

Extract of the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) report on the initial proposals for new constituency boundaries in the South East region

Initial proposals for the Berkshire sub-region

- 30** There are currently eight constituencies in this county. We are proposing no change to the number of constituencies. Of the existing constituencies, four (Bracknell, Maidenhead, Slough, and Wokingham) have electorates within 5% of the electoral quota. Of the remaining four constituencies, Newbury is over the 5% electoral quota and Reading East, Windsor, and Reading West are all below the 5% electoral quota.
- 31** In order to reduce the large electorate in the Newbury constituency, we propose transferring the West Berkshire Borough ward of Aldermaston to the Wokingham constituency. In order to ensure the Reading East and Reading West constituencies are within 5% of the electoral quota, we propose to transfer the Wokingham Borough ward of Maiden Erlegh to the Reading East constituency and the ward of Mapledurham from the Reading East constituency to the Reading West constituency.
- 32** To increase the number of electors in the Windsor constituency, we propose transferring the Chalvey ward to it from the Slough constituency. We did consider whether other wards in Slough Borough could be included in the Windsor constituency in order to ensure it met the electoral quota. However, we identified that including other wards would result in the Slough constituency being detached or require the inclusion of multiple wards. We considered whether a ward from Buckinghamshire county could be included in the Windsor constituency but were of the view that crossing the county boundary was not necessary.
- 33** We propose to keep unaltered the constituencies of Bracknell and Maidenhead, both of which are within 5% of the electoral quota.