
Boundary Commission for England

PROPOSALS FOR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN THE SOUTH LONDON BOROUGHS

The Commission will be holding local inquiries in June and July into their proposals for the parliamentary constituencies in some South London boroughs and are, today, announcing their final recommendations for parliamentary constituencies in other South London boroughs.

Bexley and Greenwich

A local inquiry will be held which will commence on 10 July 2001.

Bromley and Lewisham

A local inquiry will be held which will commence on 26 July 2001.

Croydon

The Commission confirm their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations.

Kingston upon Thames and Richmond upon Thames

The Commission confirm their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations.

Lambeth and Southwark

A local inquiry will be held which will commence on 4 July 2001.

Merton

The Commission confirm their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations.

Sutton

The Commission confirm their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations.

Wandsworth

A local inquiry will be held which will commence on 3 July 2001.

Provisional recommendations

The Commission's provisional recommendations for each borough, or pair of boroughs, were published in local newspapers on 1 February 2001 and representations about those proposals could be made to the Commission until 1 March 2001. As a result of the representations received, local inquiries will be held in some boroughs whilst in others the Commission will not be making further proposals and have decided to adopt their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations.

Details about each borough or pair of boroughs are set out in the following pages of this news release.

Local inquiries

Where a local inquiry is to be held, details of the date and venue of the inquiry are given, together with the name of the Assistant Commissioner who will be conducting the local inquiry.

The inquiries will be held in public and any interested person, whether a supporter of, or objector to, the Commission's proposals may attend and be heard. The Commission would urge all interested parties to attend and make their views known. It should not be assumed that the inquiry 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 the 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.

The Commission have today issued statements about the review in the boroughs where an inquiry is to be held. The statements outline the statutory background to the review, describe the Commission's provisional recommendations for the area, give the reasons for their proposals, and briefly describe the objections made about the proposals. Summaries of the representations made about each area are also being issued today.

Formal notice of the local inquiries will be published tomorrow in local newspapers circulating in the affected constituencies.

Final recommendations

Where the Commission have decided on their final recommendations, the proposed new constituencies are illustrated in outline on a sketch map (please note the copyright warning on page 12 and on each map). The letters on the maps (where they are used) refer to the boroughs and the numbers refer to the borough wards. The maps are to be used in conjunction with the ward listings which are printed on the back of the maps. These lists show the names and numbers of the wards and the 2000 ward electorates on which the Commission are required, by law, to work.

All the wards mentioned are the new wards which will come into effect at the local government elections in May 2002.

When the Commission have completed their general review of the whole country, they will submit a report to the Home Secretary with their recommendations for the whole country, including their final recommendations for the South London boroughs.

Implementation of the recommendations

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 following general election.

Access to further information

A news release about the Commission's provisional recommendations, sketch maps of the provisional recommendations, the formal notice of the local inquiries, this document, and the inquiry statements can be inspected on the Commission's web site at:-

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

These documents have also been deposited for public inspection at various places in the constituencies where inquiries are to be held, together with copies of the representations received and summaries of those representations.

Bexley and Greenwich

The Commission received forty-nine representations, including seventeen that objected to their provisional recommendations. As a result of these objections, the Commission are holding a local inquiry into their proposals. Official notice of the inquiry will be published in local newspapers on 26 April 2001.

Local inquiry

The inquiry will be held in public and any interested person, whether a supporter of, or objector to, the Commission's proposals may attend and be heard. The Commission would urge all interested parties to attend and make their views known. It should not be assumed that the inquiry 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 the inquiry and the Assistant Commissioner's report, the Commission have revised their recommendations. While the Commission will always invite written representations against 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.

The inquiry will be held by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr John Blair-Gould. It will open on:-

**Tuesday 10 July 2001 at 10.00 am in the
Council Chamber, Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich**

The provisional recommendations, copies of the representations made to the Commission (together with a summary), and a statement by the Commission, which will be introduced formally at the inquiry, are open for public inspection at:-

Bexleyheath	Bexleyheath Central Library, Townley Road, Bexleyheath
Blackheath	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath
Eltham	Eltham Library, Eltham High Street, Eltham
Erith	Erith Library, Walnut Tree Road, Erith
Sidcup	Sidcup Library, Hadlow Road, Sidcup
Thamesmead	Newacres Library, Binsey Walk, Thamesmead
Woolwich	Woolwich Library, Calderwood Street, Woolwich

Bromley and Lewisham

The Commission received fifty-two representations, including forty-seven that objected to their provisional recommendations. As a result of these objections, the Commission are holding a local inquiry into their proposals. Official notice of the inquiry will be published in local newspapers on 26 April 2001.

Local inquiry

The inquiry will be held in public and any interested person, whether a supporter of, or objector to, the Commission's proposals may attend and be heard. The Commission would urge all interested parties to attend and make their views known. It should not be assumed that the inquiry 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 the inquiry and the Assistant Commissioner's report, the Commission have revised their recommendations. While the Commission will always invite written representations against 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.

The inquiry will be held by the Assistant Commissioner, Miss Claire Andrews. It will open on:-

**Thursday 26 July 2001 at 9.30 am in the
Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley**

The provisional recommendations, copies of the representations made to the Commission (together with a summary), and a statement by the Commission, which will be introduced formally at the inquiry, are open for public inspection at:-

Beckenham	Beckenham Library, Beckenham Road, Beckenham
Biggin Hill	Biggin Hill Library, Church Road, Biggin Hill
Bromley	Bromley Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley
Catford	Lewisham Town Hall, Rushey Green, Catford
Deptford	Deptford Town Hall (Goldsmith's College Building), New Cross Road, Deptford
Lewisham	Manor House Library, Old Road, Lewisham
Orpington	Orpington Library, The Priory, Church Hill, Orpington

Croydon

The Commission received twelve representations, ten of which were in support of their provisional recommendations for the three constituencies in Croydon. One counter-proposal was received from a member of the public who suggested pairing Croydon with Bromley. Another member of the public noted the disparity between the electorates of the three constituencies and other constituencies in the South London area, but did not propose an alternative distribution.

The Commission considered the counter-proposal and noted the support given to their proposal not to pair Croydon and to allocate three constituencies to the borough. They also noted that, whilst there had been objections to the distribution of seats they proposed within the pairing of Bromley with Lewisham, which would require them to hold a local inquiry, there was a good degree of support for the pairing itself. They were satisfied that no

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compelling argument against their provisional recommendations for Croydon had been put forward.

The Commission noted that they were not required to hold a local inquiry under section 6(2) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 and, given the level of support, they decided not to use their discretion under section 6(1) of the Act to hold an inquiry.

Final recommendations

The Commission have decided to confirm their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations. No further representations will be considered. The final recommendations for Croydon, 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, are for the following constituencies (2000 electorates in brackets):-

CROYDON CENTRAL BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (73,420). Eight wards of the London Borough of **Croydon**:- Addiscombe, Ashburton, Fairfield, Fieldway, Heathfield, New Addington, Shirley, Woodside.

CROYDON NORTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (79,819). Eight wards of the London Borough of **Croydon**:- Bensham Manor, Broad Green, Norbury, Selhurst, South Norwood, Thornton Heath, Upper Norwood, West Thornton.

CROYDON SOUTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (78,363). Eight wards of the London Borough of **Croydon**:- Coulsdon East, Coulsdon West, Croham, Kenley, Purley, Sanderstead, Selsdon and Ballards, Waddon.

The wards referred to above are those which were created by The London Borough of Croydon (Electoral Changes) Order 2000.

2000 WARD ELECTORATES TO BE USED THROUGHOUT REVIEW

Croydon	231,602		
1. Addiscombe	10,619	13. Norbury	9,939
2. Ashburton	9,802	14. Purley	9,511
3. Bensham Manor	9,660	15. Sanderstead	9,346
4. Broad Green	9,603	16. Selhurst	9,855
5. Coulsdon East	9,462	17. Selsdon and Ballards	9,377
6. Coulsdon West	9,842	18. Shirley	10,697
7. Croham	10,586	19. South Norwood	10,414
8. Fairfield	9,238	20. Thornton Heath	9,969
9. Fieldway	6,570	21. Upper Norwood	10,403
10. Heathfield	9,337	22. Waddon	10,061
11. Kenley	10,178	23. West Thornton	9,976
12. New Addington	7,091	24. Woodside	10,066

Kingston upon Thames and Richmond upon Thames

The Commission received eleven representations, ten of which were in support of their provisional recommendations for the three constituencies in the paired boroughs. The only representation which did not approve, noted the disparity between the electorates of the three constituencies and the other constituencies in the South London area, but did not propose an alternative distribution.

The Commission noted that they were not required to hold a local inquiry under section 6(2) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 and, given the level of support, they decided not to use their discretion under section 6(1) of the Act to hold an inquiry.

Final recommendations

The Commission have decided to confirm their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations. No further representations will be considered. The Commission's final recommendations for Kingston upon Thames and Richmond upon Thames, 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, are for the following constituencies (2000 electorates in brackets):-

KINGSTON AND SURBITON BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (74,602). Twelve wards of the Royal Borough of **Kingston upon Thames**:- Alexandra, Berrylands, Beverley, Chessington North and Hook, Chessington South, Grove, Norbiton, Old Malden, St James, St Mark's, Surbiton Hill, Tolworth and Hook Rise.

RICHMOND PARK BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (71,457). Four wards of the Royal Borough of **Kingston upon Thames**:- Canbury, Coombe Hill, Coombe Vale, Tudor; seven wards of the London Borough of **Richmond upon Thames**:- Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside, Kew, Mortlake and Barnes Common, North Richmond, South Richmond.

TWICKENHAM BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (74,154). Eleven wards of the London Borough of **Richmond upon Thames**:- Fulwell and Hampton Hill, Hampton, Hampton North, Hampton Wick, Heathfield, St Margarets and North Twickenham, South Twickenham, Teddington, Twickenham Riverside, West Twickenham, Whitton.

The wards upon which the Commission based their provisional recommendations were created by The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames (Electoral Changes) Order 2000 and The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (Electoral Changes) Order 2000.

2000 WARD ELECTORATES TO BE USED THROUGHOUT REVIEW

Kingston upon Thames 99,320

1. Alexandra	6,336
2. Berrylands	6,245
3. Beverley	6,132
4. Canbury	6,438
5. Chessington North and Hook	6,244
6. Chessington South	6,351
7. Coombe Hill	6,074
8. Coombe Vale	6,118
9. Grove	5,617
10. Norbiton	5,549
11. Old Malden	6,485
12. St James	6,192
13. St Mark's	6,265
14. Surbiton Hill	6,774
15. Tolworth and Hook Rise	6,412
16. Tudor	6,088

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Richmond upon Thames

120,893

1. Barnes	6,327
2. East Sheen	6,682
3. Fulwell and Hampton Hill	6,543
4. Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside	6,355
5. Hampton	6,807
6. Hampton North	6,663
7. Hampton Wick	6,434
8. Heathfield	6,687
9. Kew	6,497
10. Mortlake and Barnes Common	6,930
11. North Richmond	7,056
12. St Margarets and North Twickenham	6,866
13. South Richmond	6,892
14. South Twickenham	6,924
15. Teddington	6,968
16. Twickenham Riverside	6,684
17. West Twickenham	6,880
18. Whitton	6,698

Lambeth and Southwark

The Commission received thirty-two representations, including thirteen that objected to their provisional recommendations. As a result of these objections, the Commission are holding a local inquiry into their proposals. Official notice of the inquiry will be published in local newspapers on 26 April 2001.

Local inquiry

The inquiry will be held in public and any interested person, whether a supporter of, or objector to, the Commission's proposals may attend and be heard. The Commission would urge all interested parties to attend and make their views known. It should not be assumed that the inquiry 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 the inquiry and the Assistant Commissioner's report, the Commission have revised their recommendations. While the Commission will always invite written representations against 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.

The inquiry will be held by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr Richard D Adkins QC. It will open on:-

**Wednesday 4 July 2001 at 10.00 am in the
Council Chamber, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton**

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The provisional recommendations, copies of the representations made to the Commission (together with a summary), and a statement by the Commission, which will be introduced formally at the inquiry, are open for public inspection at:-

Bermondsey	Spa Centre, Spa Road, Bermondsey
Brixton	Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, Brixton
Camberwell	Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road, Camberwell
Dulwich	Dulwich Library, 369 Lordship Lane, East Dulwich
Herne Hill	Carnegie Library, 188 Herne Hill Road, Herne Hill
Kennington	Durning Library, 167 Kennington Lane, Kennington
Streatham	Tate Library, Streatham High Road, Streatham

Merton

The Commission received nine representations, all of which were in support of their provisional recommendations for the two constituencies in Merton.

The Commission noted that they were not required to hold a local inquiry under section 6(2) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 and, given the level of support, they decided not to use their discretion under section 6(1) of the Act to hold an inquiry.

Final recommendations

The Commission have decided to confirm their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations. No further representations will be considered. The Commission's final recommendations for Merton, 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, are for the following constituencies (2000 electorates in brackets):-

MITCHAM AND MORDEN BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (65,629). Ten wards of the London Borough of **Merton**:- Colliers Wood, Cricket Green, Figge's Marsh, Graveney, Lavender Fields, Longthornton, Lower Morden, Pollards Hill, Ravensbury, St Helier.

WIMBLEDON BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (64,841). Ten wards of the London Borough of **Merton**:- Abbey, Cannon Hill, Dundonald, Hillside, Merton Park, Raynes Park, Trinity, Village, West Barnes, Wimbledon Park.

The wards upon which the Commission based their provisional recommendations were created by The London Borough of Merton (Electoral Changes) Order 2000.

2000 WARD ELECTORATES TO BE USED THROUGHOUT REVIEW

Merton	130,470		
1. Abbey	6,690	11. Lower Morden	6,532
2. Cannon Hill	6,766	12. Merton Park	6,560
3. Colliers Wood	6,507	13. Pollards Hill	6,864
4. Cricket Green	6,663	14. Ravensbury	6,466
5. Dundonald	6,354	15. Raynes Park	6,673
6. Figge's Marsh	6,574	16. St Helier	6,564
7. Graveney	6,623	17. Trinity	6,281
8. Hillside	6,165	18. Village	5,992
9. Lavender Fields	6,412	19. West Barnes	6,821
10. Longthornton	6,424	20. Wimbledon Park	6,539

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Sutton

The Commission received eleven representations, all of which were in support of their provisional recommendations for the two constituencies in Sutton, although one member of the public suggested alternative names for the two constituencies.

The Commission noted that they were not required to hold a local inquiry under section 6(2) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 and, given the level of support, they decided not to use their discretion under section 6(1) of the Act to hold an inquiry.

Final recommendations

The Commission have decided to confirm their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations. No further representations will be considered. The Commission's final recommendations for Sutton, 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, are for the following constituencies (2000 electorates in brackets):-

CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (65,610). Nine wards of the London Borough of **Sutton**:- Beddington North, Beddington South, Carshalton Central, Carshalton South and Clockhouse, St Helier, The Wrythe, Wallington North, Wallington South, Wandle Valley.

SUTTON AND CHEAM BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (66,147). Nine wards of the London Borough of **Sutton**:- Belmont, Cheam, Nonsuch, Stonecot, Sutton Central, Sutton North, Sutton South, Sutton West, Worcester Park.

The wards upon which the Commission based their provisional recommendations were created by The London Borough of Sutton (Electoral Changes) Order 2000.

2000 WARD ELECTORATES TO BE USED THROUGHOUT REVIEW

Sutton

131,757

1. Beddington North	7,367	10. Sutton Central	6,976
2. Beddington South	7,294	11. Sutton North	7,310
3. Belmont	7,396	12. Sutton South	6,832
4. Carshalton Central	7,186	13. Sutton West	7,329
5. Carshalton South and Clockhouse	6,787	14. The Wrythe	7,517
6. Cheam	7,626	15. Wallington North	7,405
7. Nonsuch	7,631	16. Wallington South	7,272
8. St Helier	7,277	17. Wandle Valley	7,505
9. Stonecot	7,619	18. Worcester Park	7,428

Wandsworth

The Commission received sixteen representations, including ten that objected to their provisional recommendations. As a result of these objections, the Commission are holding a local inquiry into their proposals. Official notice of the inquiry will be published in local newspapers on 26 April 2001.

Local inquiry

The inquiry will be held in public and any interested person, whether a supporter of, or objector to, the Commission's proposals may attend and be heard. The Commission would urge all interested parties to attend and make their views known. It should not be assumed that the inquiry 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 the inquiry and the Assistant Commissioner's report, the Commission have revised their recommendations. While the Commission will always invite written representations against 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.

The inquiry will be held by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr Andrew Tait. It will open on:-

**Tuesday 3 July 2001 at 10.00 am in the
Civic Suite, Wandsworth Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, Wandsworth**

The provisional recommendations, copies of the representations made to the Commission (together with a summary), and a statement by the Commission, which will be introduced formally at the inquiry, are open for public inspection at:-

Battersea	Battersea Reference Library, Lavender Hill, Battersea
Putney	Putney District Library, Disraeli Road, Putney
Tooting	Tooting District Library, 179 Mitcham Road, Tooting

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