

## **Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries**

The Boundary Commission is currently carrying out a review of parliamentary constituency boundaries. During the first stage it received over 22,000 written representations about its initial proposals and over 1,100 oral representations were made at public hearings. At noon on Tuesday 6 March 2012, those representations will be published on the Boundary Commission's website -

<http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

The publication of the representations will start the statutory "second consultation period" during which individuals and organisations have an opportunity to submit comments on the representations made by others. There will be a four week period of consultation for the second stage. As a result, anyone wishing to respond will have to make sure that their representations are received by the Boundary Commission by no later than noon on Tuesday 3 April 2012.

The Boundary Commission's initial proposals were published in September 2011. In those proposals, the South Suffolk constituency was unchanged. Babergh District Council considered the proposals on 25 October 2011 and resolved to indicate to the Boundary Commission that the Council supported the initial proposals in so far as the South Suffolk Constituency was concerned. The Council also agreed to inform the Commission that it supported the retention of Newmarket within Suffolk Parliamentary Boundaries.