



Boundary Commission for Scotland

Established by Parliament to advise on parliamentary boundaries in Scotland

Guidance on display points for parliamentary boundary reviews

Display Points

A **display point** is a location where the public can inspect proposals made by the Boundary Commission for Scotland for alterations to parliamentary constituencies and/or regions.

Display points are agreed by the Commission with local authorities at the start of a boundary review. Display points are usually located in council offices and libraries - the main objective is to identify locations which will make it easy for the information to be seen by a wide range of the public.

The Commission needs to agree at least one display point in each constituency. Usually there are two or three display points per constituency, but more may be required in remote areas.

Display points should ideally be chosen to:

- ✓ be close to public transport links or popular travel routes;
- ✓ include one in or near to the largest settlement in the constituency;
- ✓ open at times convenient for the public, including, if possible, times outside normal office hours;
- ✓ be fully accessible to disabled people, including availability of viewing aids;
- ✓ provide a continuous display space of 1.5 m wide by 1.2 m high at a height of between 0.7 – 1.9 m, or provide tables of a similar area and seats for viewing purposes;
- ✓ have lighting suitable for close range map viewing.

A display point should not:

- ✗ be likely to close or relocate for an extended period during the review (consultation periods are 1 month);
- ✗ restrict access to certain sections of the public.

At some display points, it may be appropriate to place material so that it can be viewed from the street through a window. This can assist with out-of-hours access to the information.

Display Materials

The **display materials** comprise a map of the Commission's proposals and accompanying material such as a News Release. All of the material should be made available for inspection by the public.

Ideally, the display materials should be mounted side-by-side on a wall or display board, with the bottom of the map being no lower than 0.7m above the floor (to enable comfortable viewing conditions for wheelchair users). At least 1.5 m in front of the display should be free from obstruction. Displays should have adequate lighting to allow close range map viewing.

Where the proposals are located in an area of the building not directly in public view, A4 signage is supplied with display materials to assist with informing people of the availability of the proposals for inspection.

Other Dissemination

The Commission distributes the same consultation material directly to political parties, MPs and MSPs.

All of the Commission's information is also available on the Commission's website. Local authorities may wish to promote access to the Commission's website through public-access internet facilities, in addition to display of hard-copy material at display points.

If appropriate, the Commission can provide display material as PDF files on a CD-ROM to allow the public to consult the material on a computer.

Further Information

For further information, e-mail enquiries@scottishboundaries.gov.uk or call us on: 0131 538 7510.

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