

REPORT TO:		Council	
DATE:		23 March 2017	
PORTFOLIO:		Cllr Miles Parkinson, Leader	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Corporate Policy & Research Officer	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Secondary consultation period for the new Parliamentary Constituency Boundary for Hyndburn	
EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)	Options	Not applicable	
KEY DECISION:	Options	If yes, date of publication:	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide Council with an update on the Parliamentary Boundary Review, notifying members of the representations received during the 2016 Boundary Commission for England (the Commission) initial consultation concerning the Hyndburn constituency and obtain Council's support for the Commission's proposals but request that Hyndburn be retained in the name of the constituency.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council:

- Notes the contents of the report; and
- Consider the recommendations received from Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 17th March (2017);
- That Council accepts and endorses recommendations made by the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- The Council supports the Commission's proposals for a change to the Hyndburn Parliamentary constituency area (*Appendix A*) and requests that Hyndburn be retained in the name of the constituency.

3. Reasons for Recommendations and Background

- 3.1 On the 17th November 2016 Council received a report on the initial proposals set out by the Boundary Commission for England (the Commission) for a reduction in the number of MP constituencies, a boundary change to the Parliamentary areas and a name change for the Hyndburn constituency to Accrington County Constituency. The Commission's proposals for the Hyndburn constituency included the loss of the Haslingden area to the Rossendale and Darwen constituency and the gain of Padiham

(Coal Clough with Deerplay ward, Gawthorpe ward and Hapton with Park ward) from the Burnley constituency.

- 3.2 At this meeting (*17th November 2016*) Council supported the Commission's proposals for a change to the Hyndburn Parliamentary constituency area, but requested that Hyndburn be retained in the name of the constituency. The motion was put to the vote and carried. This was part of a Parliamentary Constituency Review set out by Parliament in 2011 to reduce the number constituencies by 50 and making more equal the number of electors in each constituency. For example, in England, existing constituencies currently range from 54,232 to 105,448 electors. The new proposals require every constituency to contain no fewer than 71,031 electors and no more than 78,507.
- 3.3 The Commission (an independent and impartial advisory public body) on behalf of Parliament published draft proposals for reducing the number of MP constituencies from 650 to 600. This included reducing the number of MPs across England down from 533 to 501, with a loss of 7 MP constituencies across the North West taking the number of MP's down from 75 to 68. This will impact Lancashire by taking the number of constituencies down from 16 to 14.
- 3.4 Concerns have been raised in the past that a large proportion of the Country does not recognise the name 'Hyndburn' and are unable to geographically place the borough with any accuracy. Previously in the past it was thought that the name change from 'Hyndburn' to 'Accrington' could help raise the profile and attract more inward investment into the area and help the local economy. This point was raised at an extraordinary Council meeting back in 2007 about changing the name of the Borough, but the amendment was put to the vote and declared defeated. This point was raised again at Council on 17th November 2016 and it was agreed the Council would make the Commission aware that the Council does not support the change in name from 'Hyndburn' to 'Accrington' constituency.

Representations

- 3.5 The representations from the initial consultation have now been published by the Commission on the parliamentary boundary proposals. All the responses (including the records of the public hearings) from the initial 12-week consultation (13th September 2016 to 5th December 2016) have been published on the Commission's website (<https://www.bce2018.org.uk/>) and can be viewed by constituency area.
- 3.6 Representations in relation to the Hyndburn constituency area have been listed in Appendix B. During the consultation there were 49 representations from within Hyndburn (39 unique individual responses). Out of the 39 Hyndburn individual responses, 34 supported the proposed new boundary, whilst 5 were either against the change or did not say. There were also 15 representations from the Padiham area that were against the new Hyndburn constituency boundary covering the wards of Coal Clough with Deerplay ward, Gawthorpe ward and Hapton with Park. There were also 4 representations from the Ribble Valley area who give alternative responses affecting the Hyndburn area.

- 3.7 Ribble Valley Borough Council's also made a representation and their preferred Parliamentary Constituency for the Ribble Valley would be to include the whole of Ribble Valley, together with parts of West Hyndburn (Baxenden, Church, Immanuel, Netherton, Overton, Rishton, St Andrew's and St Oswald's) that would bring the new constituency within the right tolerance level at 77,634 and they have suggested it should be known as Ribble Valley and Hyndburn West.

The Next Stage

- 3.8 A further statutory four-week period has now started (28th February to the 27th March 2017) where people can submit to the Commission written comments on those representations it received during the initial consultation period, for example challenging or supporting assertions made in a representation.
- 3.9 The next part of the process after the four-week secondary consultation period is for the Commission to consider all the written representations received and oral representations made at public hearings in the initial consultation period, and all the written representations made in the four-week secondary consultation period. They then write a joint report on each region for the Commissioners, summarising and considering the representations and recommending whether – and, if so, how – the initial proposals for that region should be revised in the light of those representations. The Commissioners then consider each report and determine whether and to what extent revisions should be made to their initial proposals.
- 3.10 The Commission then publishes a report for each region stating whether or not revisions have been made to the initial proposals for that region. Alongside these reports it publishes all the written representations received during the four-week secondary consultation period.
- 3.11 If the proposals are revised, then the Act provides for a further period of eight weeks for written representations to be made to the Commission on the revised proposals for that region. There are no public hearings at this stage; nor is there a repeat of the four-week period for commenting on the representations of others. Following the conclusion of all three consultation periods, the Commission will look at all the evidence received and make final recommendations to Parliament in September 2018.

Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 3.12 A report was presented to Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 17th March 2017. The report provided an update on the Parliamentary Boundary Review, notifying members of the representations received during the 2016 Boundary Commission for England (the Commission) initial consultation concerning the Hyndburn constituency and seeking their views on the representations. Council will be provided with an update from this meeting.

4. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The Council is not compelled to respond to the consultation, however this is an opportunity for the Council to respond to the BCE written comments on those representations it received during the initial consultation period, for example challenging or supporting assertions made in a representation. (<https://www.bce2018.org.uk/>)
- 4.2 The Commission's consultation on the draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements enables interested parties to tell them where they think the proposals are acceptable and also to propose alternatives where it is felt they don't meet the Commission's criteria (Improve electoral equality, reflecting community identity and providing effective and convenient local government). The Council may wish to submit to the Commission written comments on those representations it received during the initial consultation period, for example challenging or supporting assertions made in a representation.

5. Consultations

- 5.1 A report went to Full Council on the 17th November 2016 '*Initial proposals for the new Parliamentary Constituency Boundary for Hyndburn*' and a letter was sent to the Commission indicating that the Council supports the Commission's proposals for a change to the Hyndburn Parliamentary constituency area and requests that Hyndburn be retained in the name of the constituency. A report will also be going to Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 17th March 2017.
- 5.2 The Commission's initial consultation took place over a 12-week period (13th September 2016 to 5th December 2016) where people were allowed to comment on the Commission's initial proposals. This information has now been published on the Commission's website with 49 representations made in the Hyndburn Constituency (only 39 were individual responses). These comments have been included in Appendix B.
- 5.3 A further statutory four-week period has started (28th February to the 27th March 2017) where people can submit to the Commission written comments on those representations it received during the initial consultation period, for example challenging or supporting assertions made in a representation. (<https://www.bce2018.org.uk/>)

6. Implications

Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)	None
Legal and human rights	None

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Assessment of risk	Not applicable
Equality and diversity implications <i>A Customer First Analysis should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	Not applicable

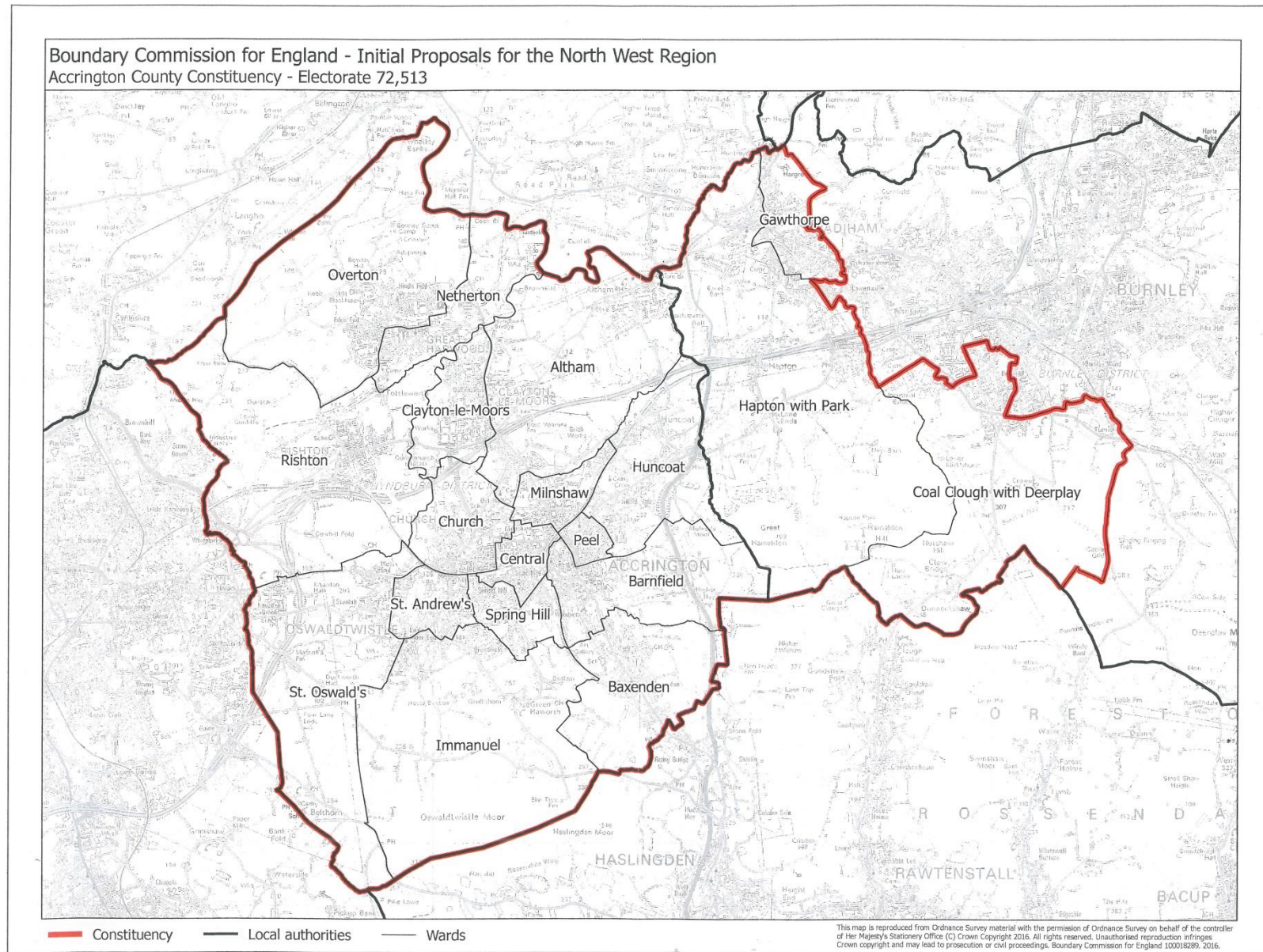
**7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985:
List of Background Papers**

- 7.1 *Copies of documents included in this list must be open to inspection and, in the case of reports to Cabinet, must be published on the website.*

<https://democracy.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/documents/s5403/Parliamentary%20review%20Council%20report.pdf>

Appendix A.

The Boundary Commission for England – Initial Proposals for the Hyndburn Constituency



Appendix B

Representations from the previous stages of the consultation (Hyndburn)

Comment ID (Order)	First Name	Surname	Type of respondent	City/Town	Comment
BCE-15398 / BCE-15399 / BCE-15400 (same comment)	Philip	Ridings	Member of the public	Rossendale	At last Rossendale is united again this makes much more sense and will/ should be well accepted by all rossendaleians .it is about time the number of MPs were reduced ,there should be even more . It is now so easy to keep in contact that so many are not needed .it is a shame that some existing MPs are going to argue over loosing their seats but the whole of the country has had to make personal economies it's now their turn !!
BCE-17668	Paul	Geary	Member of the public	Accrington	Look fine to me. People don't like change no matter how you split the areas someone's not going to be happy
BCE-18114	Vincent	Booth	Member of the public	Accrington	I consider that the proposal for the Accrington/Hyndburn area is a suitable one and that it is very similar to the current boundries used, thus most people identify with the area at the current time and will do so following the proposed changes. The M65 running through the centre of the area also provides good communication East to West and will lead to more economical management by public servants and Government representatives.
BCE-18536	Dennis	Boardman	Member of the public	BLACKBURN	The Accrington Constituency proposal appears broadly in line with the current Hyndburn situation. I therefore fully agree with this as it will allow concentration on local issues in the main area covered.
BCE-18566	Graham	Jones	Member of Parliament	Accrington	<p>Dear sir/madam</p> <p>The Commission had great difficulty dividing up East Lancashire given the towns therein are smaller than the Act requires.</p> <p>Accrington is one of the most famous and identifiable towns in Great Britain (and internationally) and one with-; a) clearly recognisable community; b) is a continuous urban area; c) is a famous town which should be the base for a its own Member of Parliament.</p> <p>The Accrington Pals “ One of the most famous regiments in the British Army due to the great loss they suffered on 1 July 1916. As a Pals regiment it united the whole town in grief and that sense of history is as powerful today, as well as well known.</p> <p>Accrington Stanley Football Club “ Outside the Premier League one of the most famous football English football clubs. A founder member of the football league and known worldwide.</p> <p>Accrington NORI bricks. The RedAc brick is world famous and is used across the globe. Known as the worlds toughest brick it was used to build the Empire State Building amongst others.</p> <p>THE CONSERVATIVE proposal not seeks to divide the historic town of Accrington, it</p>

					<p>proposes a US style redistricting picking voter patterns rather than the logical reasons; history, geography and community.</p> <p>THE CONSERVATIVE proposal also seeks to make the argument that two distinct and different towns (Nelson and Colne) should be united whilst one famous town, Accrington should be divided. This is not a consistent or reasonable argument.</p> <p>I know this is an arduous task and wish you well with it. I would suggest one change may prove more conducive to the people affected. That the Burnley ward of Coalclough with Deerplay which is not directly connected to the new Accrington seat by road remains in Burnley and a further ward in Padiham (Lowerhouse and Rosegrove) is added instead.</p> <p>These matters are not easy and break up communities but if the MP (for Accrington) is to have a footprint in Padiham then it would be best for; civic arrangements that Padiham is kept together and Burnley is kept together; for representation that representation is key to as few towns as possible. (1) Accrington and Padiham; (2) Burnley, Brierfield and Nelson; thirdly people in Coalclough with Deerplay (Burnley) have as much difficulty getting to Padiham as they do Accrington especially from the Rossendale constituency end of the ward.</p> <p>Boundary changes are dividing existing communities but I do think this swap would slightly improve the difficulties.</p>
BCE-18602	James	Cheverton	Member of the public	Accrington	<p>It's a good move to give the area an identity back. People have heard of accrington because of accy Stanley, pals and bricks. No one has heard or no where hyndburn is. It's good for accrington and the surrounding townships to have its own mp as opposed to being split up. I am in favour of the proposed name and new boundary.</p>
BCE-18686	Megan	McCann	Member of the public	Accrington	<p>I believe that the first round of boundry proposals accurately respect the historical significance of the Accrington seat. Accrington is a town with ancient roots, but that has elongated its legacy in modern times. It's a town with villages referenced Domesday book, with its products shipped to create the Empire State Building, and it's townsfolk making the ultimate sacrifice in war. It is a place that is intrinsically tied together through its willingness to overcome adversity- symbolised by its famous football club Accrington Stanley. Although I appreciate the efforts to equalise constituencies, splitting Hyndburn (as put forward in the second proposals) would be detrimental to the areas history, pride and identity. I believe that other parts of East Lancashire are more suitable for these changes, due to their geo political make up. To split Hyndburn would be a huge disappointment to those who have worked so hard to create its unique identity, over the hundreds of years.</p>
BCE-19189	Noordad	Aziz	Local councillor	Great Harwood	<p>I support the seat that the Boundary Commission have placed me in. I am currently a resident of Hyndburn and live in Great Harwood from where I am a elected councillor for the Netherton ward. The name that is most prominent of the townships that make up Hyndburn is Accrington and I feel that this preserves the integrity, legacy and roots of the the area of Accrington and surrounding areas.</p>

					<p>The BCE preserves the area integrity that gives the NORI brick that was the foundations of the Empire State Building and points towards a shared industrial revolution history which is very important that it has one voice in parliament</p> <p>I support the Boundary Commissions review for Lancashire and the seat of Accrington.</p>
BCE-19216	Stephen	Gormley	Member of the public	Hyndburn	<p>I am not a great believer in the reasons for the changes but based on the reasoning, to average out the number of people on the electoral list, to roughly the same number, I am of the opinion that the new Accrington constituency (Hyndburn) meets my satisfaction.</p> <p>The majority of Hyndburn has been retained which was my main concern. Hyndburn is made up of a number of smaller towns and if there had been fragmentation it would have affected the community spirit of the constituency. All in all then, what will be will be, and I will accept your decision on the new boundary changes to the old Hyndburn constituency.</p>
BCE-19290	Jeffrey	Scales	Local councillor	Blackburn	I agree with the Boundary Commission proposal of keeping the historic Accrington (& Hyndburn) together. This proposal is more or less in line with our current Hyndburn borough council area and I believe the connection between the MP and the local authority in an important one, and something that the current proposal recognises
BCE-19293	Patrick	Short	Local councillor	ACCRINGTON	Fully agree with new boundry area for my local constituency.
BCE-19297 to BCE-19302 (same comment)	stephanie	Haworth	Local councillor	Great Harwood	Accrington and Hyndburn should be one and the same.
BCE-19315	stephen	button	Local councillor	Accrington	<p>As an elected representative of the borough of Hyndburn I feel particular concerned at this process which places a serious threat on the representation of the local electorate in Westminster.</p> <p>Currently the sterling work done by our MP as a true locally born and bred member of the community gives this close knit and well run borough a vital voice in parliament. Any such proposal to change that represents a threat to our community although the current tabled boundary changes do in this instance maintain the borough as a whole with only minor changes to the overall area map.</p> <p>I would therefore accept the district as proposed but would under no circumstances accept any alternative plans which involve splitting the borough as has been muted by neighbouring constituencies which benefit them at our detrimental expense.</p> <p>This borough, its council and those within it function well under the well run control of the current borough council and both residents and industry have a long history and cultural identity which is Accrington. Any attempt to split this and allow our voice in</p>

					<p>parliament to be lost will be a huge mistake. This is a borough with many sensitive needs, under privileged young and old and needs centralised representation as is currently in place. Issues in bordering constituencies are there problem but given the example of the Ribble Valley I wholly agree with the proposal to develop a rural North Lancs & Suburb,market town Clitheroe & Colne. This would be protectively beneficial to Hyndburn (Accrington) as currently the Ribble Valley creates an artificial bubble of perceived prosperity which deflects key investment into our neighbouring borough and this appears to benefit no one but property speculators at the most. This borough therefore needs to maintain its centrally represented focus. We in Accrington (Hyndburn) are hard working, decent minded people who deserve our own MP and a future which is secure in the knowledge that no one will take that voice away. I'm proud to be an elected member of the borough of Hyndburn and want this pride to shown in the passionate voice we have, currently being delivered excellently by Graham Jones MP.</p>
BCE-19324	Abdul	Khan	Local councillor	Accrington	<p>I am commenting on the draft proposal of Accrington Constituency. I fully support the above draft proposal for Accrington constituency in area of east Lancashire. I feel that the Accrington name has its history and heritage and the constituency name which includes Accrington will be more acceptable to the people living in Accrington and surrounding districts.</p>
BCE-19355	Miles	Parkinson	Local councillor	Nr. Accrington	<p>I have looked at the draft proposals for Lancashire and overall make sense for Lancashire and especially East Lancashire, highlighting my support for the retention of a Member of Parliament, Parliamentary Seat to represent the major conurbations of Accrington, Blackburn and Burnley without dividing into parliamentary seats which would not have the same strong identity, locational sense of belonging and the important issue of economic and commerce to project nationally and internationally identity by the Member of Parliament representing the proud history of these East Lancashire Towns which is important to attract inward investment from Parliament and abroad.</p> <p>I wish also to strongly identify and support the commissioners draft proposals for the parliamentary seat of Accrington CC. Due to the Parliamntary Boundary review requirement, numbers of electorate,I understand how difficult this is especially just gone through it in local government terms with Lancashire County Council being a County Councillor for the current Division of Rishton and Clayton Le Moors which in 2017 will become a 2 member division of Great Harwood, Rishton, Clayton Le Moors and the Parish of Altham all which currently reside in the Parliamentary Seat of Hyndburn and likewise Hyndburn Borough Council, I am pleased that the 6 current Lancashire County Council Divisions that will become 5 in the forthcoming election in</p>

				<p>2017 in Hyndburn will remain in the New parliamentary seat of Accrington CC for being able to have a concise voice representing the conurbation of Accrington with a sole voice to represent the issues of the upper tier Local Government Authority at Parliament with the commissioner's draft proposals of the creation of the New Parliamentary Seat of Accrington CC which takes in all the current Lancashire County Council Divisions which currently reside within the conurbation of Accrington covered by the current Borough Council of Hyndburn.</p> <p>So I understand the requirement to meet the electorate requirement to forfil the correct numerical numbers for the Rossendale and Darwen Parliamentary Seat that it makes sense to move Haslingden which is currently in the Hyndburn Parliamentary Seat into the Rossendale and Darwen Seat where it does logically belong's being in both local government terms upper and lower tier allocations, Divisions and Wards, with Lancashire County Council Rossendale Divisions and Rossendale Borough Council Wards being coterminous which if can be achieved makes clear lines of representation and understanding for the electorate this is likewise done by having the conurbation of Accrington in 1 parliamentary seat outlined in the commissioners draft proposals which in local government terms is covered by the Borough Council of Hyndburn which I am a Councillor for the Ward of Altham and currently the Leader of the said Council.</p> <p>Clearly by taking the electorate of Haslingden out of the current parliamentary seat of Hyndburn and while creating a new parliamentary seat the Commissioners most look for a logical number of electorate to make up the shortfall while bearing in mind the natural knock on effect across Lancashire as a whole so I support when clearly looking at the conurbation of Accrington and the history of the area and general linkage by roads and transport, Padiham becomes the obvious choice like Rishton which is currently in the Hyndburn Parliamentary Seat and on the western side and the only township not within the conurbation of Accrington like Oswaldtwistle, Church, Clayton Le Moors, Great Harwood, Huncoat, Baxenden. Padiham would sit naturally on the eastern side of the major conurbation with good direct transport links within the draft proposed parliamentary seat of Accrington CC being the M65 junctions which are shared within the proposed Accrington CC seat and the A680 which goes east to west and through the major conurbation linking also Padiham and Rishton on its extremes which in Parliamentary Seats terms are close by within this dense conurbation of typical two up two down terraced properties and natural history linking these mill towns together with also the proud history of coal and that's why it's important that the commissioners have a draft proposal that towns which have similar economic issues and ties have a member of parliament who can address them not with areas which enconomically or socially have no ties or natural linkage.</p> <p>Currently the Parliamentary Seat is called Hyndburn named after a river which is mostly culverted which flows through most of the conurbation of Accrington when Local Government reorganisation happen in 1974, now there are numerous companies now</p>
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					<p>adopted Hyndburn in some form regarding company names should the Commissioners not be minded to keep the name Hyndburn in some form regarding the draft proposal such as the Parliamentary Seat be called Hyndburn and Padiham, but likewise the name Hyndburn is local in some way and is a issue nationally and internationally when raised regarding location while Accrington is instantly known due to Accrington Stanley and the Accrington Pals which for a Member of Parliament is important when highlighting the achievements of the area past and present and encouraging inward investment from around the world. Should the final recommendation be not to have the name Hyndburn in the name of the parliamentary seat then it maybe a matter for the Borough Council to look again at its name to make sure in a modern world location is key to identity and if not known can economically hold a area back from gaining investment.</p> <p>Can I finally state I strongly support your draft proposals for across Lancashire creating the required Parliamentary seats and how the commissioners have diligently done your work especially regarding how the natural fit of the major conurbations in East Lancashire and the proposed Parliamentary Seat of Accrington CC where I have my entitlement to vote and represent on both tiers of Local Government Lancashire County Council and Hyndburn Borough Council.</p> <p>I hope you have enjoyed your visit to Red Rose County and if have been to the Borough of Hyndburn have knowledge that Hargreaves made the spinning Jenny in Oswaldtwistle, started the industrial revolution, Mercer from Clayton Le Moors invented mercerised cotton the list goes on or if you looked at Blackpool Tower the bricks are Accrington Nori the same in the foundations of the Empire Stare Building or know the largest collection of Tiffany Glass is not in New York but in the Haworth Art Gallery, Accrington the Town he came from also in the anniversary period 100 years since the First World War the Accrington Pals who allow us the freedom and democratic way of life we enjoy to day and hope you can cheer on Accrington Stanley from the proud towns that make up the conurbation of Accrington who have and still give so much to the world.</p>
BCE-19366	Munsif	Dad	Local councillor	Accrington	<p>I would like to comment on the boundary commission draft proposal for the Accrington Constituency, currently known as Haslingden & Hyndburn.</p> <p>I have been living in the Accrington area for over 47 years. I currently serving as an elected district Councillor for Spring Hill ward for over 10 years and a Lancashire county Councillor for Accrington West ward for 3 years and six months. I am also a sitting Magistrate on the East Lancashire bench serving as lay person since 2003. I work in the voluntary sector serving the community of Accrington and surrounding areas in voluntary capacity.</p> <p>I was privileged to have served as district Mayor in 2014/15.</p> <p>As serving Mayor I was invited to many civic event outside the Borough of Hyndburn, across Lancashire, Manchester, Birmingham and London and many other cities. One</p>

					<p>thing which I was surprised to learn was that not many of my Civic leaders and community reps and the general members of public was that they did not know where Hyndburn Constituency was. But, when I mentioned the town of Accrington then they associating it with Accrington Stanley football club, Accrington PALS and Accrington Nori brick etc.</p> <p>I speak from a considerable experience as someone who have lived in the area of Accrington for a long time and currently serving with wearing many hats as representative of the community living in the Accrington area.</p> <p>I spoke on the first draft proposal by the boundary commission public speaking event in Preston a few years ago.</p> <p>I am writing in support of the draft proposal for Lancashire as a whole but specifically on Accrington CC and surrounding constituencies. I fully support the Commission proposal of creating of Accrington CC as a constituency.</p> <p>The proposal is well balanced and has given the recondition of all major towns in the East Lancashire. With the proposed creation of 5 Constituencies of Blackburn, Accrington CC, Burnley and Nelson, Haslingden and Darwen and Clitheroe & Colne.</p> <p>I would like to thank the boundary commission for giving this opportunity to have my say on the above proposal.</p>
BCE-19403	June	Harrison	Local councillor	Accrington	I fully support the proposals.
BCE-19457	Glen	Harrison	Local councillor	Accrington	I believe this boundary change proposal to be on balance the fairest way forward. I support the changes as I believe it is the best way forward in representing the community. I support this proposal.
BCE-19466	mohammad	ayub	Local councillor	accrington	i am supporting boundary commission proposal accrington CC
BCE-19567	Shahed	Mahmood	Member of the public	Accrington	I agree with the Initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in the North West for the Accrington area to keep its historic importance for the future generations.
BCE-19617	Melissa	Fisher	Local councillor	ACCRINGTON	As an elected member of Hyndburn Borough Council, I fully support keeping historic Accrington and Hyndburn together. This is supported by other local Councillors and reflects the opinions of the residents of Hyndburn.
BCE-20051	Lorraine	Cox	Member of the public	Accrington	<p>I support the proposed changes that turn the Hyndburn seat to a Accrington seat which now includes Padium.</p> <p>The good transport links and a good connection to the M65 link both Accrington and Padium together. As both towns are part of the M65 corridor it helps link employment sites together forming natural connection.</p> <p>Accrington has a long and distinguished history from 1885 to 1983 as a independent parliamentary seat. Part of this history of the Accrington Pals is world wide history.</p>

BCE-20388	Diane	Fielding	Local councillor	Accrington	Regarding the Lancashire boundaries I agree with the new boundaries. I also agree that Hyndburn be changed to Accrington.
BCE-21076	Bernadette	Parkinson	Local councillor	Nr. Accrington	<p>I support the Draft proposals by the Boundary Commission relating to the creation of the New Parliamentary Seat of Accrington CC. Being a Ward Councillor for the Ward of Netherton on the Borough Council of Hyndburn.</p> <p>I thank the Commissioners for acknowledging the linkage of towns within the current parliamentary seat of Hyndburn and especially those which are served by Hyndburn Council for representation have been all included within the same parliamentary seat as previously done, I acknowledge Haslingden which is not part of Hyndburn Council which I serve on but Rossendale Council so makes sense to include within the Rossendale Council served area sits naturally. Of course with the difficulty that the commissioners have to create parliamentary seats of equal electorate across the UK does cause difficulties but within Lancashire the commissioners have created sensible solutions to get to the required electorate numbers.</p> <p>With the area of Greater Accrington made up of a number of towns of similar issues, economic, social and historical it seems most sensible with the requirement of Haslingden to be moved into the Rossendale and Darwen seat to meet the required electorate figure that Padiham can be accommodated without the need to look at splitting areas from larger towns such as Blackburn or Burnley or extending well into the rural Ribble Valley where the issues for a MP would be totally different to the requirement of the Hyndburn area.</p> <p>To conclude I am very satisfied with the draft proposals for the creation of the New Parliamentary Seat of Accrington CC that the local government area served by Hyndburn Council which I sit on is not being split up to be served by several parliamentary seats which would only diminish the voice of a area with a significant population and with a proud identity within parliament to deal with the significant issues of the time and have strong representation solely for the Hyndburn Council area and Padiham which as all the similar issues to Hyndburn.</p>
BCE-21244	John	Laycock	Member of the public	Colne	The length of the cproposed change from one end to the other it's boundaries on the southern side are connected to 4 other constituencies and 10 in total, why not have a boundary as the M65 on the south side and the A59 to the west, or thereabouts.
BCE-21584 / BCE-21585 (same comment)	Julie	Wall	Member of the public	Brierfield	<p>I have read the details of the commissions proposal and whilst I understand the review I noted that Pendle as an area was under the 5% of required electorate numbers and therefore I don't understand how you can remove part of the borough that have been there for many years and bring in bits of The Ribble valley to make up the numbers which you proposed to deplete to bolster Burnley - it all feels like robbing peter to pay Paul and will also have a detrimental impact on households in the areas of Pendle which will now become Burnley in that Pendle has a lower council tax than Burnley, so not only are you messing with boundaries you will be hitting our pockets too.</p> <p>Can I ask have you undertaken an equality assessment to show how you are meeting</p>

					the public sector equality duty in relation to your proposals and if you have where can I find a copy of it.
BCE-22288	Ken	Moss	Local councillor	Lancashire	I approve of the proposals to rename the Hyndburn Parliamentary constituency 'Accrington'. The redrawn boundary will help to improve the local identity of the area.
BCE-22853	Eamonn	Higgins	Member of the public	Lancashire	<p>I welcome the proposals put forward by the boundary commission for Lancashire and particularly East Lancashire with one minor revision.</p> <p>I know the boundary commission have faced a difficult challenge in minimising disruption to communities given the conditions imposed by the Act. It is inevitable that some communities will have to be divided. The Commission have chosen to put Craven and Colne in East Lancashire into the Ribble Valley. Given the history of Craven and the area beyond Colne and its 40 year history to not only be detached from Pendle but also returned to Yorkshire (there is a sign that says "Welcome to Yorkshire" outside Colne) I share the Commission's view that with Lancashire, their geographic and demographic nature lend themselves to the Ribble Valley. Nelson on the other hand looks towards Brierfield and Burnley and has very different demographic and it is reasonable that Burnley and this part of Pendle make up a new constituency.</p> <p>The restrictive numbers permissible in the Act for constituency size make this exercise challenging. Padiham is a historic and proud town in its own right and whilst it is a town aligned with Burnley the commission have decided to face it towards Accrington rather than Burnley. This is one of the unfortunate consequences of this Act but I accept that this is the least disruptive.</p> <p>Accrington now has evolved into one large and continuous urban area including the smaller towns and it is clear that the greater Accrington area with an electorate of over 60,000 is a seat in its own right (surrounded by greenbelt/greenfield) and has a considerable weight of history too. Accrington Pals, Accrington Stanley, Accrington NORI.</p> <p>The addition of Padiham, whilst awkward is the best compromise given the restrictions of the Act. It allows Blackburn and Rossendale and Darwen to form the remaining two seats. For the people of Padiham I am sure this is a disappointment which brings me on to the one minor revision.</p> <p>The Ward of Coalclough with Deerplay is included in the new Accrington seat and this has considerable problems attached;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no direct road from the Accrington constituency to this ward. It passes through the new Burnley seat. - Coalclough with Deerplay is not in Padiham nor is it in Hyndburn It is in Burnley making the seat Accrington-Padiham-Burnley - The people who live in Coalclough with Deerplay don't consider themselves from Padiham - Getting from Coalclough with Deerplay to Padiham or Accrington is difficult for constituents.

					<p>- Whilst Padiham has it's own newspaper (Padiham Express), it is not read by people in Burnley</p> <p>- This increases the number of civic and media responsibilities to 3. Burnley, Pendle and Accrington.</p> <p>I would recommend to the Commission to keep Padiham as largely intact as possible and to avoid adding area of Burnley into the new Accrington seat. Swapping Lowerhouse and Rosegrove for Coalclough with Deerplay would be an obvious choice for constituents and to work within as few civic and social boundaries as possible.</p>
BCE-23837	Gareth	Molineux	Local councillor	Accrington	<p>I support the commissions draft proposal for the new seat of Accrington cc in terms of population, obvious demographic links and keeping the borough of Hyndburn intact. Although I must stress that this area is made up of very distinct townships that each as its own individual identity. i believe as this area is predominantly made up of the existing borough council of Hyndburn and the township of Padiham that the new seats name should reflect this and be "Hyndburn with Padiham" That way each teen is able to keep its identity depart from Accrington.</p>
BCE-23847	Sarah	Mellors	Member of the public	Accrington	<p>I support the proposal for Hyndburn which retains Accrington and surroundings and seems to be consistent with current Local Government. Accrington has a distinct local identity very different from surrounding centres.</p>
BCE-23848	Andy	Clegg	Member of the public	Accrington	<p>I feel the area proposed as Accrington is the best way forward. Splitting it up in any way doesn't make any sense.</p>
BCE-23851	David	Holmes	Member of the public	Accrington	<p>We want our local area to be kept together. Hyndburn with Accrington covers a geographical area where there are close community ties. We would not support a boundary that breaks up Hyndburn. We suggest that the commission re-thinks their proposal.</p>
BCE-23904 / BCE-23905 (same response)	Clare	Cleary	Local councillor	Hyndburn	<p>This is a sensible approach and I am happy to support it fully.</p>
BCE-23907	WINIFRED LESLEY	JACKSON	Member of the public	BLACKBURN	<p>The proposals look fair to me. As a former local councillor, I am much happier with this proposal than the muddle that was proposed last time. Reasonable continuity and compatibility with the local wards that electors are used to has great merit.</p>
BCE-23989	Paul	Taylforth	Member of the public	Accrington	<p>I agree with the Boundary Commissions proposals for creating the new seat of Accrington.</p> <p>I think the current Conservative Government are trying to manipulate this and other areas purely for their own political gain & their moves should be resisted.</p>
BCE-24105	cathy	tinston	Member of the public	lanCS	<p>I disagree with the Hynburn changes, its just the Tories carving up the country to give them more seats</p>

BCE-24413 / BCE-24414 (same comment)	James	Cheverton	Member of the public	Accrington	I approve of the changes. It the area it's identity back. People nationwide have heard of accrington where as no one has heard of hyndburn. It's good for area not to be split up. Accrington and the surrounding towns and townships are linked.
BCE-26453	Warren	Melia	Member of the public	Blackburn	<p>I understand the electoral-math behind the proposed boundary changes, not only to our-own-local "HYNDBURN Parliamentary Boundaries", but also to other surrounding boundaries.</p> <p>However, I (and I suspect, many others!) "strongly object" to the proposal to rename HYNDBURN to ACCRINGTON.</p> <p>Historically, since the 1970's, many/most of the "so-called" satellite-towns around Accrington, (which were, one by one, "ABSORBED" into the Local Hyndburn Borough Council, after it's crestion, following the Local Government Act of 1972) had/have residents who DO NOT IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS "Accrington'ers" --- and with the proposed addition of 'former Padiham & Burnley Wards' in the mix, this is going to be EVEN MORE THE CASE !</p> <p>"We" are "Harrod'ers", "Clayton'ers", "Rishton'ers", "Ossies", Etc ... NOT "Accrington'ers-ALL" (!)</p> <p>In my own home-town of RISHTON, prior to 1974, 'we' had our own Urban District Authority, with our own council-offices, tax raising powers and our own Rishton-Mayor ... all of which were lost (... to Accrington-Local-Council AKA "Hyndburn Borough Council") about 4-decades ago. There are still some "long memories" in my town. In SHORT - PLEASE LEAVE THE NEW PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY, STILL NAMED AS "HYNDBURN" !</p>
BCE-30834	Miles	Parkinson	On behalf of a Local Authority	Accrington	<p>This representation is a hard copy letter that was posted to us. Please click the full link to see the letter as an attachment.</p> <p>https://www.bce2018.org.uk/node/30834/view</p>