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PROPOSALS FOR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLNSHIRE

The Commission will publish provisional recommendations on 1 June 2000 for minor changes to all seven constituencies in the county of Lincolnshire.

Provisional Recommendations

1. The county of Lincolnshire currently has seven constituencies with a parliamentary electorate in 2000 of 492,419. This number of electors, when divided by the 2000 electoral quota (69,932), gives a theoretical entitlement to 7.04 seats. The Commission have therefore provisionally decided to continue to allocate seven seats to Lincolnshire. The electoral quota is explained in 'Background Note' below.
2. The Commission noted that the electorates of the seven existing seats range from 65,555 in Lincoln BC to 74,748 in Grantham and Stamford CC, a disparity of 9,193. They therefore decided that there was no need to make major changes to the existing pattern of seats in Lincolnshire, other than to take account of changes required by the new wards that came into effect in each district on 6 May 1999 and to consider any other alterations consequent on those changes. They noted that five of the new wards in East Lindsey District are split between existing constituencies, as well as two of the new wards in North Kesteven District and three of the new wards in South Kesteven District.
3. The Commission do not divide district wards between constituencies. Therefore, they propose to realign the constituency boundaries to take account of the divided wards as part of this general review. The Commission considered whether they should adopt the minimum change realignment in respect of these divided wards, or whether they should go further and address the disparity between the electorates of the seats in the county, and in particular, the electorate in Grantham and Stamford CC.
4. The Commission noted that the existing Gainsborough CC contained the whole of West Lindsey District together with the Wragby ward and parts of the Binbrook, Ludford, and Roughton wards of East Lindsey District.

5. The Commission decided not to include the whole of the Binbrook, Ludford, and Roughton wards in Gainsborough CC, because this would break local ties between those wards and the towns of Louth and Horncastle, but included them in Louth and Horncastle CC along with the Stickney ward, which is split between the existing Louth and Horncastle CC and Boston and Skegness CC. They also decided that the Croft ward which is split between the existing Louth and Horncastle CC and Boston and Skegness CC should be included in Boston and Skegness CC, which would otherwise be unchanged, containing the whole of the Borough of Boston and ten wards from East Lindsey District.

6. The Commission noted that if they were to include the whole of the Truesdale ward of South Kesteven District in South Holland and The Deepings CC, it would result in the town of Stamford being detached from the rest of Grantham and Stamford CC. They therefore decided to include the Truesdale ward in Grantham and Stamford CC, and for South Holland and The Deepings CC to include the whole of South Holland District and the Deeping St James, and Market and West Deeping wards from South Kesteven District.

7. The Commission considered that the inclusion of the South Kesteven District wards of Ermine and Witham Valley in Grantham and Stamford CC would result in a seat with too high an electorate, so they decided to include these two wards in Sleaford and North Hykeham CC. They also considered that the electorate of the resulting Grantham and Stamford CC was still too high, so they decided to include the South Kesteven District wards of Barrowby and Peascliffe in Sleaford and North Hykeham CC. They recognised that this may break ties between these two wards and the town of Grantham, but having noted the growth in the electorate of Grantham and Stamford CC over the last decade, they decided that they had to recommend this change to bring the electorate of the seat closer to the electoral quota.

8. The Commission decided that the North Kesteven District ward of Heighington and Washingborough should be included in Sleaford and North Hykeham CC, and that the North Kesteven District ward of Bracebridge Heath and Waddington East should be included in Lincoln BC. They also decided to include the North Kesteven District ward of Skellingthorpe in Lincoln BC, to re-establish ties between this ward and the City of Lincoln, to reduce the electorate of Sleaford and North Hykeham CC, and to reduce the disparity between the electorates in the seats in Lincolnshire. As a result of these changes, the electorates of the proposed constituencies would range from 64,022 in Gainsborough CC to 73,336 in Grantham and Stamford CC, a disparity of 9,314.

9. The proposed new constituencies are illustrated in outline on the sketch map which forms part of this document (please note the copyright warning below concerning the map). The letters on the map refer to the districts and the numbers refer to the district wards. The map is to be used in conjunction with the ward listing at the end of this document which shows the letters and districts, the numbers and wards, and the 2000 ward electorates on which the Commission are required by law to work.

10. The composition of the seven constituencies provisionally recommended would be (the 2000 electorates are shown in brackets):-

BOSTON AND SKEGNESS COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (69,329). The Borough of **Boston**; and ten wards of the District of **East Lindsey**:- Burgh le Marsh, Croft, Frithville, Ingoldmells, St Clement's, Scarbrough, Seacroft, Sibsey, Wainfleet and Friskney, Winthorpe.

GAINSBOROUGH COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (64,022). One ward of the District of **East Lindsey**:- Wragby; and the District of **West Lindsey**.

GRANTHAM AND STAMFORD COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (73,336). Twenty-five wards of the District of **South Kesteven**:- All Saints, Aveland, Belmont, Bourne East, Bourne West, Earlesfield, Forest, Glen Eden, Grantham St John's, Green Hill, Greyfriars, Harrowby, Hillsides, Isaac Newton, Lincrest, Morkery, Ringstone, St Anne's, St George's, St Mary's, St Wulfram's, Stamford St John's, Thurlby, Toller, Truesdale.

LINCOLN BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (70,135). The City of **Lincoln**; and two wards of the District of **North Kesteven**:- Bracebridge Heath and Waddington East, Skellingthorpe.

LOUTH AND HORNCASTLE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (72,137). Thirty-seven wards of the District of **East Lindsey**:- Alford, Binbrook, Chapel St Leonards, Coningsby and Tattershall, Grimoldby, Halton Hologate, Holton le Clay, Horncastle, Hundley, Legbourne, Ludford, Mablethorpe Central, Mablethorpe East, Mablethorpe North, Mareham le Fen, Marshchapel, North Holme, North Somercotes, North Thoresby, Priory, Roughton, St James', St Margaret's, St Mary's, St Michael's, Skidbrooke with Saltfleet Haven, Spilsby, Stickney, Sutton on Sea North, Sutton on Sea South, Tetford, Tetney, Trinity, Trusthorpe and Mablethorpe South, Willoughby with Sloothby, Withern with Stain, Woodhall Spa.

SLEAFORD AND NORTH HYKEHAM COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (73,058). Twenty-eight wards of the District of **North Kesteven**:- Ashby de la Launde, Bassingham, Billingham, Branston and Mere, Brant Broughton, Cliff Villages, Cranwell and Byard's Leap, Eagle and North Scarle, Heckington Rural, Heighington and Washingborough, Kyme, Leasingham and Roxholm, Martin, Metheringham, North Hykeham Forum, North Hykeham Memorial, North Hykeham Mill, North Hykeham Moor, North Hykeham Witham, Osbournby, Ruskington, Sleaford Castle, Sleaford Holdingham, Sleaford Mareham, Sleaford Navigation, Sleaford Quarrington, Sleaford Westholme, Waddington West; and seven wards of the District of **South Kesteven**:- Barrowby, Ermine, Heath, Loveden, Peascliffe, Saxonwell, Witham Valley.

SOUTH HOLLAND AND THE DEEPINGS COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (70,402). The District of **South Holland**; and two wards of the District of **South Kesteven**:- Deeping St James, Market and West Deeping.

11. Please note that the wards have not been shown for those boroughs and districts (eg. the District of West Lindsey) where the whole of the borough or district is contained within the proposed constituency. However, as already mentioned, a full ward listing with 2000 ward electorates is given at the end of this document.

12. Please also note that the wards named in this document are the new wards that were created by the following Orders and which came into effect at the local elections on 6 May 1999:-
The Borough of Boston (Electoral Changes) Order 1998;
The District of East Lindsey (Electoral Changes) Order 1998;

The City of Lincoln (Electoral Changes) Order 1998;
The District of North Kesteven (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 1998;
The District of South Holland (Electoral Changes) Order 1998;
The District of South Kesteven (Electoral Changes) Order 1998;
The District of West Lindsey (Electoral Changes) Order 1998.

Publication of Provisional Recommendations

13. The provisional recommendations will be published formally in a notice appearing in local newspapers in Lincolnshire on 1 June 2000. Local authorities, MPs, the Political Parties' Headquarters, and others will be sent a copy of the recommendations. The notice will also be published on the Commission's web site at http://www.statistics.gov.uk/other_activities/psc.asp.

Places of Inspection

14. The notice in local newspapers will also give the addresses where a copy of the recommendations, and a more detailed map illustrating them, have been made available for inspection by the public (please note the copyright warning below concerning the map). Those addresses are:-

BOSTON	Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston
BOURNE	Town Hall, Market Place, Bourne
CAISTOR	Area Office, Southdale, Caistor
GAINSBOROUGH	The Guildhall, Gainsborough
GRANTHAM	Council Offices, St.Peter's Hill, Grantham
HOLBEACH	Holbeach Library, Church Street, Holbeach
HORNCASTLE	Town Hall, Boston Road, Horncastle
LINCOLN	City Hall, Beaumont Fee, Lincoln
LOUTH	Council Offices, Tedder Hall, Manby Park, Louth
MABLETHORPE	Council Offices, Victoria Road, Mablethorpe
MARKET RASEN	Area Office, Gordon Field, Market Rasen
METHERINGHAM	Metheringham Info-Links Centre, Metheringham
NORTH HYKEHAM	North Hykeham Info-Links Centre, Newark Road, North Hykeham
SKEGNESS	Town Hall, North Parade, Skegness
SLEAFORD	Council Offices, Kesteven Street, Sleaford
SPALDING	Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding
SPILSBY	Council Offices, High Street, Spilsby
STAMFORD	Council Offices, 1 Maiden Lane, Stamford

Representation Period: 1 June 2000 to 1 July 2000

15. The Commission are required to consider representations about their provisional recommendations made within one month of local publication on 1 June 2000. Representations should be addressed to the Boundary Commission for England, PO Box 31060, London, SW1V 2FF, or faxed to 020 7533 5176, or emailed to gerald.tessier@ons.gov.uk. All representations received by the Commission will be acknowledged. The representation period will end on 1 July 2000.

16. Please note that the Commission are not statutorily required to consider any representations made after 1 July 2000, but will endeavour to take late representations into account. However, the later the representation is made, the more difficult this will be. The Commission therefore ask that all representations be made within the one month period. In the event that a local inquiry is held into the

provisional recommendations, all representations will be made public beforehand so that interested persons may prepare for the local inquiry. Any representation received too late to be issued with the other representations before the local inquiry cannot be given the same weight as the other representations because other interested persons will not have had the same opportunity to consider it.

17. Where representations objecting to the provisional recommendations are made by an interested county or district council or by a body of 100 or more electors, the Commission cannot proceed with their final recommendations to the Home Secretary until a local inquiry has been held. If the Commission decide to alter their recommendations as a result of the inquiry, the revised recommendations must also be published and representations invited, but a further local inquiry is not obligatory.

18. Those who make representations are requested to say whether they approve of, or object to, the Commission's proposals and to give their reasons for their approval or objection. In particular, objectors are advised to say what they propose in place of the Commission's recommendations and should note that an objection accompanied by a counter-proposal is likely to carry more weight than a simple statement of objection.

19. The Commission wish to stress that their provisional recommendations relate solely to parliamentary constituencies and do not affect county, district or parish boundaries, taxes or services. The Commission will therefore not take account of any representation made about those local issues.

Background Note

20. The Commission are constituted under Schedule 1 to the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986. The ex officio Chairman is the Speaker of the House of Commons. The Deputy Chairman, who presides over Commission meetings, is a High Court Judge appointed by the Lord Chancellor. The other two Commissioners are appointed by the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions. The two Assessors to the Commission are the Registrar General of England and Wales and the Director General of Ordnance Survey. Assistant Commissioners are lawyers appointed by the Home Secretary to conduct local inquiries.

21. The Commission are required by the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 as amended by the Boundary Commissions Act 1992 to conduct a general review of all the constituencies in England every eight to twelve years. The Commission completed their previous general review on 12 April 1995 and must therefore complete the current review after 11 April 2003 and before 12 April 2007. The Commission wish to complete the current review in sufficient time for new constituency boundaries to be approved by Parliament and take effect at any general election held in 2006 or 2007.

22. The general review started formally with the publication of a notice in the London Gazette on 17 February 2000. The Commission's recommendations throughout the review must by law be based on the numbers of electors on the electoral registers on that date.

Rules

23. In recommending new constituencies, the Commission are required to give effect to the Rules for Redistribution of Seats which are contained in Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act.

24. Rule 1 places a limit on the total number of constituencies. Rule 2 requires single member constituencies. Rule 3 relates to the City of London. Rule 4 states that county and London borough boundaries are to be followed so far as is practicable. Rule 5 states that the electorates of constituencies are to be as nearly equal as practicable. Rule 6 allows the Commission to depart from rules 4 and 5 if special geographical considerations make a departure desirable. Rule 7 allows the Commission to depart from other rules; and requires them to take account of inconveniences caused or local ties broken by changes to constituencies. Rule 8 defines the electoral quota as the total number of parliamentary electors in England (36,994,211) divided by the existing number of seats (529), and requires the Commission to use the electorates as at the start of a review.

Procedures

25. In conducting a general review of constituencies, the Commission are required by the legislation to follow certain procedures, principally to provide for public consultation.

26. The Home Secretary must be given notice of a review and that notice must be published in the London Gazette. Provisional recommendations must be published in newspapers in the affected constituencies and, unless the proposals are for no changes to be made, they must also be deposited for public inspection in at least one place in each affected constituency. Representations may be made within one month of publication of the provisional recommendations and the Commission must take any representations into consideration. Where objections are received from a county or district council or a body of 100 or more electors, a local inquiry must be held. If the Commission revise their recommendations as a result of an inquiry, the revised representations must also be published and further representations invited and considered. The Commission is not obliged to hold a second local inquiry if there are further representations, but there is discretionary power to hold a second inquiry. Any further modifications, as a result of further representations or a second inquiry, must also be published and representations invited. When the Commission have decided their final recommendations for the whole country, they must submit a report to the Home Secretary.

Implementation of the recommendations

27. The Home Secretary has a statutory duty to lay the Commission's report before Parliament together with a draft Order in Council giving effect to the Commission's recommendations with or without modifications. If modifications are proposed, the Home Secretary must also lay a statement of reasons for the modifications. The draft Order in Council is submitted to both Houses of Parliament for approval and, after it is made by Her Majesty in Council, it cannot be called into question in any legal proceedings. The new constituencies take effect at the next following general election.

28. The above information is intended to be a general guide only. For a definitive statement of the law, please refer to the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 – as amended by the Boundary Commissions Act 1992, the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994, the Government of Wales Act 1998, and the Scotland Act 1998 – together with the Court of Appeal ruling in *R v Boundary Commission for England Ex parte Foot* [1983] QB 600.

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Enquiries

30. Should you require further information about these provisional recommendations or about other aspects of the Commission's work please write to:

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31. The Internet version of this news release, without the outline map, is now available on:-
http://www.statistics.gov.uk/other_activities/psc.asp.

**LINCOLNSHIRE 2000 WARD ELECTORATES BY DISTRICT
TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE REVIEW**

A. Boston Borough	43,407	B. East Lindsey District	99,678
1. Central	1,307	1. Alford	3,275
2. Coastal	2,942	2. Binbrook	1,524
3. Fenside	2,483	3. Burgh le Marsh	1,931
4. Fishtoft	4,338	4. Chapel St Leonards	3,588
5. Five Village	2,592	5. Coningsby and Tattershall	3,510
6. Frampton and Holme	1,348	6. Croft	1,677
7. Kirton	2,795	7. Frithville	1,569
8. North	2,660	8. Grimoldby	1,638
9. Old Leake and Wrangle	2,455	9. Halton Hologate	1,768
10. Pilgrim	1,337	10. Holton le Clay	3,071
11. Skirbeck	3,856	11. Horncastle	4,947
12. South	1,405	12. Hundley	1,725
13. Staniland North	2,777	13. Ingoldmells	1,518
14. Staniland South	1,362	14. Legbourne	1,532
15. Swineshead and Holland Fen	2,528	15. Ludford	1,613
16. West	1,276	16. Mablethorpe Central	1,518
17. Witham	2,941	17. Mablethorpe East	1,412
18. Wyberton	3,005	18. Mablethorpe North	1,496
		19. Mareham le Fen	1,579
C. City of Lincoln	62,332	20. Marshchapel	1,722
1. Abbey	5,026	21. North Holme	1,774
2. Birchwood	5,425	22. North Somercotes	1,419
3. Boultham	5,692	23. North Thoresby	1,659
4. Bracebridge	6,180	24. Priory	1,746
5. Carholme	5,292	25. Roughton	1,813
6. Castle	5,172	26. St Clement's	3,745
7. Glebe	5,882	27. St James'	1,684
8. Hartsholme	6,771	28. St Margaret's	1,904
9. Minster	5,520	29. St Mary's	1,661
10. Moorland	5,732	30. St Michael's	1,786
11. Park	5,640	31. Scarbrough	3,587
		32. Seacroft	3,537
		33. Sibsey	1,483
		34. Skidbrooke with Saltfleet Haven	1,647
		35. Spilsby	1,761
		36. Stickney	1,674
		37. Sutton on Sea North	1,609
		38. Sutton on Sea South	1,630
		39. Tetford	1,664
		40. Tetney	1,788
		41. Trinity	1,527
		42. Trusthorpe and Mablethorpe South	1,459
		43. Wainfleet and Friskney	3,095
		44. Willoughby with Sloothby	1,564
		45. Winthorpe	3,780
		46. Withern with Stain	1,524
		47. Woodhall Spa	2,926
		48. Wragby	1,619

D. North Kesteven District	68,889	E. South Holland District	60,103
1. Ashby de la Launde	1,658	1. Crowland	2,873
2. Bassingham	1,834	2. Deeping St Nicholas	1,002
3. Billingham	1,661	3. Donington	3,053
4. Bracebridge Heath and Waddington East	5,145	4. Fleet	1,651
5. Branston and Mere	3,630	5. Gedney	1,714
6. Brant Broughton	1,789	6. Gosberton Village	1,532
7. Cliff Villages	3,445	7. Holbeach Hurn	1,601
8. Cranwell and Byard's Leap	1,527	8. Holbeach St John's	1,402
9. Eagle and North Scarle	1,602	9. Holbeach Town	5,116
10. Heckington Rural	3,528	10. Long Sutton	5,147
11. Heighington and Washingborough	5,313	11. Pinchbeck	4,167
12. Kyme	1,876	12. Spalding Castle	1,704
13. Leasingham and Roxholm	1,776	13. Spalding Monks House	3,172
14. Martin	1,554	14. Spalding St John's	3,455
15. Metheringham	3,480	15. Spalding St Mary's	3,005
16. North Hykeham Forum	1,970	16. Spalding St Paul's	3,155
17. North Hykeham Memorial	1,740	17. Spalding Wygate	3,482
18. North Hykeham Mill	1,740	18. Surfleet	1,774
19. North Hykeham Moor	1,851	19. Sutton Bridge	3,114
20. North Hykeham Witham	1,836	20. The Saints	1,703
21. Osbournby	1,649	21. Weston and Moulton	4,349
22. Ruskington	3,717	22. Whaplode	1,932
23. Skellingthorpe	2,658		
24. Sleaford Castle	1,785		
25. Sleaford Holdingham	1,720		
26. Sleaford Mareham	1,496		
27. Sleaford Navigation	1,491		
28. Sleaford Quarrington	1,722		
29. Sleaford Westholme	1,855		
30. Waddington West	1,841		

F. South Kesteven District	95,607	G. West Lindsey District	62,403
1. All Saints	3,634	1. Bardney	1,550
2. Aveland	1,541	2. Caistor	2,518
3. Barrowby	1,729	3. Cherry Willingham	3,106
4. Belmont	3,153	4. Dunholme	1,661
5. Bourne East	4,745	5. Fiskerton	1,475
6. Bourne West	4,594	6. Gainsborough East	4,366
7. Deeping St James	5,462	7. Gainsborough North	5,039
8. Earlesfield	4,949	8. Gainsborough South-West	3,342
9. Ermine	1,828	9. Hemswell	1,715
10. Forest	1,629	10. Kelsey	1,892
11. Glen Eden	1,661	11. Lea	1,711
12. Grantham St John's	3,255	12. Market Rasen	3,680
13. Green Hill	2,901	13. Middle Rasen	1,892
14. Greyfriars	2,965	14. Nettleham	3,579
15. Harrowby	4,576	15. Saxilby	3,167
16. Heath	1,699	16. Scampton	1,786
17. Hillsides	1,551	17. Scotter	3,374
18. Isaac Newton	1,671	18. Stow	1,687
19. Lincrest	1,704	19. Sudbrooke	1,919
20. Loveden	1,664	20. Thonock	1,896
21. Market and West Deeping	4,837	21. Torksey	1,909
22. Morkery	1,754	22. Waddingham and Spital	1,713
23. Peascliffe	1,601	23. Welton	3,636
24. Ringstone	2,035	24. Wold View	1,811
25. Saxonwell	1,741	25. Yarborough	1,979
26. St Anne's	3,443		
27. St George's	3,119		
28. St Mary's	3,499		
29. St Wulfram's	3,421		
30. Stamford St John's	4,880		
31. Thurlby	1,639		
32. Toller	1,572		
33. Truesdale	3,445		
34. Witham Valley	1,710		