



## **BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND**

### **PROPSALS FROM THE REVIEW**

In 2018 the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) conducted a review of all Parliamentary Constituencies and the resulting proposal, based on constituency (electorate) numbers being within +/-5% limit of the national average coupled with a reduction in MP numbers from 650 to 600, would have moved Otterbourne, Compton & Shawford, and Hursley, into a new Test Valley Parliamentary Constituency.

Otterbourne Parish Council submitted objection to the proposal as it felt more aligned with concerns our Winchester MP might represent us for: such as the impact of the M3, Southampton Airport, housing development and loss of services at the RHCH, rather than Test Valley matters.

Subsequently, the 2018 Review did not receive parliamentary approval and the Government abandoned plans to reduce the number of MPs, although the requirement to retain all but four constituencies within limit of the national average remains.

Going forward, this means that our Parish within the District Ward of Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery is proposed to remain within a revised Winchester County Constituency. The electorate would be 76,577; close to the upper limit of allowable size, between 69,724 to 77,062, and so there may be further review in the future.

The Parish Council will recommend supporting the current proposal to remain within the Winchester County Constituency at its next meeting on 13 July 2021. If you would like to make representation to the Parish Council in connection with this please contact the Clerk via [\*\*clerk.otterbourne@parish.hants.gov.uk\*\*](mailto:clerk.otterbourne@parish.hants.gov.uk) or the form on the [\*\*www.otterbourneparishcouncil.org\*\*](http://www.otterbourneparishcouncil.org) website.

It would also be useful for the BCE to receive feedback direct if you are happy (or otherwise) with their proposal. There is an eight week consultation with deadline Monday 6 August and the consultation may be accessed online at [\*\*https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/\*\*](https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/)