

35 The electorate of the existing Erewash constituency needed to increase and this was achieved by the proposed inclusion of just one ward (Ockbrook & Borrowash) from the existing Mid Derbyshire constituency.

36 In the City of Derby, we have proposed changes to reflect the requirement of both the Derby North and Derby South constituencies to gain electors in order to fall within 5% of the quota. We propose that the Chaddesden ward be transferred from the existing Derby North constituency to the Derby South constituency; the Mickleover ward be transferred to the South Derbyshire constituency; and that the three wards of Arboretum, Normanton, and Blagreaves be included in our proposed Derby North constituency from the existing Derby South constituency. Our proposed reconfiguration of Derby South results in the inclusion of the four remaining wards of the existing Derby South constituency with the addition of the aforementioned Chaddesden ward, the Aston ward from the existing South Derbyshire constituency, and the two wards of Oakwood and Spondon from the existing Mid Derbyshire constituency. We did explore different configurations of constituencies in the City of Derby but considered that our proposals more closely resemble the existing pattern of constituencies and retain the north-south axis of the two existing Derby constituencies.

37 In considering our proposals for the South Derbyshire constituency we concluded that it could remain largely the same as the existing constituency, with the only changes being that it would no longer include the Aston ward and now includes the Mickleover ward.

Initial proposals for the Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire sub-region

38 Nottinghamshire is entitled to 10.28 constituencies, a reduction of one from its current number. We noted that the entitlement was such that there would be a constituency that crossed the Nottinghamshire county boundary. As we had already decided not to cross the Derbyshire county boundary, Nottinghamshire would contain part of a constituency that crossed the boundary with Leicestershire.

39 We noted that six of the existing constituencies had electorates that were within the electoral range. With electorates, respectively, of 76,764 and 74,066, we propose that Bassetlaw CC and Mansfield CC should remain wholly unchanged. This would mean that the boundaries of the Mansfield constituency would continue to be coterminous with the District of Mansfield. We propose that Ashfield CC (with an electorate of 76,490) would be changed only to reflect the changes to local government ward boundaries in the area, which have resulted in wards being divided by existing constituencies.

40 In our proposed Newark constituency, a number of the changes we propose are the result of changes to local government wards. Those changes apart, we consider that we have proposed modest changes to the existing constituency, with the addition of the two wards of Ollerton and Boughton from the existing Sherwood constituency, and the transfer of the Lowdham ward, as well as the whole of the divided Dover