

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

PROPOSED NEW PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES – outcome of representations

In November 2011, the Boundary Commission for England published proposals for new Parliamentary Constituencies for Havering, two of which would be wholly within the borough, with a third partly covering Havering and parts of eastern Barking & Dagenham.

On the recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Council subsequently expressed the view to the Commission that the proposals were unacceptable as they stood, and alternatives were suggested.

The Commission, having considered the representations submitted, have prepared new proposals, broadly retaining the existing constituency boundaries (for Havering). The constituencies now proposed are as follows:

Constituency (Electorate)	Including the following Wards
Dagenham & Rainham	Elm Park; Rainham & Wennington; and South Hornchurch
(75,880)	(plus 7 wards in Barking & Dagenham, from Chadwell Heath in the north to River in the south)
Hornchurch & Upminster	Cranham; Emerson Park; Gooshays; Hacton; Harold Wood; Heaton; St Andrew's; and Upminster
(79,568)	
Romford	Brooklands; Havering Park; Hylands; Mawneys; Pettits; Romford Town; and Squirrels Heath
(79,271)	
	(plus Eastbrook Ward in Barking & Dagenham)

Maps of the proposed constituencies are appended to this report.

In general, the current constituency boundaries are retained. The adjustments are as follows:

Dagenham & Rainham

No change in the Havering portion

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Hornchurch & Upminster

No change

Romford

The Havering wards are unchanged but Eastbrook ward from Barking & Dagenham – which includes the Dagenham portion of Rush Green – is added to the constituency.

The Commission has commented that, of 68 constituencies in Greater London, the proposals for 51 have changed following the consultation. The new proposals are now the subject of further consultation, closing in December.

The view of the Members of the Governance Committee is that, while not entirely ideal, the new proposals are a significant improvement upon the unacceptable initial proposals and are to be welcomed.

The Committee RECOMMENDS to Council that the revised proposals for the Borough's Constituencies be welcomed.





