

**Parliamentary Boundary Review 2023**

**REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL**



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**PURPOSE**

1. That Full Council consider the proposed changes to the parliamentary boundaries put forward by the Boundary Commission.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. Full Council is recommended to either:
  - a) Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Boundary Commission supporting the changes to the Burnley Parliamentary boundary, or;
  - b) Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Boundary Commission opposing the changes to the Burnley Parliamentary boundary, or
  - c) Not respond to the consultation.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3. The final consultation ends on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The views of council will be submitted as the council's consultation response.

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS**

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4. The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is an independent and impartial non-departmental public body, which is responsible for reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England.
5. The BCE has the task of periodically reviewing all the Parliamentary constituencies in England. It is currently conducting a review on the basis of rules most recently updated by Parliament in 2020. These latest rules retain 650 constituencies for the UK Parliament

as a whole, and require constituencies that BCE propose or recommend to comply with strict parameters, in particular as far as the number of electors in each constituency is concerned.

6. The review process is informed by public consultation as described at paragraph 10 below. In light of all the views expressed about these initial proposals, the BCE may revise them and then conduct a further round of written consultation on the revised proposals.
7. The BCE is required to make a formal final report to the Speaker of the House of Commons before 1 July 2023, recommending any changes that it believes are appropriate to the distribution, size, shape, name or designation of constituencies in England. The current constituencies review is therefore referred to as 'the 2023 Review'.
8. The Government must turn the recommendations of the BCE (and those of the equivalent Commissions for the other three parts of the UK) into an 'Order in Council' that implements the recommendations. The constituencies set out in the Order will then be implemented for the next General Election after the date on which the legislation is approved.

#### **The initial proposals and revised proposals**

9. In its initial proposal, the Burnley boundary was not co-terminous with the district council boundary: the wards of Briercliffe and Lanehead were added to the Pendle County parliamentary boundary and wards which are currently part of the Rossendale and Darwen parliamentary boundary were added to a 'Burnley and Bacup' boundary (see map at appendix 1). Full Council asked the chief executive to oppose this proposal.
10. The BCE has announced revised proposals. The revision keeps all the existing district wards within the boundary, and adds Brierfield East & Clover Hill and Brierfield West & Reedley from Pendle, as shown in the map at Appendix 2. BCE is consulting on this revised proposal until 5th December 2022.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

11. None directly arising from this report.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

12. None arising directly from this report.

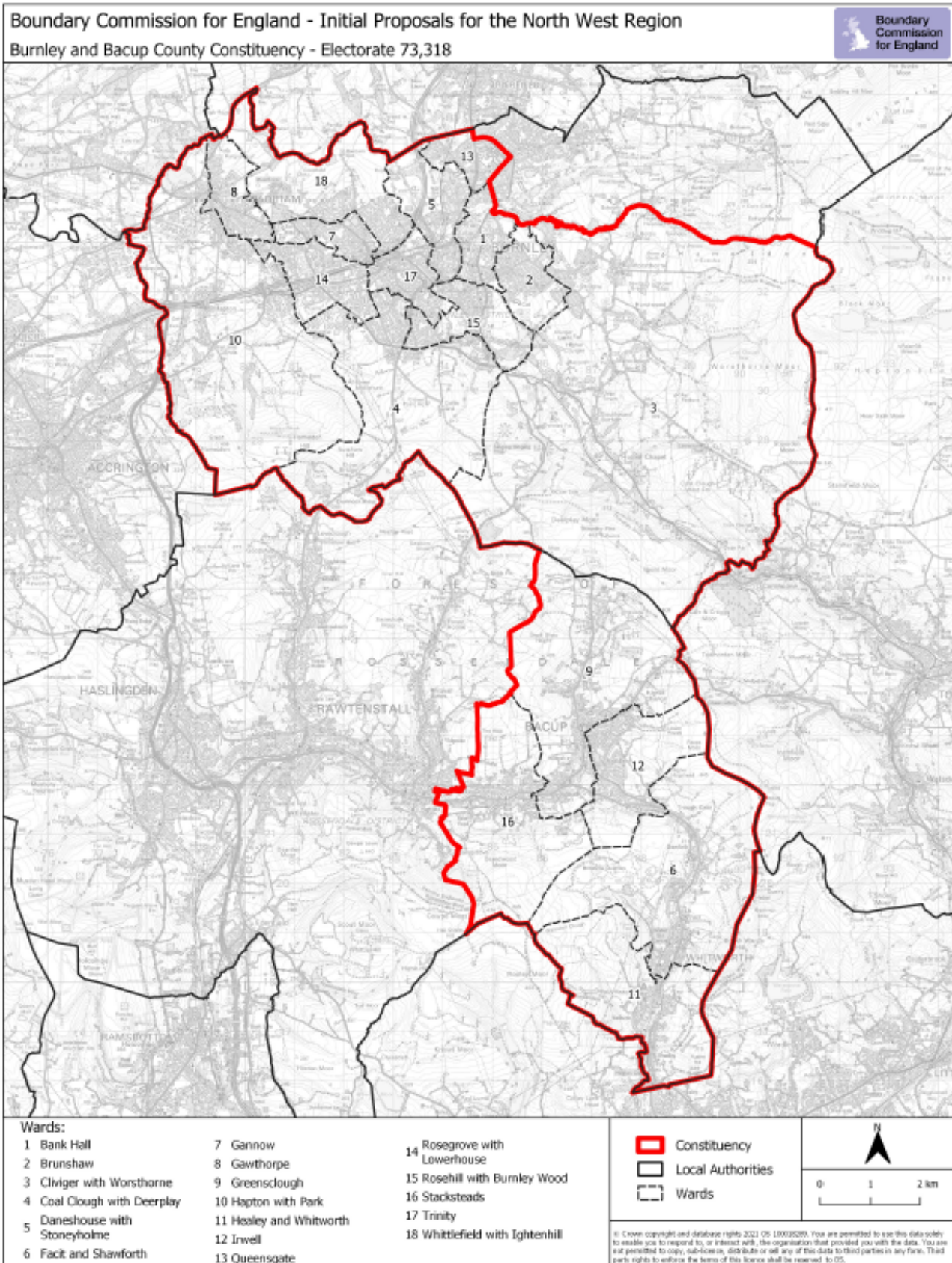
**DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

13. Not applicable

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

14. <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/north-west/>

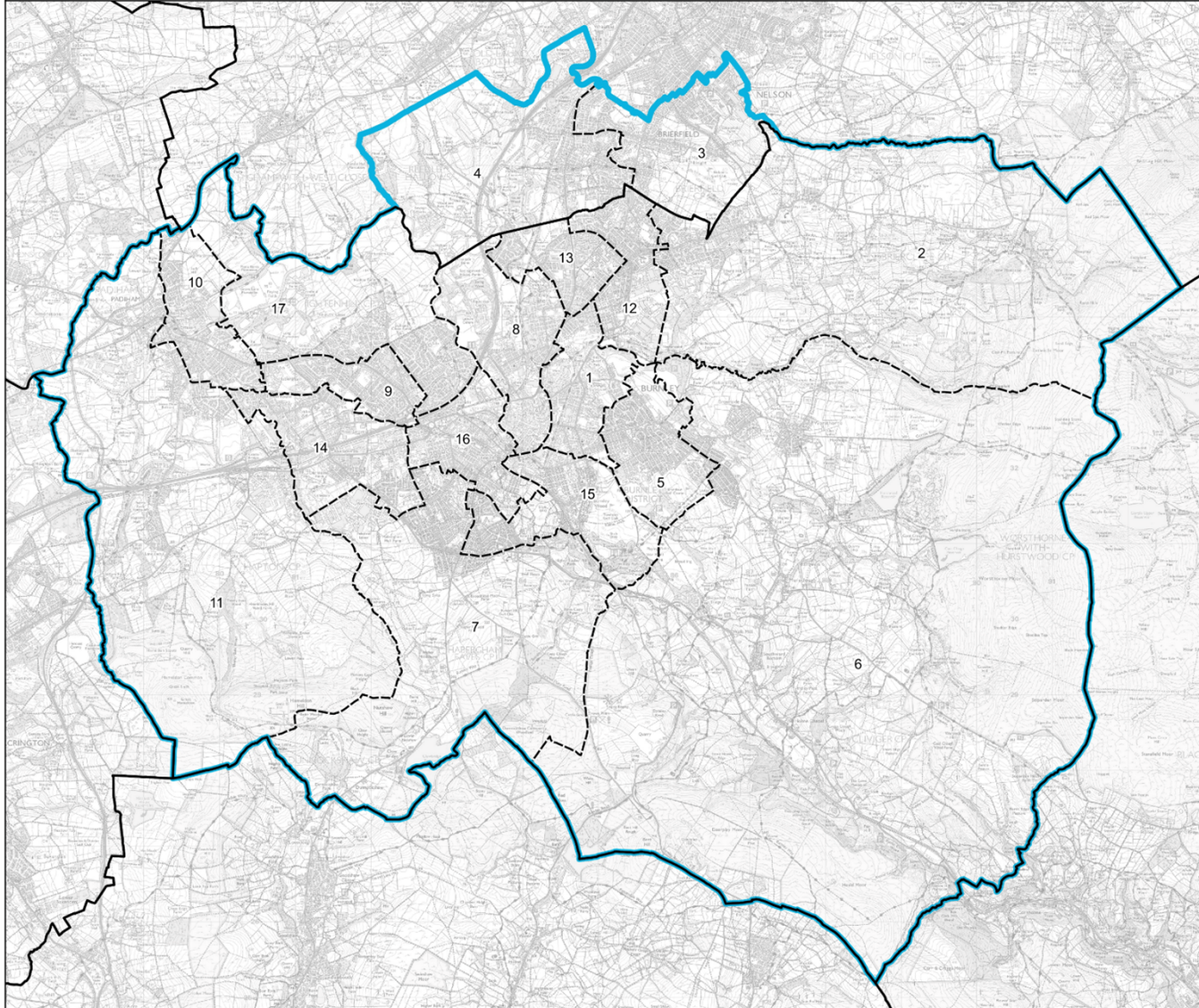
Appendix 1: initial proposal



### Appendix 2: revised proposal

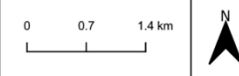
Boundary Commission for England - Revised Proposals for the North West Region

Burnley County Constituency - Electorate 75,436



- Wards:
- 1 Bank Hall
  - 2 Briercliffe
  - 3 Brierfield East & Clover Hill
  - 4 Brierfield West & Reedley
  - 5 Brunshaw
  - 6 Cliviger with Worsthorne
  - 7 Coal Clough with Deerplay
  - 8 Daneshouse with Stoneyholme
  - 9 Gannow
  - 10 Gawthorpe
  - 11 Hapton with Park
  - 12 Lanehead
  - 13 Queensgate
  - 14 Rosegrove with Lowerhouse
  - 15 Rosehill with Burnley Wood
  - 16 Trinity
  - 17 Whittlefield with Ightenhill

- Constituency
- Local Authorities
- Wards



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