

Report of Working Group on Boundary Changes to East Midlands Executive Committee – 24 September 2011

Executive Summary

A draft of the attached report which compares the Boundary Commissions Initial Proposals with the Working Group's proposals was discussed with the National Boundary Committee, Mark Pack, Hilary Stephenson, and Tom Smithard on 18 September 2011.

It was agreed that:

1. The main priority for the East Midlands was to protect the Leicestershire constituencies of Bosworth and Harborough (Oadby and Wigston). This will involve the Federal Party in putting the case to split the constituency of Rutland and Melton; and developing a new cross county constituency in East Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire south of the Trent. This proposal will be presented to the Boundary Commission at the initial negotiations with the political parties in mid October
2. Chesterfield and Derby North (West) would be handled differently. The Working Group propose that the proposition should be further developed by Derbyshire with a view to either:
 - presenting our proposals to the East Midland Public Hearings in late October early November
 - or
 - making a written submission when we have seen the Labour and Conservative proposals.
3. Minor changes to individual wards as shown in the table on pages 6 and 7 would be handled by the relevant constituencies.

Time Table

1. National Presentation by Political Parties – Mid October – this submission will also be presented at the Public Hearings in the East Midlands by the National Committee.
2. **Boundary Commission for England: Public hearings for East Midlands Region**

Dates	Town/City/Borough	Venue Address
Thurs 27th -Fri 28th Oct	Derby	The Derby Conference Centre, London Road, Derby DE24 8UX
Mon 31st Oct -Tues 1st Nov	Northampton	The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE
Thurs 3rd - Fri 4th Nov	Lincoln	Lincoln Hotel, Eastgate, Lincoln LN2 1PN

A decision has to be made as to whether East Midlands will present the case for changes in Derbyshire at the Public Hearing. The National Committee commented *that the further through the process we get, the harder it will be to persuade the BC to make major changes.*

3. Written submissions after the publication of the public hearing submissions in November/December
4. In early 2012 there will be a chance to submit a second round of written (only) submissions, reacting to the other submissions.