



ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

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NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL

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Place: Council Chamber - at the Council House

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The Lord Mayor has agreed that this item, although not on the agenda, will be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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CITY COUNCIL – 14 NOVEMBER 2016

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out a proposed Nottingham City Council response to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries.
- 1.2 Council are asked to consider a counter proposal for Parliamentary Constituencies in the City of Nottingham, for submission to the BCE ahead of the 5 December 2016 deadline for submission, and provide formal endorsement.
- 1.3 More details of the proposals are set out below under **Section 6**

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Council endorse the counter-proposal for submission to the BCE.
- 2.2 That Council note and support the “Extending Nottingham East” option as the counter proposal.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that the existing accountability between constituents, local authorities and local MPs is maintained following the conclusion of the BCE’s review.
- 3.2 To remove the confusion for Nottingham residents that would result from the BCE’s proposals for the City of Nottingham being adopted.
- 3.3 To ensure that existing local communities and ties in the city are maintained, which the BCE proposals do not.

4 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 A reduction to two constituencies (Nottingham North and Nottingham South) was considered, but this would result in an electorate in both constituencies that is outside of the BCE’s electoral thresholds, and would not be accepted by the BCE.
- 4.2 Not responding to the BCE, this was discounted for the reasons set out under **Section 3**

5 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 5.1 The BCE published its initial proposals for new constituencies on 13 September 2016, including changes to existing constituency boundaries covering the City of Nottingham. These are set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 5.2 The rules set out in the legislation state that there will be 600 Parliamentary

Constituencies covering the whole of the UK, a reduction of 50 from the existing number. This means that for England, the number of constituencies must be reduced from the current 533 to 501, including two for the Isle of Wight.

- 5.3 There are various criteria the BCE are working to, but the most significant is that every constituency the BCE proposes (with the exception of two covering the Isle of Wight) should contain no fewer than 71,031 electors and no more than 78,507.
- 5.4 The BCE has noted that the electorates of the three existing City of Nottingham constituencies are “*well outside*” the desired electoral range set out in their criteria (see *Table 1* below):

Table 1 – BCE Current Electorate

Current Constituencies	Electorate at Dec 2015
Nottingham North	64,727
Nottingham East	57,132
Nottingham South	65,512

- 5.5 In its proposals the BCE has argued that the low electorates in Nottingham mean they have had to propose considerable changes within and around the City, with all three current constituencies needing to acquire a substantial number of additional electors to fall within the desired electoral range.
- 5.6 As a result the BCE has proposed the following changes to the three current Nottingham Constituencies (see *Table 2 for proposed electorate sizes*):
- The existing Nottingham South constituency will extend south-westwards to include seven wards, including the town of Beeston from the existing Broxtowe constituency, but no longer across the River Trent. They propose that this constituency should be called **Nottingham South and Beeston**.
 - The existing Nottingham East Constituency extends eastwards to include eight wards from the existing Gedling constituency, including Carlton. They propose to call this new constituency **Nottingham East and Carlton**.
 - For **Nottingham North**, Bilborough ward will transfer to the proposed new Broxtowe & Hucknall constituency, but it will gain Sherwood and Berridge wards from the existing Nottingham East constituency.

Table 2 – BCE Proposed Electorate

Boundary Commission Proposed Constituencies	Electorate at Dec 2015
Nottingham East and Carlton BC	71,152
Nottingham North BC	73,828
Nottingham South and Beeston BC	77,434

- 5.7 Under the BCE proposals, city constituencies would cross multiple local authority boundaries, and there would be a total of five constituencies crossing the City of Nottingham boundary, as opposed to the current three within it. This would result in the clear accountability between constituents, local authorities and MPs being eroded.

- 5.8 Within the BCE proposals, there are other knock on impacts for the City of Nottingham and constituencies outside the city, including the two Clifton wards in the city transferring to a new West Bridgford constituency.
- 5.9 The national/regional Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties have all submitted counter proposals for the East Midlands Region (including Nottingham & Nottinghamshire) to the BCE Public Hearing in Derby on 27 October 2016.

6 **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL – COUNTER PROPOSALS TO THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND**

- 6.1 In formulating a counter proposal to submit to the BCE, officers have had regard to the following:
- Maintaining the existing constituencies is not an option the BCE will consider, as all have electorates below the lowest acceptable threshold of 71,031.
 - It is in the best interests of constituents in Nottingham to limit the number of constituencies that intersect the city and maintain the current MP representation along existing local authority boundaries as much as possible.
 - This will ensure the existing accountability between constituents, local authorities and local MPs is maintained and reduce the confusion for Nottingham residents that would result from constituencies crossing multiple local authority boundaries.
 - To stay within the BCE's proposed thresholds for constituency sizes, and reduce the impact of any changes, officers are proposing two constituencies that stay within the current city boundary, and a third extending into a neighbouring district.
 - BCE thresholds mean that Nottingham would always require at least three constituencies, and that at least one will always have to extend beyond the existing city boundary.

The counter proposal is set out below.

6.2 Counter Proposal: Extending Nottingham East:

In this proposal, Nottingham East extends to include Carlton and Netherfield, and Nottingham South would extend through Central Nottingham to include Arboretum and Berridge wards but maintain the existing city boundary. Nottingham North gains Leen Valley ward within the city (***see Appendix 2***). (*See Table 3 below for electorate sizes*).

Table 3: Proposed Constituency sizes

Extending Nottingham East	Electorate at Dec 2015
Nottingham East	74,992
Nottingham North	71,765
Nottingham South	75,355

- 6.3 This option gives the minimal level of change to the City that is possible to meet the BCE's electoral thresholds, whilst still allowing the BCE scope to create County constituencies which fit within its thresholds. It also maintains the current number of MPs with constituencies covering the city.

6.4 The Electoral Registration Officer and experienced electoral administrators support this option as preferable to the BCE proposals in respecting existing local government boundaries.

6.5 **Appendix 3** gives a breakdown by ward of both the BCE's proposals and the Nottingham City Council counter proposal.

7 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY)

7.1 Not applicable, as there is no financial element involved in the proposals.

8 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

8.1 The BCE is working to statutory criteria and guidance in carrying out the review. This report correctly draws attention to the dominant criterion of achieving broadly equivalent electorates within the range set out at paragraph 5.3 above. The proposal in this report achieves this for Nottingham and its surrounding area whilst satisfying another criterion by having strong regard to existing local government boundaries

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

9.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No

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An EIA is not required because there is no proposed change to Nottingham City Council policies or provision of services as a result of the proposals in this report.

10 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

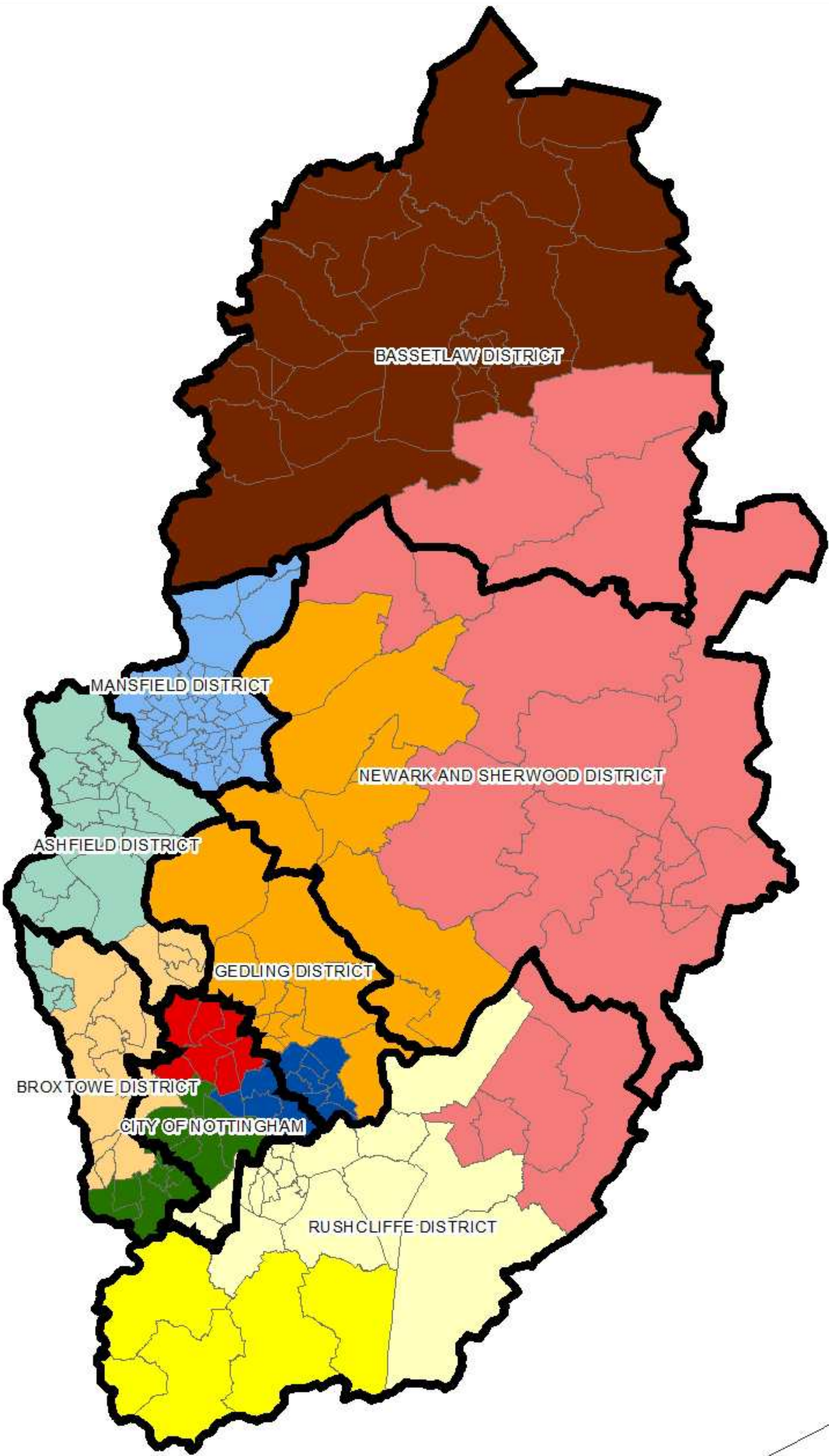
10.1 Nil.

11 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

11.1 The Boundary Commission for England: Initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in the East Midlands

**COUNCILLOR JON COLLINS
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Boundary Commission proposed Parliamentary Constituencies



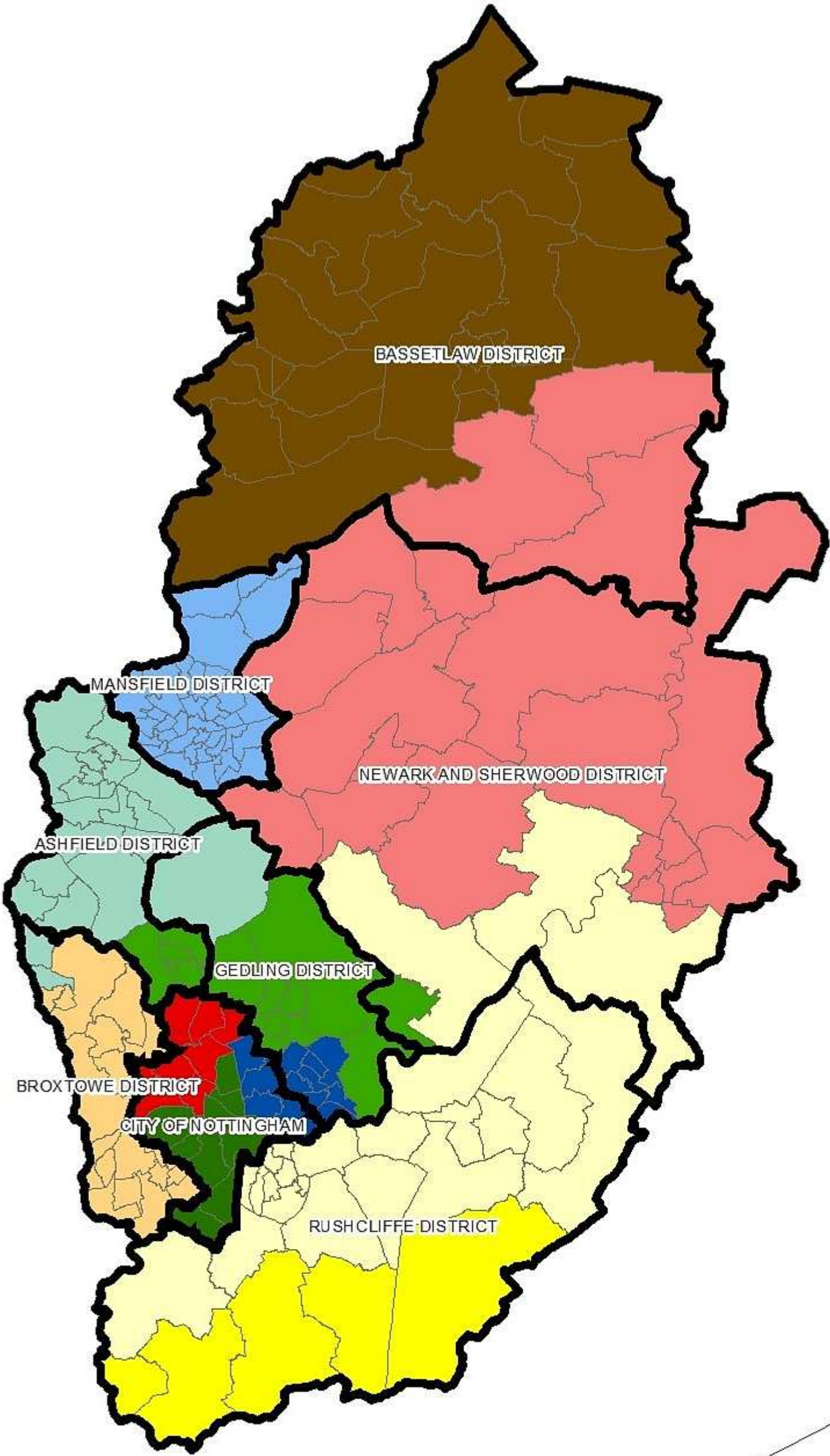
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Proposal: Extend Nottingham East



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Boundary Commission Proposals

Nottingham North

WARD	DISTRICT	ELECTORATE
Aspley	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	9,855
Basford	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	10,921
Berridge	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	10,694
Bestwood	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	11,216
Bulwell	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	10,988
Bulwell Forest	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	10,127
Sherwood	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	10,027
TOTAL		73,828

Nottingham East and Carlton

WARD	DISTRICT	ELECTORATE
Arboretum	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	6,187
Dales	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	10,035
Mapperley	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	9,964
St Ann's	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	10,225
Carlton	GEDLING	4,072
Carlton Hill	GEDLING	5,934
Cavendish	GEDLING	4,082
Colwick	GEDLING	2,015
Gedling	GEDLING	4,415
Netherfield	GEDLING	3,867
Phoenix	GEDLING	4,131
Porchester	GEDLING	6,225
TOTAL		71,152

Nottingham South and Beeston

WARD	DISTRICT	ELECTORATE
Attenborough & Chilwell East	BROXTOWE	5,538
Beeston Central	BROXTOWE	3,431
Beeston North	BROXTOWE	3,790
Beeston Rylands	BROXTOWE	3,432
Beeston West	BROXTOWE	3,773
Chilwell West	BROXTOWE	5,468
Toton & Chilwell Meadows	BROXTOWE	6,181
Bridge	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	8,188
Dunkirk and Lenton	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	5,005
Leen Valley	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	7,038
Radford and Park	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	10,339
Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	4,488
Wollaton West	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	10,763
TOTAL		77,434

Broxtowe and Hucknall

WARD	DISTRICT	ELECTORATE
Hucknall Central	ASHFIELD	5,183
Hucknall North	ASHFIELD	7,490
Hucknall South	ASHFIELD	5,321
Hucknall West	ASHFIELD	6,931
Awsworth, Cossall & Trowell	BROXTOWE	4,050
Bramcote	BROXTOWE	5,671
Greasley	BROXTOWE	5,228
Kimberley	BROXTOWE	5,030
Nuthall East & Strelley	BROXTOWE	3,833
Stapleford North	BROXTOWE	3,282
Stapleford South East	BROXTOWE	3,687
Stapleford South West	BROXTOWE	3,827
Watnall & Nuthall West	BROXTOWE	3,550
Bilborough	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	11,620
TOTAL		74,703

West Bridgford

WARD	DISTRICT	ELECTORATE
Clifton North	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	9,537
Clifton South	CITY OF NOTTINGHAM	10,154
Abbey	RUSHCLIFFE	4,091
Compton Acres	RUSHCLIFFE	3,844
Cotgrave	RUSHCLIFFE	5,397
Cropwell	RUSHCLIFFE	2,048
East Bridgford	RUSHCLIFFE	2,255
Edwalton	RUSHCLIFFE	2,973
Gamston North	RUSHCLIFFE	1,871
Gamston South	RUSHCLIFFE	1,859
Lady Bay	RUSHCLIFFE	3,712
Lutterell	RUSHCLIFFE	3,862
Musters	RUSHCLIFFE	3,400
Nevile & Langar	RUSHCLIFFE	2,186
Radcliffe on Trent	RUSHCLIFFE	6,464
Ruddington	RUSHCLIFFE	5,540
Tollerton	RUSHCLIFFE	1,963
TOTAL		75,094

Nottingham City Council Counter Proposal

Extending Nottingham East

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