



**Boundary
Commission
for England**

The 2018 review of Parliamentary boundaries

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What is the BCE?

- Independent statutory body constituted by the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986
 - Chair: Speaker of the House of Commons
 - Deputy Chair: Mrs Justice (Frances) Patterson
 - Two other commissioners: David Elvin QC, Neil Pringle
- Responsible for keeping under review the boundaries of Parliamentary constituencies in the U.K. since 1944
- Supported by a small secretariat provided by Cabinet Office

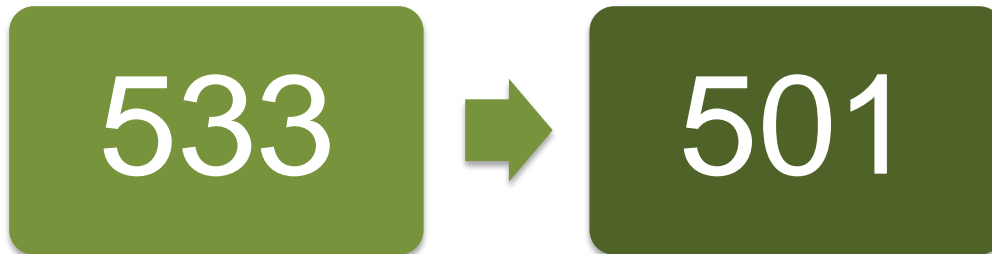
Context

- 2011 Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act:
 - Change of rules – reduce and equalise, every five years
 - Also regard to lg boundaries and existing constituencies
 - Local ties
- 2013 review stopped by amendment in Electoral Administration and Registration Act 2013
- Statutorily – nothing has changed as we start the 2018 review

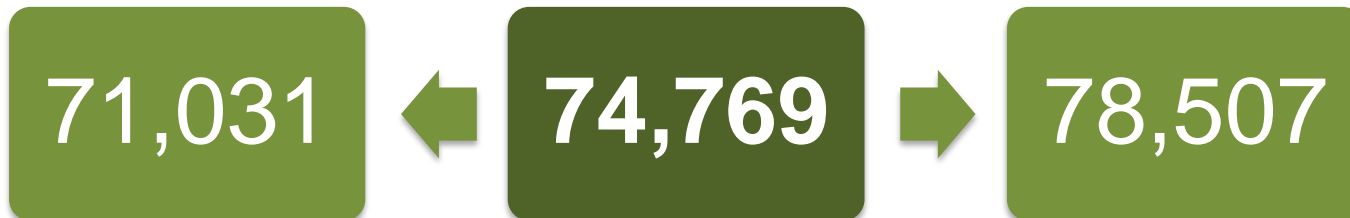


The 2018 review - parameters

- Reduce (constituencies in England):



- Equalise (number of electors in each constituency):





The 2018 review - timetable

Initial proposals – September 2016

Consultation on comments received
– Spring 2017

Revised proposals – late 2017

Final recommendations –
September 2018



Today's messages

- Thanks – electoral registers and polling districts
- Keep them up to date – please continue to send registers and polling district data to us annually
- Polling district reviews – send us the new boundaries
- Engagement/comms activities during consultation, public understanding of rules
- Public hearings – lend us your halls!



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Questions

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