

REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY  
CONSTITUENCIES AND ASSEMBLY  
REGIONS IN WALES

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**NOTICE** is given today, 5 January 2004, under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended, that the Boundary Commission for Wales propose the following changes to parliamentary constituencies and Assembly Regions in Wales:

- The number of parliamentary constituencies (and thus Assembly constituencies) remains at 40.
- Significant changes to parts of the Clwyd and Gwynedd preserved county areas are proposed with the creation of new constituencies of Conwy, Arfon, and Dwyfor Meirionnydd.
- Minor changes are proposed to the following constituencies: Clwyd South, Clwyd West, Vale of Clwyd, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion, Preseli Pembrokeshire, Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Cynon Valley, Islwyn, Ogmere, Pontypridd, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, Montgomeryshire, Cardiff South and Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan, Gower and Neath.
- No changes are proposed to the remaining 17 constituencies.
- Changes are proposed to the Assembly electoral regions of North Wales and Mid and West Wales and a minor change is proposed to the electoral regions of South Wales Central and South Wales West, in each case to reflect proposed changes to parliamentary/Assembly constituencies.

### **Parliamentary Constituencies**

The review areas are the areas of the eight preserved counties as constituted following the Preserved Counties (Amendment to Boundaries)(Wales) Order 2003.

#### **1. Clwyd**

The composition of the seven constituencies provisionally recommended is (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

ALYN AND DEESIDE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (60,331) **No change.**

CLWYD SOUTH COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (51,201) the same as the existing constituency but with the loss of that part of the existing Clwyd South constituency that is now within the preserved county of Powys and the loss of those parts of the Efenechtyd, Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla and Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern electoral divisions that were part of the existing Clwyd South constituency.

CLWYD WEST COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (55,381) the same as the existing constituency but with the whole of the Efenectyd, Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla and Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern electoral divisions included within the constituency.

CONWY 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.

DELYN COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (54,277) **No change.**

VALE OF CLWYD COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (49,637) the same as the existing constituency but with the addition of the whole of the Llandyrnog electoral division included within the constituency.

WREXHAM COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (50,890) **No change.**

## **2. Dyfed**

The composition of the five constituencies provisionally recommended is (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

CARMARTHEN EAST AND DINEFWR COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (52,741) the same as the existing constituency but with the the loss of that part of the Cynwyl Elfed electoral division that was included within the existing constituency.

CARMARTHEN WEST AND SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (57,143) the same as the existing constituency with the exception that the whole of the Cynwyl Elfed electoral division is included within the constituency and with the loss of that part of the Maenclochog electoral division that was included within the existing constituency.

CEREDIGION COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (52,514) the same as the existing constituency but with the loss of that part of the St. Dogmaels electoral division that was included within the existing constituency.

LLANELLI COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (57,409) **No change.**

PRESELI PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (56,001) the same as the existing constituency but with the addition of the whole of the Maenclochog and St. Dogmaels electoral divisions being included within the constituency.

## **3. Gwent/Mid Glamorgan**

The preserved counties of Gwent and Mid Glamorgan have been considered together for the consideration of proposed parliamentary constituencies. The composition of the thirteen constituencies provisionally recommended is (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (53,120) **A minor change to the boundary, no electors involved.**

BRIDGEND COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (57,046) the same as the existing constituency but with the loss of that area of the existing constituency that is now within the preserved

county of South Glamorgan and the loss of the Aberkenfig and Cefn Cribwr electoral divisions.

CAERPHILLY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (59,576) the same as the existing constituency but with the loss of the Aberbargoed, Bargoed and Gilfach electoral divisions.

CYNON VALLEY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (48,272) the same as the existing constituency but with the addition of the Cilfynydd and Glyncoch electoral divisions.

ISLWYN COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (60,769) the same as the existing constituency but with the addition of the Aberbargoed, Bargoed and Gilfach electoral divisions.

MERTHYR TYDFIL AND RHYMNEY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (55,476) **A minor change to the boundary, no electors involved.**

MONMOUTH COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (62,423) **No change.**

NEWPORT EAST COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (56,355) **No change.**

NEWPORT WEST COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (60,882) **No change.**

OGMORE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (53,842) the same as the existing constituency but with the addition of the Aberkenfig and Cefn Cribwr electoral divisions.

PONTYPRIDD COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (54,122) the same as the existing constituency but with the loss of that area of the existing constituency that is now within the preserved county of South Glamorgan and the loss of the Cilfynydd and Glyncoch electoral divisions.

RHONDDA COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (50,389) **No change.**

TORFAEN COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (61,371) **No change.**

#### **4. Gwynedd**

The composition of the three constituencies provisionally recommended is (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

ARFON COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (42,998) **Gwynedd County** electoral divisions: Arllechwedd, Bethel, Bontnewydd, Cadnant, Cwm-y-Glo, Deiniol, Deiniolen, Dewi, Garth, Gerlan, Glyder, Groeslon, Hendre, Hiracl, Llanberis, Llanllyfni, Llanrug, Llanwnda, Marchog, Menai (Bangor), Menai (Caernarfon), Ogwen, Peblig (Caernarfon), Penisarwaun, Pentir, Penygroes, Seiont, Talysarn, Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygai, Waunfawr, Y Felinheli.

DWYFOR MEIRIONNYDD COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (48,823) **Gwynedd County** electoral divisions: Aberdaron, Aberdovey, Abererch, Abermaw, Abersoch, Bala, Botwnnog, Bowydd & Rhiw, Brithdir & Llanfachreth/Ganllwyd/Llanelltyd, Bryn-crug/Llanfihangel, Clynnog, Corris/Mawddwy, Criccieth, Diffwys & Maenofferen, Dolbenmaen, Dolgellau North, Dolgellau South, Dyffryn Ardudwy, Efail-newydd/Buan, Harlech, Llanaelhaearn, Llanbedr, Llanbedrog, Llandderfel, Llanengan, Llangelynin, Llanuwchllyn, Llanystumdwy, Morfa Nefyn, Nefyn, Penrhyndeudraeth, Porthmadog East, Porthmadog West, Porthmadog-Tremadog, Pwllheli North, Pwllheli South, Teigl, Trawsfynydd, Tudweiliog, Tywyn.

YNYS MÔN COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (49,831) **No change.**

## **5. Powys**

The composition of the two constituencies provisionally recommended is (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

BRECON AND RADNORSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (53,497) **No change.**

MONTGOMERYSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (46,655) the same as the existing constituency but with the addition of the Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant/Llansilin electoral division (currently in the Clwyd South constituency).

## **6. South Glamorgan**

The composition of the five constituencies provisionally recommended is (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

CARDIFF CENTRAL BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (60,864) **No change.**

CARDIFF NORTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (63,615) **No change.**

CARDIFF SOUTH AND PENARTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (67,855) the same as the existing constituency but with the addition of the Sully electoral division.

CARDIFF WEST BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (64,587) the same as the existing constituency but with the addition of the whole of the Creigiau/St.Fagans electoral division and the Pentyrch electoral division.

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (68,229) the same as the existing constituency but with the loss of the Sully electoral division and the addition of the St. Bride's Major electoral division.

## **8. West Glamorgan**

The composition of the five constituencies provisionally recommended is (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

ABERAVON COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (50,422) **No change.**

GOWER COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (60,535) The addition of 11 electors to the Clydach electoral division of Swansea from the Trebanos electoral division of Neath Port Talbot as a result of the Neath Port Talbot and Swansea (Trebanos and Clydach) Order 2002.

NEATH COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (56,982) The loss of 11 electors as a result of the Neath Port Talbot and Swansea (Trebanos and Clydach) Order 2002.

SWANSEA EAST BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (57,226) **No change.**

SWANSEA WEST BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (58,336) **No change.**

## National Assembly for Wales Electoral Regions

The composition of the five Assembly Regions provisionally recommended is (the 2003 Assembly electorates are shown in brackets):

**North Wales** (459,718): Alyn and Deeside CC, Arfon CC, Clwyd South CC, Clwyd West CC, Conwy CC, Delyn CC, Vale of Clwyd CC, Wrexham CC, Ynys Môn CC.

**Mid and West Wales** (426,058): Brecon and Radnorshire CC, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr CC, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire CC, Ceredigion CC, Dwyfor Meirionnydd CC, Llanelli CC, Montgomeryshire CC, Preseli Pembrokeshire CC.

**South Wales West** (395,717): **No change** (except to include the whole of the Bridgend constituency).

**South Wales Central** (480,831): **No change** (except to include the whole of the Vale of Glamorgan constituency).

**South Wales East** (470,878): **No change**.

The Commission wish to stress that these provisional recommendations relate solely to parliamentary constituencies and National Assembly for Wales Electoral Regions and do not affect the structure or arrangements of local government or the services they provide.

### Inspection

A report explaining the Commission's proposals in full and maps illustrating the proposed constituencies may be inspected at:

<b>Aberavon</b>		Council Offices, Civic Centre, Port Talbot SA13 1JP
<b>Alyn and Deeside</b>		Public Library, Wepre Drive, Connah's Quay CH5 4HA
<b>Blaenau Gwent</b>		Municipal Offices, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale NP26 6XB
<b>Brecon and Radnorshire</b>		Council Offices, Cambrian Way, Brecon LD3 7HR County Hall, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5LG Knighton Area Office, The Library, Knighton
<b>Bridgend</b>		Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB
<b>Caernarfon</b>		County Offices, Caernarfon LL55 1SH
<b>Caerphilly</b>		Council Offices, Ystrad Fawr, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed CF82 7SF
<b>Cardiff Central</b>	)	City Hall, Cardiff CF10 4UW
<b>Cardiff North</b>	)	Whitchurch Library, Park Road, Whitchurch CF14 7XA
<b>Cardiff South and Penarth</b>	)	Grangetown Library, Redlaver Street, Grangetown CF11 7LY
	)	West House, Stanwell Road, Penarth CF64 2YG
<b>Cardiff West</b>	)	Canton Library, Library Street, Canton CF5 1QD
<b>Carmarthen East and Dinefwr</b>		Municipal Offices, Crescent Road, Llandeilo SA19 6HW
<b>Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire</b>		Statutory Services, 1 Spilman Street, Carmarthen SA31 1LE
<b>Ceredigion</b>		Aberaeron Library, County Hall, Market Street, Aberaeron SA46 0AT
<b>Clwyd South</b>		One Stop Shop, Y Capel, Castle St., Llangollen LL20 8NU
<b>Clwyd West</b>		Trem Clwyd, Canol y Dre, Ruthin LL15 1QA
<b>Conwy</b>		Council Offices, Bodlondeb, Conwy LL32 8DU
<b>Cynon Valley</b>		Central Library, High Street, Aberdare CF44 7AG

<b>Delyn Gower</b>		County Hall, Mold CH7 6NB Gorseinon Central Information Unit, Lime Street, Gorseinon
<b>Islwyn</b>		Council Offices, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood NP12 2YW
<b>Llanelli</b>		Llanelli Library, Llanelli SA15 3AS
<b>Meirionnydd Nant Conwy</b>		Llanrwst Library, Plas yn Dre, Station Road, Llanrwst LL26 0DF
<b>Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney</b>		Council Offices, Cae Penarlag, Dolgellau LL40 2YB
<b>Monmouth</b>		Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AN One Stop Shop, Cross Street, Abergavenny NP7 5HD One Stop Shop, The Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth NP25 3XA
<b>Montgomeryshire</b>		Welshpool Area Office, Severn Road, Welshpool SY21 7AS Area Office, The Park Offices, Newtown SY16 2NZ
<b>Neath</b>		Council Offices, Civic Centre, Neath SA11 3QZ
<b>Newport East</b>	)	Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR
<b>Newport West</b>	)	Maindee Library, Chepstow Road, Newport NP19 8BY
<b>Ogmore</b>		Maesteg Library, North Lane, Maesteg CF34 9AA Nantymoel Library, Berwyn Centre, Ogwy Street, Nantymoel CF32 7SD
<b>Pontypridd</b>		Electoral Registration Office, 4 – 8 Church Street, Pontypridd CF37 2TH
<b>Preseli Pembrokeshire</b>		Customer Service Centre, North Wing, County Hall, Haverfordwest SA61 1TP
<b>Rhondda</b>		Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale CF40 2XX
<b>Swansea East</b>	)	Morrison Library, Trehaune Road, Swansea SA6 7AA
<b>Swansea West</b>	)	The Guildhall, Swansea SA1 4PN
<b>Torfaen</b>		Civic Centre, Pontypool NP4 6YB
<b>Vale of Clwyd</b>		Council Offices, Russell House, Churton Road, Rhyl LL18 3DP
<b>Vale of Glamorgan</b>		Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU Town Hall, Cowbridge CF61 1SD
<b>Wrexham</b>		The Guildhall, Wrexham LL11 1WF
<b>Ynys Môn</b>		Council Offices, Llangefni LL77 7TW

**REPRESENTATIONS** about the proposals should be submitted before **6 February 2004**. Send representations to the **Boundary Commission for Wales, Caradog House, 1-6 St Andrews Place, Cardiff CF10 3BE** or fax them to **02920 395250**, or email them to **bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk**

Objectors are advised to submit a counter-proposal with their representation as this is likely to carry more weight than a simple statement of objection. It is very important that all representations, whether of support or objection (particularly counter-proposals) are received within the time allowed.

This notice and the provisional recommendations report are also available on the Commission's web site at **www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk**