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### **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY IN THE COUNTY OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT**

**The Commission propose to make no change to their provisional recommendations that the Isle of Wight should continue to form one constituency.**

1. Provisional recommendations in respect of the Isle of Wight were published on 6 July 2000. The Commission received six representations, four of which were in support of their recommendation that the Isle of Wight should continue to form one constituency. The two objections received proposed that the county should be represented by two Members of Parliament.
2. The Commission noted that they were not required to hold a local inquiry under section 6(2) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 and they decided not to use their discretion under section 6(1) of the Act to hold an inquiry.

#### **Final recommendations**

3. After considering the two representations of objection, the Commission were satisfied that no compelling argument against their provisional recommendations had been put forward. In view of this, and given the support received for their proposal from the local authority and the three Parliamentary political parties, the Commission's final recommendations are for no change to the current constituency.
4. The Commission's final recommendations for the Isle of Wight, which will be embodied in their report to be submitted to the Home Secretary at the end of the general review and which are shown on the attached map, is for one constituency to be as follows (2000 electorates in brackets):-

**ISLE OF WIGHT (103,480).** The County of the **Isle of Wight**.

#### **Representations**

5. No further representations will be considered. When the Commission have completed their review of the whole of England they will submit a report to the Home Secretary.

## **Implementation of the recommendations**

6. The Commission are required to submit their report on the general review for the whole of England to the Home Secretary after 11 April 2003 and before 12 April 2007. The Home Secretary 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 Home Secretary must also lay a statement of reasons for the modifications. 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 general election following the making of the Order in Council.

## **Outline map**

7. The electoral divisions are illustrated in outline on the map which forms part of this document (please note the copyright warning below concerning the map). The electoral divisions on the map are numbered, and these numbers and the names of the electoral divisions are listed on the back page, together with the 2000 electorate figures on which the Commission are required by law to work.

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10. This news release is now available on the web site.

**MAP**

**ISLE OF WIGHT 2000 ELECTORATES BY ELECTORAL DIVISION  
TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE REVIEW**

<b>Isle of Wight</b>	<b>103,480</b>		
1. Ashe	2,298	40. Shalfleet and Yarmouth	2,269
2. Bembridge North	948	41. Shanklin Central	2,308
3. Bembridge South	2,362	42. Shanklin North	2,133
4. Binstead	2,676	43. Shanklin South	2,006
5. Brading and St Helens	2,729	44. Totland	2,338
6. Brighstone and Calbourne	2,157	45. Ventnor East	2,562
7. Carisbrooke East	1,977	46. Ventnor West	2,477
8. Carisbrooke West	2,209	47. Wootton	2,840
9. Central Rural	2,209	48. Wroxall and Godshell	2,641
10. Chale, Niton and Whitwell	2,305		
11. Cowes Castle East	1,837		
12. Cowes Castle West	1,887		
13. Cowes Central	1,850		
14. Cowes Medina	1,913		
15. East Cowes North	1,560		
16. East Cowes South	2,164		
17. Fairlee	2,231		
18. Freshwater Afton	2,299		
19. Freshwater Norton	2,174		
20. Gurnard	1,404		
21. Lake North	1,955		
22. Lake South	2,049		
23. Mount Joy	2,008		
24. Newchurch	2,185		
25. Newport North	1,695		
26. Newport South	2,113		
27. Northwood	1,776		
28. Osborne	1,707		
29. Pan	2,116		
30. Parkhurst	2,167		
31. Ryde North East	2,290		
32. Ryde North West	2,378		
33. Ryde South East	2,398		
34. Ryde South West	2,229		
35. St Johns East	2,413		
36. St Johns West	2,250		
37. Sandown North	2,681		
38. Sandown South	2,110		
39. Seaview and Nettlestone	2,197		

The electorates shown for the Bembridge North electoral division and the Bembridge South electoral division are incorrect due to the alteration to the boundary between the two electoral divisions resulting from the Isle of

Wight (Electoral Changes) Order 2000, which came into effect on 3 May 2001. However, this does not affect the Commission's final recommendations.