

2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

In February 2011, Parliament passed The Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 requiring all four Boundary Commissions covering the UK to review Parliamentary constituency boundaries and report to Government by October 2013. The outcome of the reviews will form the basis for the 2015 Parliamentary boundaries.

The objective of the legislation is to create constituencies where the elected MP's represent between 72,810 and 80,473 electors. This will effectively reduce the number of MP's across the UK from 650 to 600. In England this will result in a reduction from 533 to 502 MP's.

The Boundary Commission for England are therefore seeking views on the proposals and anyone wishing to make representation should do so in writing to;

The Boundary Commission for England,
33 Great Smith Street,
London,
SW1P 3BQ

A full copy of the review is available on the Boundary Commission for England website below.

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Constituency Maps

[Braintree and Witham](#)
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In addition to written responses the Boundary Commission will be holding a series of Public Hearings:

Colchester	31st October & 1 st November
Norwich	3 rd & 4 th November
Luton	7 th & 8 th November
Cambridge	10 th & 11 th November

The closing date for consultation is 5th December 2011

Currently there are two constituencies for the electorate of the Braintree District. The **Braintree** constituency consisted of the towns of Braintree and Halstead together with the rural areas to the north such as Sible Hedingham, the Colnes, Stour Valley and Bumpstead. The **Witham** constituency covers the area south of the town of Braintree and included Witham, Black Notley, Hatfield Peverel, Coggeshall, Kelvedon and Silver End. In addition it included Wards from both Colchester (Marks Tey and Stanway) and the rural area of North Maldon

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For Braintree District the proposals create two new Parliamentary constituencies. The proposed **Braintree and Witham** constituency **will** represent the South of the District which includes the towns of Braintree and Bocking, Witham and Coggeshall. The **North West Essex** constituency will represent the North of the District including Halstead, Hedingham, Panfield, Rayne and the Colnes.

The following table outlines in greater detail the proposals for future Parliamentary representation for the residents of the Braintree District Council administrative area.

District Ward	Existing Constituency	Proposed Constituency
Black Notley and Terling	Witham	Braintree and Witham
Bocking Blackwater	Braintree	Braintree and Witham
Bocking North	Braintree	Braintree and Witham
Bocking South	Braintree	Braintree and Witham
Bradwell, Silver End and Rivenhall	Witham	Braintree and Witham
Braintree Central	Braintree	Braintree and Witham
Braintree East	Braintree	Braintree and Witham
Braintree South	Braintree	Braintree and Witham
Coggeshall and North Feering	Witham	Braintree and Witham
Cressing & Stisted	Braintree	Braintree and Witham
Great Notley & Braintree West	Braintree	Braintree and Witham
Hatfield Peverel	Witham	Braintree and Witham
Kelvedon	Witham	Braintree and Witham
Witham Chipping Hill and Central	Witham	Braintree and Witham
Witham North	Witham	Braintree and Witham
Witham South	Witham	Braintree and Witham
Witham West	Witham	Braintree and Witham
Bumpstead	Braintree	North West Essex
Gosfield & Greenstead Green	Braintree	North West Essex
Halstead St Andrews	Braintree	North West Essex
Halstead Trinity	Braintree	North West Essex
Hedingham & Maplestead	Braintree	North West Essex
Panfield	Braintree	North West Essex
Rayne	Braintree	North West Essex
Stour Valley South	Braintree	North West Essex
Stour Valley North	Braintree	North West Essex
The Three Colnes	Braintree	North West Essex
Three Fields	Braintree	North West Essex
Upper Colne	Braintree	North West Essex
Yeldham	Braintree	North West Essex