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INITIAL REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES IN ENGLAND

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR (GOVERNANCE) AND HEAD OF
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On 13 September 2011, the Boundary Commission for England published its initial proposals for new Parliamentary Constituency boundaries. Following a period of consultation, it is intended to complete the review by October 2013, which will then allow sufficient time for the Government to consider the Commission's final recommendations and agree new boundaries, before the next Parliamentary Election in May 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee considers those Parliamentary Constituency boundary proposals which affect the Winchester District and makes recommendations to Council, at its meeting to be held on 2 November 2011.

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DETAIL:

1 Introduction

1.1 The Boundary Commission for England has produced proposals which reduce the number of Parliamentary Constituencies (PCs) and aim to achieve improved electoral equality, by ensuring that each constituency is no more than 5% either side of the 'electoral quota' (76,641). At present, constituency sizes vary considerably and a Member of Parliament can represent from 55,000 to 110,000 electors.

1.2 The key facts and figures for the new proposals are as follows:-

(a) the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended) provides that each Constituency must be no smaller than 72,810 electors and no larger than 80,473 electors (the Isle of Wight being the only exception). The electorate figures used are from the Register of Electors compiled as at 1 December 2010.

(b) overall, the existing 533 PCs in England would be reduced to 502.

(c) the existing 84 PCs in the South East region would be reduced to 83 (which includes the two proposed PCs expressly reserved for the Isle of Wight). A formula in Schedule 2 to the above Act determines the number of constituencies allocated to the South East region.

(d) the existing 18 PCs in Hampshire would be reduced to 17.

(e) the existing Meon Valley Constituency would be abolished and the Winchester District would be covered by two revised PCs – Winchester (74,480 electors) and Fareham & Horndean (79,846 electors).

1.3 Appendices attached to this report show the proposed boundaries both in map form and list the District Wards allocated to each PC in Hampshire.

2 Comment

- 2.1 The current boundaries came into effect after the 2005 Parliamentary Election and so have been used for only one election since, in May 2010.
- 2.2 The statutory framework determines the number of constituencies allocated to the South East Region and the minimum/maximum number of electors for each constituency.
- 2.3 In addition to the importance of achieving broad numerical parity between constituencies, the other key factors taken into account by the Commission are as follows:-
- (a) special geographical considerations (e.g mountains, rivers, lakes etc) including the size, shape and accessibility in a constituency.
 - (b) local government boundaries (using District Wards as the basic 'building blocks')
 - (c) boundaries of existing constituencies
 - (d) any local ties that would be broken by a change in constituencies
- 2.4 From the administrative viewpoint, the City Council was the lead Authority which ran both the Winchester and Meon Valley Parliamentary Elections in 2010 (which involved taking in certain areas from three other authorities - Eastleigh, East Hampshire and Havant). Under the proposed arrangements, the City Council would continue to be lead Authority for the revised Winchester Constituency.
- 2.5 For the new Fareham and Horndean Constituency, Fareham Borough Council would act as lead Authority and 'take' from the City Council the Wards of Boarhunt & Southwick, Denmead, Shedfield, Wickham and Whiteley.

3 What Happens Next?

- 3.1 The current consultation exercise will run until 5 December 2011. During that time, any person or organisation may make written comments to the Commission. There are also a number of regional public hearings that will take place, at which oral representations may be made. The Commission has confirmed that the same weight will be given to both written and oral representations.
- 3.2 All comments will then be published on the Commission's website and a four week period allowed for further written representations to be made.
- 3.3 Once that period is concluded, the Commission will consider all the comments made and, if necessary, publish revised proposals for consultation over a further eight week period.

- 3.4 After that period has expired, the Commission will undertake a last review of comments made and submit its final report to the Government, by the deadline date of 1 October 2013. The matter must be laid before Parliament and so it is likely that the new PCs will be agreed during 2014, ready for the next Parliamentary Elections in May 2015.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 Members are now requested to consider the proposals as they affect our District and make recommendations to Council accordingly.
- 4.2 The Commission has explained that, if objection is raised to its proposals, any alternatives put forward must take into account the statutory rules.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

5 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CHANGE PLANS (RELEVANCE TO):

- 5.1 The Sub-Committee will have regard to the Council's priorities as set out in its Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Business Plan, with particular reference to 'An Efficient and Effective Council'.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 Officer time will be involved in amending the agreed constituency boundaries, liaising with neighbouring authorities etc. but the costs can be contained within existing budgets.

7 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 7.1 There are no risk management issues provided the appropriate procedures are followed.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None.

APPENDICES:

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| Appendix 1 | Existing Parliamentary Boundaries (as defined by Wards) |
| Appendix 2 | Proposed Parliamentary Boundaries for Hampshire (as defined by Wards) |
| Appendix 3 | Proposals Maps for the Winchester and Fareham & Horndean Parliamentary Constituencies |

Parliamentary Constituencies

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| Meon Valley Constituency | <p>East Hants Wards:</p> <p>Clanfield and Finchdean, Horndean Catherington and Lovedean, Horndean Downs, Horndean Hazleton and Blendworth, Horndean Kings, Hornden Murray and Rowlands Castle.</p> <p>Havant Wards:</p> <p>Cowplain, Hart Plain and Waterloo.</p> <p>Winchester Wards:</p> <p>Bishops Waltham, Boarhunt and Southwark, Cheriton & Bishops Sutton, Denmead, Droxford, Soberton & Hambeldon, Owslebury & Curdridge, Shedfield, Swanmore & Newtown, Upper Meon Valley, Whiteley and Wickham.</p> |
| Winchester Constituency | <p>Eastleigh Wards:</p> <p>Chandler's Ford East, Chandler's Ford West, Hiltingbury East and Hiltingbury West.</p> <p>Winchester Wards:</p> <p>Colden Common & Twyford, Compton & Otterbourne, Itchen Valley, Kings Worthy, Littleton & Harestock, Olivers Battery & Badgers Farm, St Barnabas, St Bartholomew, St John & All Saints, St Luke, St Michael, St Paul, Sparsholt, The Alresfords and Wonston & Micheldever.</p> |

Appendix 2

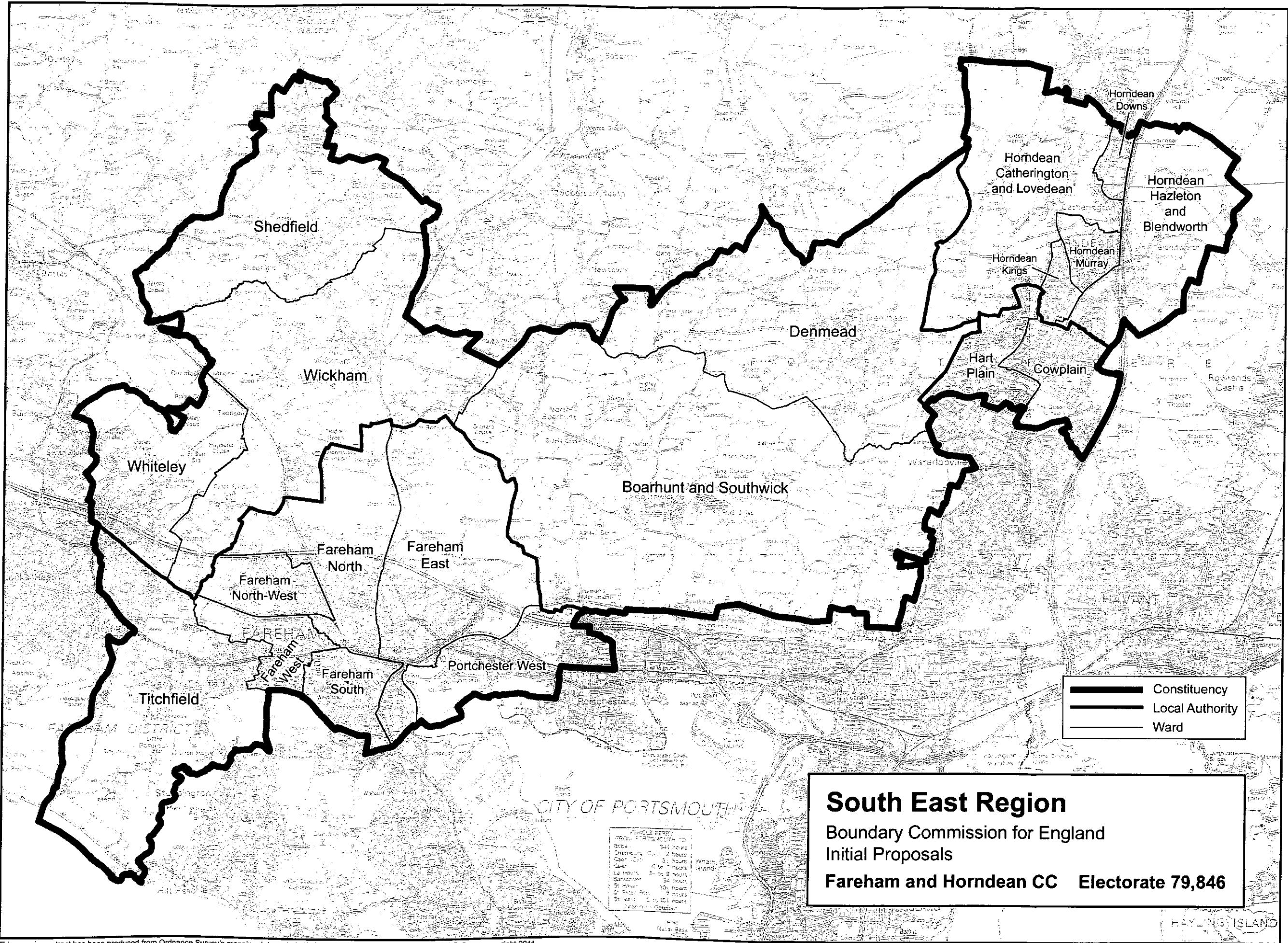
| Constituency | Ward | District/borough/city/county | Electorate |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2. Aldershot BC | Blackwater and Hawley | Hart | 77,125 |
| | Fleet North | Hart | 3,388 |
| | Frogmore and Darby Green | Hart | 5,217 |
| | Cove and Southwood | Hart | 4,110 |
| | Empress | Rushmoor | 4,356 |
| | Fernhill | Rushmoor | 5,096 |
| | Grange | Rushmoor | 4,191 |
| | Heron Wood | Rushmoor | 4,152 |
| | Knellwood | Rushmoor | 4,603 |
| | Manor Park | Rushmoor | 4,543 |
| | Mayfield | Rushmoor | 4,594 |
| | North Town | Rushmoor | 4,031 |
| | Rowhill | Rushmoor | 5,322 |
| | St John's | Rushmoor | 4,140 |
| | St Mark's | Rushmoor | 5,128 |
| | Wellington | Rushmoor | 4,883 |
| | Westheath | Rushmoor | 5,314 |
| | | Rushmoor | 4,057 |
| 7. Basingstoke BC | Basing | Basingstoke and Deane | 75,470 |
| | Brighton Hill North | Basingstoke and Deane | 6,643 |
| | Brighton Hill South | Basingstoke and Deane | 3,826 |
| | Brookvale and Kings Furlong | Basingstoke and Deane | 3,819 |
| | Buckskin | Basingstoke and Deane | 4,114 |
| | Chineham | Basingstoke and Deane | 4,439 |
| | Eastrop | Basingstoke and Deane | 6,563 |
| | Grove | Basingstoke and Deane | 3,633 |
| | Hatch Warren and Beggarwood | Basingstoke and Deane | 4,499 |
| | Kempshott | Basingstoke and Deane | 6,514 |
| | Norden | Basingstoke and Deane | 5,670 |
| | Popley East | Basingstoke and Deane | 5,935 |
| | Popley West | Basingstoke and Deane | 3,515 |
| | Rooksdown | Basingstoke and Deane | 3,340 |
| | South Ham | Basingstoke and Deane | 1,999 |
| | Winklebury | Basingstoke and Deane | 6,341 |
| | | | Basingstoke and Deane |
| 22. East Hampshire CC | Alton Amery | East Hampshire | 76,565 |
| | Alton Ashdell | East Hampshire | 1,887 |
| | Alton Eastbrooke | East Hampshire | 1,906 |
| | Alton Westbrooke | East Hampshire | 1,982 |
| | Alton Whitewdown | East Hampshire | 2,190 |
| | Alton Wooteys | East Hampshire | 2,290 |
| | Binsted and Bentley | East Hampshire | 1,822 |
| | Bramshott and Liphook | East Hampshire | 2,306 |
| | Clanfield and Finchdean | East Hampshire | 6,514 |
| | Downland | East Hampshire | 3,917 |
| | East Meon | East Hampshire | 3,917 |
| | Four Marks and Medstead | East Hampshire | 1,991 |
| | Froxfield and Steep | East Hampshire | 1,872 |
| | Grayshott | East Hampshire | 4,846 |
| | Headley | East Hampshire | 1,978 |
| | Holybourne and Froyle | East Hampshire | 1,878 |
| | Lindford | East Hampshire | 4,471 |
| | Liss | East Hampshire | 4,471 |
| | Petersfield Bell Hill | East Hampshire | 2,091 |
| | Petersfield Causeway | East Hampshire | 2,091 |
| | Petersfield Heath | East Hampshire | 2,106 |
| | Petersfield Rother | East Hampshire | 3,969 |
| | Petersfield St Marys | East Hampshire | 1,942 |
| | Petersfield St Peters | East Hampshire | 2,035 |
| | Ropley and Tisted | East Hampshire | 1,660 |
| | Selborne | East Hampshire | 1,940 |
| | The Hangers and Forest | East Hampshire | 2,093 |
| | Whitehill Chase | East Hampshire | 1,819 |
| | Whitehill Deadwater | East Hampshire | 1,763 |
| | Whitehill Hogmoor | East Hampshire | 1,811 |
| | Whitehill Pinewood | East Hampshire | 1,959 |
| Whitehill Walldown | East Hampshire | 1,785 | |
| | | East Hampshire | 1,980 |
| | | East Hampshire | 1,965 |
| | | East Hampshire | 2,028 |
| | | East Hampshire | 1,769 |

| Constituency | Ward | District/borough/city/county | Electorate |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 25. Eastleigh BC | Bishopstoke East | Eastleigh | 4,414 |
| | Bishopstoke West | Eastleigh | 4,244 |
| | Chandler's Ford East | Eastleigh | 3,702 |
| | Chandler's Ford West | Eastleigh | 4,667 |
| | Eastleigh Central | Eastleigh | 7,715 |
| | Eastleigh North | Eastleigh | 6,398 |
| | Eastleigh South | Eastleigh | 6,325 |
| | Fair Oak and Horton Heath | Eastleigh | 6,786 |
| | Hiltingbury East | Eastleigh | 4,073 |
| | Hiltingbury West | Eastleigh | 4,216 |
| | West End North | Eastleigh | 4,032 |
| | Swaythling | Southampton | 9,178 |
| | Ampfield and Braishfield | Test Valley | 1,841 |
| | North Baddesley | Test Valley | 5,507 |
| | Valley Park | Test Valley | 5,731 |
| 28. Fareham and Horndean CC | | | 79,846 |
| Horndean Catherington and Lovedean | East Hampshire | 1,975 | |
| Horndean Downs | East Hampshire | 2,005 | |
| Horndean Hazleton and Blendworth | East Hampshire | 2,024 | |
| Horndean Kings | East Hampshire | 2,515 | |
| Horndean Murray | East Hampshire | 1,936 | |
| Fareham East | Fareham | 5,757 | |
| Fareham North | Fareham | 5,706 | |
| Fareham North-West | Fareham | 5,620 | |
| Fareham South | Fareham | 5,334 | |
| Fareham West | Fareham | 5,457 | |
| Portchester West | Fareham | 5,800 | |
| Titchfield | Fareham | 5,683 | |
| Cowplain | Havant | 7,411 | |
| Hart Plain | Havant | 7,529 | |
| Boarhunt and Southwick | Winchester | 1,033 | |
| Denmead | Winchester | 5,389 | |
| Shedfield | Winchester | 3,132 | |
| Whiteley | Winchester | 2,269 | |
| Wickham | Winchester | 3,271 | |
| 31. Gosport BC | | | 72,845 |
| Hill Head | Fareham | 5,982 | |
| Stubbington | Fareham | 5,710 | |
| Alverstoke | Gosport | 3,467 | |
| Anglesey | Gosport | 3,039 | |
| Bridgemary North | Gosport | 3,494 | |
| Bridgemary South | Gosport | 3,605 | |
| Brockhurst | Gosport | 3,806 | |
| Christchurch | Gosport | 3,563 | |
| Elson | Gosport | 3,553 | |
| Forton | Gosport | 3,436 | |
| Grange | Gosport | 3,239 | |
| Hardway | Gosport | 4,224 | |
| Lee East | Gosport | 4,467 | |
| Lee West | Gosport | 3,911 | |
| Leesland | Gosport | 3,589 | |
| Peel Common | Gosport | 3,422 | |
| Privett | Gosport | 3,351 | |
| Rowner and Holbrook | Gosport | 3,222 | |
| Town | Gosport | 3,765 | |
| 35. Havant BC | | | 73,156 |
| Rowlands Castle | East Hampshire | 2,133 | |
| Barncroft | Havant | 4,520 | |
| Battins | Havant | 4,918 | |
| Bedhampton | Havant | 7,161 | |
| Bondfields | Havant | 5,042 | |
| Emsworth | Havant | 7,860 | |
| Hayling East | Havant | 7,313 | |
| Hayling West | Havant | 6,901 | |
| St Faith's | Havant | 7,076 | |
| Stakes | Havant | 7,412 | |
| Warren Park | Havant | 5,068 | |
| Waterloo | Havant | 7,752 | |

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| 36. Hedge End and Hamble BC | | | 76,515 |
| | Bitterne | Southampton | 9,873 |
| | Botley | Eastleigh | 4,066 |
| | Bursledon and Old Netley | Eastleigh | 5,836 |
| | Hamble-le-Rice and Butlocks Heath | Eastleigh | 4,399 |
| | Hedge End Grange Park | Eastleigh | 5,267 |
| | Hedge End St John's | Eastleigh | 6,044 |
| | Hedge End Wildern | Eastleigh | 4,172 |
| | Netley Abbey | Eastleigh | 4,091 |
| | West End South | Eastleigh | 4,524 |
| | Locks Heath | Fareham | 5,685 |
| | Park Gate | Fareham | 6,036 |
| | Sarisbury | Fareham | 5,516 |
| | Titchfield Common | Fareham | 5,490 |
| | Warsash | Fareham | 5,516 |
| 50. New Forest East and Romsey CC | | | 76,543 |
| | Ashurst, Copythorne South and Netley Marsh | New Forest | 4,866 |
| | Bramshaw, Copythorne North and Minstead | New Forest | 2,185 |
| | Butts Ash and Dibden Purlieu | New Forest | 5,259 |
| | Dibden and Hythe East | New Forest | 4,565 |
| | Fawley, Blackfield and Langley | New Forest | 4,992 |
| | Furzedown and Hardley | New Forest | 2,697 |
| | Holbury and North Blackfield | New Forest | 5,114 |
| | Hythe West and Langdown | New Forest | 5,054 |
| | Marchwood | New Forest | 4,679 |
| | Totton Central | New Forest | 4,206 |
| | Totton East | New Forest | 4,874 |
| | Totton North | New Forest | 4,841 |
| | Totton South | New Forest | 4,776 |
| | Totton West | New Forest | 3,957 |
| | Abbey | Test Valley | 3,789 |
| | Cupernham | Test Valley | 4,030 |
| | Romsey Extra | Test Valley | 2,535 |
| | Tadburn | Test Valley | 4,124 |
| 51. New Forest West CC | | | 80,464 |
| | Barton | New Forest | 4,886 |
| | Bashley | New Forest | 2,311 |
| | Becton | New Forest | 4,181 |
| | Boldre and Sway | New Forest | 4,398 |
| | Bransgore and Burley | New Forest | 4,647 |
| | Brockenhurst and Forest South East | New Forest | 4,687 |
| | Buckland | New Forest | 2,679 |
| | Downlands and Forest | New Forest | 2,387 |
| | Fernhill | New Forest | 4,920 |
| | Fordingbridge | New Forest | 5,406 |
| | Forest North West | New Forest | 2,100 |
| | Hordle | New Forest | 4,517 |
| | Lymington Town | New Forest | 4,917 |
| | Lyndhurst | New Forest | 2,392 |
| | Milford | New Forest | 4,366 |
| | Milton | New Forest | 5,023 |
| | Pennington | New Forest | 4,738 |
| | Ringwood East and Sopley | New Forest | 2,225 |
| | Ringwood North | New Forest | 4,887 |
| | Ringwood South | New Forest | 4,797 |

| Constituency | Ward | District/borough/city/county | Electorate |
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| 53. North East Hampshire CC | | | 79,530 |
| | Bramley and Sherfield | Basingstoke and Deane | 4,210 |
| | Oakley and North Waltham | Basingstoke and Deane | 5,508 |
| | Pamber and Silchester | Basingstoke and Deane | 3,658 |
| | Sherborne St John | Basingstoke and Deane | 1,775 |
| | Tadley Central | Basingstoke and Deane | 2,124 |
| | Tadley South | Basingstoke and Deane | 4,429 |
| | Upton Grey and The Candovers | Basingstoke and Deane | 2,233 |
| | Church Crookham East | Hart | 3,727 |
| | Church Crookham West | Hart | 3,858 |
| | Crandall | Hart | 3,119 |
| | Eversley | Hart | 2,059 |
| | Fleet Central | Hart | 4,268 |
| | Fleet Courtmoor | Hart | 3,683 |
| | Fleet Pondtail | Hart | 3,657 |
| | Fleet West | Hart | 3,798 |
| | Hartley Wintney | Hart | 3,903 |
| | Hook | Hart | 6,389 |
| | Long Sutton | Hart | 1,841 |
| | Odiham | Hart | 3,689 |
| | Yateley East | Hart | 4,022 |
| | Yateley North | Hart | 3,751 |
| | Yateley West | Hart | 3,829 |
| 54. North West Hampshire CC | | | 79,745 |
| | Burghurst and Tadley North | Basingstoke and Deane | 4,142 |
| | Burghclere, Highclere and St Mary Bourne | Basingstoke and Deane | 4,370 |
| | East Woodhay | Basingstoke and Deane | 2,234 |
| | Kingsclere | Basingstoke and Deane | 3,921 |
| | Overton, Laverstoke and Steventon | Basingstoke and Deane | 3,866 |
| | Whitchurch | Basingstoke and Deane | 4,097 |
| | Alamein | Test Valley | 6,014 |
| | Amport | Test Valley | 1,860 |
| | Anna | Test Valley | 3,770 |
| | Blackwater | Test Valley | 4,133 |
| | Bourne Valley | Test Valley | 1,668 |
| | Broughton and Stockbridge | Test Valley | 3,844 |
| | Charlton | Test Valley | 1,618 |
| | Dun Valley | Test Valley | 1,705 |
| | Harewood | Test Valley | 1,802 |
| | Harroway | Test Valley | 5,870 |
| | Kings Somborne and Michelmersh | Test Valley | 2,036 |
| | Millway | Test Valley | 5,769 |
| | Over Wallop | Test Valley | 1,404 |
| | Penton Bellinger | Test Valley | 3,682 |
| | St Mary's | Test Valley | 5,857 |
| | Winton | Test Valley | 6,083 |
| 56. Portsmouth East BC | | | 79,609 |
| | Purbrook | Havant | 7,297 |
| | Baffins | Portsmouth | 11,117 |
| | Central Southsea | Portsmouth | 10,823 |
| | Copnor | Portsmouth | 10,098 |
| | Drayton and Farlington | Portsmouth | 10,267 |
| | Eastney and Craneswater | Portsmouth | 9,440 |
| | Fratton | Portsmouth | 10,384 |
| | Milton | Portsmouth | 10,183 |
| 57. Portsmouth West BC | | | 80,290 |
| | Portchester East | Fareham | 8,857 |
| | Charles Dickens | Portsmouth | 11,754 |
| | Cosham | Portsmouth | 10,002 |
| | Hilsea | Portsmouth | 10,227 |
| | Nelson | Portsmouth | 10,095 |
| | Paulsgrove | Portsmouth | 9,992 |
| | St Jude | Portsmouth | 8,631 |
| | St Thomas | Portsmouth | 10,732 |

| Constituency | ward | DISTRICT/borough/CITY/COUNTY | Electorate |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 67. Southampton Itchen BC | Bargate | Southampton | 74,541 |
| | Bevois | Southampton | 13,025 |
| | Bitterne Park | Southampton | 9,901 |
| | Harefield | Southampton | 10,232 |
| | Pear tree | Southampton | 10,463 |
| | Sholing | Southampton | 10,366 |
| | Woolston | Southampton | 10,763 |
| | | Southampton | 9,791 |
| 68. Southampton Test BC | Bassett | Southampton | 77,399 |
| | Coxford | Southampton | 10,771 |
| | Freemantle | Southampton | 10,120 |
| | Millbrook | Southampton | 10,139 |
| | Portswood | Southampton | 10,573 |
| | Redbridge | Southampton | 10,280 |
| | Shirley | Southampton | 10,305 |
| | Chilworth, Nursling and Rownhams | Southampton | 9,945 |
| | Test Valley | 5,266 | |
| 76. Winchester CC | Bishops Waltham | Winchester | 74,480 |
| | Cheriton and Bishops Sutton | Winchester | 5,427 |
| | Colden Common and Twyford | Winchester | 1,773 |
| | Compton and Otterbourne | Winchester | 4,305 |
| | Droxford, Soberton and Hambleton | Winchester | 3,284 |
| | Itchen Valley | Winchester | 1,686 |
| | Kings Worthy | Winchester | 1,553 |
| | Littleton and Harestock | Winchester | 3,373 |
| | Olivers Battery and Badger Farm | Winchester | 2,864 |
| | Owslebury and Curdridge | Winchester | 3,225 |
| | St Barnabas | Winchester | 3,156 |
| | St Bartholomew | Winchester | 4,831 |
| | St John and All Saints | Winchester | 4,787 |
| | St Luke | Winchester | 4,456 |
| | St Michael | Winchester | 4,113 |
| | St Paul | Winchester | 5,085 |
| | Sparsholt | Winchester | 4,543 |
| | Swanmore and Newtown | Winchester | 1,666 |
| | The Alresfords | Winchester | 3,425 |
| | Upper Meon Valley | Winchester | 5,073 |
| Wonston and Micheldever | Winchester | 1,533 | |
| | Winchester | 4,322 | |

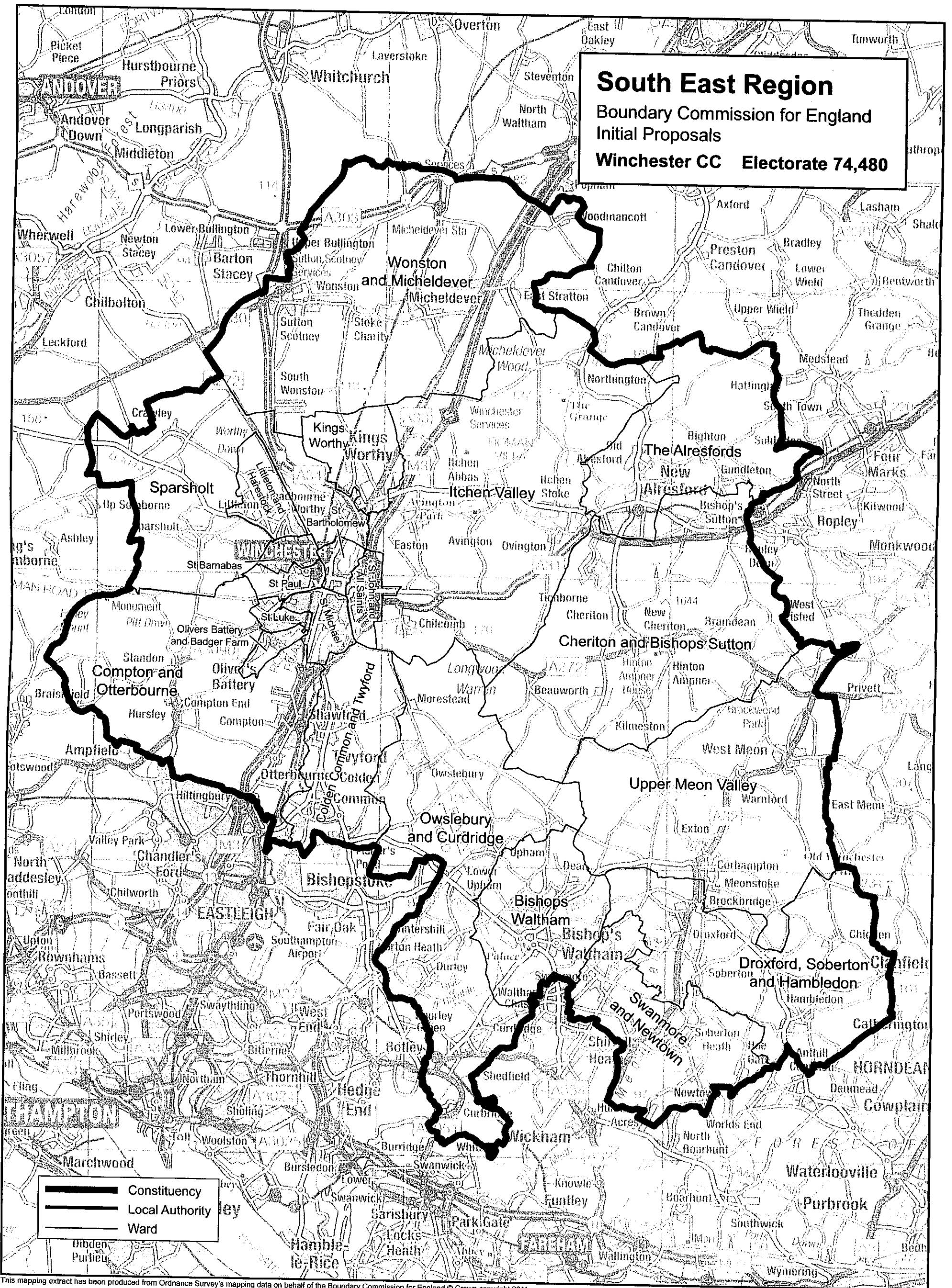


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South East Region

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Initial Proposals

Winchester CC Electorate 74,480



— Constituency
— Local Authority
— Ward

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