

LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE	22 nd June 2021
REPORT OF	Rob Walsh - Chief Executive and Returning Officer
SUBJECT	Parliamentary Boundary Review – Consultation
STATUS	Open

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

The Council has two clear strategic priorities – Stronger Economy and Stronger Communities. Within that second priority, the proposed changes to the Parliamentary constituencies will have an impact on local democracy within North East Lincolnshire.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Boundary Commission for England has commenced national public consultation on the future arrangements for Parliamentary Constituencies across the country, including North East Lincolnshire.

For North East Lincolnshire, the proposals are that there should be a Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes Borough Constituency and South Humber County Constituency in place of the current arrangements (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes).

The Committee is asked to agree a draft consultation response which will then form a recommendation to Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Licensing and Community Protection Committee consider the proposals contained within the consultation document and put forward any comments/views to be included in the Council's response to the proposals which will be considered at the next meeting of Council.

REASONS FOR DECISION

To ensure that Members are updated on further developments on this important issue and have the opportunity to respond to this consultation document.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 On 8th June 2021, the Boundary Commission for England issued proposals to amend the Parliamentary Boundaries for Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes Constituencies, respectively. Details of the proposed changes are set out in the report and the two attached maps (appendix 1) show the proposed two new constituency areas. These proposals are now subject to public consultation and North East Lincolnshire Council is one of the consultees.

Boundary Commission for England

- 1.2 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.

The 2023 Review

- 1.3 The BCE has the task of periodically reviewing the boundaries of all of the Parliamentary constituencies in England.
- 1.4 They are currently conducting a review on the basis of rules set by Parliament in 2020. These rules state that the BCE should retain the overall number of Constituencies across the UK at 650. However, each constituency must have an electorate that is no smaller than 69,724 and no larger than 77,062.

Timetable for Boundary Commission Review

- 1.5 The BCE will make its final proposals in July 2023, and these will come into effect from the next scheduled Parliamentary elections in May 2024 (provided no snap Parliamentary election is called before then).
- 1.6 The timetable for the key stages of the Boundary Commission review is as follows:

Stage One	Development of initial proposals by the BCE	Started January 2021
Stage Two	8-week consultation on initial proposals.	8 June to 2 August 2021
Stage Three	6-week consultation on representations received <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCE are required to publish all responses received on the initial proposals and BCE comments. Plus 2 to 5 public hearings per region.	Early 2022
Stage Four	Development and publication of revised proposals, incorporating: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis from 1st and 2nd representations made• Publication of revised proposals if change mind as a result of feedback• 4-week consultation period on the revisions made	Anticipated to be towards the end of 2022
Stage Five	Development and publication of the final report and recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All evidence received to be considered• Report will be published to Government to present to Speaker of the House of Commons	By 1 July 2023

Proposed Changes for North East Lincolnshire

- 1.7 Yorkshire and Humber has been allocated 54 Parliamentary constituencies – unchanged from the current number. The BCE’s proposals leave only 2 of the 54 current constituencies unchanged.
- 1.8 As it is not always possible to allocate whole numbers of constituencies to individual councils, the BCE has grouped some county and council areas into sub-regions. North East Lincolnshire has been included as part of the Yorkshire and Humber sub-region.
- 1.9 Both of the current constituencies in North East Lincolnshire have been significantly changed under the new proposals, as well as the names of both constituencies.
- 1.10 The current Parliamentary constituencies consist of the following Wards (electorate in brackets):-

Great Grimsby:

- East Marsh – 6,369
- Freshney – 7,210
- Heneage – 8,013
- Park – 8,967
- Scartho – 8,929
- South – 8,315
- West Marsh – 4,661
- Yarborough – 8,444

Total = 60,908

Cleethorpes:

- Croft Baker – 8,660
- Haverstoe – 8,195
- Humberston and New Waltham – 9,471
- Immingham – 8,771
- Sidney Sussex – 8,216
- Waltham – 5,683
- Wolds – 6,092
- Barton – 9,367 (North Lincs)
- Ferry – 8,975 (North Lincs)

Total = 73,430 electors

1.11 Under the new proposals, two new constituencies are proposed as follows:-

Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes Borough Constituency:

- Croft Baker – 8,660
- East Marsh – 6,369
- Freshney – 7,210
- Haverstoe – 8,195
- Heneage – 8,013
- Park – 8,967
- Sidney Sussex – 8,216
- South – 8,315
- West Marsh – 4,661
- Yarborough – 8,444

Total = 77,050 electors

South Humber County Constituency:

- Humberston and New Waltham – 9,471
- Immingham – 8,771
- Scartho – 8,929
- Waltham – 5,683
- Wolds – 6,092
- Barton – 9,367 (North Lincs)
- Brigg and Wolds – 9,152 (North Lincs)
- Broughton and Appleby – 5,188 (North Lincs)
- Ferry – 8,975 (North Lincs)

Total = 71,628 electors

Consultation Options

1.13 North East Lincolnshire Council is one of the consultees for the BCE and the authority can either choose to provide a response or not. Any response can either support the proposals, suggest changes, or make no comment.

1.14 If the Council does choose to suggest any changes, these changes must:

- retain the total electorate within each Parliamentary area effected within the specified ranges (69,724 to 77,062).
- Must contain whole existing Wards – they cannot be split up in any way.
- Factor in any changes to other constituencies in terms of the effect on their electorate.
- Only relate to the Yorkshire and Humber sub-region. Therefore, any suggested changes cannot include parts of Lincolnshire in the proposal.

- 1.15 The electorate figures provided must be used (the date for calculating the electorate figures was set out in law) and no allowance can be made for any future development which may take place which might increase the electorate in future.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

There are no direct risks or opportunities associated with this report.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The Council can choose whether or not to make a response to the consultation document.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 If the Council chooses not to respond to this consultation document, then it cannot influence the proposed future changes to the Parliamentary Constituencies within North East Lincolnshire.
- 4.2 The public are able to access information online (link in section 10 below) and in person, by appointment, at Grimsby Town Hall during normal office hours.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None directly arising from this report.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct Climate change and environmental implications arising from this report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications that will arise from this report.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Whilst the proposals articulated above have a significant local impact, it should be noted that the consultation period is only for 8 weeks, commencing on 8th June 2021 and ending 2nd August 2021. If there is to be a referral to Council for its next ordinary meeting, then this is scheduled for 29th July 2021. One working day prior to closure of the consultation. In making any recommendations, the Licensing and Community Protection Committee may wish to recommend an earlier special meeting of Council be convened.
- 8.2 There are no immediate legal implications arising, given the recommendations, to formulate a Council response to a consultation with subsequent referral to Council.

9. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct HR implications arising from the contents of this report.

10. WARD IMPLICATIONS

The proposals contained within the consultation document will affect all Wards.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in Yorkshire and the Humber – Published by Boundary Commission for England
<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-06-08-Initial-Proposals-Yorkshire-and-the-Humber-Region.pdf>

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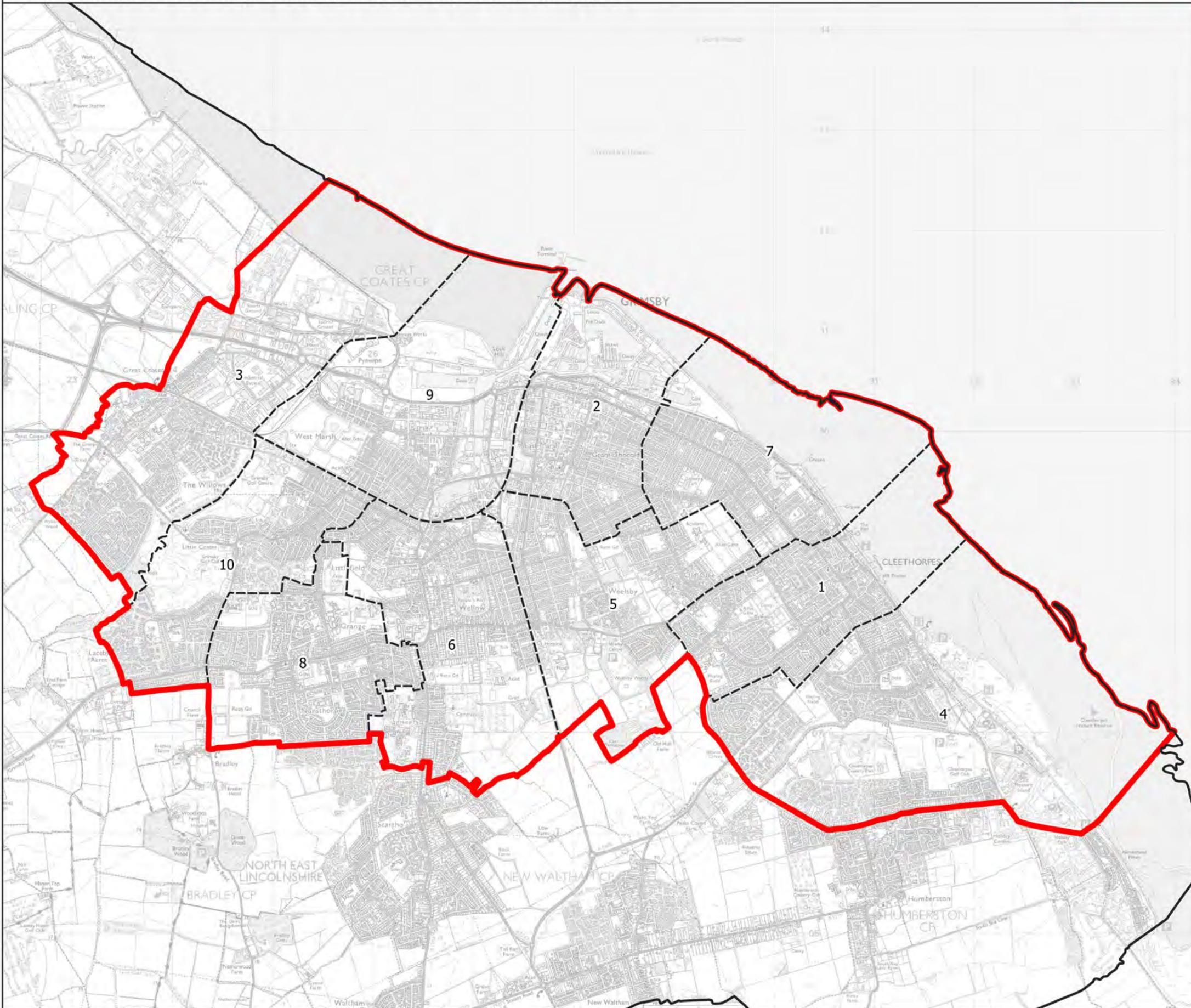
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ROB WALSH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND RETURNING OFFICER



Wards:

- 1 Croft Baker
- 2 East Marsh
- 3 Freshney
- 4 Haverstoe
- 5 Heneage
- 6 Park
- 7 Sidney Sussex
- 8 South
- 9 West Marsh
- 10 Yarborough



Constituency
 Local Authorities
 Wards

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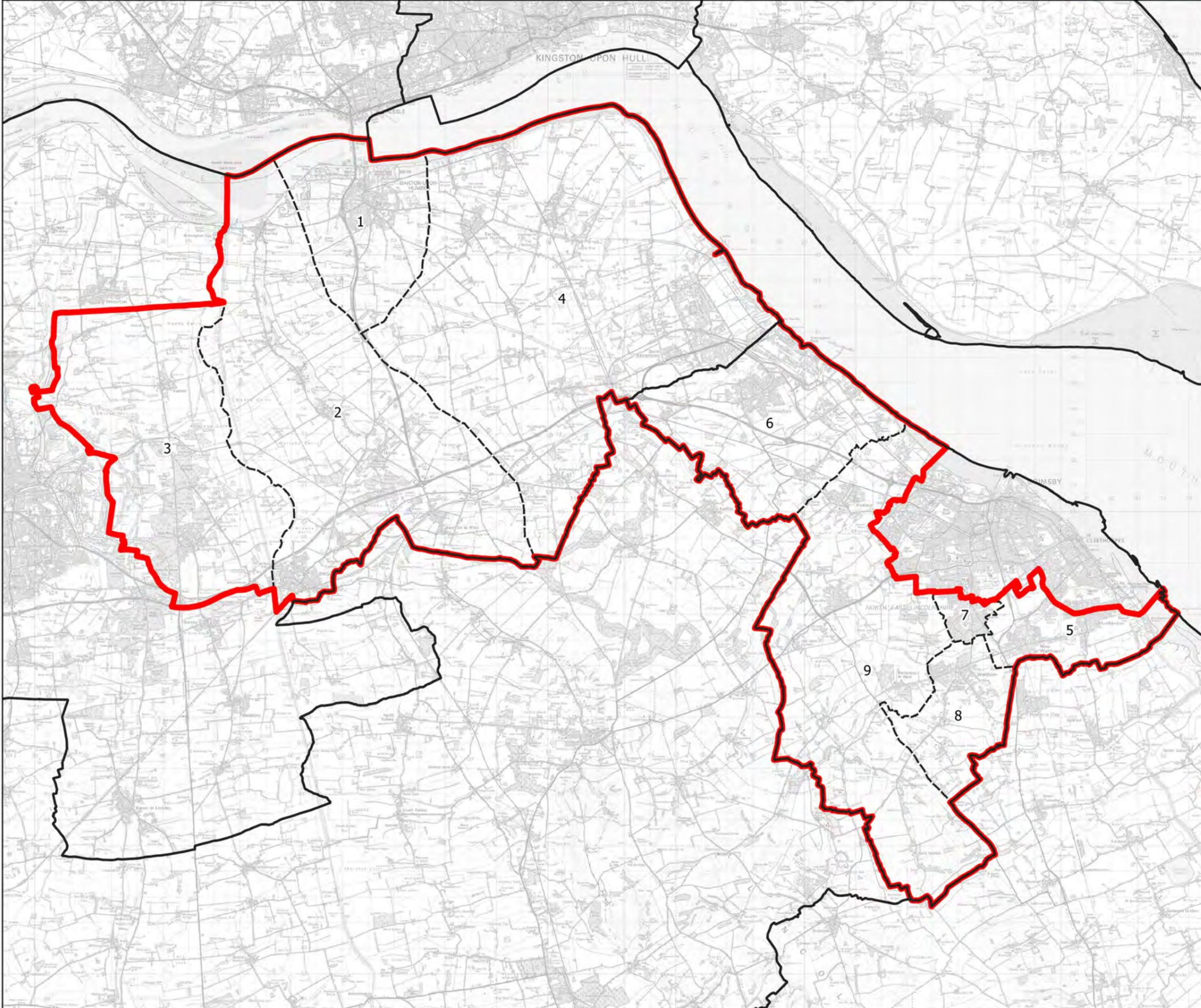
Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes Borough Constituency

Boundary Commission for England - Initial Proposals for the Yorkshire and the Humber Region

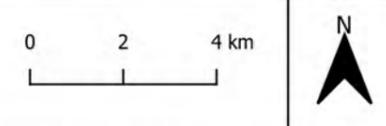
South Humber County Constituency - Electorate 71,628



- Wards:
- 1 Barton
 - 2 Brigg and Wolds
 - 3 Broughton and Appleby
 - 4 Ferry
 - 5 Humberston and New Waltham
 - 6 Immingham
 - 7 Scartho
 - 8 Waltham
 - 9 Wolds



- Constituency
- Local Authorities
- Wards



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