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### Revised proposals to electoral boundaries show Streatley (Basildon Ward) will be transferred into the Reading West constituency

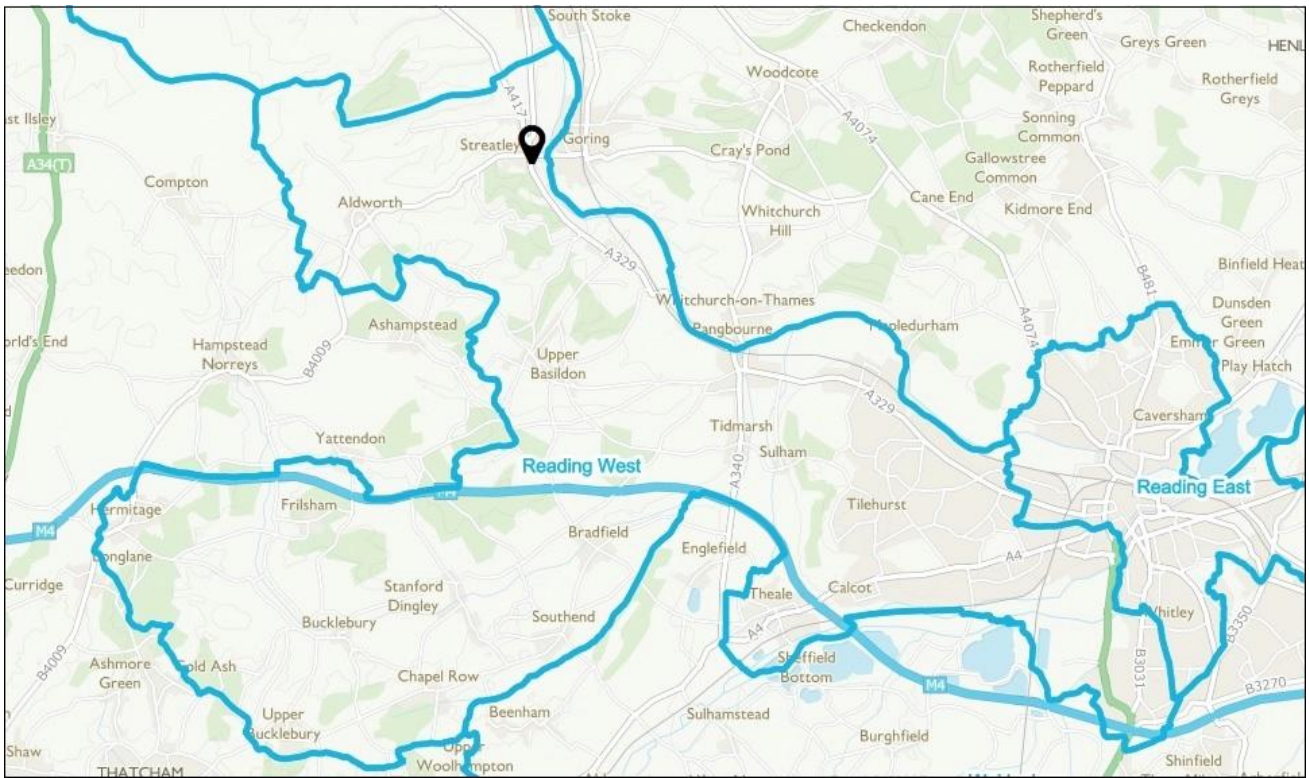


The proposed changes to electoral boundaries in 2018 will mean that Streatley and other villages in the Basildon Ward (ie Upper Basildon, Lower Basildon and Aldworth), along with Bucklebury Ward, will no longer be represented by [Rt Hon Richard Benyon MP \(Cons\)](#) but [Alok Sharma MP \(Cons\)](#) as part of the expanded Reading West constituency.

**The deadline for the consultation period is 11 December 2017**

*(See below for details how to make your comments\*)*

Proposed boundary of the extended Reading West constituency showing the incorporation of Basildon Ward (and Bucklebury Ward, south of the M4).



\*Click this link for an interactive version of this map and to make a comment: <https://www.bce2018.org.uk/node/6488?postcode=RG89JJ>

Genie has received the statement below from Rt Hon Richard Benyon MP explaining the proposed changes:

*The Boundary Commission has published its revised proposals for changes to the boundaries of Parliamentary constituencies in England. As well as involving a reduction in the number of constituencies across England (from 533 to 501), this also requires that every constituency should have an electorate that is no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507.*

*The Newbury constituency electorate is more than 5% above this electoral quota, while Reading East and Reading West are more than 5% below it and Wokingham is within 5% of it.*

*The revised proposals set out that Aldermaston ward, previously reallocated to Wokingham, should now remain in the Newbury constituency. However, it is proposed that Bucklebury ward (comprising Bradfield, Bucklebury, Stanford Dingley, Frilsham and Hermitage) and Basildon ward (Upper Basildon, Lower Basildon, Aldworth and Streatley) should be transferred to Reading West.*

*The proposals for the South East region can be viewed [here](#) and you can respond to the consultation [here](#). All responses need to be submitted before the closing date of December 11th.*

*The Commission does take public responses seriously and has to take into account criteria such as 'any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies' (para 2.8). It also specifically asks for responses from both Bucklebury and Basildon (para 3.24) saying, 'We welcome evidence from the local communities of Bucklebury and Basildon regarding this finely balanced decision'.*

Richard Benyon

**NB: Goring and South Stoke remain in their current constituency represented by John Howell MP, but the 'Henley constituency' changes its name to 'East Oxfordshire' and 'East Oxford' simply becomes 'Oxford'.**

To watch a short video explaining the reasons for the changes, click [here](#)

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