



News Release
Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries
Falkirk Local Inquiry
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Boundaries Scotland to hold Local Inquiry into its proposals for three Scottish Parliament Constituencies: Cumbernauld and Kilsyth; Falkirk North; and Linlithgow and Falkirk South.

The Local Inquiry will be held on 22 August 2024 at the Falkirk Stadium. Two sessions will be run, the first at 2pm until 4pm and the second at 6pm until 8pm. The Inquiry will be chaired by Assistant Commissioner Wade and will provide an opportunity for local people, Councils and elected representatives to put their views forward.

The Second Review of Scottish Parliament boundaries commenced in 2022. The review is required under the terms of the Scotland Act 1998 and will recommend constituencies, and regions, of similar electorate size while also taking account of local authority areas, special geographical circumstances, maintenance of local ties and any inconveniences caused by the alteration of the existing boundaries.

Chair of Boundaries Scotland, Prof Ailsa Henderson said:

“Local Inquiries are held by us in areas where a local authority has objected to our revised proposals, where there has been a strong local response or where we feel we want additional information. They are an important part of the review process. If we subsequently change our proposals in any area we will consult again later in 2024.”

Boundaries Scotland consulted on its Revised Proposals for constituencies for the Scottish Parliament from 16 April to 15 May 2024. The proposals amended the existing Falkirk constituency boundaries. This was in response to comments received during an earlier consultation on provisional proposals held in 2023.

Responses to our earlier consultations can be viewed on our consultation site https://consult.boundaries.scot/reviews/sp_constituencies_revised_proposals/

Scottish Ministers have appointed Sheriff Principal Wade to act as an Assistant Commissioner and chair this inquiry.

Anyone who wishes to speak at the inquiry is invited to register by emailing boundaries.scot@scottishboundaries.gov.uk or telephoning 0131 244 2001.

Further information about the review and this local inquiry is available at www.boundaries.scot/reviews/second-review-scottish-parliament-boundaries.

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