

**Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries  
East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire Council Areas**

**Action required**

1. The Commission is invited to: -
  - Consider the consultation responses for its proposed: Paisley; Renfrewshire North and Cardonald; Renfrewshire West and Lavern Valley constituencies.
  - Consider whether it wishes to
    - (a) adopt the published Additional Proposals and names/designations as Final Recommendations or
    - (b) amend its proposals for constituency boundaries or names and consult upon them again.
2. The Commission has been provided with all the consultation responses relating to these constituencies (Paper BS164 – Local Inquiries). Paper BS164 also asked the Commission to decide whether a local inquiry should be held.

**Background**

3. Within this constituency grouping the Commission agreed its Final Recommendations for the constituencies of:
  - Eastwood, and Inverclyde at its meeting of 23 July 2024.
  - Glasgow Anniesland, Glasgow Baillieston and Shettleston, Glasgow Cathcart and Pollok, Glasgow Central, Glasgow Easterhouse and Springburn, Glasgow Kelvin and Maryhill and Glasgow Southside at its meeting of 19 December 2024.
4. At its meeting of 19 December 2024 the Commission agreed to consult on Additional Proposals for a:
  - Paisley constituency which adopts a suggestion from the earlier consultation to amend the boundary by Phoenix Retail Park and Glasgow Airport to follow ward boundaries.
  - Renfrewshire North and Cardonald constituency which adopts a suggestion from the earlier consultation to amend the boundary by Glasgow Airport and Langbank to maintain its local ties with Bishopton. It was previously named Erskine, Renfrew and Cardonald.
  - Renfrewshire West and Lavern Valley constituency which adopts a suggestion from the earlier consultation to amend the boundary by Langbank and Phoenix Retail Park. It was previously named Renfrewshire West.
5. The Additional Proposals are shown in the table below and a map in Appendix A.

<b>Constituency Name</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Variation from Electoral Quota</b>
Paisley	58,570	-2.2%
Renfrewshire North and Cardonald	63,745	6.4%
Renfrewshire West and Lavern Valley	60,982	1.8%

6. On 24 January 2025 the Commission published its Additional Proposals for the specified consultation period of one month.

**Local Inquiry**

7. Neither East Renfrewshire Council, Renfrewshire Council nor Glasgow City Council objected to the Additional Proposals, nor did a body of 100 electors. Paper BS164 asks the Commission to consider whether it wishes to exercise its discretion to hold a local inquiry.

**Consultation responses****Renfrewshire North and Cardonald**

8. A member of the public suggested alternative constituency names to better reflect the geography of the proposed Renfrewshire North and Cardonald constituency. They suggested adopting the two main waterways (White Cart River and River Clyde) in the constituency name. These included: South Clyde and Cartside; Clyde and Cartside; Cartside and Clydeside; Clyde and Cart; or variants thereof. They believe this would avoid voter confusion with the UK Parliament constituency of Paisley and Renfrewshire North. They advised it would avoid confusion if UK and Scottish Parliament constituency names differed as much as possible. They also suggested naming constituencies after people and referenced Australian Federal boundaries as an example of this.

**Paisley**

9. A member of the public suggested that Phoenix Retail Park should sit within a Paisley constituency because it is part of Paisley.
10. Phoenix Retail Park is currently within the existing Paisley constituency. During this review there have been differing views on which constituency Phoenix Retail Park belongs to. During the:
  - revised consultation it was within a Renfrewshire West constituency.
  - further consultation it was within a Paisley constituency following a suggestion during the revised consultation. This boundary followed the existing constituency boundary.
  - additional consultation it was within a Renfrewshire West and Lavern Valley constituency. Renfrewshire Council had suggested this to avoid splitting an electoral ward between constituencies.
11. The map below illustrates which constituency Phoenix Retail Park has been located within during the review.



17. The Additional Proposals consulted on the constituencies of: Paisley, Renfrewshire North and Cardonald, and Renfrewshire West and Lavern Valley.
18. There were seven responses to the consultation mainly supporting the Additional Proposals. There was one suggestion for an alternative boundary by Phoenix Retail Park. No Council objected to the Additional Proposals nor did a body of 100 electors.
19. There were two responses for alternative constituency names. Renfrewshire Council suggested Renfrewshire South and Lavern Valley instead of Renfrewshire West and Lavern Valley. A member of the public suggested using the names of rivers or individuals as constituency names.

### **Conclusion**

20. After considering the consultation responses the Commission is asked to confirm whether: -
  - a local inquiry should be held for these constituencies.
  - it wishes to adopt the Additional Proposals as its Final Recommendations for these constituencies.
  - If any changes should be made to any of the constituency boundaries or names and consulted on further.
21. When making the above decision, the Commission is asked to note the 1 May 2025 deadline for submitting the Final Recommendations and the statutory requirement for a one-month consultation period.

**Secretariat,  
March 2025**

Appendix A

Additional Proposals – East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire Council Areas

