



DEMOCRATIC AUDIT BOUNDARY MODEL FOR YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

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The region as a whole shrinks from 54 seats to 50. North Yorkshire and Humberside are clearly compatible with whole number allocations, but initially I expected South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire to need pairing across the Barnsley/ Wakefield border ('Hemsworth and Dearne' probably). However, the ward sizes in South and West Yorkshire seemed to facilitate creating seats with large electorates in West Yorkshire and small ones in South Yorkshire, making a border crossing unnecessary.

The model here splits one ward in Wakefield, three in Leeds and three in Sheffield, which given the size of wards in most of the metropolitan boroughs (over 16,000 in Leeds) is not too bad.

Some of the constituencies with split wards are fairly close to the legal limits, so it is possible that this configuration could founder on the size of polling districts – particularly in Leeds. If electorates in Leeds are really too high to allow a configuration like this, it would be possible for Wetherby to be moved over to the Selby seat, the Harrogate district wards transferred from Selby & Ainsty to Harrogate, and the excess absorbed by ward transfers to Skipton & Ripon and Thirsk & Malton. A scheme doing this is outlined in 'Leeds and North Yorkshire: Plan B' at the end of this section.

| | Current seats | 2011 entitlement | Allocation | See pages |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Humberside | 10 | 8.99 | 9 | 2-4 |
| North Yorkshire/ York | 8 | 7.95 | 8 | 5-6 (also 15-16) |
| South Yorkshire | 14 | 12.71 | 13 | 7-9 |
| West Yorkshire | 22 | 20.58 | 20 | 10-14 (also 15-16) |
| YORKSHIRE/ HUMBER | 54 | | 50 | |

Humberside

Humberside's entitlement drops from 10 seats to 9, and this means major reorganisation of the seats in the county. The options are also very constrained by the geography, particularly the long thin strip of south Humberside and the infrequency of crossing points, and the large wards in the East Riding of Yorkshire. However, a reasonable plan is possible that splits no wards.

| BEVERLEY (73,614) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| East Yorkshire | East Riding of Yorkshire UA | Driffield & Rural, Pocklington Provincial, Wolds Weighton | 37,031 | 50.3 |
| Beverley & Holderness | East Riding of Yorkshire UA | Beverley Rural, Minster & Woodmansey, St Mary's | 36,583 | 49.7 |

Beverley town is combined with rural territory to the north west rather than, as at present, the south east.

| BRIDLINGTON AND HOLDERNESS (74,962) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| East Yorkshire | East Riding of Yorkshire UA | Bridlington (3), East Wolds & Coastal | 43,404 | 57.9 |
| Beverley & Holderness | East Riding of Yorkshire UA | Mid Holderness, North Holderness, South East Holderness | 31,558 | 42.1 |

This somewhat resembles the pre-1997 Bridlington constituency.

| BRIGG (75,905) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Cleethorpes | North East Lincolnshire UA | Immingham, Waltham, Wolds | 20,035 | 48.8 |
| Cleethorpes | North Lincolnshire UA | Barton, Ferry | 17,018 | |
| Brigg & Goole | North Lincolnshire UA | Brigg & Wolds, Broughton & Appleby, Burton-upon-Stather & Winterton | 23,292 | 30.7 |
| Great Grimsby | North East Lincolnshire UA | Freshney, Scartho | 15,560 | 20.5 |

Humberside (cont.)

| GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES (80,211) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Great Grimsby | North East Lincolnshire UA | East Marsh, Heneage, Park, South, West Marsh, Yarborough | 46,369 | 57.8 |
| Cleethorpes | North East Lincolnshire UA | Croft Baker, Havenstoe, Humberston & New Waltham, Sidney Sussex | 33,842 | 42.2 |

The current Cleethorpes seat is a strange shape, forming a sort of bridge around Great Grimsby to take in both Cleethorpes town (south of Grimsby) and an area to the north of Grimsby. It looks difficult to expand the Grimsby seat to preserve this pattern, and there seems little option but to take the Cleethorpes town wards and combine them with the bulk of the undersized Great Grimsby seat. Splitting Grimsby – a coherent town with a long parliamentary history – is regrettable.

| HOWDEN AND GOOLE (77,521) | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Haltemprice & Howden | East Riding of Yorkshire UA | Dale, Howden, Howdenshire, South Hunsley, Willerby & Kirk Ella | 48,442 | 62.5 |
| Brigg and Goole | East Riding of Yorkshire UA | Goole (2), Snaith, Airmyn, Rawcliffe & Marshland | 22,631 | 37.5 |
| Brigg and Goole | North Lincolnshire UA | Axholme North | 6,448 | |

This seat somewhat resembles the pre-1997 Boothferry seat.

| KINGSTON UPON HULL EAST (79,784) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Kingston upon Hull East | Hull UA | Entire current constituency | 68,150 | 85.4 |
| Beverley & Holderness | East Riding of Yorkshire UA | South West Holderness | 11,634 | 14.6 |

| KINGSTON UPON HULL NORTH (73,306) | | | | |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Kingston upon Hull North | Hull UA | Current constituency less Bricknell | 58,652 | 80.0 |
| Haltemprice & Howden | East Riding of Yorkshire UA | Cottingham (2) | 14,654 | 20.0 |

Humberside (cont.)

| KINGSTON UPON HULL WEST AND HESSLE (75,567) | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle | Hull UA, East Riding of Yorkshire UA | Entire current constituency | 61,232 | 81.0 |
| Haltemprice & Howden | East Riding of Yorkshire UA | Tranby | 7,778 | 10.3 |
| Kingston upon Hull North | Hull UA | Bricknell | 6,567 | 8.7 |

| SCUNTHORPE (77,852) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Scunthorpe | North Lincolnshire UA | Entire current constituency | 63,489 | 81.6 |
| Brigg & Goole | North Lincolnshire UA | Axholme Central, Axholme South, Burringham & Gunness | 14,363 | 18.4 |

North Yorkshire

North Yorkshire, including the unitary York council area, is the easiest county to redistribute. All the existing constituencies are within the size limit and can be left unchanged. However, see the 'Plan B' below in which it could absorb some of the excess electorate of West Yorkshire.

| RICHMOND (YORKS) (78,902) | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Richmond (Yorks) | Hambleton DC, Richmondshire DC | Unchanged current constituency | 78,902 | 100.0 |

| HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH (75,044) | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Harrogate & Knaresborough | Harrogate DC | Unchanged current constituency | 75,044 | 100.0 |

| SCARBOROUGH AND WHITBY (76,078) | | | | |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Scarborough & Whitby | Scarborough DC | Unchanged current constituency | 76,078 | 100.0 |

| SELBY AND AINSTY (73,580) | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Selby & Ainsty | Selby DC, Harrogate DC | Unchanged current constituency | 73,580 | 100.0 |

| SKIPTON AND RIPON (77,098) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Skipton & Ripon | Craven DC, Harrogate DC | Unchanged current constituency | 77,098 | 100.0 |

| THIRSK AND MALTON (77,230) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Thirsk & Malton | Ryedale DC, Hambleton DC, Scarborough DC | Unchanged current constituency | 77,230 | 100.0 |

North Yorkshire (York city)

| YORK CENTRAL (75,656) | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| York Central | York UA | Unchanged current constituency | 75,656 | 100.0 |

| YORK OUTER (75,125) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| York Outer | York UA | Unchanged current constituency | 75,125 | 100.0 |

South Yorkshire

| DONCASTER CENTRAL (73,874) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Doncaster Central | Doncaster MB | Unchanged current constituency | 73,874 | 100.0 |

All the constituencies in Doncaster borough can be left alone, provided that South Yorkshire is allocated 13 whole seats.

| DONCASTER NORTH (72,855) | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Doncaster North | Doncaster MB | Unchanged current constituency | 72,855 | 100.0 |

| DON VALLEY (73,674) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Don Valley | Doncaster MB | Unchanged current constituency | 73,674 | 100.0 |

| BARNSLEY EAST AND DEARNE (76,254) | | | | |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Barnsley East | Barnsley MB | Cudworth, Darfield, North East, Stairfoot | 34,312 | 45.0 |
| Barnsley Central | Barnsley MB | Darton East, Monk Bretton, Royston | 24,960 | 32.7 |
| Wentworth & Dearne | Barnsley MB | Dearne (2) | 16,982 | 22.3 |

| BARNSLEY WEST AND STOCKSBRIDGE (80,406) | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Penistone & Stocksbridge | Barnsley MB | Dodworth, Penistone (2) | 26,058 | 50.5 |
| Penistone & Stocksbridge | Sheffield MB | Stocksbridge & Upper Don | 14,576 | |
| Barnsley Central | Barnsley MB | Central, Darton West, Kingstone, Old Town, St Helens | 39,772 | 49.5 |

South Yorkshire (cont.)

| ROTHER VALLEY (72,880) | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Rother Valley | Rotherham MB | Current constituency less Sitwell | 63,602 | 87.3 |
| Wentworth & Dearne | Rotherham MB | Wickersley | 9,278 | 12.7 |

| ROTHERHAM (73,098) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Rotherham | Rotherham MB | Boston Castle, Brinsworth & Catcliffe, Keppel, Rotherham (2), Valley | 54,115 | 73.9 |
| Wentworth & Dearne | Rotherham MB | Rawmarsh | 9,517 | 13.1 |
| Rother Valley | Rotherham MB | Sitwell | 9,466 | 13.0 |

The swapping of Sitwell and Wickersley wards with Rother Valley is needed to get both seats within the permitted size variation.

| SHEFFIELD ARBOURTHORNE (73,800 approx) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Sheffield Heeley | Sheffield MB | Current constituency less Gleadless Valley (part) | 60,900 approx | 83 |
| Sheffield South East | Sheffield MB | Birley | 12,898 | 17 |

The area of Gleadless Valley lost from the seat is the part known as 'Heeley' so a new name may be useful. Gleadless Valley appears to be one of the more easily divisible wards of Sheffield.

| SHEFFIELD CENTRAL (74,800 approx) | | | | |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Sheffield Central | Sheffield MB | Central, Nether Edge, Walkley | 44,867 | 60 |
| Sheffield Brightside & Hillsborough | Sheffield MB | Burngreave | 14,765 | 20 |
| Sheffield Hallam | Sheffield MB | Crookes (part) | 9,600 approx | 13 |
| Sheffield Heeley | Sheffield MB | Gleadless Valley (part) | 5,600 approx | 7 |

South Yorkshire (cont.)

Part of Crookes was in Central prior to 2010, and the ward appears to divide easily into two sub-sections.

| SHEFFIELD HALLAM (73,400 approx) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Sheffield Hallam | Sheffield MB | Entire current constituency less Crookes (part) | 60,400 approx | 82 |
| Sheffield Central | Sheffield MB | Broomhill | 12,974 | 18 |

| SHEFFIELD HILLSBOROUGH (73,400 approx) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Sheffield Hillsborough & Brightside | Sheffield MB | Firth Park, Hillsborough, Southey, Shiregreen & Brightside (part) | 46,200 approx | 62 |
| Penistone & Stocksbridge | Sheffield MB | Ecclesall (2) | 28,499 | 38 |

This takes in the northern (Shiregreen) part of the Shiregreen & Brightside ward.

| SHEFFIELD TINSLEY (76,500 approx) | | | | |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Sheffield South East | Sheffield MB | Beighton, Darnall, Mosborough, Woodhouse | 54,894 | 73 |
| Sheffield Central | Sheffield MB | Manor Castle | 12,134 | 16 |
| Sheffield Brightside & Hillsborough | Sheffield MB | Shiregreen & Brightside (part) | 8,300 approx | 11 |

The new name reflects the more northern orientation of the constituency; it includes the Brightside and Wincobank neighbourhoods within the Shiregreen and Brightside ward.

| WENTWORTH AND WORSBROUGH (79,442) | | | | |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Wentworth & Dearne | Rotherham MB | Hooper, Silverwood, Swinton, Wath | 36,495 | 46.3 |
| Barnsley East | Barnsley MB | Hoyland Milton, Rockingham, Wombwell, Worsbrough | 33,931 | 43.0 |
| Rotherham | Rotherham MB | Wingfield | 9,286 | 11.8 |

West Yorkshire

| BATLEY AND SPEN (77,472) | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Batley & Spen | Kirklees MB | Unchanged current constituency | 77,472 | 100.0 |

| BRADFORD SOUTH EAST (76,848) | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Bradford East | Bradford MB | Bolton & Undercliffe, Bowling & Barkerend, Bradford Moor | 33,682 | 43.8 |
| Bradford West | Bradford MB | City, Manningham, Toller | 31,619 | 41.1 |
| Bradford South | Bradford MB | Tong | 11,547 | 15.0 |

| BRADFORD SOUTH WEST (74,199) | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Bradford South | Bradford MB | Great Horton, Royds, Wibsey, Wyke | 42,069 | 56.7 |
| Bradford West | Bradford MB | Clayton & Fairweather Green, Thornton & Allerton | 21,673 | 29.2 |
| Bradford East | Bradford MB | Little Horton | 10,457 | 14.1 |

| CALDER VALLEY (76,041) | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Calder Valley | Calderdale MB | Unchanged current constituency | 76,041 | 100.0 |

| COLNE VALLEY (80,205) | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Colne Valley | Kirklees MB | Colne Valley, Golcar, Holme Valley(2) | 53,856 | 67.1 |
| Huddersfield | Kirklees MB | Almondbury | 13,488 | 16.8 |
| Dewsbury | Kirklees MB | Kirkburton | 12,861 | 16.0 |

Colne Valley loses two suburban wards on the west side of Huddersfield and stretches further round the south of the town than previously.

West Yorkshire (cont.)

| DEWSBURY (80,278) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Dewsbury | Kirklees MB | Denby Dale, Dewsbury (3), Mirfield | 66,773 | 83.2 |
| Wakefield | Wakefield MB | Wakefield Rural | 13,505 | 16.8 |

Wakefield Rural is required, rather than Ossett as previously, in a Dewsbury seat so that it is contiguous with Denby Dale (which is cut off from other Kirklees wards by Kirkburton).

| ELMET (80,215) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Elmet & Rothwell | Leeds MB | Harewood, Kippax & Methley, Wetherby | 46,478 | 57.9 |
| Leeds East | Leeds MB | Crossgates & Whinmoor, Killingbeck & Seacroft | 33,737 | 42.1 |

| HALIFAX (80,225) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Halifax | Calderdale MB | Entire current constituency | 69,126 | 86.2 |
| Bradford South | Bradford MB | Queensbury | 11,099 | 13.8 |

Queensbury is a rather isolated small town between Bradford and Halifax.

| HEMSWORTH AND NORMANTON (79,500 approx) | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Hemsworth | Wakefield MB | Ackworth, North Elmsall & Upton, Crofton, Ryhill & Walton, Featherstone, Hemsworth, South Elmsall & South Kirby | 62,926 | 79 |
| Normanton, Pontefract & Castleford | Wakefield MB | Normanton, Pontefract South (PDs P13E, P13F, P13G, P13H, P13J) | 16,600 approx | 21 |

West Yorkshire (cont.)

| HUDDERSFIELD (80,128) | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Huddersfield | Kirklees MB | Ashbrow, Dalton, Greenhead, Newsome | 53,193 | 66.4 |
| Colne Valley | Kirklees MB | Crosland Moor & Netherton, Lindley | 26,935 | 33.6 |

| KEIGHLEY (80,058) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Keighley | Bradford MB | Entire current constituency | 66,963 | 83.7 |
| Shipley | Bradford MB | Bingley Rural | 13,087 | 16.3 |

| LEEDS NORTH EAST (80,200 approx) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Leeds North East | Leeds MB | Entire current constituency | 68,269 | 85 |
| Leeds East | Leeds MB | Gipton & Harehills (part) | 11,900 approx | 15 |

Most of Gipton & Harehills ward is transferred here.

| LEEDS NORTH WEST (78,297) | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Leeds North West | Leeds MB | Adel & Wharfedale, Headingley, Weetwood | 47,570 | 60.8 |
| Leeds West | Leeds MB | Kirkstall | 15,778 | 20.2 |
| Leeds Central | Leeds MB | Hyde Park & Woodhouse | 14,949 | 19.1 |

This constituency moves inwards, taking in more inner city areas around Leeds University.

| LEEDS SOUTH AND MORLEY (78,800 approx) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Morley & Outwood | Leeds MB | Ardsley & Robin Hood, Morley (2) | 51,414 | 65 |
| Leeds Central | Leeds MB | Middleton Park, City & Hunslet (part) | 27,400 approx | 35 |

The Hunslet portion of the split City & Hunslet ward is in this seat, which rather resembles a pre-1997 combination.

West Yorkshire (cont.)

| LEEDS SOUTH EAST (79,000 approx) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Elmet & Rothwell | Leeds MB | Garforth & Swillington, Rothwell | 31,516 | 40 |
| Leeds Central | Leeds MB | Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, City & Hunslet (part), Beeston & Holbeck (part) | 28,400 approx | 36 |
| Leeds East | Leeds MB | Temple Newsam, Gipton & Harehills (part) | 19,100 approx | 24 |

The split wards give this seat an arc of territory in the city centre of Leeds. This is one of the more likely points for the local detail in this area to come undone.

| LEEDS WEST (79,000 approx) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Leeds West | Leeds MB | Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Farnley & Wortley | 51,444 | 65 |
| Pudsey | Leeds MB | Pudsey | 17,245 | 22 |
| Leeds Central | Leeds MB | Beeston & Holbeck (part) | 10,200 approx | 13 |

| OTLEY (79,078) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Pudsey | Leeds MB | Calversley & Farsley, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth | 52,493 | 66.4 |
| Leeds North West | Leeds MB | Otley & Yeadon | 17,477 | 22.1 |
| Shipley | Bradford MB | Wharfedale | 9,108 | 11.5 |

West Yorkshire (cont.)

| PONTEFRACT AND CASTLEFORD (78,800 approx) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Normanton, Pontefract & Castleford | Wakefield MB | Airedale & Ferry Fryston, Altofts & Whitwood, Castleford Central & Glasshoughton, Knottingley, Pontefract North, Pontefract South (PDs P13A, P13B, P13C, P13D, P13I) | 66,700 approx | 85 |
| Morley & Outwood | Wakefield MB | Stanley & Outwood East | 12,079 | 15 |

| SHIPLEY AND BRADFORD NORTH (78,642) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Shipley | Bradford MB | Baildon, Bingley, Shipley, Windhill & Wrose | 45,930 | 58.4 |
| Bradford East | Bradford MB | Eccleshill, Idle & Thackley | 22,579 | 28.7 |
| Bradford West | Bradford MB | Heaton | 10,133 | 12.9 |

| WAKEFIELD (80,257) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Wakefield | Wakefield MB | Horbury & South Ossett, Ossett, Wakefield East, Wakefield North, Wakefield West | 58,026 | 72.3 |
| Morley & Outwood | Wakefield MB | Wrenthorpe & Outwood West | 11,670 | 14.5 |
| Hemsworth | Wakefield MB | Wakefield South | 10,561 | 13.2 |

Leeds and North Yorkshire: Plan B

The following scheme is an alternative, in case the ward splits in the main plan are not compatible with seats within the size limits. It resolves the problems in Leeds, creating more cohesive and simple constituencies with less ward-splitting. However, it comes at the price of crossing an extra county boundary, between West Yorkshire and North Yorkshire. This would no doubt be unwelcome in North Yorkshire, which would otherwise be completely unchanged. The Boundary Commission may or may not consider this an acceptable price to create better individual constituencies. This is an example (see also Eastern and East Midlands) of the tension that can exist between the subsidiary objectives set for the Boundary Commission - respecting county boundaries, not splitting wards, and creating constituencies that best reflect local ties.

These constituencies are the same as in the main model: Leeds North West, Leeds West, Otley, Scarborough & Whitby, Richmond, York Central, York Outer.

| ELMET AND ROTHWELL (79,795) | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Elmet & Rothwell | Leeds MB | Garforth & Swillington, Harewood, Kippax & Methley, Rothwell | 62,585 | 78.4 |
| Leeds East | Leeds MB | Cross Gates & Whinmoor | 17,210 | 21.6 |

| LEEDS EAST (73,595 approx) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Leeds East | Leeds MB | Killingbeck & Seacroft, Temple Newsam, Gipton & Harehills (part) | 40,065 approx | 54 |
| Leeds Central | Leeds MB | City & Hunslet, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill | 33,750 | 46 |

| LEEDS NORTH EAST (75,737 approx) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Leeds North East | Leeds MB | Entire current constituency (Alwoodley, Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay) | 68,269 | 90 |
| Leeds East | Leeds MB | Gipton & Harehills (part) | 7,468 approx | 10 |

Leeds and North Yorkshire: Plan B (cont.)

| LEEDS SOUTH AND MORLEY (76,556 approx) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Morley & Outwood | Leeds MB | Ardsley & Robin Hood, Morley (2) | 51,414 | 67 |
| Leeds Central | Leeds MB | Middleton Park, Beeston & Holbeck (part) | 25,152 approx | 33 |

The other part of the divided Beeston & Holbeck ward is in Leeds West as before.

| BARKSTON ASH (79,336) | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Selby & Ainsty | Selby DC | Entire local authority | 63,927 | 80.6 |
| Elmet & Rothwell | Leeds MB | Wetherby | 15,409 | 19.4 |

The name revives that of a historic constituency which covered a similar area.

| HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH (79,768) | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Harrogate & Knaresborough | Harrogate DC | Current constituency less Boroughbridge, Claro | 70,115 | 87.9 |
| Selby & Ainsty | Harrogate DC | All Harrogate wards in current seat | 9,653 | 12.1 |

| SKIPTON AND RIPON (79,704) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Skipton & Ripon | Craven DC, Harrogate DC | Current constituency less Wathvale ward (Harrogate DC) | 74,775 | 93.8 |
| Harrogate & Knaresborough | Harrogate DC | Boroughbridge, Claro | 4,929 | 6.2 |

| THIRSK AND MALTON (79,553) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Current constituency | Local authority | Wards | Electors | Share % |
| Thirsk & Malton | Ryedale DC, Hambleton DC, Scarborough DC | Entire current constituency | 77,230 | 97.1 |
| Skipton & Ripon | Harrogate DC | Wathvale | 2,323 | 2.9 |

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