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**Boundaries Scotland consults on
Supplementary Proposals for constituencies and Further Proposals for regions for
the Scottish Parliament**

Boundaries Scotland has today published its Supplementary Proposals for constituency boundaries and Further Proposals for region boundaries for the Scottish Parliament. It marks the start of a public consultation which runs for one month from 14 March to 14 April 2025.

Constituencies

Boundaries Scotland has already undertaken four rounds of consultation on its proposals for constituencies. After considering useful feedback and alternative suggestions made during the previous Additional Proposals consultation (held between January and February 2025), it has now produced Supplementary Proposals for consultation.

From the Additional Proposals, Boundaries Scotland has amended the boundary of its proposed Almond Valley and Bathgate constituencies at Polbeth to maintain local ties between Polbeth and other communities in the Breich Valley. This suggestion was made by West Lothian Council and in individual submissions to the consultation

All other constituencies are unchanged from the previous consultation stage. These will form the Final Recommendations, subject to satisfactory constituencies being designed in West Lothian. As a result, there will be no further consultation on these other constituencies.

Regions

Boundaries Scotland will also be consulting on Further Proposals for a Glasgow region. This is the third round of consultation on region boundaries. The proposed Glasgow region is similar to the existing Glasgow region boundary except by Cardonald but our proposals no longer include the East Kilbride constituency.

After considering useful feedback and alternative suggestions provided during the Revised Proposal stage, Boundaries Scotland has transferred the East Kilbride constituency and the Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse constituency to the South Scotland region. This suggestion was made by South Lanarkshire Council and in individual submissions to the consultation. The effect of this is to revert to the South

Scotland and Central Scotland (now named Central Scotland and Lothians West) regions it previously consulted on during the Provisional Proposals stage (September to October 2024). This also addresses concerns from Falkirk Council about region size.

All other regions are unchanged from the previous consultation stages and will form the Final Recommendations, subject to satisfactory regions being designed in neighbouring areas. As a result, there will be no further consultation on these other regions.

Professor Ailsa Henderson, Chair of Boundaries Scotland, said
“We continue to be grateful for the consultation responses we have received at this late stage in the review. After listening to submissions made during the latest round of consultation, we have made proposed changes to two constituencies. For regions, we have been guided by consultation submissions to revert to our Provisional Proposals for South Scotland and Central Scotland (now known as Central Scotland and Lothians West). Since we have already consulted on these boundaries we will now consult on a proposed new Glasgow region only.”

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 Supplementary Proposals for constituencies and Further Proposals for regions on our consultation site at <https://consult.boundaries.scot/>

After the consultation closes Boundaries Scotland will consider all responses received.

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

ENDS

The following table lists all the constituencies including the two proposed constituencies we are consulting on. Bold indicates that we are consulting in these areas: -

Constituency Name	Electorate	Area km ²	Burgh/County	Consult Supp. Props	Chgs from Add
Aberdeen Central	55,994	27	Burgh		U
Aberdeen Deeside and North Kincardine	61,544	198	County		U
Aberdeen Donside	62,531	92	Burgh		U
Aberdeenshire East	61,078	1,293	County		U
Aberdeenshire West	59,983	3,532	County		U
Airdrie	54,205	214	County		U
Almond Valley	68,871	213	County	Y	B
Angus North and Mearns	55,006	1,427	County		U
Angus South	58,622	1,319	County		U
Argyll and Bute	49,535	6,712	County		U
Ayr	62,566	49	Burgh		U
Banffshire and Buchan Coast	61,591	1,060	County		U
Bathgate	66,803	207	County	Y	B
Caithness, Sutherland and Ross	56,532	12,792	County		U
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	59,218	2,083	County		U
Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	56,732	261	County		U
Clydebank and Milngavie	55,112	69	Burgh		U
Clydesdale	61,011	1,573	County		U
Coatbridge and Chryston	56,877	63	Burgh		U
Cowdenbeath	56,363	135	County		U
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	51,210	171	Burgh		U
Cunninghame North	56,604	777	County		U
Cunninghame South	59,525	217	County		U
Dumbarton	56,129	599	County		U
Dumfriesshire	61,848	2,879	County		U
Dundee City East	56,030	28	Burgh		U
Dundee City West	56,705	35	Burgh		U
Dunfermline	62,615	214	County		U
East Kilbride	60,763	50	Burgh		U
East Lothian Coast and Lammermuirs	57,511	659	County		U
Eastwood	56,258	129	County		U
Edinburgh Central	64,114	11	Burgh		U
Edinburgh Eastern, Musselburgh and Tranent	57,320	52	Burgh		U
Edinburgh North Eastern and Leith	64,322	16	Burgh		U
Edinburgh North Western	60,313	95	Burgh		U
Edinburgh Northern	63,281	20	Burgh		U
Edinburgh South Western	59,967	88	Burgh		U
Edinburgh Southern	62,177	31	Burgh		U

Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire	55,131	3,194	County		U
Falkirk East and Linlithgow	67,341	206	County		U
Falkirk West	68,831	112	Burgh		U
Fife North East	56,669	774	County		U
Galloway and West Dumfries	57,094	3,797	County		U
Glasgow Anniesland	60,545	17	Burgh		U
Glasgow Baillieston and Shettleston	58,936	27	Burgh		U
Glasgow Cathcart and Pollok	66,213	33	Burgh		U
Glasgow Central	61,723	21	Burgh		U
Glasgow Easterhouse and Springburn	59,829	35	Burgh		U
Glasgow Kelvin and Maryhill	64,836	21	Burgh		U
Glasgow Southside	65,486	15	Burgh		U
Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse	59,596	104	Burgh		U
Inverclyde	60,794	174	County		U
Inverness and Nairn	65,464	1,094	County		U
Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley	57,515	283	County		U
Kirkcaldy	60,642	100	Burgh		U
Mid Fife and Glenrothes	54,098	150	County		U
Midlothian North	53,996	146	County		U
Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	60,183	1,758	County		U
Moray	63,123	2,056	County		U
Motherwell and Wishaw	57,740	50	Burgh		U
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	21,769	3,270	County		U
Orkney Islands	17,696	1,087	County		U
Paisley	58,570	42	Burgh		U
Perthshire North	59,944	3,978	County		U
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	60,095	1,443	County		U
Renfrewshire North and Cardonald	63,745	73	Burgh		U
Renfrewshire West and Levern Valley	60,982	205	County		U
Rutherglen and Cambuslang	62,888	33	Burgh		U
Shetland Islands	17,965	1,657	County		U
Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	67,222	12,588	County		U
Stirling	54,302	2,158	County		U
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	63,895	144	County		U
Uddingston and Bellshill	58,839	52	Burgh		U

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Summary of Further 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 where the electorate is substantially lower than other regions but the geographical area is vast.

The following table sets out the agreed Final Recommendations for seven regions (subject to satisfactory design in neighboring regions) and the proposed Glasgow region: -

Region	Constituencies	Electorate	Consult Further Proposals	Chgs from Revised.
Central Scotland and Lothians West	Airdrie; Almond Valley; Bathgate; Coatbridge and Chryston; Cumbernauld and Kilsyth; Falkirk East and Linlithgow; Falkirk West; Motherwell and Wishaw; Uddingston and Bellshill	550,717		B
Glasgow	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	500,456	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		
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		
Mid Scotland and Fife	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane; Cowdenbeath; Dunfermline; Fife North East; Kirkcaldy; Mid Fife and Glenrothes; Perthshire North; Perthshire South and Kinross-shire; Stirling	521,460		

North East Scotland	Aberdeen Central; Aberdeen Deeside and North Kincardine; Aberdeen Donside; Aberdeenshire East; Aberdeenshire West; Angus North and Mearns; Angus South; Banffshire and Buchan Coast; Dundee City East; Dundee City West	589,084		
South Scotland	Ayr; Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley; Clydesdale; Dumfriesshire; East Kilbride; Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire; Galloway and West Dumfries; Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse; Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley; Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	594,925		B
West Scotland	Clydebank and Milngavie; Cunninghame North; Cunninghame South; Dumbarton; Eastwood; Inverclyde; Paisley; Renfrewshire North and Cardonald; Renfrewshire West and Levern Valley; Strathkelvin and Bearsden	591,614		

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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

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

Mar – Apr 2025 Consultation on Supplementary Proposals for constituencies
Consultation on Further Proposals for regions

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).

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 Supplementary Proposals for constituencies (Almond Valley and Bathgate) and our Further Proposals for regions (Glasgow) 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 the two constituencies and the Glasgow region (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.

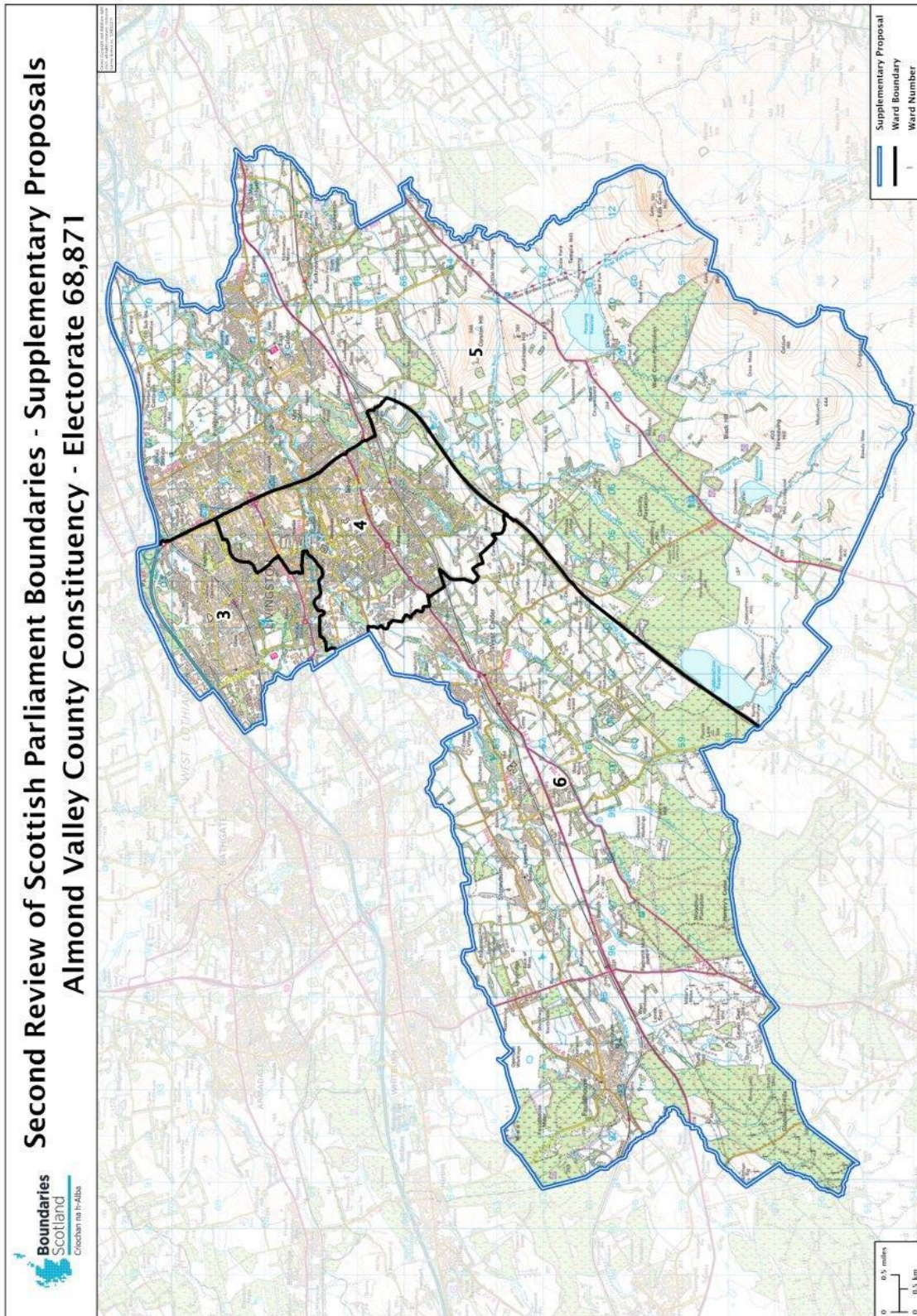
The consultation runs for a month long period, from 14 March to 14 April 2025.

We are required to submit our report to Scottish Ministers by 1 May 2025.

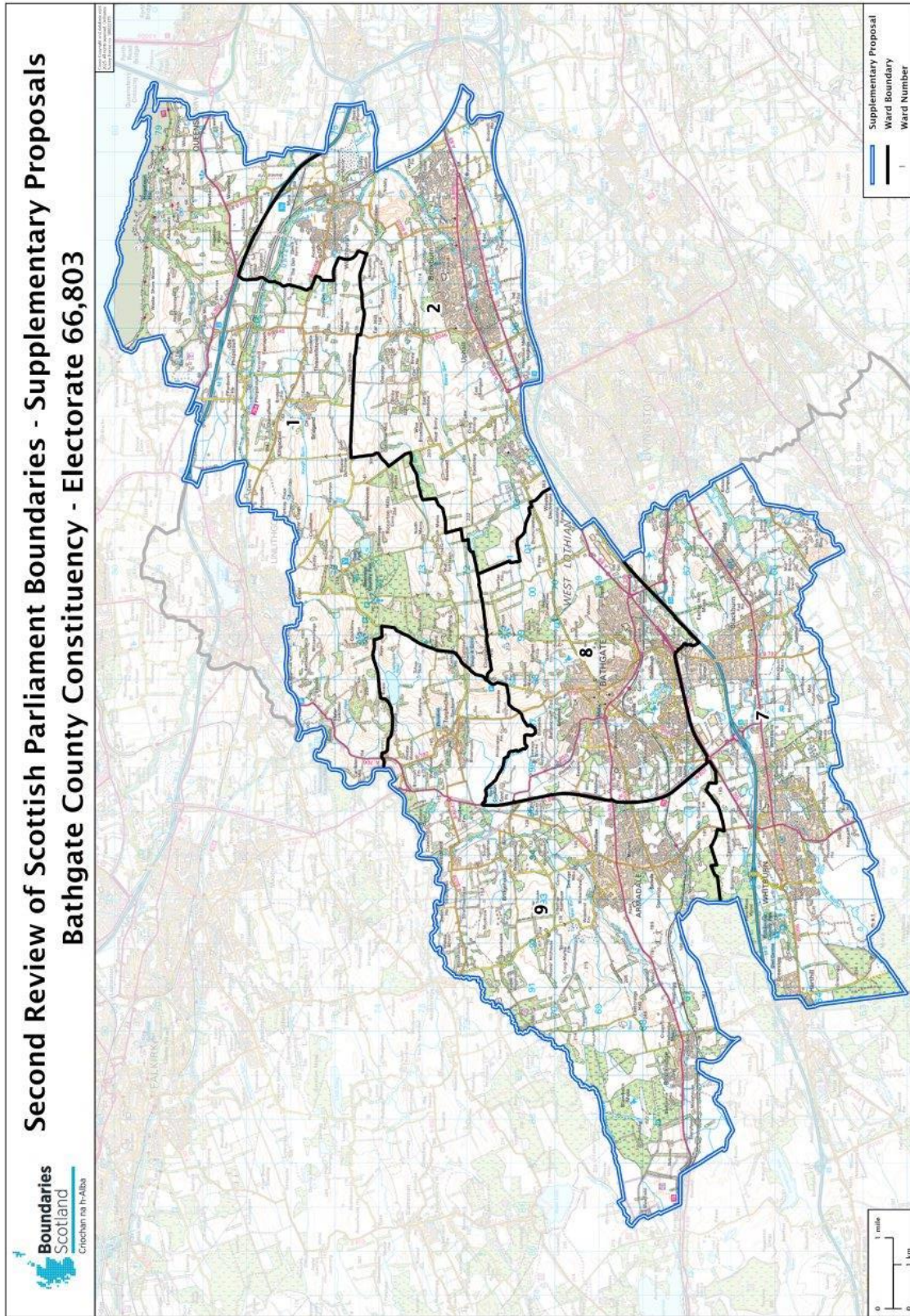
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Almond Valley



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