

**Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries
Revised Proposals for Constituencies Consultation
Summary of Responses - at 13/05/24**

For information

1. This document summarises, at a high level, the responses received so far during the Revised Proposals for Constituencies public consultation stage of the Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries which commenced on 16 April 2024 and will close on **15 May 2024**.

Summary of responses received during Revised Proposals consultation period

2. There were 866 responses as at 13/05/24. The numbers are approximate and do not include the small number of offline responses we have received so far.
3. 545 respondents have cited Facebook as how they heard about the consultation.
4. A summary of responses ordered by council area grouping is provided below.
5. The Secretariat will offer an oral update at the 16 May meeting should any new issues arise in the final few days of the consultation period.

Conclusion

6. The Secretariat will fully analyse all responses received during the public consultation and present analysis to the Commission at a later meeting.
7. The Commission is invited to note this summary of responses to the Revised Proposals consultation period.

**Secretariat
May 2024**

Summary of Areas receiving greatest number of responses

As at 13/05/24 there have been 866 responses to the consultation.

There have been approximately 170 responses that made general comments about the review and the Commission, 45 responses have been blank, incomplete or have not made comment on a particular constituency.

Perth and Kinross, Dundee City, Dumfries and Galloway

These three groupings of council areas each contain two constituencies.

There are no proposed changes from the existing arrangements in Dundee City and Dumfries and Galloway council areas and minimal changes proposed in Perth and Kinross.

To date there have been 11 responses for these areas.

City of Edinburgh and East Lothian council areas

Edinburgh Eastern, Tranent and Musselburgh

This constituency has received 231 responses. Most responses opposed the splitting of Tranent from neighbouring areas of East Lothian to its east, in a similar fashion to the way the Provisional Proposals for Prestonpans were opposed.

No alternative suggestions were received.

Lothian Eastern

Lothian Eastern was also opposed and received 52 responses although responses took issue with the proposed name as well as the boundaries.

No alternative suggestions were received.

Edinburgh Southern

Edinburgh Southern has been the subject of 16 responses including responses from the local MSP and current MP. Both suggest the northern boundary of the constituency should be moved north to include more of Morningside/Bruntsfield and that Oxfords could be moved out of the constituency to accommodate this. This would necessitate changes to Edinburgh Central and Edinburgh South Western constituencies.

Edinburgh North Eastern and Edinburgh Northern

The majority of the 98 responses for these constituencies focussed on the lack of a constituency named "Leith".

Glasgow City, East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde council areas

Eastwood

There have been 35 responses for the revised Eastwood constituency that whilst sharing the same name as the existing constituency is slightly revised. Current MSP Jackson Carlaw has written in support of the revised proposals.

Responses have also questioned the proposed Renfrewshire West constituency and the proposed changes around Neilston.

Erskine and Cardonald

Erskine and Cardonald received 13 responses, these have suggested there is little to connect the two areas although some have mentioned that Cardonald is in a UK Parliament constituency which crosses the Glasgow City council area boundary.

Glasgow

Glasgow City constituencies have received 18 responses across 7 constituencies. Half of the responses received have been in favour of the proposed boundaries.

Highland council area

Caithness, Sutherland and Ross (14 responses) and **Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch** (15 responses) both received responses which made comment on their geographical area rather than comments on their boundaries. Responses also called for the name "Strathspey" to be added to the Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch constituency.

Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire, Falkirk, North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire and West Lothian Council areas

Clydesdale has seen the most responses (9) in support of the Commission's proposals following the decision to propose retaining the existing arrangements in the constituency.

Cumbernauld and Kilsyth has received 14 responses, with a mixture of support and opposition however the sitting MSP was positive in his response and suggested the name Denny be added to the constituency name to recognise the parts of Falkirk Council area in the proposed constituency.

Airdrie received 9 responses all calling for the name "Airdrie and Shotts" to be retained. This is the same name as the existing UK Parliament constituency in the area.

Clackmannanshire and Stirling Council areas

Stirling has received responses opposing the changes by Stirling at Causewayhead. They state Causewayhead looks to Stirling, rather than Bridge of Allan, Dunblane etc.

Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, Angus and Moray

There have been fewer than 10 responses for each constituency in this grouping which was largely unchanged from the Provisional Proposals.

Fife

To date the 5 Fife constituencies have received 9 responses.

Scottish Borders and Midlothian Council Areas

Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale received 8 responses. Some responses agreed with the proposals, but Midlothian Council called for 2 constituencies wholly within Midlothian Council area.

Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire received 5 responses which offered a mixture of agreement with the proposals and suggestions for alternative council area groupings and **Midlothian North** received a single response.

East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas

This grouping has attracted 9 responses for the 5 constituencies contained within it.

Further

There were 170 “general comment” responses which were outwith the scope of the consultation. Comments questioned the point of the Review and also showed a misunderstanding and the role of the Commission, and even which constituencies were under review.

There have been responses from the following elected representatives:

- Deirdre Brock MP for Edinburgh North and Leith
- Ian Murray MP for Edinburgh South
- Daniel Johnson MSP for Edinburgh Southern
- Neil Gray MSP for Airdrie and Shotts
- Jamie Hepburn MSP for Cumbernauld and Kilsyth
- Ben Macpherson MSP for Edinburgh Northern and Leith

There has been a broad geographical spread of councillors who have taken part in the consultation with responses from Councillors from Moray (x2), Aberdeen City, Scottish Borders, Midlothian, South Lanarkshire, Falkirk, East Lothian, North Lanarkshire, Dumfries and Galloway and South Lanarkshire.

East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire, Aberdeenshire and Falkirk Councils have all requested extensions to the deadline for responses as their Council meets on 15 May.

Boundaries Scotland

Constituency	Comments (13/5/24)	Constituency	Comments (13/5/24)
Edinburgh Eastern, Tranent and Musselburgh	231	Moray	3
Edinburgh North Eastern	79	Angus South	2
Lothian Eastern	52	Cunninghame South	2
Eastwood	35	Fife North East	2
Edinburgh Northern	19	Glasgow Eastern	2
Edinburgh Southern	16	Glasgow Western	2
Renfrewshire West	16	Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse	2
Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	15	Inverness and Nairn	2
Caithness, Sutherland and Ross	14	Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley	2
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	14	Livingston and Breich	2
Erskine and Cardonald	13	Paisley	2
Airdrie	9	Perthshire South and Kinrossshire	2
Clydesdale	9	Strathkelvin and Bearsden	2
Edinburgh Central	8	Aberdeenshire West	1
Linlithgow and Falkirk South	8	Ayr	1
Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	8	Coatbridge and Chryston	1
Bathgate	7	Cunninghame North	1
Edinburgh North Western	7	Glasgow Central	1
Banffshire and Buchan Coast	6	Glasgow North Eastern	1
Falkirk North	6	Mid Fife and Glenrothes	1
Glasgow Southern	6	Midlothian North	1
Stirling	6	Perthshire North	1
Argyll and Bute	5	Aberdeen Central	0
Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	5	Aberdeen Donside	0
Dumfriesshire	5	Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	0
Edinburgh South Western	5	Aberdeenshire East	0
Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire	5	Clydebank and Milngavie	0
Rutherglen	4	Dundee City East	0
Angus North and Mearns	3	Dundee City West	0
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	3	Inverclyde	0
Cowdenbeath	3	Kirkcaldy	0
Dumbarton	3	Motherwell and Wishaw	0
Dunfermline	3	Na h-Eileanan an Iar	0
East Kilbride	3	Orkney Islands	0
Galloway and West Dumfries	3	Shetland Islands	0
Glasgow Northern	3	Uddingston and Bellshill	0
Glasgow South Eastern	3		