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REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN THE PRESERVED COUNTIES OF CLWYD AND GWYNEDD

The Commission propose revised recommendations for the following parliamentary constituencies in the preserved counties of Clwyd and Gwynedd:

Conwy CC

The revised recommendations take account of the recommendations contained in the report submitted to the Commission by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr David Lloyd Jones QC, who considered the written representations made to the Commission and the views expressed at the recent public inquiry.

The Commission are proposing no further changes to the following constituencies in the preserved counties of Clwyd and Gwynedd and confirm their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations for:

Clwyd

Alyn And Deeside CC
Clwyd South CC
Clwyd West CC
Delyn CC
Vale Of Clwyd CC
Wrexham CC

Gwynedd

Arfon CC
Dwyfor Meirionnydd CC
Ynys Môn CC

1. Provisional recommendations in respect of all of the preserved counties in Wales, including Clwyd and Gwynedd, were published on 5 January 2004.
2. Objections to the provisional recommendations led to a public inquiry that was held in Bangor on 6 July and in Ruthin on 8 July 2004. The Assistant Commissioner who conducted

the inquiry recommended changes to the Commission's provisional recommendations. Having considered his report and recommendations, and the evidence submitted, the Commission decided to accept his recommendations and revise their proposals accordingly.

Assistant Commissioner's Report

3. The Assistant Commissioner supported the Commission's decision to allocate seven constituencies to Clwyd and three constituencies to Gwynedd. A number of issues were raised in representations and were discussed at the inquiry. The main issues raised were:

- (a) the addition of Bangor and those parts of the current Conwy constituency which remain in Gwynedd to the current Caernarfon constituency which should be retained;
- (b) the retention of the existing Caernarfon, Conwy and Meirionnydd Nant Conwy constituencies;
- (c) the name of the proposed Conwy constituency;
- (d) the names of other proposed constituencies in Clwyd;
- (e) the Richard Commission.

The transfer of those parts of the current Conwy constituency which remain in Gwynedd to the Caernarfon constituency

4. The Assistant Commissioner considered the relationship between Bangor and Caernarfon, which had been questioned by some parties, but he concluded that the two communities had much more in common than some would suggest. He did not consider that Bangor would be disadvantaged if included in the proposed Arfon constituency. The Assistant Commissioner considered other objections to the proposal, but concluded that the Commission's provisional recommendations in respect of Arfon and Dwyfor Meirionnydd are practicable and likely to achieve effective representation of their respective electorates.

5. The Assistant Commissioner reported that the counter proposal that Bangor and those parts of the current Conwy constituency which remain in Gwynedd be incorporated in the existing Caernarfon constituency was proposed by a number of individuals but was not supported by any of the local councils or by any of the political parties or branches that made representations. Those who made this proposal had not addressed the size of the electorate of the proposed constituency or the likely impact of the proposal on other constituencies. The Assistant Commissioner reported that the disparity between the resultant seats would be 38,371 and in his opinion this would be wholly unacceptable.

The retention of the existing Caernarfon, Conwy and Meirionnydd Nant Conwy constituencies

6. The Assistant Commissioner reported that the alternative counter-proposal, the retention of the status quo, would involve a departure from Rule 4, which provides in effect that a constituency be confined if practicable to a single (preserved) county. Although the Rules set out in the Schedule to the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 incorporate a measure of flexibility, the Assistant Commissioner concluded that the Commission would not be justified in departing from Rule 4 in this instance nor more generally in the preserved counties of Gwynedd and Clwyd.

The name of the proposed Conwy constituency

7. The Assistant Commissioner reported that there was a very considerable body of support for the view that the new constituency should not be named Conwy CC. The name Conwy was already in use for a Community Council and a County Borough Council, neither of which is coextensive with the proposed constituency. The new constituency however was exactly coextensive with the former district of Aberconwy, and as this historic name was familiar to members of the public, the Assistant Commissioner recommended that the new constituency be named Aberconwy County Constituency.

The names of other proposed constituencies in Clwyd

8. The Assistant Commissioner reported that suggestions had been made in respect of the names of other proposed constituencies in Clwyd. It was suggested that Clwyd West was no longer an appropriate name as another constituency within Clwyd lay further to the west. The Assistant Commissioner, whilst recognising the logic behind this point, considered that, in this instance, considerations of strict accuracy were outweighed by the advantages of continuity. Denbighshire County Council proposed new, bilingual, names for constituencies within their area. The Assistant Commissioner considered that although it was entirely appropriate that the Welsh language be used in the names of Welsh constituencies, he was unable to recommend the changes proposed. He considered that the names proposed were cumbersome, and since only minor changes had been made to the existing constituencies, the continuity of maintaining existing names was an advantage. The question of the use of the Welsh language in the name of constituencies was a matter which should be addressed generally by the Commission and not on a piecemeal basis.

The Richard Commission

9. The Assistant Commissioner reported that a number of individuals and bodies urged that no further action be taken in relation to the current review until it was known what changes might take place in the light of the recommendations of the Richard Commission. The Assistant Commissioner noted that, although the Richard Commission had completed its work and reported by the date of the local inquiry, the Commission is subject to a statutory duty to complete the review within a fixed period and that those recommendations of the Richard Commission which might impinge on the subject matter of this review would require primary legislation. He considered that there could be no certainty as to whether, and if so, when, its recommendations might be implemented. In these circumstances, the Assistant Commissioner considered that the Commission had no alternative but to complete its current review.

National Assembly for Wales Electoral Regions

10. The Assistant Commissioner reported that a number of individuals and bodies objected to the proposal to include the proposed Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency within the Mid and West Wales Assembly region. The opponents of the Commission's proposal suggested that the proposed constituency should be included in the North Wales region. The Assistant Commissioner however considered that there was a community of interest between the proposed constituency and other parts of the proposed Mid and West Wales Assembly region and that the Commission's provisional proposal provided a better parity between the electorates of the Assembly regions. The Assistant Commissioner therefore supported the provisional recommendations of the Commission in respect of the allocation of constituencies to the North

Wales electoral region and the Mid and West Wales electoral region for the National Assembly for Wales.

Revised Recommendations

11. After considering the Assistant Commissioner's report, the transcript of the inquiry and the written representations, the Commission decided to accept all of the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations in respect of parliamentary constituencies.

12. Accordingly the Commission propose revised recommendations for the name (but not the composition) of Conwy County Constituency, i.e. that it should be Aberconwy County Constituency. They have confirmed their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations for the remaining six Clwyd constituencies of Alyn and Deeside CC, Clwyd South CC, Clwyd West CC, Delyn CC, Vale of Clwyd CC and Wrexham CC. They have also confirmed their provisional recommendations as their final recommendations for the three Gwynedd constituencies of Arfon CC, Dwyfor Meirionnydd CC and Ynys Môn CC.

Composition of Constituencies

13. No change is proposed to the names or composition of the following nine provisionally recommended constituencies (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

Clwyd

Alyn And Deeside County Constituency (60,331)

Clwyd South County Constituency (51,201)

Clwyd West County Constituency (55,381)

Delyn County Constituency (54,277)

Vale Of Clwyd County Constituency (49,637)

Wrexham County Constituency (50,890)

Gwynedd

Arfon County Constituency (42,998)

Dwyfor Meirionnydd County Constituency (48,823)

Ynys Môn County Constituency (49,831)

14. The composition of the following revised constituency would be (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

ABERCONWY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (43,976) **Conwy County** electoral divisions: Betws-y-Coed, Bryn, Caerhun, Capelulo, Conwy, Craig-y-Don, Crwst, Deganwy, Eglwysbach, Gogarth, Gower, Llansanffraid, Marl, Mostyn, Pandy, Pant-yr-afon/Penmaenan, Penrhyn, Pensarn, Trefriw, Tudno, Uwch Conwy.

Publication of Revised Recommendations

15. Notification of these revised recommendations will be published in local newspapers in Clwyd and Gwynedd during the week commencing 3 November 2004. Local authorities, MPs, AMs, the Political Parties' Headquarters and others will be sent a copy of the recommendations. The recommendations and the Assistant Commissioner's report will also be published on the Commission's web site at: www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk

National Assembly for Wales Electoral Regions

16. The Commission will consider their recommendations for the National Assembly for Wales electoral regions following decisions on their final recommendations for all of the parliamentary constituencies in Wales.

Places of Inspection

17. The notice in local newspapers will also give the addresses where a copy of the recommendations, a more detailed map illustrating them, and the Assistant Commissioner's report may be inspected. Those addresses are:

Alyn and Deeside	Public Library, Wepre Drive, Connah's Quay CH5 4HA
Caernarfon	County Offices, Caernarfon LL55 1SH
Clwyd South	One Stop Shop, Y Capel, Castle St., Llangollen LL20 8NU
Clwyd West	Trem Clwyd, Canol y Dre, Ruthin LL15 1QA
Conwy	Council Offices, Bodlondeb, Conwy LL32 8DU
Delyn	County Hall, Mold CH7 6NB
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	Llanrwst Library, Plas yn Dre, Station Road, Llanrwst LL26 0DF
Vale of Clwyd	Council Offices, Cae Penarlag, Dolgellau LL40 2YB Council Offices, Russell House, Churton Road, Rhyl LL18 3DP
Wrexham	The Guildhall, Wrexham LL11 1WF
Ynys Môn	Council Offices, Llangefni LL77 7TW

Representation Period: 3 November 2004 to 4 December 2004

18. No further representations can be considered for those constituencies where the Commission are announcing their final recommendations. However, as with their provisional recommendations, the Commission are statutorily required to consider representations made about their revised recommendations within one month of local publication on 3 November 2004. The representation period will end on 4 December 2004.

19. Representations about the revised recommendations for the constituencies affected should be addressed to the Boundary Commission for Wales, Caradog House, 1-6 St Andrews Place, Cardiff, CF10 3BE, or faxed to 02920 395250, or e-mailed to bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk. All representations received by the Commission will be acknowledged. It should be noted that the Commission are not statutorily required to hold second inquiries into representations about their revised recommendations.

Implementation of the recommendations

20. The Commission are required to submit their report on the general review of the whole of Wales to the Secretary of State after 16 December 2002 and before 17 December 2006. The Secretary of State has a statutory duty to lay the Commission's report before Parliament together with a draft Order in Council giving effect to the Commission's recommendations with or without modifications. If modifications are proposed, the Secretary of State must also lay a statement of reasons for the modifications. The draft Order in Council is submitted to both Houses of Parliament for approval and, after it is made by Her Majesty in Council, it cannot be

called into question in any legal proceedings. The new constituencies take effect at the next general election following the making of the Order in Council.

Outline map

21. The electoral divisions are illustrated in outline on the map which forms part of this document (please note the copyright warning below concerning the map). The electoral divisions on the map are numbered, and these numbers and the names of the electoral divisions are listed on the back page, together with the 2003 electoral figures on which the Commission are required by law to work.

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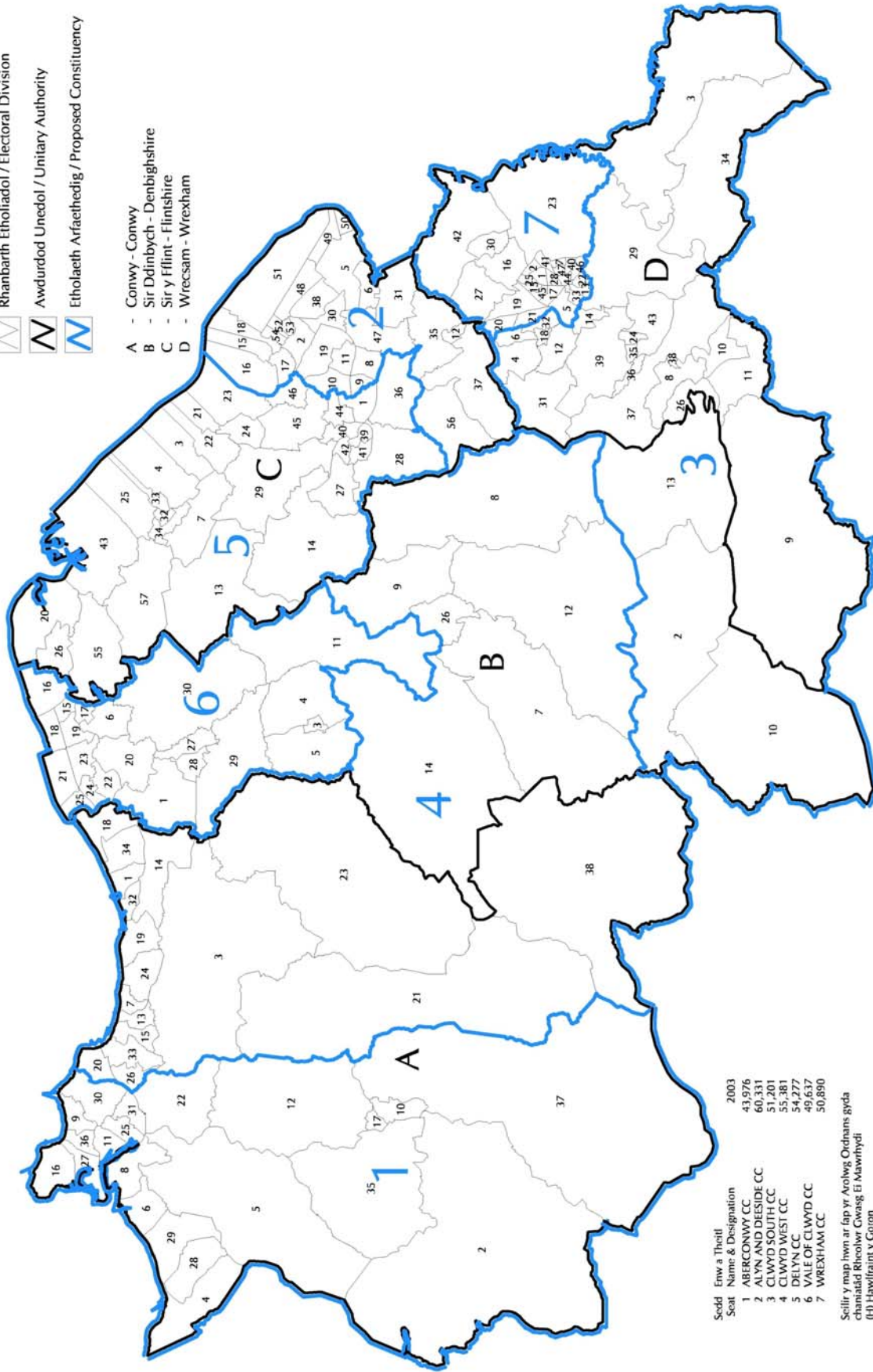
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Revised Recommendations for Clwyd Argymhellion Diwygiedig ar gyfer Clwyd

- ALLWEDD / KEY**
Ffiniau / Boundaries:
-  Rhanbarth Etholiadol / Electoral Division
 -  Awdurdod Unedol / Unitary Authority
 -  Etholaeth Arfaethedig / Proposed Constituency

- A - Conwy - Conwy
- B - Sir Ddinbych - Denbighshire
- C - Sir y Fflint - Flintshire
- D - Wrexham - Wrexham






Seidd	Enw a Theitl	2003
1	ABERCONWY CC	43,976
2	ALYN AND DEESIDE CC	60,331
3	CLWYD SOUTH CC	51,201
4	CLWYD WEST CC	55,381
5	DELYN CC	54,277
6	VALE OF CLWYD CC	49,637
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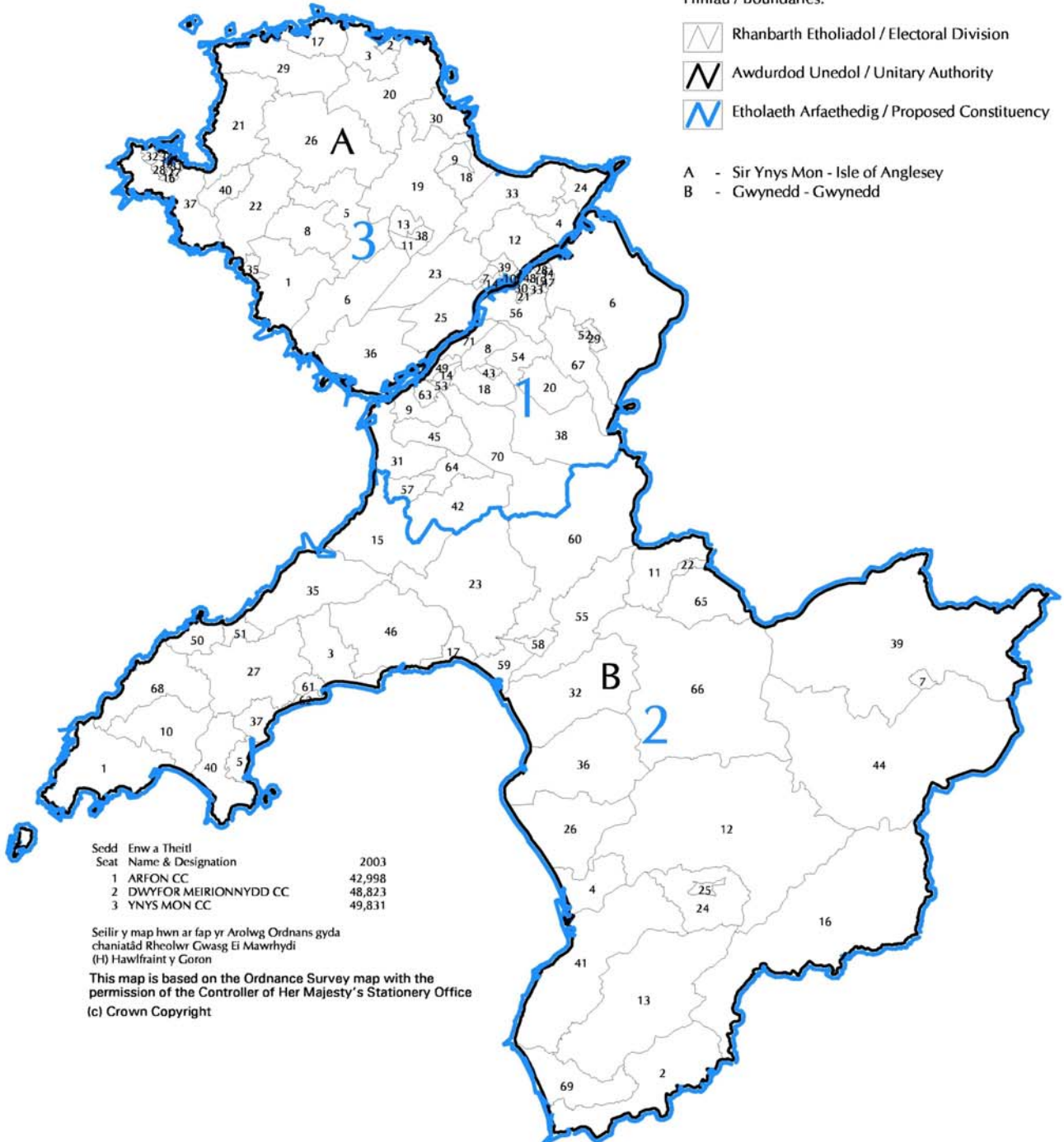
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- A - Sir Ynys Mon - Isle of Anglesey
- B - Gwynedd - Gwynedd



Sedd	Enw a Theitl	2003
Seat	Name & Designation	
1	ARFON CC.	42,998
2	DWYFOR MEIRIONNYDD CC.	48,823
3	YNYS MON CC.	49,831

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Clwyd

A. Conwy	88,142	B. Denbighshire	66,371
1. Abergele Pensarn	1,710	1. Bodelwyddan	1,387
2. Betws-y-Coed	1,026	2. Corwen	1,699
3. Betws yn Rhos	1,593	3. Denbigh Central	1,164
4. Bryn	1,383	4. Denbigh Lower	3,211
5. Caerhun	1,560	5. Denbigh Upper/Henllan	2,275
6. Capelulo	1,209	6. Dyserth	1,741
7. Colwyn	3,376	7. Efenechtyd	1,231
8. Conwy	3,233	8. Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla	974
9. Craig-y-Don	2,837	9. Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal	1,123
10. Crwst	1,563	10. Llandrillo	864
11. Deganwy	3,197	11. Llandyrnog	1,560
12. Eglwysbach	1,224	12. Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern	1,748
13. Eirias	2,712	13. Llangollen	2,956
14. Gele	3,731	14. Llanrhaeadr-yng-Nghinmeirch	1,410
15. Glyn	3,038	15. Prestatyn Central	2,550
16. Gogarth	3,042	16. Prestatyn East	2,883
17. Gower	858	17. Prestatyn Meliden	1,444
18. Kinmel Bay	4,267	18. Prestatyn North	3,896
19. Llanddulas	1,320	19. Prestatyn South West	2,502
20. Llandrillo yn Rhos	6,206	20. Rhuddlan	2,679
21. Llangernyw	1,149	21. Rhyl East	3,486
22. Llansanffraid	1,860	22. Rhyl South	2,895
23. Llansannan	1,482	23. Rhyl South East	5,208
24. Llysfaen	1,768	24. Rhyl South West	3,205
25. Marl	2,976	25. Rhyl West	2,464
26. Mochdre	1,477	26. Ruthin	3,935
27. Mostyn	2,700	27. St.Asaph East	1,313
28. Pandy	1,428	28. St.Asaph West	1,155
29. Pant-yr-afon/Penmaenan	2,067	29. Trefnant	1,420
30. Penrhyn	3,825	30. Tremeirchion	1,199
31. Pensarn	2,091		
32. Pentre Mawr	2,819		
33. Rhiw	4,553		
34. Towyn	1,851		
35. Trefriw	1,051		
36. Tudno	3,597		
37. Uwch Conwy	1,249		
38. Uwchaled	1,114		

C. Flintshire	114,608		
1. Argoed	2,267	40. Mold East	1,584
2. Aston	2,651	41. Mold South	2,158
3. Bagillt East	1,454	42. Mold West	1,805
4. Bagillt West	1,564	43. Mostyn	1,432
5. Broughton North East	1,546	44. New Brighton	2,428
6. Broughton South	2,841	45. Northop	2,430
7. Brynford	1,831	46. Northop Hall	1,312
8. Buckley Bistre East	2,801	47. Penyffordd	2,942
9. Buckley Bistre West	3,339	48. Queensferry	1,371
10. Buckley Mountain	2,007	49. Saltney Mold Junction	988
11. Buckley Pentrobin	3,344	50. Saltney Stonebridge	2,536
12. Caergwrle	1,285	51. Sealand	1,980
13. Caerwys	1,993	52. Shotton East	1,349
14. Cilcain	1,566	53. Shotton Higher	1,752
15. Connah's Quay Central	2,525	54. Shotton West	1,523
16. Connah's Quay Golftyn	3,883	55. Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor	1,417
17. Connah's Quay South	4,226	56. Treuddyn	1,286
18. Connah's Quay Wepre	1,659	57. Whitford	1,876
19. Ewloe	3,706		
20. Ffynnongroyw	1,515		
21. Flint Castle	1,644		
22. Flint Coleshill	3,053		
23. Flint Oakenholt	2,143		
24. Flint Trelawny	2,858		
25. Greenfield	2,057		
26. Gronant	1,163		
27. Gwernaffield	1,607		
28. Gwernymynydd	1,444		
29. Halkyn	1,407		
30. Hawarden	1,574		
31. Higher Kinnerton	1,281		
32. Holywell Central	1,432		
33. Holywell East	1,448		
34. Holywell West	1,741		
35. Hope	1,964		
36. Leeswood	1,657		
37. Llanfynydd	1,386		
38. Mancot	2,586		
39. Mold Broncoed	1,991		

D.	Wrexham	96,572			
1.	Acton	2,334	40.	Queensway	1,546
2.	Borras Park	2,114	41.	Rhosnesni	2,314
3.	Bronington	2,469	42.	Rossett	2,460
4.	Brymbo	2,019	43.	Ruabon	1,873
5.	Brynyffynnon	2,122	44.	Smithfield	1,667
6.	Bryn Cefn	1,477	45.	Stansty	1,699
7.	Cartrefle	1,630	46.	Whitegate	1,961
8.	Cefn	3,614	47.	Wynnstay	1,353
9.	Dyffryn Ceiriog/Ceiriog Valley	1,740			
10.	Chirk North	1,867			
11.	Chirk South	1,405			
12.	Coedpoeth	3,575			
13.	Erddig	1,704			
14.	Esclusham	2,000			
15.	Garden Village	1,696			
16.	Gresford East and West	2,302			
17.	Grosvenor	1,861			
18.	Gwenfro	1,239			
19.	Gwersyllt East and South	3,201			
20.	Gwersyllt North	1,740			
21.	Gwersyllt West	2,240			
22.	Hermitage	1,757			
23.	Holt	2,614			
24.	Johnstown	2,521			
25.	Little Acton	1,865			
26.	Llangollen Rural	1,527			
27.	Llay	3,623			
28.	Maesydre	1,531			
29.	Marchwiell	1,870			
30.	Marford and Hoseley	1,864			
31.	Minera	1,923			
32.	New Broughton	2,474			
33.	Offa	1,692			
34.	Overton	2,344			
35.	Pant	1,642			
36.	Penycae	1,580			
37.	Penycae and Ruabon South	1,812			
38.	Plas Madoc	1,180			
39.	Ponciau	3,531			

Gwynedd

A.	Isle of Anglesey	49,831			
1.	Aberffraw	1,051	39.	Tysilio	1,531
2.	Amlwch Port	1,671	40.	Valley	1,723
3.	Amlwch Rural	970			
4.	Beaumaris	1,450			
5.	Bodffordd	1,173			
6.	Bodorgan	1,206			
7.	Braint	1,168			
8.	Bryngwran	1,302			
9.	Brynteg	1,422			
10.	Cadnant	824			
11.	Cefni	1,102			
12.	Cwm Cadnant	1,750			
13.	Cyngar	1,406			
14.	Gwyngyll	1,242			
15.	Holyhead Town	625			
16.	Kingsland	942			
17.	Llanbadrig	1,090			
18.	Llanbedrgoch	1,255			
19.	Llanddyfnan	1,022			
20.	Llaneilian	1,701			
21.	Llanfaethlu	1,274			
22.	Llanfair-yn-Neubwll	1,592			
23.	Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog	1,453			
24.	Llangoed	1,024			
25.	Llanidan	1,313			
26.	Llannerch-y-medd	1,339			
27.	London Road	945			
28.	Maeshyfryd	1,517			
29.	Mechell	1,184			
30.	Moelfre	817			
31.	Morawelon	880			
32.	Parc a'r Mynydd	857			
33.	Pentraeth	1,292			
34.	Porthyfelin	1,615			
35.	Rhosneigr	799			
36.	Rhosyr	1,676			
37.	Trearddur	1,778			
38.	Tudur	850			

B.	Gwynedd	91,821		
1.	Aberdaron	780	39.	Llandderfel 1,204
2.	Aberdovey	1,135	40.	Llanengan 886
3.	Abererch	1,057	41.	Llangelynin 1,689
4.	Abermaw	1,917	42.	Llanllyfni 951
5.	Abersoch	719	43.	Llanrug 1,372
6.	Arllechwedd	1,059	44.	Llanuwchllyn 754
7.	Bala	1,550	45.	Llanwnda 1,518
8.	Bethel	1,051	46.	Llanystumdwy 1,551
9.	Bontnewydd	896	47.	Marchog 1,755
10.	Botwnnog	734	48.	Menai (Bangor) 1,899
11.	Bowydd & Rhiw	1,428	49.	Menai (Caernarfon) 1,808
12.	Brithdir & Llanfachreth/Ganllwyd/ Llanelltyd	1,153	50.	Morfa Nefyn 1,030
13.	Bryn-crug/Llanfihangel	829	51.	Nefyn 1,072
14.	Cadnant	1,543	52.	Ogwen 1,729
15.	Clynnog	774	53.	Pebblig (Caernarfon) 1,550
16.	Corris/Mawddwy	961	54.	Penisarwaun 1,348
17.	Criccieth	1,528	55.	Penrhyndeudraeth 1,902
18.	Cwm-y-Glo	712	56.	Pentir 1,820
19.	Deiniol	1,014	57.	Penygroes 1,387
20.	Deiniolen	1,371	58.	Porthmadog East 1,312
21.	Dewi	1,217	59.	Porthmadog West 1,551
22.	Diffwys & Maenofferen	922	60.	Porthmadog-Tremadog 1,087
23.	Dolbenmaen	918	61.	Pwllheli North 1,670
24.	Dolgellau North	1,037	62.	Pwllheli South 1,493
25.	Dolgellau South	1,087	63.	Seiont 2,391
26.	Dyffryn Ardudwy	1,319	64.	Talysarn 1,385
27.	Efail-newydd/Buan	1,050	65.	Teigl 1,483
28.	Garth	814	66.	Trawsfynydd 1,226
29.	Gerlan	1,598	67.	Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygai 1,641
30.	Glyder	1,412	68.	Tudweiliog 754
31.	Groeslon	1,302	69.	Tywyn 2,711
32.	Harlech	1,535	70.	Waunfawr 1,279
33.	Hendre	976	71.	Y Felinheli 1,669
34.	Hirael	1,070		
35.	Llanaelhaearn	1,208		
36.	Llanbedr	910		
37.	Llanbedrog	897		
38.	Llanberis	1,461		