



REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN RESPECT OF PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PRESERVED COUNTY OF GWYNEDD

Summary of Representations

May 2004

The Commission welcome correspondence and telephone calls either in English or Welsh.

Summary of the Representations made in respect of the Commission's provisional recommendations for the Preserved County of Gwynedd issued on 5th January 2004

APPROVAL

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| 1 | The Welsh Conservative Party | Supports proposals for Gwynedd. |
| 2 | Welsh Labour | Fully supports provisional recommendations in all aspects. |
| 3 | Welsh Liberal Democrats | Supports proposals in respect of Gwynedd. |
| 4 | Caernarfon Constituency Labour Party | Supports the submission of the Wales Labour Party in respect of the Preserved County of Gwynedd. |
| 5 | Conwy Conservatives | Supports the proposed three constituencies for Gwynedd for logical & historic reasons. |
| 6 | Cllr. H Eifion Jones | Supports proposals for geographic and demographic reasons in respect of Gwynedd. Also supports new Arfon Constituency. |
| 7 | Mr D Fox | Supports the proposals for Gwynedd. |
| 8 | Mr Huw P Jones | Supports the proposed changes to constituencies in North West Wales. |
| 9 | Mrs Anne Roberts | Approves proposals for Gwynedd. |
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NO COMMENT

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| 10 | Cyngor Cymuned Llanystumdwy | Community Council does not wish to comment until after the Richard Commission report is published. |
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OBJECTION

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| 11 | Gwynedd Council | Opposes the recommendations for Gwynedd because it would be premature to discuss modifications to the constituencies before the publication of the Richard's Commission report. |
| 12 | Aberdaron Community Council | Objects to proposed change to the Caernarfon constituency boundaries. Believes new constituency would be too large and dispersed. Also there is a natural historical link between the Dwyfor and Arfon area. |
| 13 | City of Bangor Council | Objects to proposals in relation to current constituencies and asks that the Commission consider retaining the current arrangements as |

		there is nothing in the proposals which should compel the Commission to do otherwise.
14	Beddgelert Community Council	Objects to the proposals for Gwynedd for historical reasons. Wants to keep the status quo.
15	Bontnewydd Community Council	Strongly oppose for the following reasons: disruption of political links, moving government centres further away from the people, way of life and traditions of local areas not considered.
16	Cyngor Cymuned Buan	Objects to proposed changes to Caernarfon as new constituency would be too large & cumbersome, transport links are to Caernarfon not Dolgellau and civil bodies have been established on an Arfon/Dwyfor basis.
17	Cyngor Tref Frenhinol Caernarfon	Objects on grounds of loss of historic identity and perceived ulterior motives by the Government. Believes that the review is a "fait accompli".
18	Cyngor Tref Criccieth	Objects to proposed changes to Caernarfon as new constituency would be too large & cumbersome, transport links are to Caernarfon not Dolgellau and civil bodies have been established on an Arfon/Dwyfor basis.
19	Dolbenmaen Community Council	Opposes the proposals affecting the constituency of Caernarfon.
20	Cyngor Cymuned Llanbedrog	Objects to proposed changes to Caernarfon as new constituency would be too large & cumbersome, transport links are to Caernarfon not Dolgellau and civil bodies have been established on an Arfon/Dwyfor basis.
21	Llanberis Community Council	objects to the proposals relating to Caernarfon for historical reasons and because the new constituency would be too large.
22	Cyngor Cymuned Llanddeiniolen	Objects to the splitting of the current Caernarfon seat and believes that the balance between industrial and rural areas will be affected by the proposals.
23	Llandwrog Community Council	Objects to the Gwynedd proposals for historic and democratic reasons and because of the lack of links between the Llyn Peninsula and Meirionnydd, especially good transport links.
24	Cyngor Cymdeithas Llanengan	The Council object on grounds of there being no natural link between the area proposed to be incorporated in the new Dwyfor/Meirionnydd, and asks the Commission to consider leaving the boundaries as they currently stand.
25	Llanllyfni Community Council	The proposals cause great concern with centre of constituency likely to be moved from Caernarfon to Bangor which causes concern to rural areas. We believe that re-forming the old Caernarfon County would be better geographically.
26	Llannor Community Council	Strongly objects to proposed changes to Caernarfon because the new constituency would be too large & cumbersome, transport links are

to Caernarfon not Dolgellau and civil bodies have been established on an Arfon/Dwyfor basis.

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| 27 | Llawnda Community Council | Counties of Caernarfon and Dwyfor have collaborated particularly well together, the collaboration has not been as good between Bangor and Caernarfon. Believes that unifying the two towns into one constituency would be a mistake. |
| 28 | Porthmadog Town Council | Porthmadog Town Council objects to the unification of Dwyfor and Meirionnydd as the constituency would be too big. Wants to keep the status quo. |
| 29 | Pwllheli Town Council | Objects as the proposed Meirionnydd-Dwyfor would be too big and too inflexible to administer or serve politically. |
| 30 | Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales | Believes that proposals would reduce Mid/West Wales region. Suggests Clwyd and Gwynedd be included in one region rather than split the current Caernarfon Constituency. |
| 31 | Caernarfon Liberal Democrats | Objects to Gwynedd proposals for historical, political & geographic reasons. Arfon & Dwyfor should not be separated. Dwyfor Meirionnydd would be too large, impractical & less democratic. Wants to maintain status quo. |
| 32 | Plaid Cymru Caernarfon Constituency | Believes no changes are required at the present, especially before the publishing of the Richard Commission report. |
| 33 | Plaid Cymru Cangen Llannor | Objects on grounds of historic links being broken and the impracticality of the size of the proposed new Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency. Also refers to Richard Commission and need to wait for its findings. |
| 34 | Plaid Cymru Cangen Pwllheli | Believes that the proposed Dwyfor Meirionnydd seat would be too big to serve politically, and sees no natural links between the two areas. Calls for a public inquiry. |
| 35 | Mrs Betty Williams MP | Believes that Clwyd and Gwynedd should be considered together to achieve best electoral parity between constituencies. |
| 36 | Cllr. Charles Ellis LL.B | Enclosed Petition with 127 signatures. Objects to proposals and demands local inquiry. |
| 37 | Cllr. P A Williams | Objects to creation of Bangor being included in proposed new "Arfon Constituency" as he fears that the democratic voice of the constituents there will be "drowned out" by the rest of the proposed new constituency. |
| 38 | Rev & Mrs L O Arridge | Objects to proposals for Bangor as it has more in common with Conwy and other small towns in its current constituency than with rural areas like Y Felinheli etc. Wants to keep the status quo. |
| 39 | Mr Gwyn Bere | Objects to the breaking of the natural link between Pwllheli and Caernarfon, and linking Pwllheli to Aberdyfi, which would cause enormous travelling distances. Objects to change for changes sake. |

- 40 Mr Myrddin ap Dafydd Objects on grounds of historic links being broken and the impracticality of the size of the proposed new Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency. Also refers to Richard Commission and need to wait for its findings.
- 41 Mr Meirion Lloyd Davies Disapproves of proposals on grounds of size of proposed area of new constituency and there being no historic ties within those areas.
- 42 Mr P M Ellis Opposes the recommendations to change the Caernarfon Constituency boundaries as believes intention to join Dwyfor and Meirionnydd is not practical, as it would be too far for people to travel to see their AM/MP.
- 43 Mr Ieuan Evans Would prefer current Caernarfon constituency to remain as it is, as it gives a true reflection of the residents of South Arfon, Eifionydd and Llyn.
- 44 Mr Patrick K Fields Recommends that Bangor be absorbed into the Caernarfon Constituency to maintain the long standing geology and historical ties of Caernarfon.
- 45 Mr H B Hodgson Objects to 'artificially constructed' Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency for practical & historical reasons. Suggests absorbing Bangor into Caernarfon. Concerned that splitting Caernarfon will breed voter apathy.
- 46 Mr S B Hodgson Objects to an 'artificially constructed' Dwyfor Meirionnydd for practical & historic reasons. Suggests absorbing Bangor into Caernarfon. Concerned that splitting Caernarfon will breed voter apathy.
- 47 Mr Graham Hulse Objects to the proposed new constituencies saying matching of constituency and local authority boundaries would make for improved communications between the areas and devolved bodies.
- 48 Mr Gwyn Jones Objects to the proposal to unify Dwyfor & Eifionydd within the Meirionnydd-Nantconwy constituency for practical reasons and because there are no natural links. Also, concerned that the elected MP would be too remote from many in the larger constituency.
- 49 Mr Gareth G Jones Recommends that Bangor be absorbed into the Caernarfon Constituency to maintain the long-standing geological and historical ties of Caernarfon.
- 50 Mr & Mrs Victor & Christine Jones States utmost opposition to the proposals to re-organise the constituencies, and that the area should remain in North Wales and not Mid-Wales.
- 51 Miss Mair Jones Believes that if any change is necessary, then Bangor and Dyffryn Ogwen should be added to the Caernarfon Constituency. Also believes that the outcome of the Richard Commission should be awaited.

- 52 Miss Olwen Jones Opposes recommendations as believes it would make a complete mess of the whole electoral system.
- 53 Mr Leslie Larsen Objects as there is no natural link between Bangor and Caernarfon/Dwyfor either culturally or linguistically.
- 54 Mr Maldwyn Lewis Objects on grounds of historic links and the impracticality of the proposed size of Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency.
- 55 Ms Catherine Llewellyn Morris Believes proposals for the Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency would lead to too large an area for constituency representatives to serve effectively.
- 56 Mr A N Oliver Opposed to proposals regarding Bangor. Wants Bangor to come under Conwy and to keep away from Caernarfon.
- 57 Miss R Parry Recommends that Bangor be absorbed into the Caernarfon Constituency to maintain the long-standing geological and historical ties of Caernarfon.
- 58 Pwllheli resident Objects to proposals as Meirionnydd is not part of Arfon/Dwyfor, and believes that constituents would gravitate naturally to Caernarfon and not Dolgellau. Does not like change for changes sake.
- 59 Mr F A Raouf Believes that if any change is necessary, then Bangor and Dyffryn Ogwen should be added to the Caernarfon Constituency. Also believes that the outcome of the Richard Commission should be awaited.
- 60 Ms Alison Raouf Believes that if any change is necessary, then Bangor and Dyffryn Ogwen should be added to the Caernarfon Constituency. Also believes that the outcome of the Richard Commission should be awaited.
- 61 Ms S A Raouf Believes that if any change is necessary, then Bangor and Dyffryn Ogwen should be added to the Caernarfon Constituency. Also believes that the outcome of the Richard Commission should be awaited.
- 62 Mrs D A Raouf Believes that if any change is necessary, then Bangor and Dyffryn Ogwen should be added to the Caernarfon Constituency. Also believes that the outcome of the Richard Commission should be awaited.
- 63 Mr Ioan Roberts Believes proposals are a complete contradiction of the tradition, wishes and practice of the area, and should be abandoned with immediate effect.
- 64 Mr V T Russell-Rudge Recommends that Bangor be absorbed into the Caernarfon Constituency to maintain the long-standing geological and historical ties of Caernarfon.
- 65 Mrs S K Russell-Rudge Recommends that Bangor be absorbed into the Caernarfon Constituency to maintain the long-standing geological and historical ties of Caernarfon.

- 66 Mrs Jean M Snow Objects to proposals re: Llyn Peninsula for practical & historic reasons. Suggests absorbing Bangor into Caernarfon constituency due to long-standing geographic & historic ties. Thinks dividing Caernarfon voters will create apathy.
- 67 Mr Clive Stephenson Objects to proposed changes in Bangor for social, historic and political reasons. Believes Bangor has more affinity with Conwy & Llandudno than Caernarfon.
- 68 Mrs Ifanwy Williams Objects to a review being conducted now, and possibly another one after the findings of the Richard Commission are published.
- 69 Mr & Mrs Alan & Ros Williams Objects on grounds of historic links being broken and the impracticality of the size of the proposed new Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency. Also refers to Richard Commission and need to wait for its findings.
- 70 Mr & Ms Gareth Hughes Jones & Dyddgu Mair Williams Objects on grounds of historic links being broken and the impracticality of the size of the proposed new Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency. Also refers to Richard Commission and need to wait for its findings.
- 71 Mr & Mrs Peredur & Manon Williams Objects on grounds of historic links being broken and the impracticality of the size of the proposed new Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency. Also refers to Richard Commission and need to wait for its findings.
- 72 Mr Liam Pennington Suggests that the new name for the seat be renamed Dwyfor Meirionnydd a Phen Llyn County Constituency.
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The main objection to the provisional recommendations is in respect of the proposed constituencies of Arfon and Dwyfor Meirionnydd. Most of the objections suggest that the existing arrangements should remain. A smaller number of representations have suggested that the Bangor area be included within the existing Caernarfon constituency. Objections have also been made in respect of the proposed change to the North Wales and Mid and West Wales Assembly regions. A number of representations have also suggested that the Commission should await the publication of the report of the Richard Commission.

	Representations	Total
Approval	1 - 9	9
Objection – status quo	12 – 24, 26 – 43, 48, 50, 52 – 56, 58, 63, 69 - 71	40
Objection - Bangor	25, 44 – 47, 49, 51, 57, 59 – 62, 64 – 66, 67	12
Objection- Assembly Region	30, 50	2
Richard Commission	10, 11, 32, 33, 40, 51, 59, 60, 61, 62, 68 - 71	14
Constituency Name	72	1

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