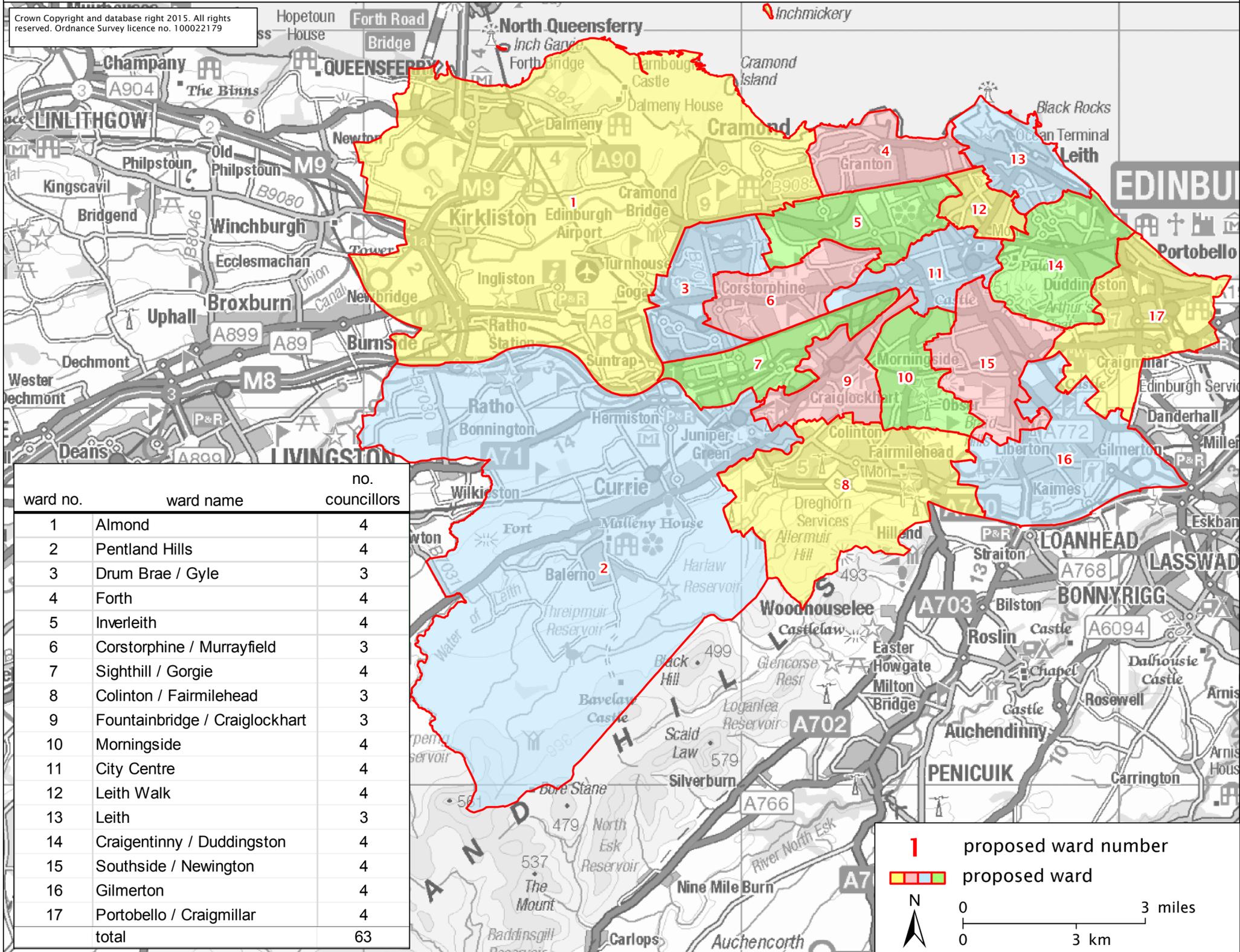


# PUBLIC CONSULTATION

ward boundary proposals in

# City of Edinburgh



## Background

We are undertaking a 12 week period of public consultation on proposed ward boundaries for each council area in Scotland as part of our Fifth Reviews of Electoral Arrangements.

Legislation says that we must conduct electoral reviews of each local authority at intervals of 8 to 12 years. For further background on the Commission and this review please visit our website.

## City of Edinburgh ward boundary proposals

Our proposals for wards in **City of Edinburgh council** area present an electoral arrangement for 63 councillors representing 5 3-member wards and 12 4-member wards, increasing councillor numbers in the area by 5.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- increase the number of councillors by 1 in ward 1 (Almond), ward 2 (Pentland Hills), ward 11 (City Centre), ward 14 (Craighentiny / Duddingston) and ward 17 (Portobello / Craigmillar);
- address forecast disparities in ward 1 (Almond) and 11 (City Centre);
- re-name ward 10 to *Morningside* and ward 16 to *Gilmerton* but make no changes to other ward names; and
- make changes to ward boundaries throughout the council area to reflect the change in councillor numbers and to align with “natural communities” (a local geography used by City of Edinburgh Council).

## How to comment on our ward boundary proposals

We need you to tell us what you think of our proposals via our interactive consultation portal at [www.consultation.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk) or by emailing or writing to us at the address below. Our proposals and further information are available in this building and also on our website. Please submit your comments by **22 October 2015**

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