

**Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries
Draft Provisional Proposals for Argyll and Bute, West Dunbartonshire,
East Dunbartonshire and North Lanarkshire Council areas**

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to consider its Provisional Proposals for Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas for its Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries.

Background

2. The Commission considered provisional groupings of council areas as part of its approach to constituency design for the Second Review, which included a group of seven constituencies contained wholly within East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas and one constituency wholly within Argyll and Bute Council area (see Paper BS 24). This paper combines these areas and offers four options for constituencies within this grouping.
3. The electorate quota for the Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries is 59,902 electors per constituency.
4. The rules for reviewing Scottish Parliament constituencies state:
 - **Rule 1**
 - So far as is practicable, regard must be had to the boundaries of the local government areas having effect from time to time under section 1 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994.
 - **Rule 2**
 - The electorate of a constituency must be as near the electoral quota as is practicable, having regard to Rule 1.
 - Boundaries Scotland may depart from the strict application of Rule 1 if it thinks that it is desirable to do so to avoid an excessive disparity between the electorate of a constituency and the electoral quota or between the electorate of a constituency and that of neighbouring constituencies.
 - **Rule 3**
 - Boundaries Scotland may depart from the strict application of Rules 1 and 2 if it thinks that special geographical considerations (including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency) render it desirable to do so.
 - **Rule 4**
 - Boundaries Scotland need not aim at giving full effect in all circumstances to Rules 1 to 3 but it must take account (so far as it reasonably can)—
 - (a) of the inconveniences attendant on alterations of constituencies other than alterations made for the purposes of Rule 1, and
 - (b) of any local ties which would be broken by such alterations.
5. The constituency entitlement for Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas is as shown in the table below:

Council area	Electorate (1 Sept 22)	Constituency entitlement
Argyll and Bute	69,252	1.2
East Dunbartonshire	86,592	1.4
North Lanarkshire	264,752	4.4
West Dunbartonshire	68,827	1.1
Total	489,423	8.1

6. The electorates of the nine existing Scottish Parliament constituencies within Argyll and Bute, West Dunbartonshire, East Dunbartonshire and North Lanarkshire Council areas are shown in the table below. Uddingston and Bellshill constituency includes electors from South Lanarkshire council area.

Existing constituency	Electorate	Variation from electoral quota
Airdrie and Shotts	54,205	-9.5%
Argyll and Bute	49,535	-17.3%
Clydebank and Milngavie	55,121	-8.0%
Coatbridge and Cryston	56,877	-5.0%
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	51,210	-14.5%
Dumbarton	56,120	-6.3%
Motherwell and Wishaw	57,740	-3.6%
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	63,895	6.7%
Uddingston and Bellshill	58,842	-1.8%

7. The existing Scottish Parliament boundaries have been in use since 2011.
8. The constituency names in this paper are provisional. The Commission will have the opportunity to review all constituency names and designations prior to the publication of its Provisional Proposals.
9. A map of the existing constituencies in this grouping can be found at Appendix A.

Options

10. Four options are presented for consideration.

Option 1

11. Option 1 retains the nine existing constituencies containing Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas.
12. The Commission agreed eight constituencies for this grouping of council areas and this option would require the Commission to revise its constituency design approach. The existing Uddingston and Bellshill constituency includes Bothwell from South Lanarkshire Council area.

Proposed constituencies	Electorate	Variation from electoral quota	Wards
Airdrie and Shotts	54,205	-9.5%	North Lanarkshire 8, 9, 12, 13(part)
Argyll and Bute	49,535	-17.3%	Argyll and Bute 1-8
Clydebank and Milngavie	55,121	-8.0%	East Dunbartonshire 1-2 West Dunbartonshire 2(part), 4-6
Coatbridge and Cryston	56,877	-5.0%	North Lanarkshire 5-7, 10-11
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	51,210	-14.5%	North Lanarkshire 1-4
Dumbarton	56,120	-6.3%	Argyll and Bute 9-11 West Dunbartonshire 1, 2(part), 3
Motherwell and Wishaw	57,740	-3.6%	North Lanarkshire 13(part), 17, 18(part), 19-21
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	63,895	6.7%	East Dunbartonshire 3-7
Uddingston and Bellshill	58,842	-1.8%	South Lanarkshire 15 (part), 16, 17(part) North Lanarkshire 14-16, 18(part)

13. A map of Option 1 can be found at Appendix A.
14. The advantage of Option 1 is that it retains the existing constituencies, which have been in place since 2011 and may avoid confusion for the local electorate.
15. The disadvantages of Option 1 are:
- it does not consider local authority boundaries and the Commission would need to revise its council area groupings for the remainder of Scotland in order to retain the existing arrangements in this grouping due to the inclusion of parts of South Lanarkshire council area;
 - two constituencies have a variation from the electoral quota in excess of 10%, although for one of those, Argyll and Bute, special geographical considerations could apply due to it containing island communities with limited transport links; and
 - it splits Bearsden and Motherwell between two constituencies.

Option 2

16. Option 2 proposes a constituency design based partly on council area boundaries. It proposes an Argyll and Bute constituency and a West Dunbartonshire constituency.

17. Option 2 proposes eight constituencies.

18. A map of Option 2 can be found at Appendix B.

Proposed constituencies	Electorate	Variation from electoral quota	Wards
Argyll and Bute	69,252	15.6%	All wards
West Dunbartonshire	68,827	14.9%	All wards
Bearsden and Bishopbriggs	61,692	3.0%	East Dunbartonshire 1-5
Cumbernauld	66,430	10.9%	East Dunbartonshire 6(part), 7 North Lanarkshire 1-4
Coatbridge	66,557	11.1%	East Dunbartonshire 6(part) North Lanarkshire 5-7, 10-11
Airdrie and Shotts	54,976	-8.2%	North Lanarkshire 8-9, 12-13
Motherwell South	48,933	-18.3%	North Lanarkshire 18(part), 19-21
Motherwell North	52,756	-11.9%	North Lanarkshire 14-17, 18(part)

19. The advantages of Option 2 are it:

- respects council area boundaries in Argyll and Bute and West Dunbartonshire; and
- proposes two constituencies similar to the existing Airdrie and Shotts constituency and Coatbridge and Chryston constituency.

20. The disadvantage of Option 2 are it:

- proposes five constituencies with variation from the electoral quota over 10%; and
- splits Kirkintilloch and Motherwell between two constituencies.

21. The Commission could also consider an East Dunbartonshire constituency but with 86,592 electors but this would result in variation from the electoral quota at +45%. Two East Dunbartonshire constituencies with an electorate of 43,296 each would propose variation from the electoral quota at -28%.

Option 3

22. Option 3 proposes a constituency design based on ward boundaries.

23. Option 3 proposes eight constituencies.

24. A map of Option 3 can be found at Appendix C.

Proposed constituencies	Electorate	Variation from Electoral Quota	Wards
Argyll and Bute	63,465	5.9%	Argyll and Bute 1-10
Dumbarton	65,619	9.5%	Argyll and Bute 11 West Dunbartonshire 1-3, 5-6
Bearsden	58,358	-2.6%	East Dunbartonshire 1-4 West Dunbartonshire 4
Strathkelvin	58,515	-2.3%	East Dunbartonshire 5-7 North Lanarkshire 5-6
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	66,270	10.6%	North Lanarkshire 1-4, 8
Coatbridge and Airdrie	63,345	5.7%	North Lanarkshire 7, 9, 10-12
Motherwell South and Wishaw	55,582	-7.2%	North Lanarkshire 13, 19-21
Motherwell North and Bellshill	58,269	-2.7%	North Lanarkshire 14-18

25. The advantages of Option 3 are it:

- proposes all eight constituencies with variation from the electoral quota within 10%; and
- avoids splitting any wards which may better reflect local community ties.

26. The disadvantages of Option 3 are it splits the towns of Helensburgh, Clydebank, Bishopbriggs, Airdrie and Motherwell between constituencies.

Option 4

27. Option 4 proposes a constituency design that may better reflect local ties within the area.

28. Option 4 proposes eight constituencies.

29. A map of Option 4 can be found at Appendix D.

Proposed constituencies	Electorate	Variation from Electoral Quota	Wards
Argyll and Bute	55,737	-7.0%	Argyll and Bute 1-9
Dumbarton and Helensburgh	61,500	2.7%	Argyll and Bute 10-11 West Dunbartonshire 1-3, 6
Bearsden	54,581	-8.9%	East Dunbartonshire 1-3 West Dunbartonshire 4-5
Bishopbriggs, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch	62,771	4.8%	East Dunbartonshire 4-7 North Lanarkshire 1
Cumbernauld	62,578	4.5%	North Lanarkshire 2-6
Airdrie and Shotts	66,243	10.6%	North Lanarkshire 8-9, 12-13, 20(part)
Coatbridge and Bellshill	63,361	5.8%	North Lanarkshire 7, 10-11, 14-15, 16(part)
Motherwell	62,652	4.6%	North Lanarkshire 16(part), 17-19, 20(part), 21

30. The advantages of Option 4 are:

- proposes all eight constituencies with variation from the electoral quota within 10%; and
- proposes an Airdrie and Shotts constituency similar to the existing constituency.

31. The disadvantages of Option 4 are it:

- splits Clydebank between constituencies; and
- it may break local ties to the east of Wishaw.

Summary

32. Option 1 retains all nine of the existing constituencies, offering continuity with the existing boundaries. All of the other options propose eight constituencies and retain none of the existing constituencies. If the Commission retained the existing constituencies it would need to revise its council area groupings for the remainder of Scotland as one of the existing constituencies includes part of South Lanarkshire Council area.

33. Options 1, 3 and 4 all propose three constituencies which cross a council area boundary. Option 2 proposes two constituencies which cross a council area boundary.

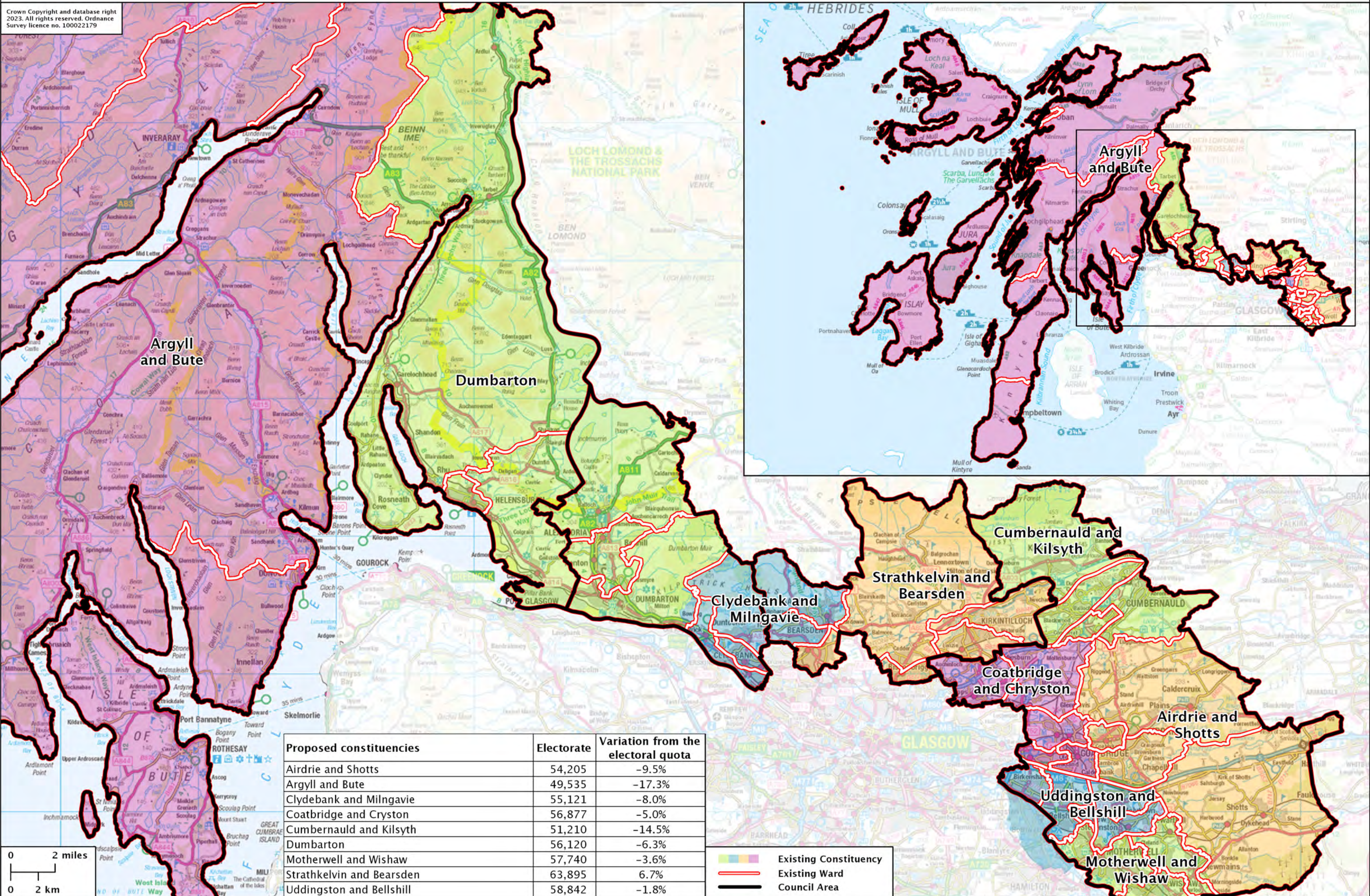
34. Option 1 splits 5 wards. Options 2 and 4 split two wards. Option 3 avoids splitting any wards.
35. Option 1 proposes two constituencies out-with 10% variation from the electoral quota. Option 2 proposes five constituencies out-with 10% variation from the electoral quota. Options 3 and 4 propose no constituencies out-with 10% variation from the electoral quota.
36. The Commission may wish to consider if Rule 3 applies for Argyll and Bute. During the First Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries, the Commission did not consider special geographical circumstances for the Argyll and Bute constituency.
37. Each of the options divide at least one town between constituencies. These include:
- Option 1: Bearsden and Motherwell;
 - Option 2: Kirkintilloch and Motherwell;
 - Option 3: Helensburgh, Clydebank, Bishopbriggs, Airdrie and Motherwell;
and
 - Option 4: Clydebank.

Conclusion

38. The Commission is invited to agree its Provisional Proposals for public consultation, subject to satisfactory constituencies being designed in other groupings.

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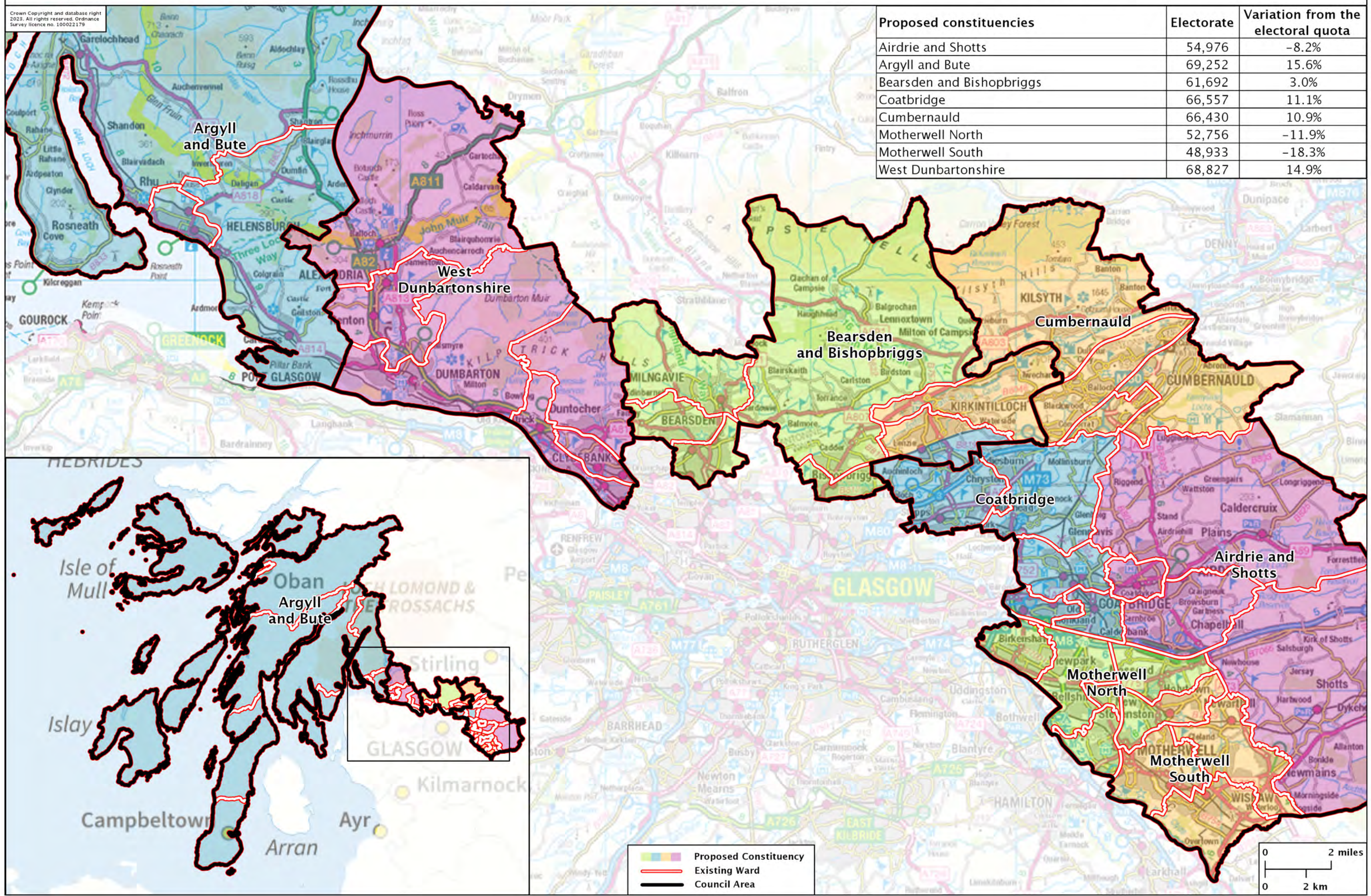


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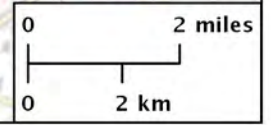
Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire Council Areas: Option 2 - Proposed Constituency Boundaries

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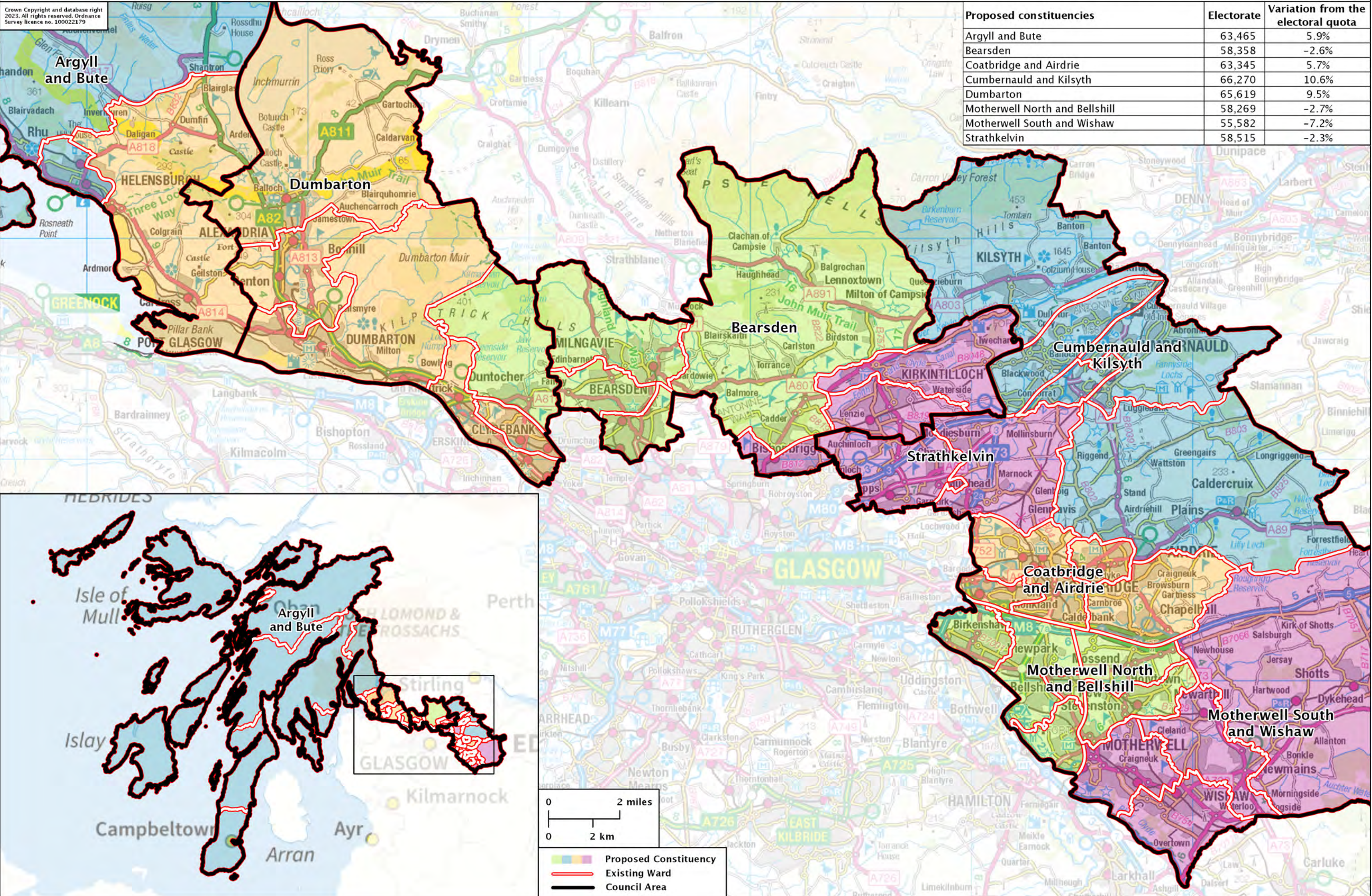


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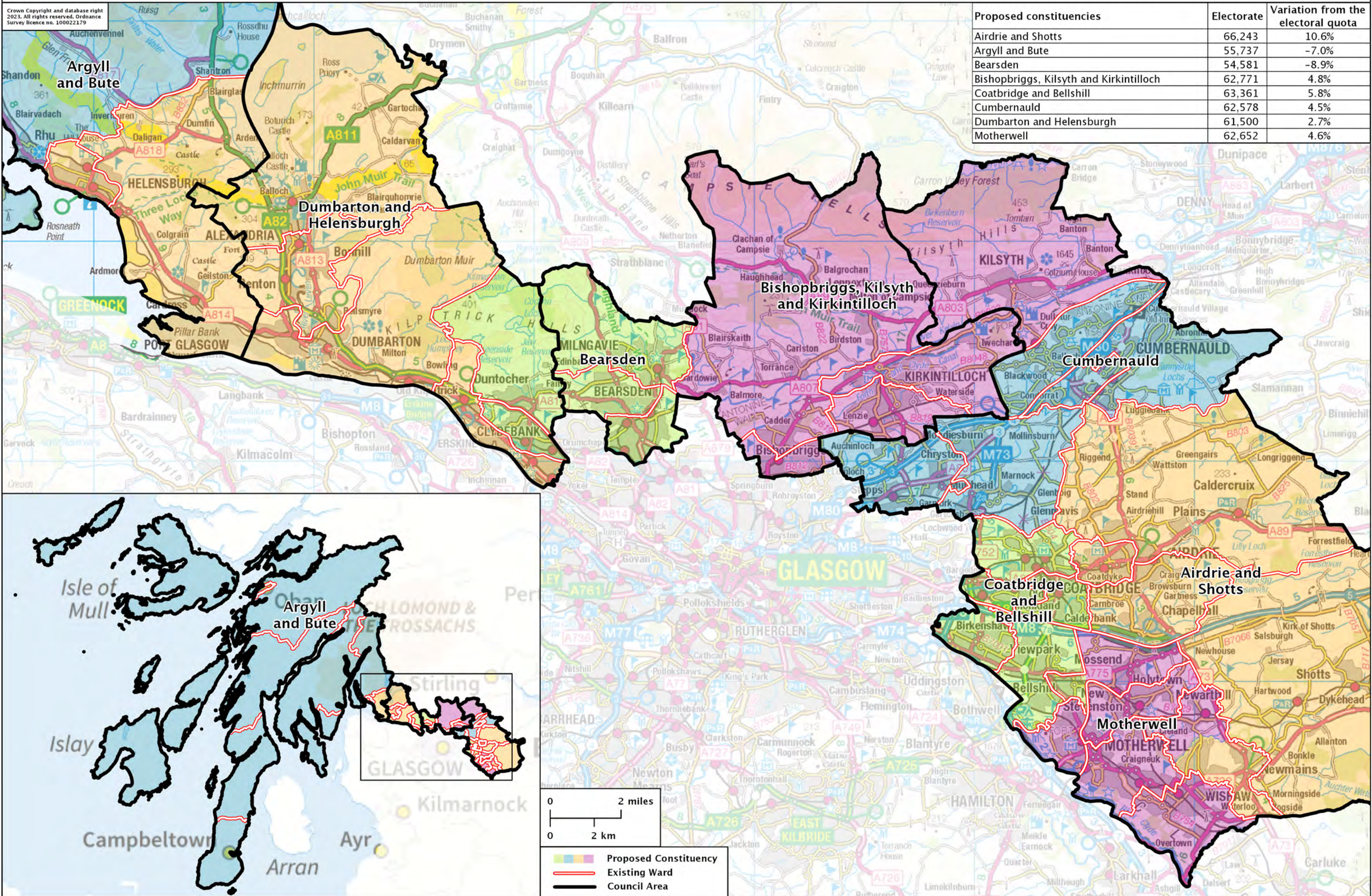
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