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**Boundaries Scotland consults on
Additional Proposals for constituencies and Revised Proposals for regions for the
Scottish Parliament**

Boundaries Scotland has today published its Additional Proposals for constituency boundaries and Revised Proposals for region boundaries for the Scottish Parliament. It marks the start of a public consultation which runs for one month from 24 January to 24 February 2025.

Constituencies

Boundaries Scotland has undertaken three rounds of consultation on its proposals for constituencies. After considering useful feedback and alternative suggestions made during the previous Further Proposals consultation (September to October 2024) and at the Paisley and Whitburn Local Inquiries, we have now produced our Additional Proposals for consultation.

From the Further Proposals:

- Four constituencies have both new names and boundaries.
 - Bathgate - we have amended the boundary of our proposed constituency by Linlithgow and Polbeth and renamed it Bathgate.
 - Falkirk East and Linlithgow - we have amended the boundary of our proposed constituency at Callendar Park, Linlithgow and Stenhousemuir. We have renamed it Falkirk East and Linlithgow.
 - Renfrewshire North and Cardonald – following a suggestion from our earlier consultation we have amended the boundary of our proposed constituency at Glasgow Airport and Langbank. We have renamed the constituency Renfrewshire North and Cardonald.
 - Renfrewshire West and Lavern Valley – following a suggestion from our earlier consultation we have amended the boundary of our proposed constituency at Langbank and Phoenix Retail Park and renamed the constituency Renfrewshire West and Lavern Valley.

- Three constituencies have some changes to their boundaries but retain their names from the Further Proposals stage.
 - Almond Valley - boundary amended by Polbeth.
 - Falkirk West - we have amended the boundary by Callendar Park and Stenhousemuir.

- Paisley – following a suggestion from our earlier consultation we have amended the boundary of our proposed Paisley constituency at Phoenix Retail Park and Glasgow Airport to follow ward boundaries.

In previous rounds, if our proposals revert to the status quo boundary and name for a constituency, then it was not included in the consultation. This applied to the constituencies of Eastwood, Falkirk East and Falkirk West at the Further Proposals consultation stage and applies to Cumbernauld and Kilsyth at the Additional Proposals stage. It also applies to Airdrie as its proposed name is unchanged from the Further Proposals, and its boundaries revert to the status quo.

For constituencies that are unchanged from the Further Proposals stage, Boundaries Scotland has agreed to adopt the Further Proposals as its Final Recommendations, subject to satisfactory constituencies being designed in neighbouring areas. There will be no consultation on these constituencies at this stage.

Professor Ailsa Henderson, Chair of Boundaries Scotland said: -

“We would like to thank everyone who made submissions to the consultation on Further Proposals and thank those who participated in the Paisley and Whitburn local inquiries. We have used this information, alongside submissions to earlier rounds of consultation and previous local inquiries, to arrive at Additional Proposals that meet the legislative requirements, are fair across Scotland as a whole and reflect the natural boundaries of communities. We look forward to receiving submissions on these Additional Proposals.”

Regions

Boundaries Scotland has also published its Revised Proposals for region boundaries for the Scottish Parliament. The Commission consulted on its Provisional Proposals for regions between September and October 2024.

Following that consultation and the two local inquiries held in Paisley and Whitburn we have made some changes in producing our Revised Proposals for further consultation.

From the Provisional Proposals:

- three regions are unchanged (Highlands and Islands; Mid Scotland and Fife (unchanged from existing); and North East Scotland). We will not be consulting on these regions at this stage.
- three regions have their boundaries amended.
 - Glasgow – now includes an East Kilbride rather than Erskine, Renfrew and Cardonald constituency.
 - South Scotland – no longer includes an East Kilbride or Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse constituency. Special geographical circumstances have been applied due to its rurality and low population density.
 - West Scotland – now includes a Renfrewshire North and Cardonald constituency
- one region has both their boundary and name amended. The Central Scotland region is renamed Central Scotland and Lothians West to better reflect the fact that the entire Lothian area is too large to sit within a single region. The Central Scotland and Lothians West region now includes a Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse constituency.

- one region has had just their name amended. The Lothian region is renamed Edinburgh and Lothians East to reflect the fact that the entire Lothian area is too large to sit within a single region and to include Edinburgh, which is consistent with the Glasgow region name.

Professor Ailsa Henderson, Chair of Boundaries Scotland, said

“We would like to thank everyone for their consultation responses and local inquiry submissions on the Provisional Proposals for regions. We have used this information to generate Revised Proposals that satisfy the rules guiding our work, reflect concerns about natural communities and provide the best solution for Scotland as a whole. We have recognised the special geographic considerations that apply in the proposed South of Scotland region. We look forward to receiving submissions to the consultation and encourage the public to share their views.”

This review is of electoral boundaries (constituencies and regions) only and therefore **does not** affect any other boundaries (UK constituencies, local authorities, community councils, health boards etc). For individuals, this review does not affect the council area in which they live nor the way local services are accessed.

We welcome all comments on our Additional Proposals for constituencies and Revised Proposals for regions on our consultation site at <https://consult.boundaries.scot/>

After the consultation closes Boundaries Scotland will consider all responses received. If changes are made, to the Revised Proposals for regions or the Additional Proposals for constituencies, another one-month consultation may be held.

All consultation responses, transcripts of Local Inquiries and Assistant Commissioners’ reports from our earlier consultations can be viewed on our website boundaries.scot.

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Summary of Additional Proposals for constituencies

Our Additional Proposals reflect suggestions received during our earlier consultation and at the Paisley and Whitburn local inquiries and can be summarised as follows: -

Falkirk and West Lothian

To help protect the electoral quota in neighbouring constituencies and reflect local ties the following changes form part of the Additional Proposals: -

- Almond Valley - boundary amended by Polbeth.
- Bathgate - we have amended the boundary of our proposed constituency by Linlithgow and Polbeth and renamed it Bathgate.
- Falkirk East and Linlithgow - we have amended the boundary of our proposed constituency at Callendar Park, Linlithgow and Stenhousemuir. We have renamed it Falkirk East and Linlithgow.
- Falkirk West - we have amended the boundary by Callendar Park and Stenhousemuir.

Glasgow, Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire

Three constituency boundaries are amended and two constituency names are changed.

- Paisley – following a suggestion from our earlier consultation we have amended the boundary of our proposed Paisley constituency at Phoenix Retail Park and Glasgow Airport to follow ward boundaries.
- Renfrewshire North and Cardonald – following a suggestion from our earlier consultation we have amended the boundary of our proposed constituency at Glasgow Airport and Langbank. We have renamed the constituency Renfrewshire North and Cardonald.
- Renfrewshire West and Levern Valley – following a suggestion from our earlier consultation we have amended the boundary of our proposed constituency at Langbank and Phoenix Retail Park and renamed the constituency Renfrewshire West and Levern Valley.

The following table lists all the constituencies, whether any changes have been made to the existing or Further Proposals boundaries and which constituencies we are consulting on: -

| Constituency Name | Electorate | Area km² | Burgh/ County | Consult add. Props | Chgs from exist | Chgs from further |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Aberdeen Central | 55,994 | 27 | Burgh | | U | U |
| Aberdeen Deeside and North Kincardine | 61,544 | 198 | County | | N | U |
| Aberdeen Donside | 62,531 | 92 | Burgh | | U | U |
| Aberdeenshire East | 61,078 | 1,293 | County | | B | U |
| Aberdeenshire West | 59,983 | 3,532 | County | | U | U |
| Airdrie | 54,205 | 214 | County | | N | B |
| Almond Valley | 67,010 | 203 | County | Y | B | B |
| Angus North and Mearns | 55,006 | 1,427 | County | | U | U |
| Angus South | 58,622 | 1,319 | County | | U | U |
| Argyll and Bute | 49,535 | 6,712 | County | | U | U |
| Ayr | 62,566 | 49 | Burgh | | U | U |
| Banffshire and Buchan Coast | 61,591 | 1,060 | County | | B | U |
| Bathgate | 68,664 | 200 | County | Y | BN | BN |
| Caithness, Sutherland and Ross | 56,532 | 12,792 | County | | U | U |
| Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley | 59,218 | 2,083 | County | | U | U |
| Clackmannanshire and Dunblane | 56,732 | 261 | County | | B | U |
| Clydebank and Milngavie | 55,112 | 69 | Burgh | | B | U |
| Clydesdale | 61,011 | 1,573 | County | | U | U |
| Coatbridge and Chryston | 56,877 | 63 | Burgh | | U | U |
| Cowdenbeath | 56,363 | 135 | County | | B | U |
| Cumbernauld and Kilsyth | 51,210 | 171 | County | | U | B |
| Cunninghame North | 56,604 | 777 | County | | U | U |
| Cunninghame South | 59,525 | 217 | County | | B | U |
| Dumbarton | 56,129 | 599 | County | | B | U |
| Dumfriesshire | 61,848 | 2,879 | County | | U | U |
| Dundee City East | 56,030 | 28 | Burgh | | U | U |
| Dundee City West | 56,705 | 35 | Burgh | | U | U |
| Dunfermline | 62,615 | 214 | County | | B | U |
| East Kilbride | 60,763 | 50 | Burgh | | U | U |
| East Lothian Coast and Lammermuirs | 57,511 | 659 | County | | BN | U |
| Eastwood | 56,258 | 129 | County | | U | U |
| Edinburgh Central | 64,114 | 11 | Burgh | | B | U |

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| Edinburgh Eastern, Musselburgh and Tranent | 57,320 | 52 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Edinburgh North Eastern and Leith | 64,322 | 16 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Edinburgh North Western | 60,313 | 95 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Edinburgh Northern | 63,281 | 20 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Edinburgh South Western | 59,967 | 88 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Edinburgh Southern | 62,177 | 31 | Burgh | | B | U |
| Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire | 55,131 | 3,194 | County | | U | U |
| Falkirk East and Linlithgow | 67,341 | 206 | County | Y | BN | BN |
| Falkirk West | 68,831 | 112 | Burgh | Y | B | B |
| Fife North East | 56,669 | 774 | County | | N | U |
| Galloway and West Dumfries | 57,094 | 3,797 | County | | U | U |
| Glasgow Anniesland | 60,545 | 17 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Glasgow Baillieston and Shettleston | 58,936 | 27 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Glasgow Cathcart and Pollok | 66,213 | 33 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Glasgow Central | 61,723 | 21 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Glasgow Easterhouse and Springburn | 59,829 | 35 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Glasgow Kelvin and Maryhill | 64,836 | 21 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Glasgow Southside | 65,486 | 15 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse | 59,596 | 104 | Burgh | | U | U |
| Inverclyde | 60,794 | 174 | County | | BN | U |
| Inverness and Nairn | 65,464 | 1,094 | County | | B | U |
| Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley | 57,515 | 283 | County | | B | U |
| Kirkcaldy | 60,642 | 100 | Burgh | | U | U |
| Mid Fife and Glenrothes | 54,098 | 150 | County | | U | U |
| Midlothian North | 53,996 | 146 | County | | BN | U |
| Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale | 60,183 | 1,758 | County | | B | U |
| Moray | 63,123 | 2,056 | County | | B | U |
| Motherwell and Wishaw | 57,740 | 50 | Burgh | | U | U |
| Na h-Eileanan an Iar | 21,769 | 3,270 | County | | U | U |
| Orkney Islands | 17,696 | 1,087 | County | | U | U |
| Paisley | 58,570 | 42 | Burgh | Y | B | B |
| Perthshire North | 59,944 | 3,978 | County | | B | U |
| Perthshire South and Kinross-shire | 60,095 | 1,443 | County | | B | U |

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| Renfrewshire North and Cardonald | 63,745 | 73 | Burgh | Y | BN | BN |
| Renfrewshire West and Levern Valley | 60,982 | 205 | County | Y | BN | BN |
| Rutherglen and Cambuslang | 62,888 | 33 | Burgh | | BN | U |
| Shetland Islands | 17,965 | 1,657 | County | | U | U |
| Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch | 67,222 | 12,588 | County | | B | U |
| Stirling | 54,302 | 2,158 | County | | B | U |
| Strathkelvin and Bearsden | 63,895 | 144 | County | | U | U |
| Uddingston and Bellshill | 58,839 | 52 | Burgh | | B | U |

B - boundary changed. Name unchanged.

BN - new constituency boundary and new constituency name.

N - name changed. Boundary unchanged from existing constituency.

U - unchanged.

Y - consult on Additional Proposals for constituencies.

Summary of Revised Proposals for regions

Changes have been made to the existing regions to reflect the changes in the electorate and to try and achieve electoral parity between regions. The Commission has recognised the special geographical conditions that exist in the Highland and Islands and South Scotland regions where the electorate is substantially lower than other regions but the geographical area is vast.

The following table sets out the Revised Proposals for the eight regions: -

| Region | Constituencies | Electorate | Consult Revised Proposals | Chgs from Prov. |
|------------------------------------|--|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Central Scotland and Lothians West | Airdrie; Almond Valley; Bathgate; Coatbridge and Chryston; Cumbernauld and Kilsyth; Falkirk East and Linlithgow; Falkirk West; Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse; Motherwell and Wishaw; Uddingston and Bellshill | 610,313 | Y | BN |
| Glasgow | East Kilbride; Glasgow Anniesland; Glasgow Baillieston and Shettleston; Glasgow Cathcart and Pollok; Glasgow Central; Glasgow Easterhouse and Springburn; Glasgow Kelvin and Maryhill; Glasgow Southside; Rutherglen and Cambuslang | 561,219 | Y | B |
| Highlands and Islands | Argyll and Bute; Caithness, Sutherland and Ross; Inverness and Nairn; Moray; Na h-Eileanan an Iar; Orkney Islands; Shetland Islands; Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch | 359,306 | | U |
| Edinburgh and Lothians East | East Lothian Coast and Lammermuirs; Edinburgh Central; Edinburgh Eastern, Musselburgh and Tranent; Edinburgh North Eastern and Leith; Edinburgh North Western; Edinburgh Northern; Edinburgh South Western; Edinburgh Southern; Midlothian North | 543,001 | Y | N |
| Mid Scotland and Fife | Clackmannanshire and Dunblane; Cowdenbeath; Dunfermline; Fife North East; Kirkcaldy; Mid Fife and Glenrothes; Perthshire North; Perthshire South and Kinrossshire; Stirling | 521,460 | | U |
| North East Scotland | Aberdeen Central; Aberdeen Deeside and North Kincardine; Aberdeen Donside; Aberdeenshire East; | 589,084 | | U |

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| | Aberdeenshire West; Angus North and Mearns; Angus South; Banffshire and Buchan Coast; Dundee City East; Dundee City West | | | |
| South Scotland | Ayr; Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley; Clydesdale; Dumfriesshire; Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire; Galloway and West Dumfries; Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley; Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale | 474,566 | Y | B |
| West Scotland | Clydebank and Milngavie; Cunninghame North; Cunninghame South; Dumbarton; Eastwood; Inverclyde; Paisley; Renfrewshire North and Cardonald; Renfrewshire West and Lavern Valley; Strathkelvin and Bearsden | 591,614 | Y | B |

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BN – new constituency boundary and new constituency name.

N – name changed. Boundary unchanged from existing constituency.

U – unchanged.

Y – consult on Revised Proposals for regions.

Background information

Boundaries Scotland

Boundaries Scotland is an independent advisory non-departmental public body sponsored and funded by the Scottish Government. The role of Boundaries Scotland is to review and make recommendations for: constituencies and regions for the Scottish Parliament; the number of councillors on each council in a local government area; the number of wards for local government elections and their boundaries; and the extent of council areas.

For the avoidance of confusion, the Boundary Commission for Scotland is a separate body responsible for reviewing the boundaries of UK Parliamentary constituencies in Scotland.

Background to the review

The Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries is required by the Scotland Act 1998.

Since the last review which reported in 2010 there has been significant change to the electorate, including the extension of the franchise for Scottish Parliamentary elections to those 16 and over. Changes to the population and the electorate have varied across Scotland, with some areas experiencing significant increases and others remaining relatively unchanged or falling. Even areas which have not experienced population growth or reduction may find that the boundaries alter as a result of change required elsewhere to ensure that all constituencies and regions are of a similar electoral size.

The existing boundaries have remained unchanged since 2011 and were used in the 2011, 2016 and 2021 Scottish Parliament elections.

The Boundary Commission for Scotland conducted the First Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries. It reported in 2010. Under the Scotland Act 2016, responsibility for reviews of Scottish Parliament boundaries passed from the Boundary Commission for Scotland to Boundaries Scotland in 2017.

During the First Review only the Orkney Islands and Shetland Island constituencies were protected. Since the last review, the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 made Na h-Eileanan an Iar constituency a protected constituency as well.

Review timeline

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| May 2023 | Consultation on Provisional Proposals for constituencies |
| Dec 2023 – Jan 2024 | Local Inquiries held |
| Apr – May 2024 | Consultation on Revised Proposals for constituencies |
| August 2024 | Local Inquiry held |
| Sep – Oct 2024 | Consultation on Further Proposals for constituencies Consultation on Provisional Proposals for regions |
| Nov – Dec 2024 | Local Inquiries held |
| Jan – Feb 2025 | Consultation on Additional Proposals for constituencies Consultation on Revised Proposals for regions |

Spring 2025

Further consultation (if required)

1 May 2025 - we will submit a report to Scottish Ministers by 1 May 2025. If subsequently approved by the Scottish Parliament, the new boundaries will be effective at the next Scottish Parliament election, expected in May 2026.

Electorate

The electorate for this review is taken from the electoral register on 1 September 2022.

The average electorate of each Scottish Parliament constituency is 59,902 – the electoral quota. This is calculated by dividing the total electorate of Scotland (less the electorate of the three protected island constituencies) by 70 constituencies (73 less the three protected islands constituencies).

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| Electorate (1 September 2022) | 4,250,563 |
| Less electorate of protected constituencies | 57,430 |
| Balance | 4,193,133 |
| Divided by total non-protected constituencies | 70 |
| Quota | 59,902 |

The average electorate for regions is 531,320 which is calculated by dividing the total electorate of Scotland (4,250,563) by eight.

Factors we consider

The Scotland Act 1998 states that the electorate of constituencies must be as close to the electoral quota as practicable. In addition, we take into account other factors set out in the Act, namely: local authority areas, special geographical circumstances, maintenance of local ties and any inconveniences caused by the alteration of the existing boundaries.

For regions, a constituency must fall wholly within a region and the electorate of each region must be as near as practicable to the electorate of other regions. In addition, we can take into account special geographic considerations.

Consultation

All comments submitted during our earlier consultations and at our local inquiries can be viewed on our consultation site and website. We welcome all comments on our Additional Proposals for constituencies and our Revised Proposals for regions on our consultation site at <https://consult.boundaries.scot/>

Our consultation site allows users to compare the existing and proposed boundaries.

Objections accompanied by an alternative proposal are likely to carry more weight than a simple statement of objection.

We also accept comments by email or in writing

- Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD
- boundaries.scot@scottishboundaries.gov.uk

We do not accept responses on social media.

The proposals will be on display within each constituency (see our website for the display point locations). We have also shared our proposals with MSPs, MPs, political parties, Councils, Community Councils and advertised in national newspapers and on Facebook.

The consultation runs for a month long period, from 24 January to 24 February 2025.

Local inquiries

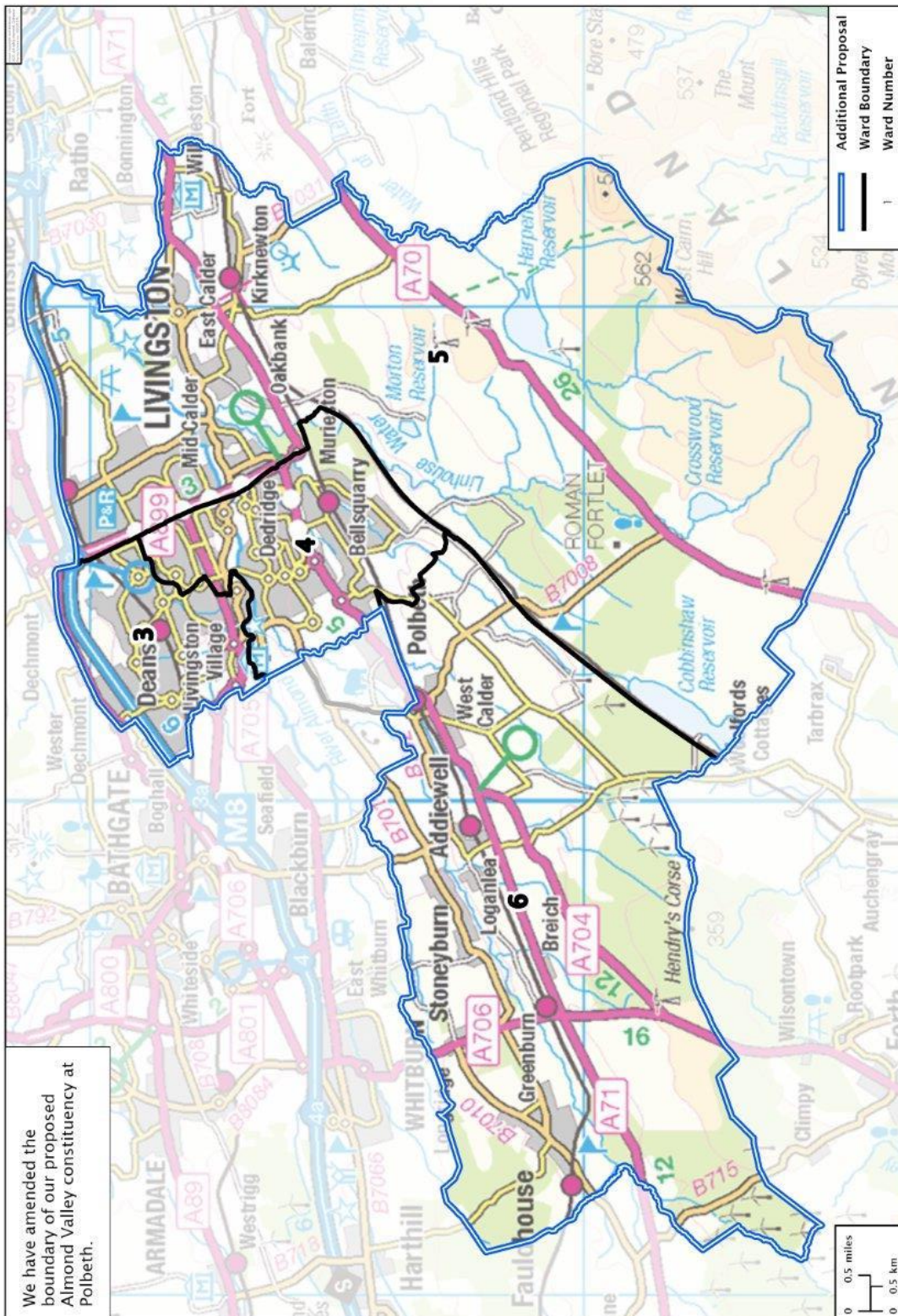
Where representations objecting to our Additional Proposals for constituencies are made by a local authority covering the constituency, or by a body of 100 or more electors resident in the proposed constituency, the Commission may hold a local inquiry. The Commission can also decide to hold one where there has been a considerable number of responses to the consultation and where it feels further information may be helpful. For regions, a local inquiry will be held if a local authority wholly or partly included in the region objects or a body of 500 or more electors resident in the region objects to the Revised Proposals. Boundaries Scotland may also hold a local inquiry if there is good reason for doing so.

The Commission does not prioritise information gathered during the inquiries over that submitted during the consultation period (or vice versa).

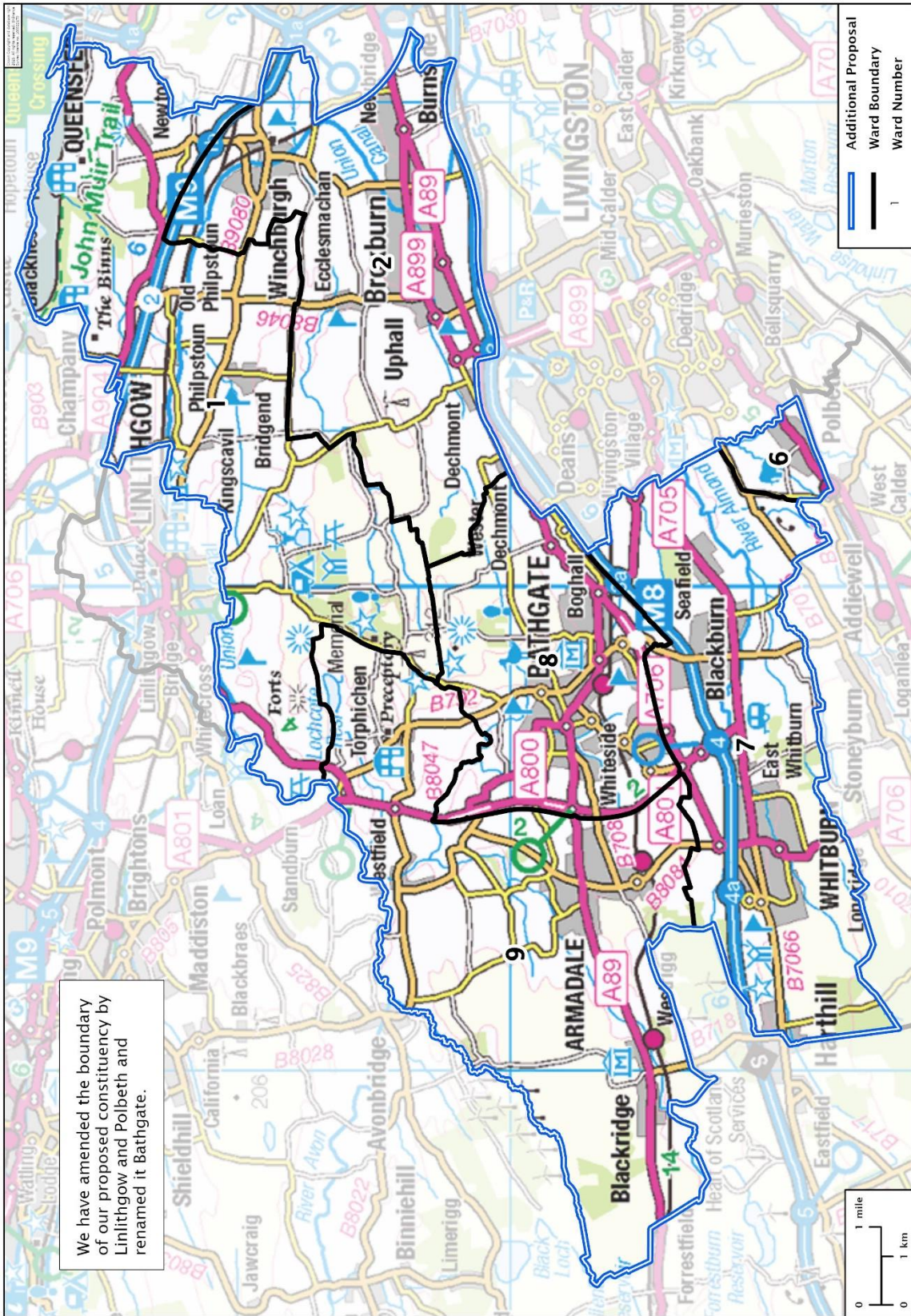
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For further information contact Kirsty Mavor, Secretary to the Commission, 0131 244 2001 / boundaries.scot@scottishboundaries.gov.uk

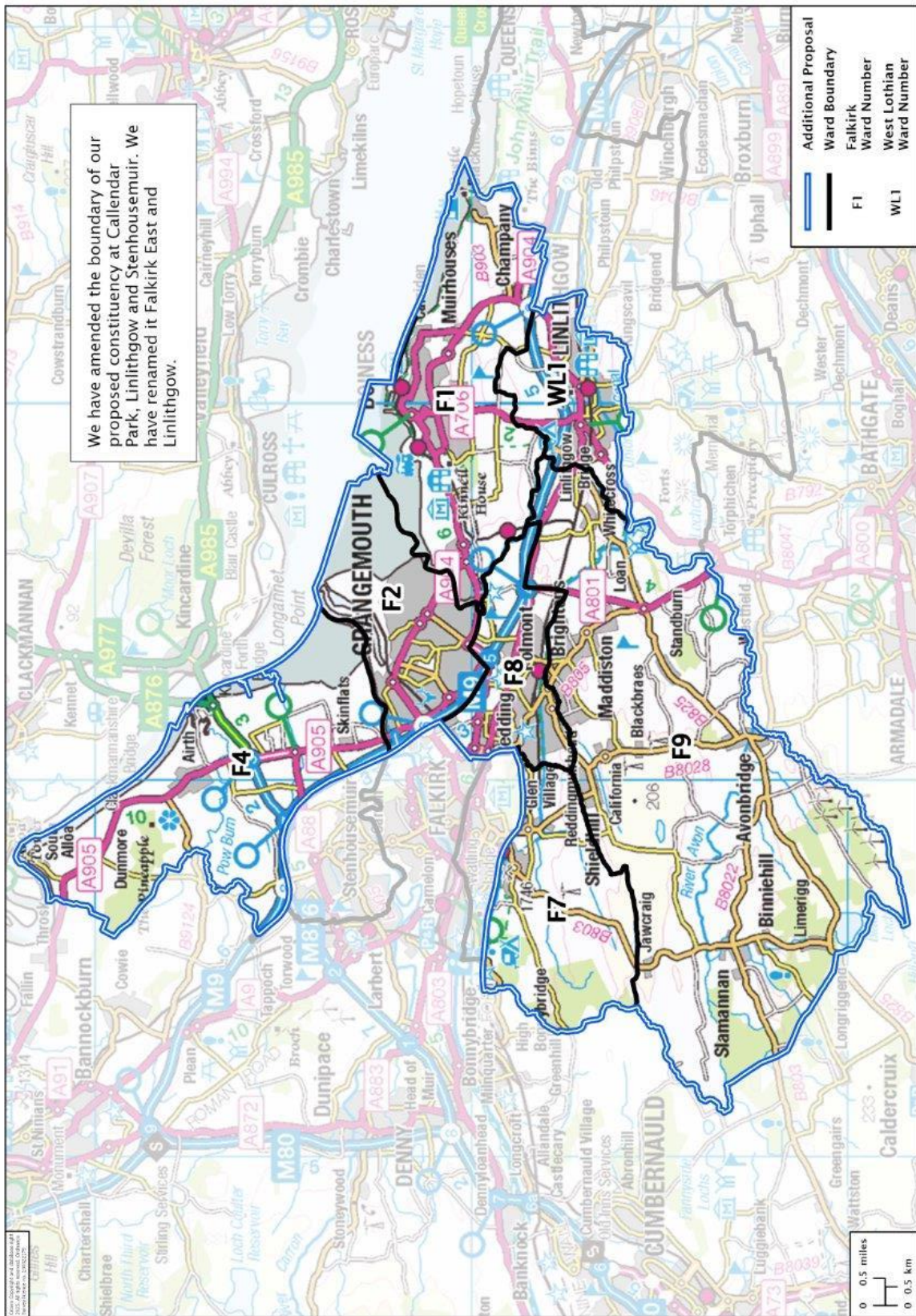
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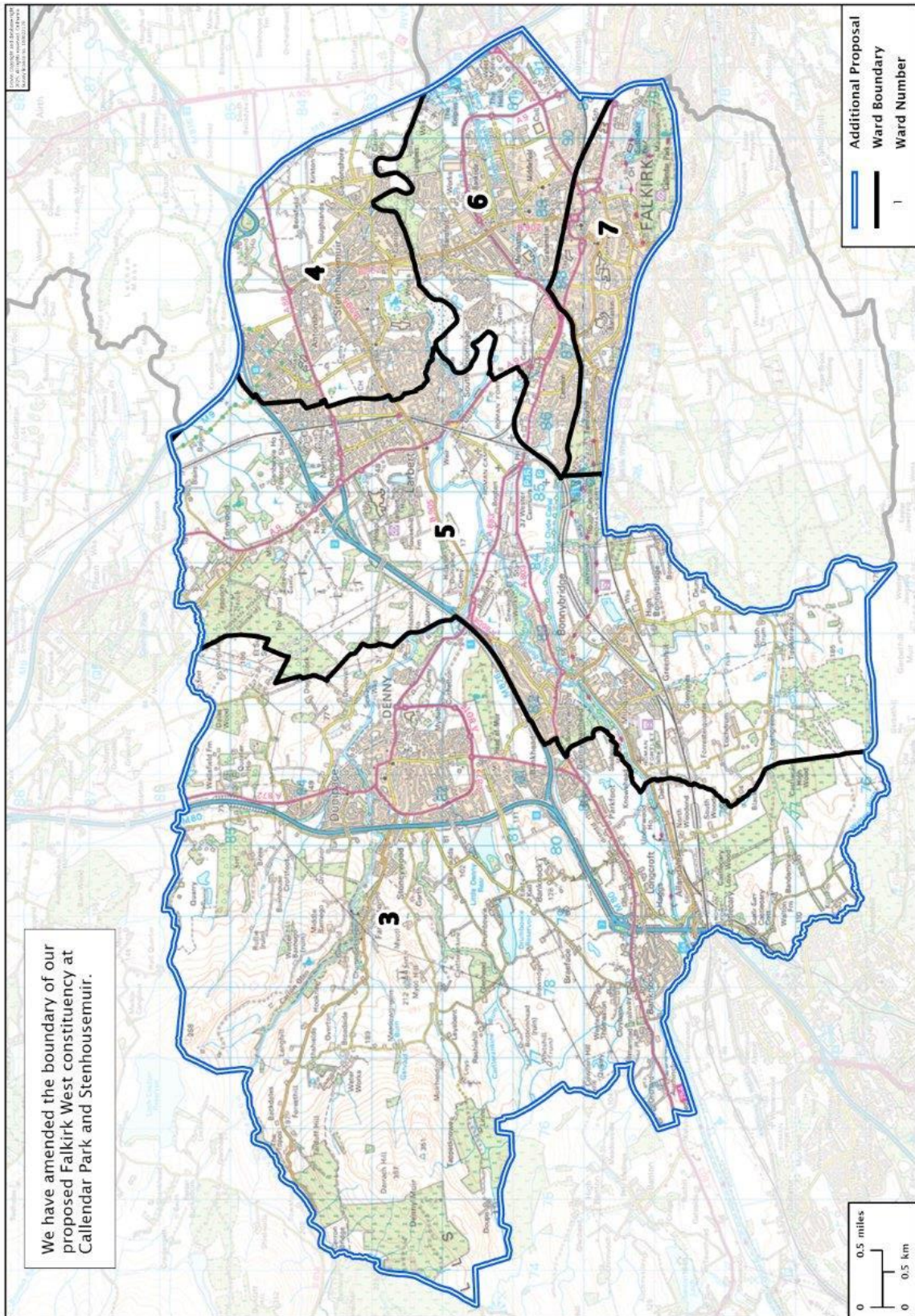
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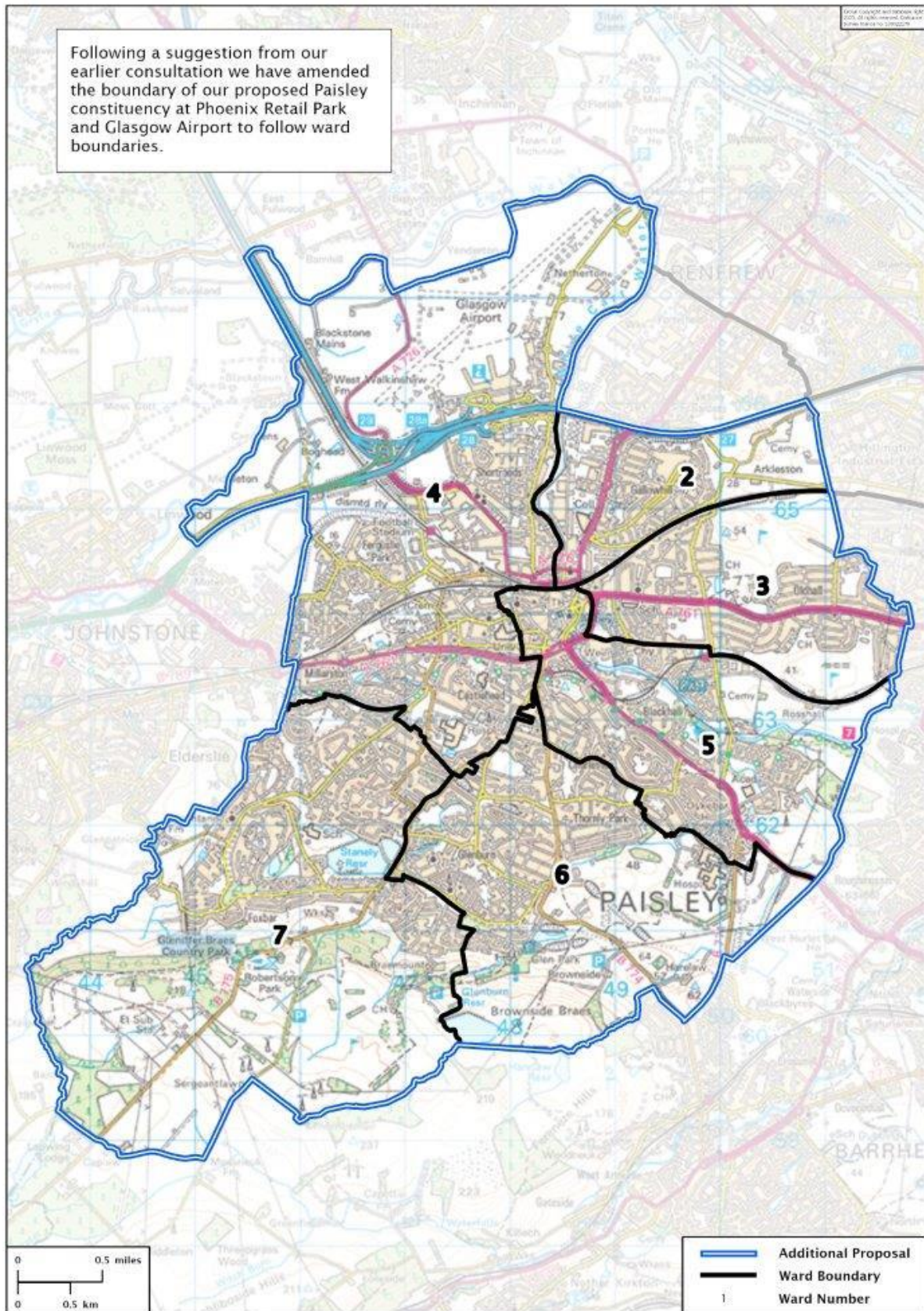
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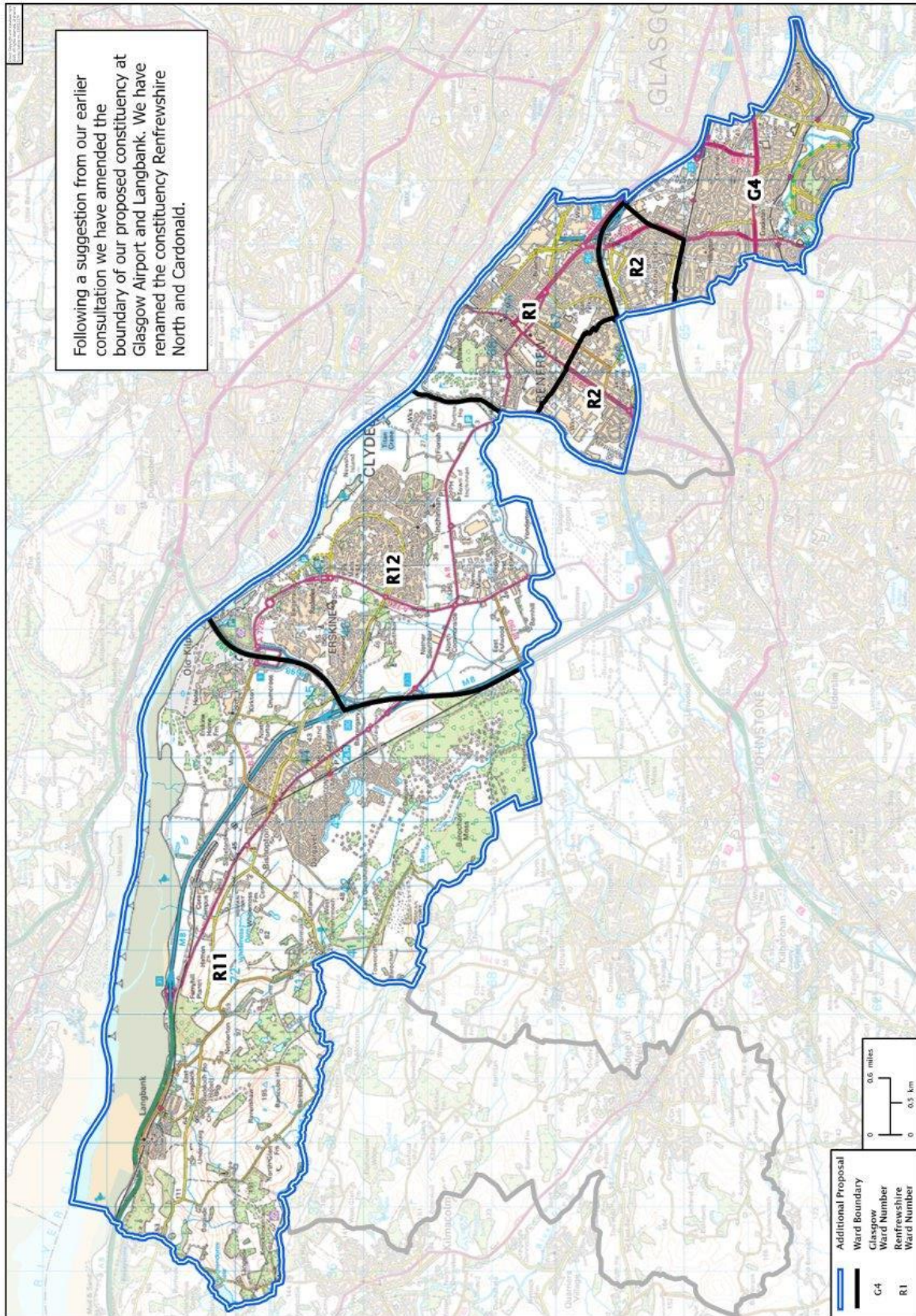
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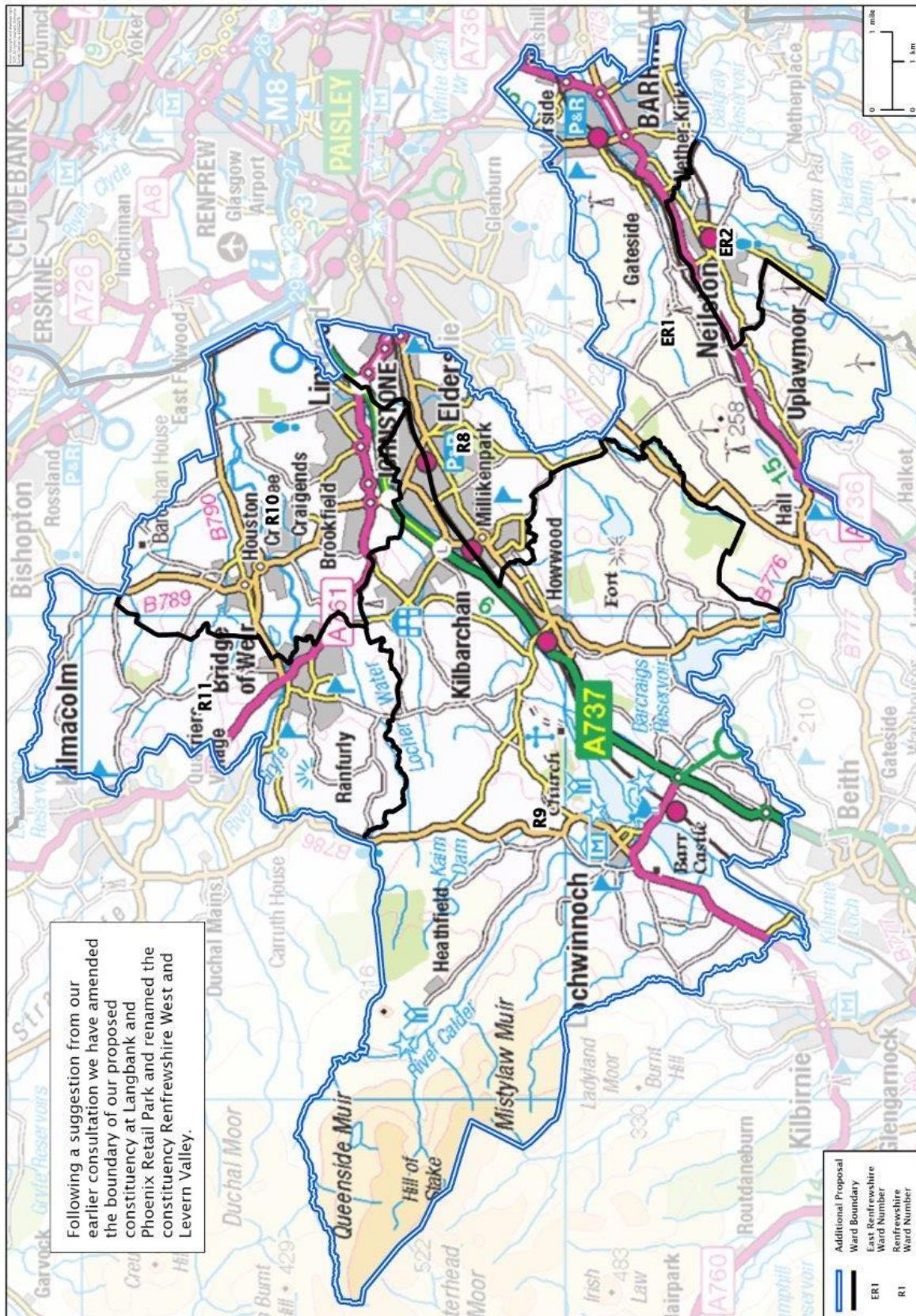
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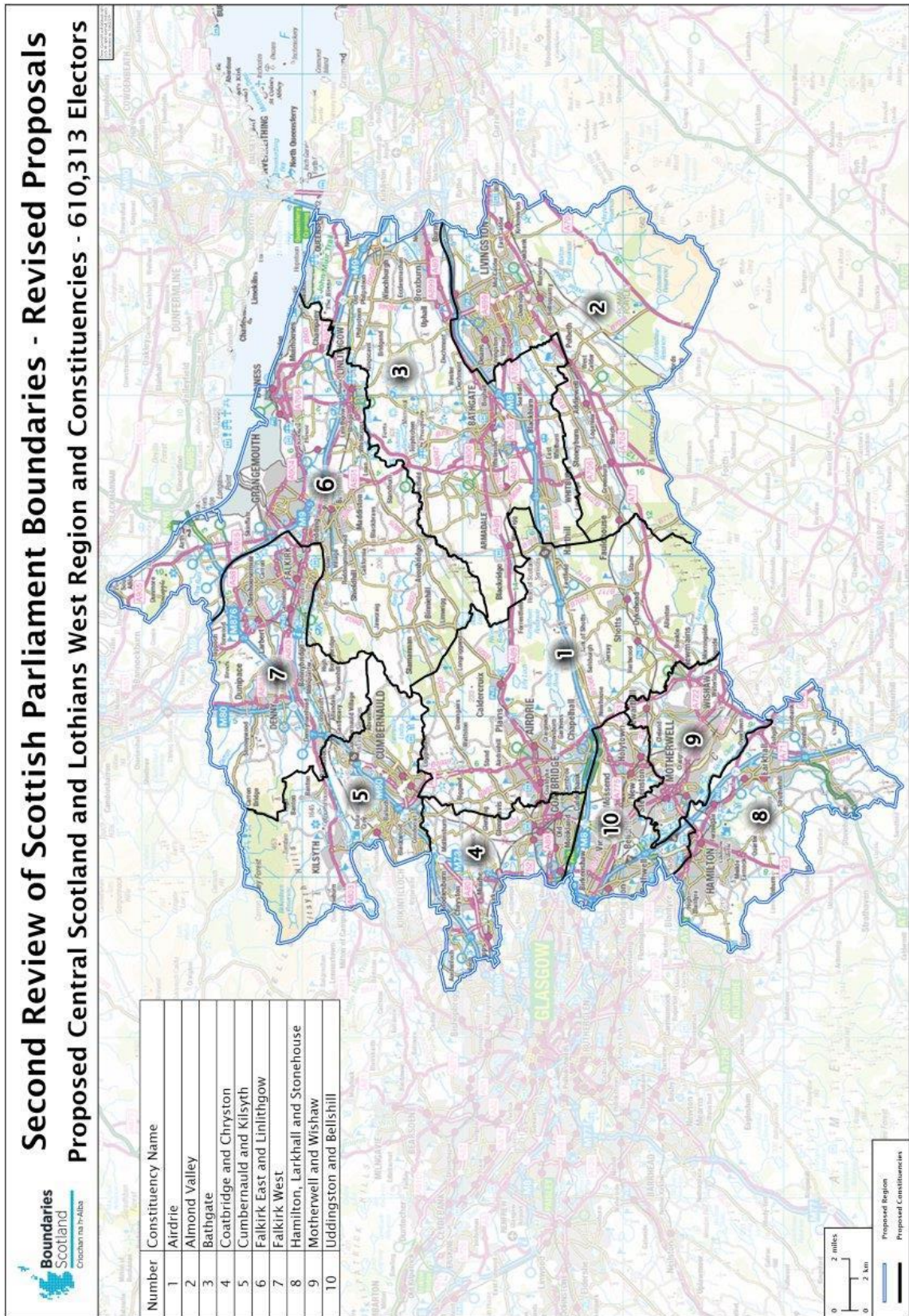


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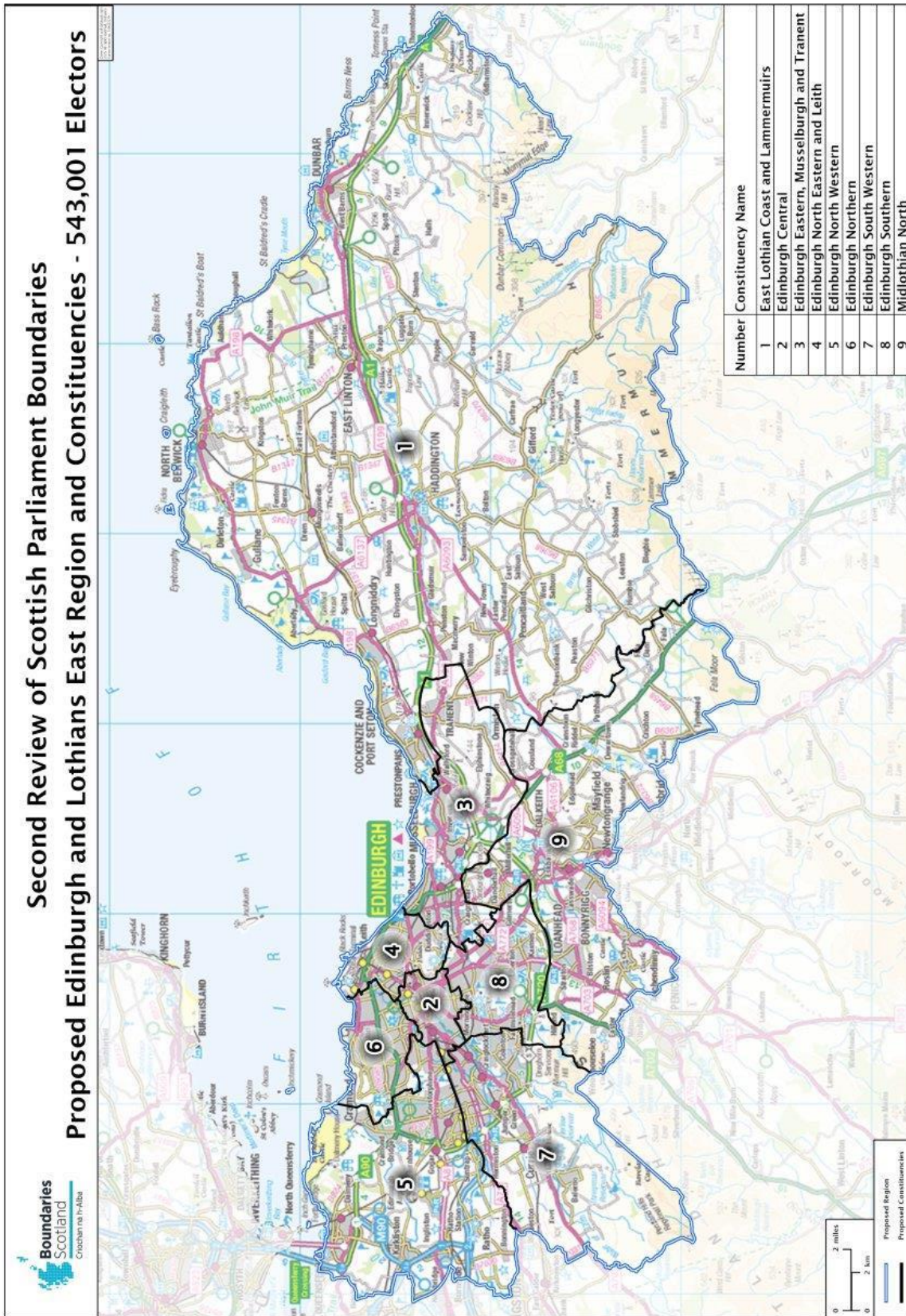


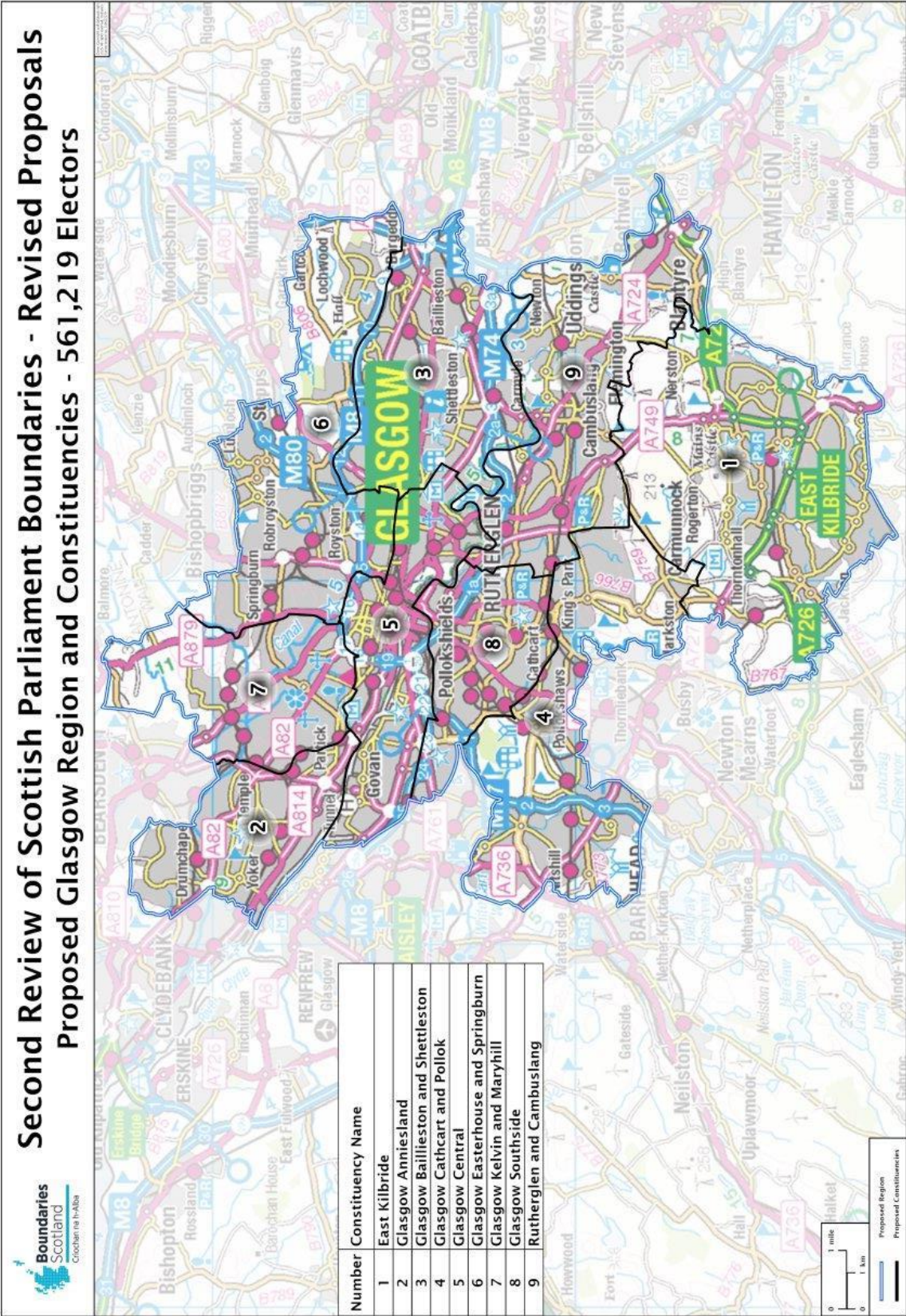
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Central Scotland and Lothians West

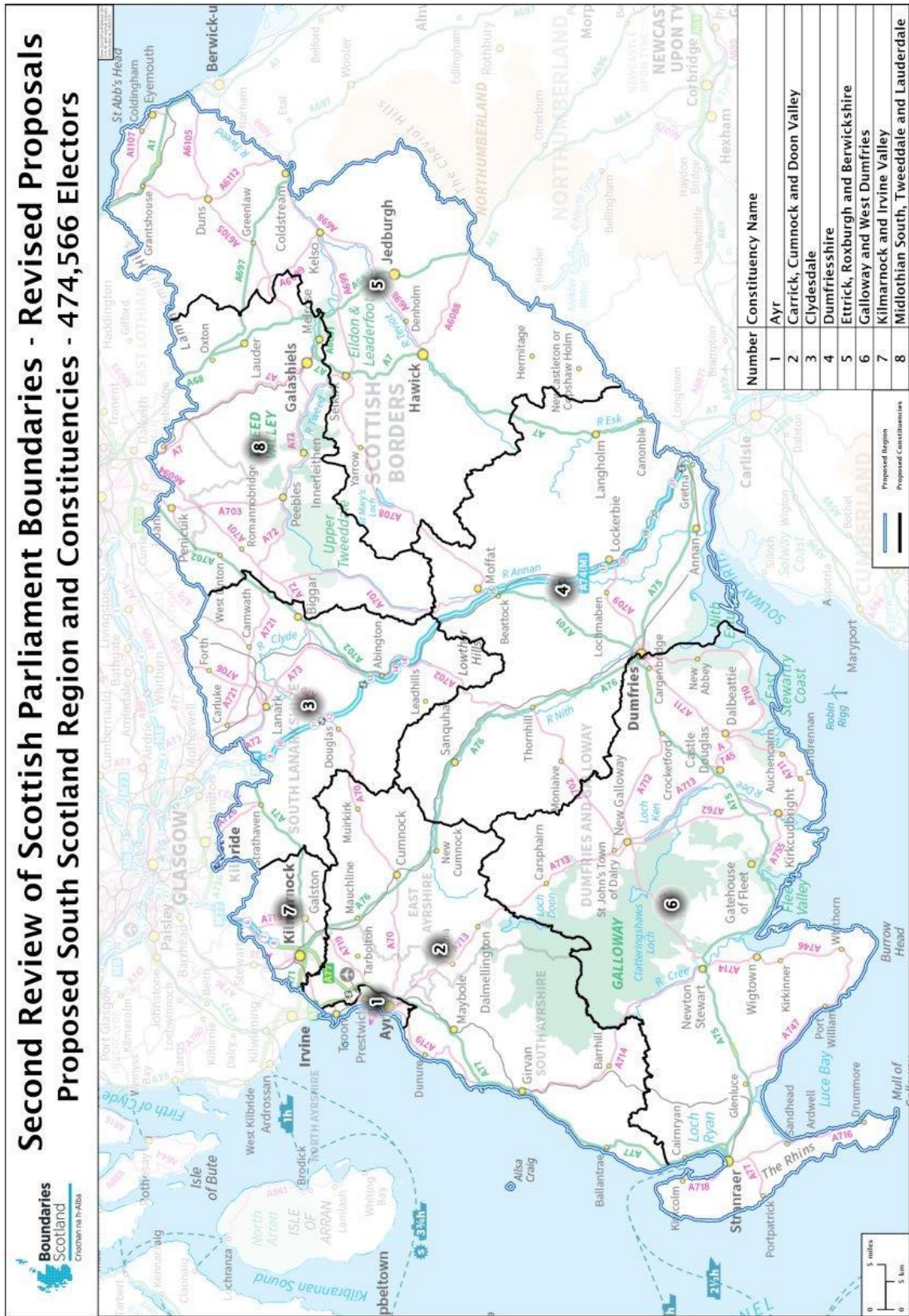


Edinburgh and Lothians East





South Scotland



West Scotland

