

Appendix

Following the recent consultation conducted by Boundaries Scotland on its provisional proposals for new constituency boundaries for the Scottish Parliament, and after extensive deliberation at the May Council meeting and subsequent discussions at the cross-party Members Sounding Board, Scottish Borders Council objects to the provisional proposals for the Clyde Valley & Tweeddale County Constituency. In order to address the local concerns, we kindly request that the following points be given due consideration as you move forward with proposals:

- That delicate balance is struck between the necessary boundary adjustments and the preservation of the already well established community and transport links between regions.
- A change of name, for example to "Lanark, Tweeddale, Galashiels, and Lauderdale Constituency" within the proposed boundaries, to better reflect the strong sense of local identity, historical significance, and cultural connection within the constituency.