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Constitution of the Commission	In accordance with Schedule 1 of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, the Commission was constituted as follows:—
Ex-officio Member	The Speaker of the House of Commons, Chairman.
Three other Members	The Honourable Mr Justice Knox, Deputy Chairman appointed by the Lord Chancellor (until 31 December 1995, position currently vacant). Miss Sheila Cameron, QC appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department. Mr David Macklin, CBE DL appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment.
Assessors	The Registrar General for England and Wales. The Director General of Ordnance Survey.
Joint Secretaries	Mr R McLeod } Mr S Limpkin } Appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

St Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6JP

17 May 1996

To the Right Honourable Michael Howard, QC, MP.
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Sir,

1.1 We, the Boundary Commission for England, constituted by the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended by the Boundary Commissions Act 1992, for the purpose of the continuous review of the distribution of seats at parliamentary elections in England, submit this Report under the provision of section 3(3) of the Act, showing our recommendations with respect to the areas comprised in the following constituencies:—

(a) The borough constituencies (BC) of:—

Birmingham, Edgbaston
Birmingham, Northfield
Birmingham, Selly Oak
Chingford and Woodford Green
Ilford North
Leyton and Wanstead
Walthamstow

(b) The county constituencies (CC) of:—

Bromsgrove
Epping Forest

Introduction

- 1.2 Notice of our intention to consider making a report with respect to these areas was submitted to you on 23 October 1995 and published in the London Gazette on 1 December 1995. The enumeration date for this interim review was therefore 1 December 1995 and our recommendations are based on the number of parliamentary electors on that date.
- 1.3 The electoral quota at the time the electoral registers were published on 16 February 1995 was 69,083. The exact electoral quota on the enumeration date of the review was not known to us, but we considered that it was most unlikely to differ significantly from the February figure.
- 1.4 We issued our provisional recommendations on 18 January 1996 and, as required by the Act, we published these in local newspapers circulating in the nine constituencies inviting written representations to be made within the statutory period of one calendar month.
- 1.5 Copies of the recommendations, with an illustrative map, were made available for public inspection at suitable places within each of the nine constituencies. We are grateful to the local authorities and their officers for assistance with these arrangements and for supplying the electoral statistics necessary for the review.

Reasons for the Review

- 2.1 On 12 April 1995, we submitted the fourth periodical report of our general review, showing the constituencies into which we recommended England should be divided. In that report, we explained that, under the provisions of the Boundary Commissions Act 1992, we were required, for the purposes of that review alone, to take account only of those county and London borough boundaries in operation on 1 June 1994.
- 2.2 We were aware that the restriction imposed by the June deadline would not allow us to take into account a number of local government boundary changes that would come into operation on 1 February 1995 or 1 April 1995, shortly before our report was submitted. We therefore decided to conduct this interim review as we had already committed ourselves to such a review in respect of the boundary between Bromsgrove and Birmingham during the general review. A relatively large number of electors was involved. Moreover, we had received requests for the review to be undertaken so that confusion would not be caused to the local electorate by the existence of different boundaries for Parliamentary and local government purposes.

Provisional Recommendations

- 3.1 Our provisional recommendations were framed to take account only of the changes in local government boundaries which had resulted in their divergence from the parliamentary constituency boundaries. In each case, our recommendations were for the minimum change required to remove the anomalies. The considerations which led to our proposals are set out below.

The City of Birmingham and the District of Bromsgrove

- 3.2 The District of Bromsgrove (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1995 which came into force on 1 February 1995 had the effect of creating one ward called Uffdown and Waseley, which had previously been two separate wards named Uffdown, and Waseley respectively.
- 3.3 The Hereford and Worcester and West Midlands (County Boundaries) Order 1993 came into force on 1 April 1995 and altered the county boundary between Hereford and Worcester, and West Midlands. One of the effects of the Order is that the new parliamentary constituencies are no longer coterminous with local government wards and counties. The constituencies in the areas affected were:—
- Birmingham, Edgbaston BC;
Birmingham, Northfield BC;
Birmingham, Selly Oak BC; and
Bromsgrove CC
- 3.4 In re-aligning the boundaries of the parliamentary constituencies with altered local government boundaries, the effect of our provisional recommendations was the transfer of:—
- (a) land containing 5,688 electors from Bromsgrove to Birmingham, Northfield;
- (b) land containing 485 electors from Bromsgrove to Birmingham, Edgbaston;
- (c) land* without any electors from Birmingham, Edgbaston to Bromsgrove; and
- (d) land* without any electors from Birmingham, Selly Oak to Bromsgrove.

*These areas are too small to be shown on the maps contained in Appendix C.

The District of Epping Forest and the London Boroughs of Redbridge and Waltham Forest

3.5 The Essex and Greater London (County Boundaries) Order 1993 and The Redbridge and Waltham Forest (London Borough Boundaries) Order 1993 came into force on 1 April 1995 and altered the boundary between the county of Essex and the London Borough of Redbridge, and the boundary between the London Boroughs of Redbridge and Waltham Forest. One of the effects of the Orders is that the new parliamentary constituencies are no longer coterminous with local government wards and districts. The constituencies in the areas affected were:—

Chingford and Woodford Green BC;
Epping Forest CC;
Ilford North BC;
Leyton and Wanstead BC; and
Walthamstow BC

3.6 In re-aligning the boundaries of the parliamentary constituencies with altered local government boundaries, the effect of our provisional recommendations was the transfer of:—

- (a) land containing 627 electors from Epping Forest to Ilford North;
- (b) land* containing 22 electors from Chingford and Woodford Green to Epping Forest; and
- (c) land* without any electors from Walthamstow to Leyton and Wanstead.

*These areas are too small to be shown on the maps contained in Appendix C.

Electorates

4.1 The effect of the transfers on the electorates (December 1995 figures) of the nine constituencies was:—

	Current	Proposed
Birmingham, Edgbaston BC	70,415	70,900
Birmingham, Northfield BC	52,689	58,377
Birmingham, Selly Oak BC	72,804	72,804
Bromsgrove CC	73,676	67,503
Chingford and Woodford Green BC	62,943	62,921
Epping Forest CC	73,237	72,632
Ilford North BC	67,257	67,884
Leyton and Wanstead BC	63,468	63,468
Walthamstow BC	64,937	64,937

Representations

5.1 Following publication of our provisional recommendations we received eleven representations, nine of which concerned the City of Birmingham and District of Bromsgrove area and two of which concerned the District of Epping Forest and London Boroughs of Redbridge and Waltham Forest area. All the representations supported our proposal to re-align the constituency boundaries with altered local government boundaries, and most welcomed the removal of the confusion caused to electors who are situated in one area for local government purposes, but in another for Parliamentary purposes. Those who made representations are listed at Appendix A.

Recommendation

5.2 No local inquiries were statutorily required, nor did we consider that any was necessary. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following constituencies:—

	December 1995 Electorate
Birmingham, Edgbaston BC	70,900
Birmingham, Northfield BC	58,377
Birmingham, Selly Oak BC	72,804
Bromsgrove CC	67,503
Chingford and Woodford Green BC	62,921
Epping Forest CC	72,632
Ilford North BC	67,884
Leyton and Wanstead BC	63,468
Walthamstow BC	64,937

5.3 The full composition of the recommended constituencies is set out in Appendix B. Maps illustrating the areas covered by the interim review are at Appendix C.

Sheila Cameron

David Macklin

R McLeod }
S W Limpkin } Joint Secretaries

17 May 1996

THOSE WHO MADE REPRESENTATIONS

The District of Bromsgrove and the City of Birmingham

Birmingham City Council
Richard Burden MP for Birmingham, Northfield
Roy Thomason MP for Bromsgrove
Gerard Coyne, Councillor for the Longbridge ward
Jane Slowey, Councillor for the Longbridge ward
Birmingham Labour Party
Birmingham, Edgbaston Constituency Labour Party
Birmingham, Northfield Constituency Labour Party
Bromsgrove Conservative Association

**The District of Epping Forest and the London Boroughs of Redbridge,
and Waltham Forest**

Epping Forest District Council
Waltham Forest Borough Council

COMPOSITION OF THE RECOMMENDED CONSTITUENCIES**Birmingham, Edgbaston Borough Constituency** **70,900**

The City of Birmingham wards of:—

Bartley Green	17,279
Edgbaston	19,960
Harborne	17,557
Quinton	16,104

Birmingham, Northfield Borough Constituency **58,377**

The City of Birmingham wards of:—

Longbridge	22,718
Northfield	18,874
Weoley	16,785

Birmingham, Selly Oak Borough Constituency **72,804**

The City of Birmingham wards of:—

Bourneville	18,782
King's Norton	16,685
Moseley	17,086
Selly Oak	20,251

Bromsgrove County Constituency **67,503**

The Bromsgrove District wards of:—

Alvechurch	5,002
Barnt Green	4,361
Beacon	3,234
Catshill	4,989
Charford	4,608
Cofton Hackett	1,498
Drakes Cross	5,871
Furlongs	3,343
Hagley	3,357
Majors Green	1,652
Norton	5,167
Sidemoor	4,627
South Wythall	1,827
Stoke Prior	2,113
Stoney Hill	4,373
Tardebigge	1,387
Uffdown and Waseley	3,935
Whitford	4,385
Woodvale	1,774

**Chingford and Woodford Green
Borough Constituency** **62,921**

The London Borough of Redbridge wards of:—

Church End	7,621
Monkhams	7,748

The London Borough of Waltham Forest wards of:—

Chingford Green	9,102
Endlebury	6,353
Hale End	5,442
Hatch Lane	8,271
Larkswood	9,970
Valley	8,414

Epping Forest County Constituency **72,632**

The Epping Forest District wards of:—

Broadway	4,021
Buckhurst Hill East	3,386
Buckhurst Hill West	5,064
Chigwell Row	1,740
Chigwell Village	3,215
Debden Green	3,901
Epping Hemnall	4,623
Epping Lindsey	4,792
Grange Hill	4,532
High Beach	2,156
Loughton Forest	2,944
Loughton Roding	3,982
Loughton St John's	4,240
Loughton St Mary's	3,347
North Weald Bassett	4,418
Paternoster	3,550
Theydon Bois	3,183
Waltham Abbey East	5,545
Waltham Abbey West	3,993

Ilford North Borough Constituency **67,884**

The London Borough of Redbridge wards of:—

Aldborough	6,685
Barkingside	9,574
Bridge	9,166
Clayhall	9,841
Fairlop	8,513
Fullwell	8,639
Hainault	7,072
Roding	8,394

Leyton and Wanstead Borough Constituency **63,468**

The London Borough of Redbridge wards of:—

Snaresbrook	7,872
Wanstead	7,759

The London Borough of Waltham Forest wards of:—

Cann Hall	7,957
Cathall	7,854
Forest	7,784
Grove Green	8,029
Leyton	8,239
Leytonstone	7,974

Walthamstow Borough Constituency **64,937**

The London Borough of Waltham Forest wards of:—

Chapel End	7,957
Higham Hill	5,059
High Street	8,113
Hoe Street	9,084
Lea Bridge	8,121
Lloyd Park	8,235
St James Street	9,693
Wood Street	8,708

The wards set out above are local government areas as they existed on 1 June 1994, as altered by:—

The Essex and Greater London (County Boundaries) Order 1993

The Hereford and Worcester and West Midlands (County Boundaries) Order 1993

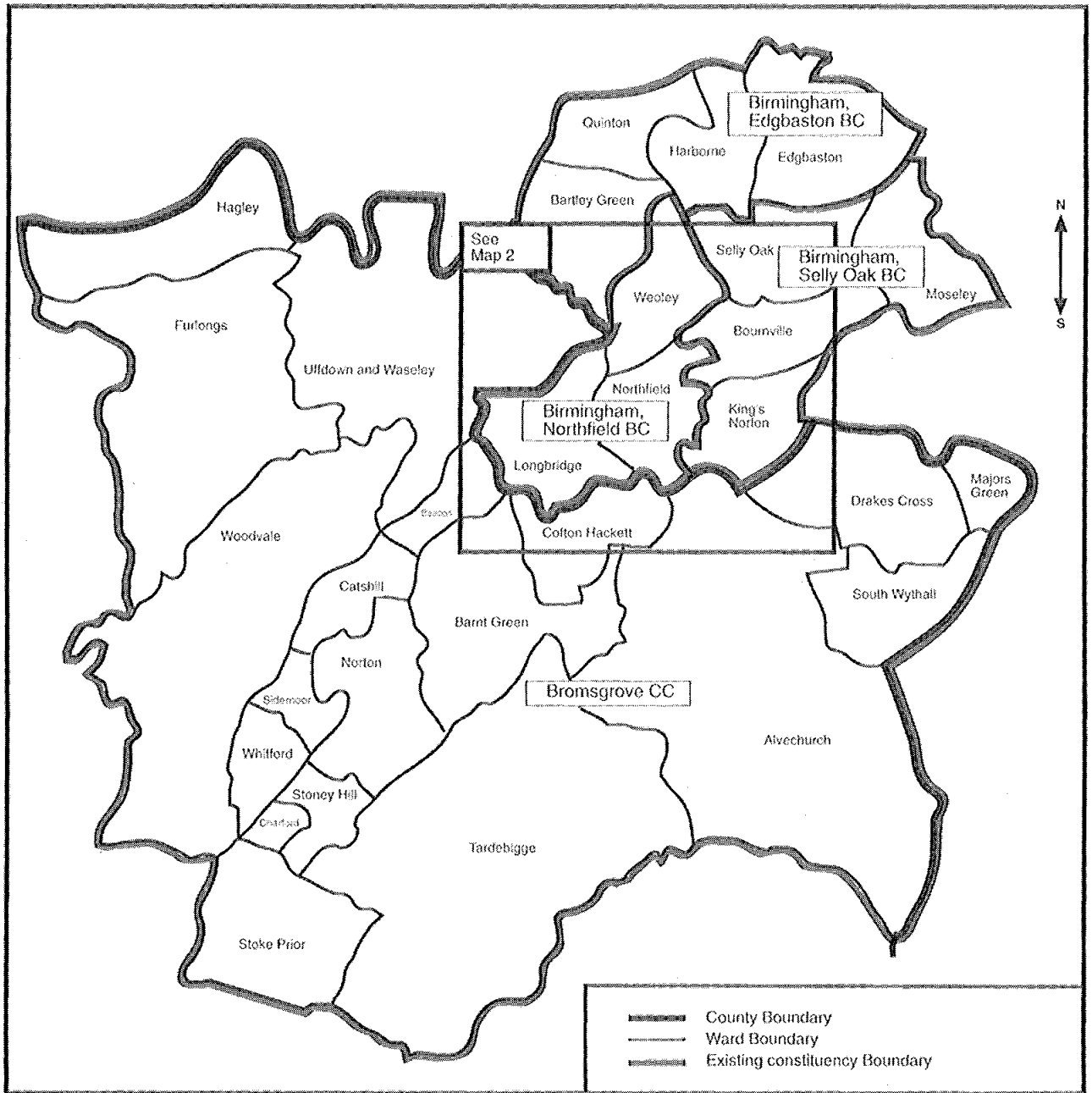
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The District of Bromsgrove (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1995



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MAP 1 The warding structure for the constituencies in the City of Birmingham and the District of Bromsgrove affected by the interim review



MAP 2 Areas recommended for transfer between the constituencies

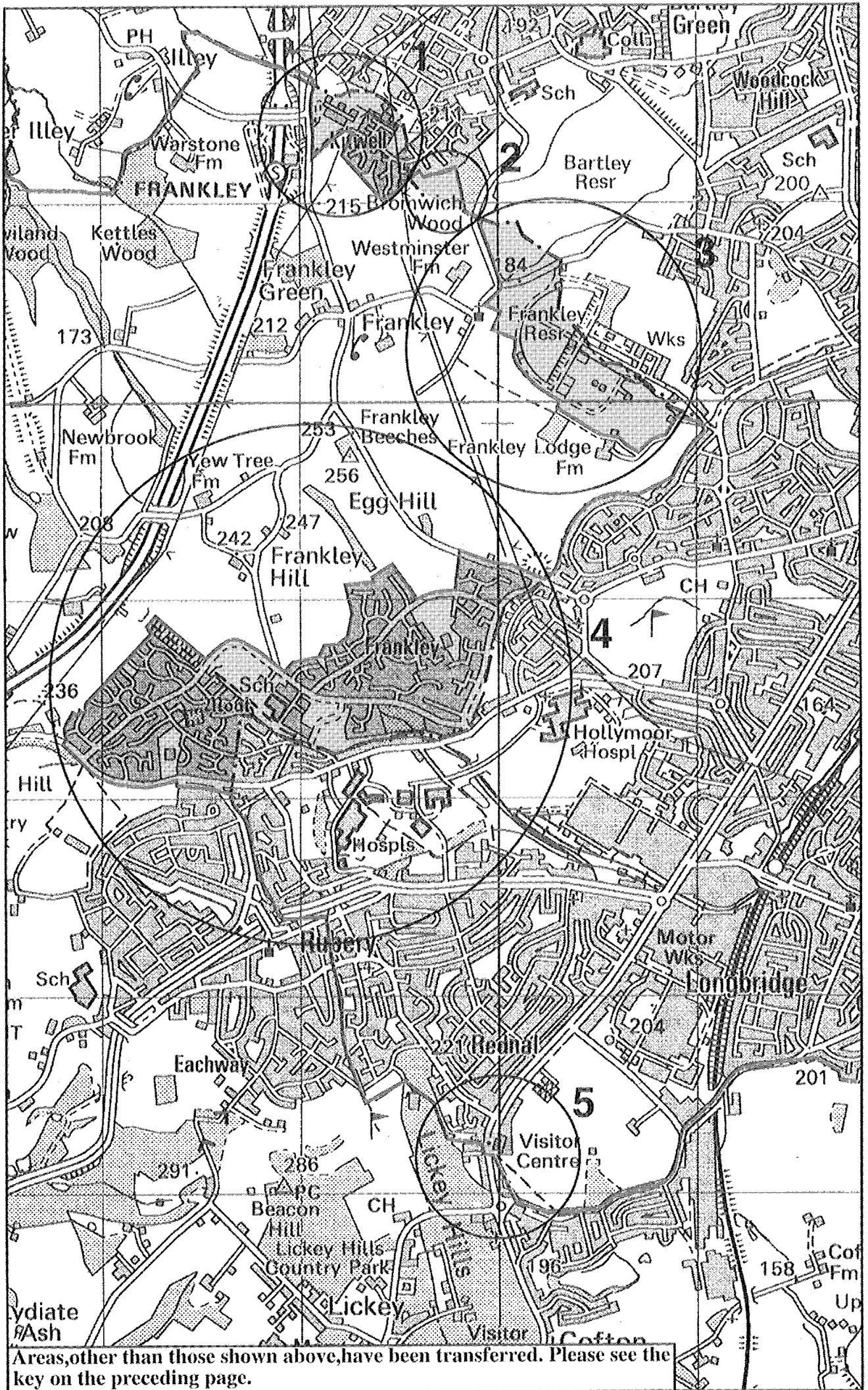
 Main areas recommended for transfer between the constituencies  Proposed constituency boundary		
Area	From	To
1	Bromsgrove CC	Birmingham, Edgbaston BC
2	Birmingham, Edgbaston BC	Bromsgrove CC
3	Bromsgrove CC	Birmingham, Edgbaston BC
4	Bromsgrove CC	Birmingham, Northfield BC
5	Bromsgrove CC	Birmingham, Northfield BC

Notes The numbers in the first column of the table refer to the numbered circles on the map.

Other areas proposed for transfer between the constituencies involve such small areas of land that they cannot be shown on mapping at this scale. The other transfers proposed are from:—

Birmingham, Edgbaston BC to Bromsgrove CC

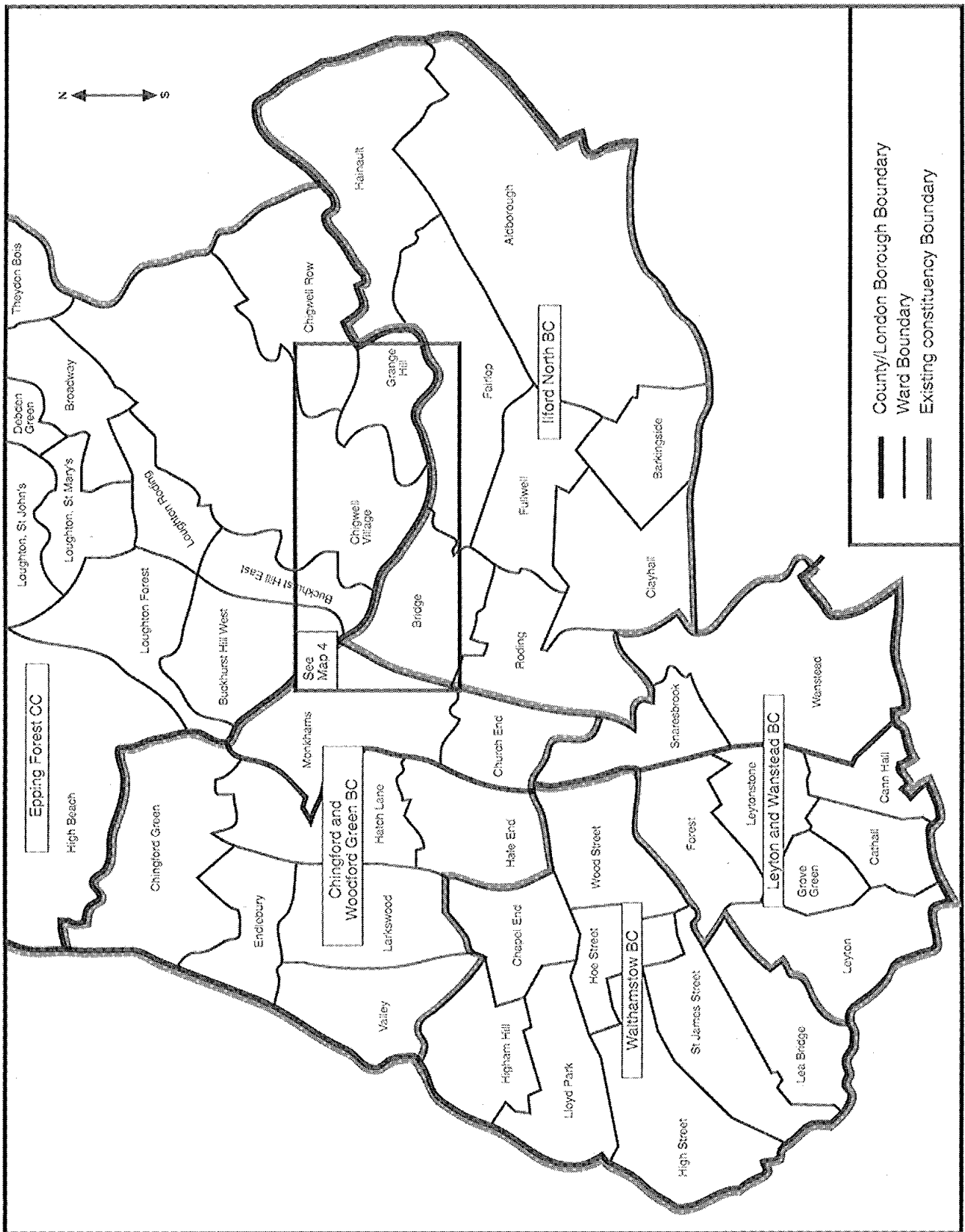
Birmingham, Selly Oak BC to Bromsgrove CC




Areas, other than those shown above, have been transferred. Please see the key on the preceding page.

MAP 3

The warding structure for the constituencies in the District of Epping Forest and the London Boroughs of Redbridge, and Waltham Forest affected by the interim review.



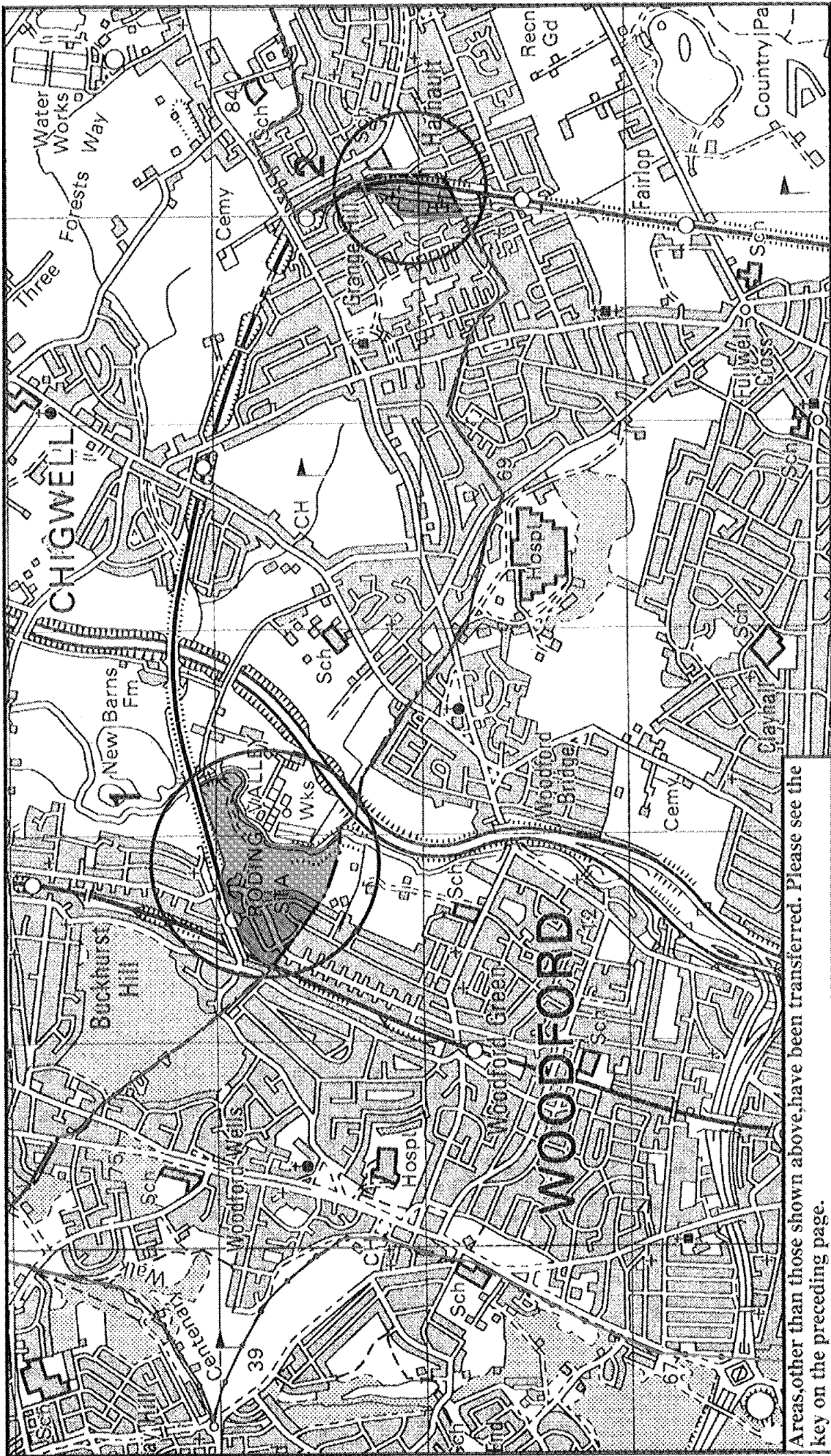
MAP 4 Areas recommended for transfer between the constituencies

		
Area	From	To
1	Epping Forest CC	Ilford North BC
2	Epping Forest CC	Ilford North BC

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Chingford and Woodford Green BC to Epping Forest CC
 Epping Forest CC to Chingford and Woodford Green BC
 Epping Forest CC to Ilford North BC
 Ilford North BC to Epping Forest CC
 Leyton and Wanstead BC to Walthamstow BC
 Walthamstow BC to Leyton and Wanstead BC



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