As a result of The Hampshire (Cities of Portsmouth and Southampton)(Structural Change) Order 1995, the cities of Portsmouth and Southampton ceased to form part of the County of Hampshire: they became new unitary authorities. The remaining eleven districts in the county formed the County of Hampshire. Unitary authorities have the legal status of counties and, in the case of Portsmouth, the Commission have treated this unitary authority separately with regard to the allocation of seats.
3. In deciding the number of seats to be allocated to Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton, the Commission noted that the three areas would be theoretically entitled to eighteen seats whether they were reviewed individually or as one unit. However, if they were reviewed individually, the average electorate of the two seats in Southampton would be very high at 11,807 above the electoral quota.

4. The Commission therefore decided to pair Southampton with Hampshire, which together have a 2000 electorate of 1,108,878 and entitlement to 15.86 seats, and to allocate the combined area sixteen seats. The average electorate of seats in the paired area is 69,305, which is only 629 below the electoral quota. Portsmouth has a 2000 electorate of 142,645 and an entitlement to 2.04 seats. Portsmouth is currently divided into two whole seats and the Commission therefore decided to review the county separately and to continue to allocate it two seats with an average electorate of 71,323. This allocation would produce seats in Portsmouth on average only 1,389 above the electoral quota.

5. Following the Periodical Electoral Review by the Local Government Commission, new wards in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton will come into operation on either 2 May 2002 or 1 May 2003 (see page 6). This will mean that some wards are divided between constituencies. The Commission do not divide wards between constituencies. This review will provide an opportunity to place wards wholly within seats.

6. The allocation of an additional seat and the realignment of constituency boundaries where wards are divided will mean that there will have to be major changes to some of the existing seats. However, the Commission have tried to keep these changes to a minimum and have endeavoured to follow existing constituency boundaries where possible when forming constituencies. The changes will ensure that where high seat electorates currently exist, these will be reduced to a level nearer to the electoral quota.

## **HAMPSHIRE AND SOUTHAMPTON**

7. The only changes to local authority boundaries in Hampshire and Southampton since the last general review have been to ward boundaries following the Periodical Electoral Reviews by the Local Government Commission. Eleven of the new wards, in six of the eleven districts in Hampshire, and four of the new wards in Southampton, are divided between constituencies.

8. The Commission propose no change to the seats of Fareham and Gosport. Both existing seats have electorates that are close to the electoral quota, being respectively only 1,489 above and 226 below the quota.

9. The Commission propose to make only the minimum change in respect of the Havant seat in order to place the whole of the Waterloo ward (which is divided between the East Hampshire and Havant seats) in a new Meon Valley seat, thereby transferring 485 electors. The electorate of the Havant seat would be 70,138, only 204 above the electoral quota.

10. The Commission considered that the electorate of the existing Aldershot seat, at 79,219, was too high. The Commission propose that the three District of Hart wards to the north west, that comprise Yateley, are transferred from the seat. This change, plus the realignment of wards which are divided between seats, produces an electorate for the Aldershot seat of 66,499, which is 3,435 below the electoral quota. The Commission consider that the predominantly urban nature of the proposed seat warrants it being re-designated as a borough constituency.

11. The Commission considered that the electorate of the existing Basingstoke seat, at 78,401, was too high. The Commission noted that although the Basingstoke and Deane Borough was

currently divided between only two seats, the creation of an extra seat in Hampshire would mean this situation would be difficult to maintain. The Commission is proposing that the borough should be divided between three seats. However, they have created a Basingstoke seat, which contains all the wards of the town of Basingstoke, with an electorate of 69,987, only 53 above the electoral quota. The Commission consider that the predominantly urban nature of the proposed seat warrant it being re-designated as a borough constituency.

12. The proposed seat of North East Hampshire contains all the wards of the District of Hart, apart from two wards which are included in the Aldershot seat, and four wards of the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane. The electorate of the seat would be 67,417, which is 2,517 below the electoral quota.

13. The proposed seat of North West Hampshire contains the remaining ten wards of the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane, together with ten wards of the Borough of Test Valley which includes the town of Andover. The seat would have an electorate of 73,840, which is 3,906 above the electoral quota.

14. The proposed East Hampshire seat contains only wards of the District of East Hampshire (thirty-one of the thirty-eight wards of the district), so placing Alton, Bordon and Petersfield in the same seat. The seat would have an electorate of 67,452, which is 2,482 below the electoral quota.

15. The proposed Meon Valley seat contains those seven wards of the District of East Hampshire not in the East Hampshire seat, those three wards of the Borough of Havant not in the Havant seat and eleven wards of the City of Winchester. The seat would have an electorate of 65,952, which is 3,982 below the electoral quota. The Commission considered that the Meon Valley, which bisects the seat, was an appropriate name to describe this mainly rural constituency as there was no individual town, which acted as the main focal point, whose name could be used to define it.

16. The Commission considered that the electorate of the existing Southampton, Itchen seat, at 77,241, was too high. They also noted that there were four divided wards in the City of Southampton and that in order to reduce the electorates and to place wards wholly within a seat, major changes would be required.

17. The Commission have created two seats each with seven City of Southampton wards, with the two remaining City of Southampton wards being located in a Romsey seat. The divided Bassett ward, most of which is in the Romsey seat, would be wholly included in the Romsey seat. The adjacent Swaythling ward, which is divided between the Romsey and two Southampton seats, would also be wholly placed in the Romsey seat. The Southampton, Itchen and Southampton, Test seats would have electorates of 71,142 and 72,018 respectively, which are only 1,208 and 2,084 above the electoral quota.

18. The proposed Romsey seat would include the two City of Southampton wards referred to above (Bassett and Swaythling), but would no longer include wards of the Borough of Eastleigh. The remainder of the existing constituency boundary would be maintained. The seat would have an electorate of 65,461, which is 4,473 below the electoral quota.

19. The proposed Eastleigh seat would contain sixteen of the nineteen wards of the Borough of Eastleigh. The four wards in Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury would be included in the seat, and the three wards of Bishopstoke East, Bishopstoke West and Fair Oak and Horton Heath would be included in the Winchester seat. The seat would have an electorate of 74,063, which is 4,129 above the electoral quota.

20. The Commission noted that the existing Winchester seat, which is formed of the entire City of Winchester district, had the highest electorate in Hampshire, at 82,083. They decided that the high electorate would mean that the district would have to be divided between two seats. The proposed Winchester seat includes all the City of Winchester wards, other than the eleven included in the Meon Valley seat detailed above. The Winchester seat also includes the three Borough of Eastleigh wards mentioned above. The seat would have an electorate of 68,863, which is only 1,071 below the electoral quota.

21. The Commission decided that the District of New Forest should continue to be divided between two whole seats. They noted that the Boldre and Sway ward was divided between the existing seats and decided that the ward should be included in the New Forest West seat as they considered it looks more to the west than to the east. Although this does not represent minimum change realignment in terms of area, it is minimum change in respect of the number of electors transferred. However, while such a realignment would produce a higher disparity than the alternative option, the Commission did not consider the resultant electorates unacceptable. The New Forest East and New Forest West seats would have electorates of 65,338 and 69,577 which are respectively 4,596 and 357 below the electoral quota.

22. The overall effect of these changes will be to reduce the disparity between the constituencies with the highest and lowest electorates in Hampshire and Southampton from 15,202 for the fifteen existing seats, to 8,725 for the sixteen proposed seats

23. The proposed new constituencies are illustrated in outline on the sketch maps which form part of this document (please note the copyright warning below concerning the maps). The letters on the maps refer to the districts or unitary authorities and the numbers refer to the district wards. The maps are to be used in conjunction with the ward listing at the end of this document which shows the letters and districts or unitary authorities, the numbers and wards, and the 2000 ward electorates on which the Commission are required by law to work.

24. The composition of the sixteen constituencies provisionally recommended would be (the 2000 electorates are shown in brackets):-

**ALDERSHOT BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (66,499).** Two wards of the District of **Hart**:- Blackwater and Hawley, Frogmore and Darby Green; the Borough of **Rushmoor**.

**BASINGSTOKE BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (69,987).** Sixteen wards of the Borough of **Basingstoke and Deane**:- Basing, Brighton Hill North, Brighton Hill South, Brookvale and Kings Furlong, Buckskin, Chineham, Eastrop, Grove, Hatch Warren and Beggarwood, Kempshott, Norden, Popley East, Popley West, Rooksdown, South Ham, Winklebury.

**EAST HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (67,452).** Thirty-one wards of the District of **East Hampshire**:- Alton Amery, Alton Ashdell, Alton Eastbrooke, Alton Westbrooke, Alton Whitedown, Alton Wooteys, Binsted and Bentley, Bramshott and Liphook, Downland, East Meon, Four Marks and Medstead, Froxfield and Steep, Grayshott, Headley, Holybourne and Froyle, Lindford, Liss, Petersfield Bell Hill, Petersfield Causeway, Petersfield Heath, Petersfield Rother, Petersfield St Marys, Petersfield St Peters, Ropley and Tisted, Selborne, The Hangers and Forest, Whitehill Chase, Whitehill Deadwater, Whitehill Hogmoor, Whitehill Pinewood, Whitehill Walldown.

**EASTLEIGH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (74,063).** Sixteen wards of the Borough of **Eastleigh**:- Botley, Bursledon and Old Netley, Chandler's Ford East, Chandler's Ford West, Eastleigh Central, Eastleigh North, Eastleigh South, Hamble-le-Rice and Butlocks Heath, Hedge End Grange Park, Hedge End St John's, Hedge End Wildern, Hiltingbury East, Hiltingbury West, Netley Abbey, West End North, West End South.

**FAREHAM COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (71,423).** Thirteen wards of the Borough of **Fareham**:- Fareham East, Fareham North, Fareham North-West, Fareham South, Fareham West, Locks Heath, Park Gate, Portchester East, Portchester West, Sarisbury, Titchfield, Titchfield Common, Warsash.

**GOSPORT BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (69,708).** Two wards of the Borough of **Fareham**:- Hill Head, Stubbington; the Borough of **Gosport**.

**HAVANT BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (70,138).** Eleven wards of the Borough of **Havant**:- Barncroft, Battins, Bedhampton, Bondfields, Emsworth, Hayling East, Hayling West, Purbrook, St Faith's, Stakes, Warren Park.

**MEON VALLEY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (65,952).** Seven wards of the District of **East Hampshire**:- Clanfield and Finchdean, Hordean Catherington and Lovedean, Hordean Downs, Hordean Hazleton and Blendworth, Hordean Kings, Hordean Murray, Rowlands Castle; three wards of the Borough of **Havant**:- Cowplain, Hart Plain, Waterloo; eleven wards of the City of **Winchester**:- Bishops Waltham, Boarhunt and Southwick, Cheriton and Bishops Sutton, Denmead, Droxford, Soberton and Hambledon, Owslebury and Curdrige, Shedfield, Swanmore and Newtown, Upper Meon Valley, Whiteley, Wickham.

**NEW FOREST EAST COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (65,338).** Sixteen wards of the District of **New Forest**:- Ashurst, Copythorne South and Netley Marsh, Bramshaw, Copythorne North and Minstead, Brockenhurst and Forest South East, Butts Ash and Dibden Purlieu, Dibden and Hythe East, Fawley, Blackfield and Langley, Furzedown and Hardley, Holbury and North Blackfield, Hythe West and Langdown, Lyndhurst, Marchwood, Totton Central, Totton East, Totton North, Totton South, Totton West.

**NEW FOREST WEST COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (69,577).** Eighteen wards of the District of **New Forest**:- Barton, Bashley, Becton, Boldre and Sway, Bransgore and Burley, Buckland, Downlands and Forest, Fernhill, Fordingbridge, Forest North West, Hordle, Lyminster Town, Milford, Milton, Pennington, Ringwood East and Sopley, Ringwood North, Ringwood South.

**NORTH EAST HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (67,417).** Four wards of the Borough of **Basingstoke and Deane**:- Calleva, Pamber, Sherborne St John, Upton Grey and The Candovers; sixteen wards of the District of **Hart**:- Church Crookham East, Church Crookham West, Crondall, Eversley, Fleet Central, Fleet Courtmoor, Fleet North, Fleet Pondtail, Fleet West, Hartley Wintney, Hook, Long Sutton, Odiham, Yateley East, Yateley North, Yateley West.

**NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (73,840).** Ten wards of the Borough of **Basingstoke and Deane**:- Baughurst, Burghclere, East Woodhay, Highclere and Bourne, Kingsclere, Oakley and North Waltham, Overton, Laverstoke and Steventon, Tadley North, Tadley South, Whitchurch; ten wards of the Borough of **Test Valley**:- Alamein, Ampport, Anna, Bourne Valley, Charlton, Harroway, Millway, Penton Bellinger, St Mary's, Winton.

**ROMSEY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (65,461).** Two wards of the City of **Southampton**:- Bassett, Swaythling; fourteen wards of the Borough of **Test Valley**:- Abbey, Ampfield and Braishfield, Blackwater, Broughton and Stockbridge, Chilworth, Nursling and Rownhams, Cupernham, Dun Valley, Harewood, Kings Somborne and Michelmersh, North Baddesley, Over Wallop, Romsey Extra, Tadburn, Valley Park.

**SOUTHAMPTON, ITCHEN BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (71,142).** Seven wards of the City of **Southampton**:- Bargate, Bitterne, Bitterne Park, Harefield, Peartree, Sholing, Woolston.

**SOUTHAMPTON, TEST BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (72,018).** Seven wards of the City of **Southampton**:- Bevois, Coxford, Freemantle, Millbrook, Portswood, Redbridge, Shirley.

**WINCHESTER COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (68,863).** Three wards of the Borough of **Eastleigh**:- Bishopstoke East, Bishopstoke West, Fair Oak and Horton Heath; fifteen wards of the City of **Winchester**:- Colden Common and Twyford, Compton and Otterbourne, Itchen Valley, Kings Worthy, Littleton and Harestock, Olivers Battery and Badger Farm, St Barnabas, St Bartholomew, St John and All Saints, St Luke, St Michael, St Paul, Sparsholt, The Alresfords, Wonston and Micheldever.

25. The wards upon which the Commission based their provisional recommendations are created by the following Orders, and will come into effect at the local elections on 2 May 2002:-

The Borough of Basingstoke and Deane (Electoral Changes) Order 2001;  
The Borough of Eastleigh (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 2001;  
The Borough of Fareham (Electoral Changes) Order 2001;  
The Borough of Gosport (Electoral Changes) Order 2001;  
The District of Hart (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 2001;  
The Borough of Havant (Electoral Changes) Order 2001;  
The Borough of Rushmoor (Electoral Changes) Order 2001;  
The City of Southampton (Electoral Changes) Order 2001;  
The City of Winchester (Electoral Changes) Order 2001;

and on 1 May 2003:-

The District of East Hampshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2001;

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The District of New Forest (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 2001; and  
The Borough of Test Valley (Electoral Changes) Order 2001.

## **PORTSMOUTH**

26. The only changes to local authority boundaries since the last general review have been to ward boundaries following the Periodical Electoral Review by the Local Government Commission for England. The new wards in Portsmouth will come into effect at the local elections on 2 May 2002. Three of the new wards are divided between the Portsmouth North and Portsmouth South seats.

27. The Commission propose that the constituency boundary between the Portsmouth North and Portsmouth South seats is realigned with the boundaries of the new wards so that the whole of the divided wards of Charles Dickens and Copnor are contained in the seat which currently has the largest part of the ward. This will mean that the whole of the Charles Dickens ward will be in the Portsmouth South seat and the whole of the Copnor ward will be in the Portsmouth North seat. The Commission propose that the divided ward of Baffins should be wholly contained within the Portsmouth North seat. Although this does not represent minimum change realignment, it will have the effect of reducing the disparity between the two seats from 12,129 to only 903.

28. The composition of the two constituencies provisionally recommended would be (the 2000 electorates are shown in brackets):-

**PORTSMOUTH NORTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (70,871).** Seven wards of the City of **Portsmouth**:- Baffins, Copnor, Cosham, Drayton and Farlington, Hilsea, Nelson, Paulsgrove.

**PORTSMOUTH SOUTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (71,774).** Seven wards of the City of **Portsmouth**:- Central Southsea, Charles Dickens, Eastney and Craneswater, Fratton, Milton, St Jude, St Thomas.

29. The wards upon which the Commission based their provisional recommendations were created by the City of Portsmouth (Electoral Changes) Order 2001.

### **Publication of Provisional Recommendations**

30. The provisional recommendations will be published formally in a notice appearing in local newspapers in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton on 14 February 2002. Local Authorities, MPs, the Political Parties' Headquarters, and others will be sent a copy of the recommendations. The notice will also be published on the Commission's web site at:-

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/psc/>

### **Places of Inspection**

31. The notice in local newspapers will also give the addresses where a copy of the recommendations and a more detailed map illustrating them may be inspected once the notice has

been published in local newspapers on 14 February 2002 (please note the copyright warning below concerning the map). Those addresses are:-

<b>ALDERSHOT</b>	Aldershot Library, 109 – 113 High Street, Aldershot
<b>ALTON</b>	Council Information Office, 7 Cross & Pillory Lane, Alton
<b>ANDOVER</b>	Council Offices, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover
<b>BASINGSTOKE</b>	Deanes Building, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke
<b>BISHOPS WALTHAM</b>	Bishops Waltham Library, Bank Street, Bishops Waltham
<b>BORDON</b>	Council Information Office, The Forest Community Centre, Pinehill Road, Bordon
<b>EASTLEIGH</b>	Civic Offices, Leigh Road, Eastleigh
<b>FAREHAM</b>	Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham
<b>FARNBOROUGH</b>	Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough
<b>FLEET</b>	Civic Offices, Harlington Way, Fleet
<b>GOSPORT</b>	Town Hall, High Street, Gosport
<b>HAVANT</b>	Civic Offices, Havant
<b>LYMINGTON</b>	Town Hall, Avenue Road, Lymington
<b>LYNDHURST</b>	Appletree Court, Lyndhurst
<b>NEW ALRESFORD</b>	New Alresford Library, 20 Broad Street, New Alresford
<b>OVERTON</b>	Overton Library, Community Centre, Winchester Street, Overton
<b>PETERSFIELD</b>	Council Offices, Penn Place, Petersfield
<b>PORTSMOUTH</b>	Cosham Branch Library, Spur Road, Cosham, Portsmouth Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth
<b>RINGWOOD</b>	Ringwood Library, Christchurch Road, Ringwood
<b>ROMSEY</b>	Council Offices, Dutton Road, Romsey
<b>SOUTHAMPTON</b>	Civic Centre, Southampton Eastern Branch Library, Bitterne Road East, Southampton Shirley Branch Library, Redcar Street, Southampton
<b>TADLEY</b>	Tadley Library, Mulfords Hill, Tadley
<b>TOTTON</b>	Totton Library, Library Road, Totton
<b>WATERLOOVILLE</b>	Council Information Office, Tyfield House, Blendworth Lane, Horndean, Waterlooville
<b>WINCHESTER</b>	City Office, Colebrook Street, Winchester

**Representation Period: 14 February 2002 to 14 March 2002**

32. The Commission are statutorily required to consider representations about their provisional recommendations made within one month of local publication on 14 February 2002.

33. Representations should be addressed to the Boundary Commission for England, PO Box 31060, London, SW1V 2FF, or faxed to 020 7533 5176, or emailed to [chris.ault@ons.gov.uk](mailto:chris.ault@ons.gov.uk). All representations received by the Commission will be acknowledged.

34. Please note that the Commission are not required to consider any representations made after 14 March 2002, but will endeavour to take late representations into account. However, the later the representation is made, the more difficult this will be. The Commission therefore ask that all representations be made within the one month period. In the event that a local inquiry is held into the

provisional recommendations, all representations will be made public beforehand so that interested persons may prepare for the local inquiry. Any representation received too late to be issued with the other representations before the local inquiry cannot be given the same weight as the other representations because other interested persons will not have had the same opportunity to consider it.

35. Where representations objecting to the provisional recommendations are made by an interested local authority (a county, unitary authority or district council) or by a body of 100 or more electors, the Commission cannot proceed with their final recommendations to the Secretary of State until a local inquiry has been held. If the Commission decide to alter their recommendations as a result of the inquiry, the revised recommendations must also be published and representations invited, but a further local inquiry is not obligatory.

36. Those who make representations are requested to say whether they approve of, or object to, the Commission's proposals and to give their reasons for their approval or objection. In particular, objectors are advised to say what they propose in place of the Commission's recommendations and should note that an objection accompanied by a counter-proposal is likely to carry more weight than a simple statement of objection.

37. The Commission wish to stress that their provisional recommendations relate solely to parliamentary constituencies and do not affect county, district or parish boundaries, taxes or services. The Commission will therefore not take account of any representation made about those local issues.

### **Background Note**

38. The Commission are constituted under Schedule 1 to the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986. The ex officio Chairman is the Speaker of the House of Commons. The Deputy Chairman, who presides over Commission meetings, is a High Court Judge appointed by the Lord Chancellor. The other two Commissioners were appointed by the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions. The two Assessors to the Commission are the Registrar General of England and Wales and the Director General of Ordnance Survey. Assistant Commissioners are lawyers appointed by the Home Secretary to conduct local inquiries.

39. The Commission are required by the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 as amended by the Boundary Commissions Act 1992 to conduct a general review of all the constituencies in England every eight to twelve years. The Commission completed their previous general review on 12 April 1995 and must therefore complete the current review after 11 April 2003 and before 12 April 2007.

40. The general review started formally with the publication of a notice in the London Gazette on 17 February 2000. The Commission's recommendations throughout the review must by law be based on the numbers of electors on the electoral registers on that date.

### **Rules**

41. In recommending new constituencies, the Commission are required to give effect to the Rules for Redistribution of Seats which are contained in Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act.

42. Rule 1 places a limit on the total number of constituencies. Rule 2 requires single member constituencies. Rule 3 relates to the City of London. Rule 4 states that county and London borough boundaries are to be followed so far as is practicable. Rule 5 states that the electorates of constituencies are to be as nearly equal as practicable. Rule 6 allows the Commission to depart from rules 4 and 5 if special geographical considerations make a departure desirable. Rule 7 allows the Commission to depart from other rules; and requires them to take account of inconveniences caused or local ties broken by changes to constituencies. Rule 8 defines the electoral quota as the total number of parliamentary electors in England (i.e. 36,995,157) divided by the existing number of seats (529), and requires the Commission to use the electorates as at the start of a review.

### **Procedures**

43. In conducting a general review of constituencies, the Commission are required by the legislation to follow certain procedures, principally to provide for public consultation.

44. The Secretary of State must be given notice of a review and that notice must be published in the London Gazette. Provisional recommendations must be published in newspapers in the affected constituencies and, unless the proposals are for no changes to be made, they must also be deposited for public inspection in at least one place in each affected constituency.

45. Representations may be made within one month of publication of the provisional recommendations and the Commission must take any representations into consideration. Where objections are received from a county or district council or a body of 100 or more electors, a local inquiry must be held.

46. If the Commission revise their recommendations as a result of an inquiry, the revised recommendations must also be published and further representations invited and considered. A second local inquiry cannot be forced by these further representations, but there is discretionary power to hold a second inquiry. Any further modifications, as a result of further representations or a second inquiry, must also be published and representations invited.

47. When the Commission have decided their final recommendations for the whole country, they must submit a report to the Secretary of State.

### **Implementation of the recommendations**

48. The Secretary of State has a statutory duty to lay the Commission's report before Parliament together with a draft Order in Council giving effect to the Commission's recommendations with or without modifications. If modifications are proposed, the Secretary of State must also lay a statement of reasons for the modifications.

49. The draft Order in Council is submitted to both Houses of Parliament for approval and, after it is made by Her Majesty in Council, it cannot be called into question in any legal proceedings. The new constituencies take effect at the next following general election.

50. The above information is intended to be a general guide only. For a definitive statement of the law, please refer to the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 - as amended by the Boundary Commissions Act 1992, the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994, the Government of Wales Act 1998, and the Scotland Act 1998 - together with the Court of Appeal ruling in *R v Boundary Commission for England Ex parte Foot* [1983] QB 600.

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**HAMPSHIRE, PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON 2000 WARD ELECTORATES TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE REVIEW**

<b>A. City of Portsmouth</b>	142,645	<b>C. Basingstoke and Deane Borough – cont</b>	
1. Baffins	10,250	7. Burghclere	2,006
2. Central Southsea	10,908	8. Calleva	3,998
3. Charles Dickens	10,514	9. Chineham	5,123
4. Copnor	9,981	10. East Woodhay	2,167
5. Cosham	9,998	11. Eastrop	3,279
6. Drayton and Farlington	10,301	12. Grove	4,498
7. Eastney and Craneswater	10,391	13. Hatch Warren and Beggarwood	5,009
8. Fratton	10,550	14. Highclere and Bourne	2,317
9. Hilsea	10,127	15. Kempshott	5,683
10. Milton	10,029	16. Kingsclere	3,845
11. Nelson	10,265	17. Norden	5,898
12. Paulsgrove	9,949	18. Oakley and North Waltham	5,674
13. St Jude	9,500	19. Overton, Laverstoke and Steventon	3,681
14. St Thomas	9,882	20. Pamber	2,187
		21. Popley East	3,763
<b>B. City of Southampton</b>	163,481	22. Popley West	2,836
1. Bargate	9,754	23. Rooksdown	625
2. Bassett	10,542	24. Sherborne St John	2,460
3. Bevois	9,454	25. South Ham	5,797
4. Bitterne	9,913	26. Tadley North	4,475
5. Bitterne Park	9,903	27. Tadley South	4,387
6. Coxford	10,596	28. Upton Grey and The Candovers	2,121
7. Freemantle	10,027	29. Whitchurch	3,741
8. Harefield	10,743	30. Winklebury	5,452
9. Millbrook	10,651	<b>D. East Hampshire District</b>	83,229
10. Peartree	10,177	1. Alton Amery	1,879
11. Portswood	10,349	2. Alton Ashdell	1,761
12. Redbridge	10,630	3. Alton Eastbrooke	1,944
13. Shirley	10,311	4. Alton Westbrooke	1,956
14. Sholing	10,596	5. Alton Whitedown	1,876
15. Swaythling	9,779	6. Alton Wooteys	1,839
16. Woolston	10,056	7. Binsted and Bentley	2,103
<b>C. Basingstoke and Deane Borough</b>	114,991	8. Bramshott and Liphook	5,877
1. Basing	6,340	9. Clanfield and Finchdean	3,630
2. Baughurst	1,945	10. Downland	1,870
3. Brighton Hill North	3,884	11. East Meon	1,726
		12. Four Marks and Medstead	4,139
		13. Froxfield and Steep	1,864

4. Brighton Hill South	4,201	14. Grayshott	1,942
5. Brookvale and Kings Furlong	3,990	15. Headley	4,202
6. Buckskin	3,609	16. Holybourne and Froyle	2,151
<b>D. East Hampshire District - contd</b>		<b>F. Fareham Borough</b>	82,781
17. Horndean Catherington and Lovedean	1,959	1. Fareham East	5,241
18. Horndean Downs	2,081	2. Fareham North	5,403
19. Horndean Hazleton and Blendworth	1,910	3. Fareham North-West	5,492
20. Horndean Kings	2,159	4. Fareham South	5,093
21. Horndean Murray	1,887	5. Fareham West	5,500
22. Lindford	1,777	6. Hill Head	5,861
23. Liss	3,815	7. Locks Heath	5,363
24. Petersfield Bell Hill	1,798	8. Park Gate	5,029
25. Petersfield Causeway	1,820	9. Portchester East	8,687
26. Petersfield Heath	1,758	10. Portchester West	5,482
27. Petersfield Rother	1,550	11. Sarisbury	4,662
28. Petersfield St Marys	1,747	12. Stubbington	5,497
29. Petersfield St Peters	1,753	13. Titchfield	5,131
30. Rowlands Castle	2,151	14. Titchfield Common	5,161
31. Ropley and Tisted	1,764	15. Warsash	5,179
32. Selborne	1,742	<b>G. Gosport Borough</b>	58,350
33. The Hangers and Forest	1,909	1. Alverstoke	3,547
34. Whitehill Chase	1,812	2. Anglesey	3,124
35. Whitehill Deadwater	1,778	3. Bridgemy North	3,715
36. Whitehill Hogmoor	1,802	4. Bridgemy South	3,659
37. Whitehill Pinewood	1,769	5. Brockhurst	3,799
38. Whitehill Walldown	1,729	6. Christchurch	2,964
<b>E. Eastleigh Borough</b>	88,798	7. Elson	3,686
1. Bishopstoke East	4,161	8. Forton	3,403
2. Bishopstoke West	4,209	9. Grange	4,079
3. Botley	4,050	10. Hardway	2,883
4. Bursledon and Old Netley	5,404	11. Lee East	2,498
5. Chandler's Ford East	3,832	12. Lee West	3,545
6. Chandler's Ford West	4,142	13. Leesland	3,425
7. Eastleigh Central	5,803	14. Peel Common	3,577
8. Eastleigh North	6,140	15. Privett	3,376
9. Eastleigh South	6,397	16. Rowner and Holbrook	3,650
10. Fair Oak and Horton Heath	6,365	17. Town	3,420
11. Hamble-le-Rice and Butlocks Heath	3,935	<b>H. Hart District</b>	64,365
12. Hedge End Grange Park	3,975	1. Blackwater and Hawley	3,419
13. Hedge End St John's	6,027	2. Church Crookham East	4,029
		3. Church Crookham West	3,380

14. Hedge End Wildern	4,063	4. Crondall	2,874
15. Hiltingbury East	4,179	5. Eversley	2,025
16. Hiltingbury West	3,930	6. Fleet Central	3,749
17. Netley Abbey	4,023	7. Fleet Courtmoor	3,972
18. West End North	3,750	8. Fleet North	1,879
19. West End South	4,413	9. Fleet Pondtail	3,880

#### H. Hart District - cont

10. Fleet West	4,105
11. Frogmore and Darby Green	4,295
12. Hartley Wintney	3,930
13. Hook	5,636
14. Long Sutton	1,703
15. Odiham	3,542
16. Yateley East	4,027
17. Yateley North	3,872
18. Yateley West	4,048

#### I. Havant Borough 92,358

1. Barncroft	4,538
2. Battins	4,926
3. Bedhampton	6,833
4. Bondfields	5,132
5. Cowplain	7,335
6. Emsworth	7,896
7. Hart Plain	7,432
8. Hayling East	7,180
9. Hayling West	6,981
10. Purbrook	7,400
11. St Faith's	7,004
12. Stakes	7,503
13. Warren Park	4,745
14. Waterloo	7,453

#### J. New Forest District 134,915

1. Ashurst, Copythorne South and Netley Marsh	4,646
2. Barton	4,458
3. Bashley	2,210
4. Becton	4,143
5. Boldre and Sway	4,308
6. Bramshaw, Copythorne North and Minstead	2,123

#### J. New Forest District - contd

14. Fernhill	4,471
15. Fordingbridge	4,878
16. Forest North West	2,159
17. Furzedown and Hardley	2,463
18. Holbury and North Blackfield	5,034
19. Hordle	4,232
20. Hythe West and Langdown	4,723
21. Lymington Town	4,653
22. Lyndhurst	2,495
23. Marchwood	3,757
24. Milford	4,224
25. Milton	4,563
26. Pennington	4,663
27. Ringwood East and Sopley	2,047
28. Ringwood North	4,802
29. Ringwood South	4,436
30. Totton Central	4,414
31. Totton North	3,948
32. Totton East	4,338
33. Totton South	4,653
34. Totton West	3,794

#### K. Rushmoor Borough 58,785

1. Cove and Southwood	4,278
2. Empress	4,416
3. Fernhill	4,143
4. Grange	3,958
5. Heron Wood	4,424
6. Knellwood	4,245
7. Manor Park	4,046
8. Mayfield	4,151
9. North Town	4,353
10. Rowhill	4,077
11. St. John's	4,388
12. St. Mark's	4,287
13. Wellington	3,791

7. Brangsgore and Burley	4,695	14. Westheath	4,228
8. Brockenhurst and Forest South East	4,486		
9. Buckland	2,299		
10. Butts Ash and Dibden Purlieu	5,081		
11. Dibden and Hythe East	4,519		
12. Downlands and Forest	2,336		
13. Fawley, Blackfield and Langley	4,864		
<b>L. Test Valley Borough</b>	<b>84,742</b>	<b>M. City of Winchester</b>	<b>82,083</b>
1. Abbey	3,447	1. Bishops Waltham	5,079
2. Alamein	5,694	2. Boarhunt and Southwick	936
3. Ampfield and Braishfield	1,741	3. Cheriton and Bishops Sutton	1,627
4. Amport	1,760	4. Colden Common and Twyford	4,088
5. Anna	2,938	5. Compton and Otterbourne	3,044
6. Blackwater	4,057	6. Denmead	4,724
7. Bourne Valley	1,661	7. Droxford, Soberton and Hambledon	1,570
8. Broughton and Stockbridge	3,654	8. Itchen Valley	1,544
9. Charlton	1,681	9. Kings Worthy	3,141
10. Chilworth, Nursling and Rownhams	5,095	10. Littleton and Harestock	2,711
11. Cupernham	4,379	11. Olivers Battery and Badger Farm	3,258
12. Dun Valley	1,738	12. Owslebury and Curdrige	2,830
13. Harewood	1,798	13. St Barnabas	4,460
14. Harroway	5,196	14. St Bartholomew	4,214
15. Kings Somborne and Michelmersh	1,871	15. St John and All Saints	4,711
16. Millway	5,554	16. St Luke	4,009
17. North Baddesley	5,110	17. St Michael	4,174
18. Over Wallop	1,155	18. St Paul	4,278
19. Penton Bellinger	3,416	19. Shedfield	3,067
20. Romsey Extra	2,515	20. Sparsholt	1,591
21. St Mary's	5,799	21. Swanmore and Newtown	3,106
22. Tadburn	3,836	22. The Alresfords	4,918
23. Valley Park	4,744	23. Upper Meon Valley	1,479
24. Winton	5,903	24. Whiteley	1,479
		25. Wickham	2,058
		26. Wonston and Micheldever	3,987