

Leader's Proposed response to the Boundary Commission England's Proposals

This version of Hampshire:

- Retains a significant number of the Boundary Commission proposals, most notably in the west and far south of the County where limited change is proposed to the status quo
- Recognises that the current Eastleigh constituency is one ward too large to meet the numerical quota set suggests retaining the existing constituency moving Fair Oak to the Meon Valley constituency (Fair Oak was in in the Eastleigh seat prior to the 1980s)
- Retains the current Winchester seat with the smallest number of changes
- Recognises that Eastleigh (since 1955) and Fareham (since 1885) have a tradition of each being one constituency based on their local government area and both need to lose one ward to meet quota
- Makes fewer changes overall than the BCE proposal with significant similarities in places to both the BCE proposals and more to existing seats

Detail:

As BCE proposals – New Forest West, New Forest East, Romsey & Southampton North, Southampton Test, Southampton Itchen, North West Hampshire, Basingstoke, Aldershot, Portsmouth South, Portsmouth North, Gosport, Havant, six NE wards of East Hants moved to Farnham

Fareham – as existing constituency other than delete Sarisbury to new Meon Valley constituency

Eastleigh – as existing constituency other than delete Fair Oak to new Meon Valley constituency

Winchester & Chandler's Ford – as existing constituency other than delete Upper Meon Valley and Alresford to new Meon Valley constituency and add Valley Park (which is in the same contiguous urban area of Chandler's Ford)

North East Hampshire – as BCE proposal but add Bentworth & Froyle

East Hampshire – as BCE proposal other than delete Bentworth & Froyle and the seven Alton wards, and add the three Waterlooville wards

Meon Valley – The seven Alton wards, Alresford, Upper Meon Valley, Central Meon Valley, Bishops Waltham, Fair Oak, Whiteley & Shedfield, Southwick & Wickham, Denmead

This gives a closer relationship to existing communities in most places even in the new Meon Valley seat, which more naturally relates to the Meon Valley than the existing Meon Valley seat that includes tracts of urban Havant and East Hampshire.

Note the BCE has split one ward in Basingstoke, Oakley & The Candovers: this version does the same, which is close to the existing constituencies.

