

APPENDIX 5

Extract from Boundary Commission for England's
INITIAL PROPOSALS for LONDON REGION
(regarding Bromley's Parliamentary Constituencies)

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76. Bromley has a mathematical entitlement to 3.24 constituencies, meaning that a whole number of constituencies cannot be contained within the borough boundary, and one constituency is required to cross the boundary with either Bexley or Greenwich. We outline below our reasons for proposing a constituency that crosses the boundary between Bromley and Greenwich. Elsewhere in Bromley borough, we propose a Beckenham constituency, a Bromley constituency, and an Orpington constituency. Our proposed Beckenham constituency comprises four wards from the existing Beckenham constituency, and three wards from the existing Lewisham West and Penge constituency. Despite these changes to the existing Beckenham constituency, we consider that the name 'Beckenham' would still be appropriate for our proposed constituency, given that it would still include the centre of Beckenham and its surrounding areas.
77. Our proposed Bromley constituency consists of two wards from the existing Beckenham constituency, three wards from the existing Bromley and Chislehurst constituency, and the Petts Wood and Knoll ward from the existing Orpington constituency. We note that Bromley Common is located in the two wards currently in the Beckenham constituency (Bromley Common and Keston ward, and Hayes and Coney Hall ward) and we observe the clear north–south road links, such as the A21, running from these two wards to the centre of Bromley town. We also note the continuous residential development and the road and rail links from the Petts Wood and Knoll ward to the rest of the proposed Bromley constituency. To bring the existing Orpington constituency into the permitted electorate range, we propose that the Cray Valley West ward be included in this constituency in place of the Petts Wood and Knoll ward.
78. When considering a constituency that would extend from Bromley borough into either Bexley or Greenwich borough, we noted that Bromley is separated from Bexley by the A20 road, which runs along the borough boundary, and by areas of woodland and open space in the north-eastern part of the Chislehurst ward. However, there are continuous residential development and numerous road links across the Bromley–Greenwich boundary. We therefore consider a crossing into Greenwich to be the more attractive option in terms of community ties. To that end, we propose an Eltham and Chislehurst constituency, which comprises six wards from the existing Eltham constituency, and the two Bromley borough wards of Chislehurst, and Mottingham and Chislehurst North.

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