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## **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN THE PRESERVED COUNTY OF WEST GLAMORGAN**

**The Commission propose to make no change to their provisional recommendations for five constituencies in the preserved county of West Glamorgan.**

1. Provisional recommendations in respect of West Glamorgan were published on 5 January 2004. Objections to the provisional recommendations led to a public inquiry which was held in Swansea on 13 July 2004. The Assistant Commissioner who conducted the inquiry recommended no changes to the Commission's provisional recommendations. Having considered his report and recommendations and the evidence submitted, the Commission have decided to accept his recommendations and make final proposals accordingly.

### **Assistant Commissioner's Report**

2. The Assistant Commissioner supported the Commission's decision to allocate five constituencies to West Glamorgan. One counter-proposal was received and discussed at the inquiry. The main issues raised in the counter-proposal were:

- (a) the transfer of the Blaengwrach, Glynneath, Pelenna and Resolven electoral divisions from the Neath constituency to the Aberavon constituency;
- (b) the transfer of the Clydach and Mawr electoral divisions from the Gower constituency to the Neath constituency;
- (c) the transfer of the Mayals electoral division from the Swansea West constituency to the Gower constituency.

### **The Blaengwrach, Glynneath, Pelenna and Resolven electoral divisions**

3. The Assistant Commissioner reported that the counter-proposal proposed the transfer of the Blaengwrach, Glynneath, Pelenna and Resolven electoral divisions from the Neath constituency to the Aberavon constituency. He noted that this would reduce the electoral disparity between the Aberavon constituency and the other West Glamorgan constituencies but concluded that, when weighed against the resultant inconveniences and breaking of local ties, this did not justify the alteration of the constituency boundary between Neath and Aberavon.

### **The Clydach and Mawr electoral divisions**

4. The Assistant Commissioner reported that the counter-proposal also proposed the transfer of the Clydach and Mawr electoral divisions from the Gower constituency to the Neath constituency. Having considered the evidence he concluded that the inconvenience and the break in local ties which would flow from the alteration were such that the alteration should not be made.

### **The Mayals electoral division**

5. The Assistant Commissioner noted that the case put forward to transfer the Mayals electoral division from the Swansea West constituency to the Gower constituency was somewhat different in that the advantage of the proposal was that it would unite Mayals Community Council in one constituency. He accepted that the counter-proposal in respect of Mayals would have the effect of strengthening its ties with Mumbles, and of increasing the convenience with which the community council represents its area. However he accepted also that the alteration would break the ties with parliamentary and Assembly representation which had existed for 30 years or more and in respect of which there was little, if any, confusion. The Assistant Commissioner reported that it was his view that, 'the inconveniences and break in local ties which such an alteration would bring about is modest, and weighs in the balance against the main counter-proposal.'

### **Conclusion on the main-counter-proposal**

6. The Assistant Commissioner's conclusion on the main counter-proposal was that the resulting improvement in electoral disparity was offset by the resulting inconvenience and break in local ties. He therefore recommended that the main counter-proposal should not be adopted.

### **Alternative counter-proposals**

7. Further alternatives were proposed at the inquiry and these were considered by the Assistant Commissioner in his report. He considered that the alternative proposal of transferring Pelenna and Resolven electoral divisions to the Aberavon constituency, Mayals to the Gower constituency and Clydach to the Neath constituency was the most attractive in that it achieved a reduction in the electoral disparity between the constituencies with less disadvantage, in terms of inconvenience and break in local ties, than that associated with the main counter-proposal. Nevertheless he came to the view that this proposal should also be rejected on grounds of inconvenience and the breaking of local ties.

### **Final recommendations**

8. 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 and to confirm their provisional recommendations accordingly.

9. The Commission's final recommendations for the preserved county of West Glamorgan, which will be included in their report to be submitted to the Secretary of State at the end of the general review and which are shown on the attached map, are for five constituencies as follows (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

**ABERAVON COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (50,422) Neath Port Talbot County** electoral divisions: Aberavon, Baglan, Briton Ferry East, Briton Ferry West, Bryn and Cwmavon, Coedffranc Central, Coedffranc North, Coedffranc West, Cymmer, Glynccorwg, Gwynfi, Margam, Port Talbot, Sandfields East, Sandfields West, Tai-bach.

**GOWER COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (60,535) Swansea County** electoral divisions: Bishopston, Clydach, Fairwood, Gorseinon, Gower, Gowerton, Kingsbridge, Llangyfelach, Lower Loughor, Mawr, Newton, Oystermouth, Penclawdd, Penllergaer, Pennard, Penyrheol, Pontardulais, Upper Loughor, West Cross.

**NEATH COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (56,982) Neath Port Talbot County** electoral divisions: Aberdulais, Allt-wen, Blaengwrach, Bryn-côch North, Bryn-côch South, Cadoxton, Cimla, Crynant, Cwmllynfell, Dyffryn, Glynneath, Godre'r graig, Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen, Lower Brynamman, Neath East, Neath North, Neath South, Onllwyn, Pelenna, Pontardawe, Resolven, Rhos, Seven Sisters, Tonna, Trebanos, Ystalyfera.

**SWANSEA EAST BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (57,226) Swansea County** electoral divisions: Bonymaen, Cwmbwrla, Landore, Llansamlet, Morriston, Mynyddbach, Penderry, St.Thomas.

**SWANSEA WEST BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (58,336) Swansea County** electoral divisions: Castle, Cockett, Dunvant, Killay North, Killay South, Mayals, Sketty, Townhill, Uplands.

## **Representations**

10. In accordance with section 5 of the 1986 Act and the procedures set out in the Commission's guidance booklet published in 2003, the Commission are not entitled to consider any further representations in relation to these recommendations. When the Commission have completed their review of the whole of Wales they will submit a report to the Secretary of State.

## **Implementation of the recommendations**

11. 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**

12. 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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## Final Recommendations for West Glamorgan

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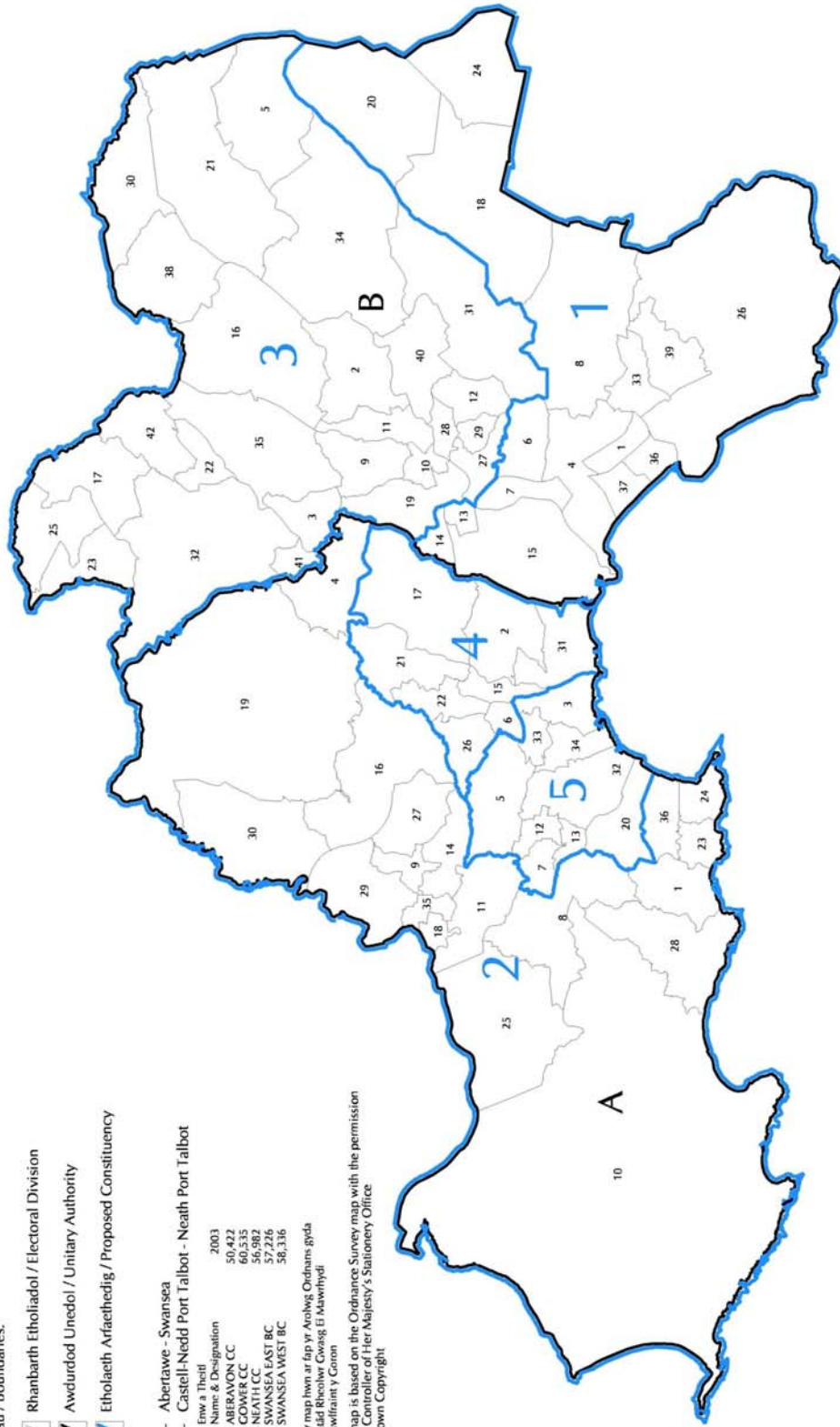
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-  Rhanbarth Etholiadol / Electoral Division
  -  Awdurdod Unedol / Unitary Authority
  -  Etholaeth Arfaethedig / Proposed Constituency

A - Abertawe - Swansea  
 B - Castell-Nedd Port Talbot - Neath Port Talbot

Sedd	Enw a Theit	2003
1	ABERAVON CC	50,422
2	GOWER CC	60,535
3	NEATH CC	55,982
4	SWANSEA EAST BC	57,116
5	SWANSEA WEST BC	58,336

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## West Glamorgan

<b>A.</b>	<b>Neath Port Talbot</b>	<b>107,404</b>		
1.	Aberavon	4,222	39.	Tai-bach 3,708
2.	Aberdulais	1,500	40.	Tonna 1,965
3.	Allt-wen	1,754	41.	Trebanos 1,091
4.	Baglan	5,535	42.	Ystalyfera 2,399
5.	Blaengwrach	1,524		
6.	Briton Ferry East	2,400		
7.	Briton Ferry West	2,186		
8.	Bryn and Cwmavon	5,139		
9.	Bryn-côch North	1,935		
10.	Bryn-côch South	4,354		
11.	Cadoxton	1,415		
12.	Cimla	3,356		
13.	Coedffranc Central	3,035		
14.	Coedffranc North	1,851		
15.	Coedffranc West	1,702		
16.	Crynant	1,533		
17.	Cwmllynfell	906		
18.	Cymmer	2,146		
19.	Dyffryn	2,565		
20.	Glyncorwg	895		
21.	Glynneath	2,842		
22.	Godre'r graig	1,161		
23.	Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen	2,238		
24.	Gwynfi	1,109		
25.	Lower Brynamman	1,048		
26.	Margam	2,232		
27.	Neath East	4,568		
28.	Neath North	3,223		
29.	Neath South	3,665		
30.	Onllwyn	955		
31.	Pelenna	954		
32.	Pontardawe	3,971		
33.	Port Talbot	4,283		
34.	Resolven	2,449		
35.	Rhos	2,053		
36.	Sandfields East	4,933		
37.	Sandfields West	5,046		
38.	Seven Sisters	1,558		

<b>B.</b>	<b>Swansea</b>	<b>176,097</b>
1.	Bishopston	2,807
2.	Bonymaen	4,816
3.	Castle	9,695
4.	Clydach	5,771
5.	Cockett	10,043
6.	Cwmbwrla	6,234
7.	Dunvant	3,669
8.	Fairwood	2,279
9.	Gorseinon	2,639
10.	Gower	3,089
11.	Gowerton	3,806
12.	Killay North	3,235
13.	Killay South	1,947
14.	Kingsbridge	3,245
15.	Landore	4,592
16.	Llangyfelach	3,666
17.	Llansamlet	9,381
18.	Lower Loughor	1,793
19.	Mawr	1,493
20.	Mayals	2,458
21.	Morrison	12,766
22.	Mynyddbach	7,109
23.	Newton	2,869
24.	Oystermouth	3,483
25.	Penclawdd	3,031
26.	Penderry	7,612
27.	Penllergaer	1,915
28.	Pennard	2,237
29.	Penyrheol	4,474
30.	Pontardulais	4,298
31.	St.Thomas	4,716
32.	Sketty	11,323
33.	Townhill	5,732
34.	Uplands	10,234
35.	Upper Loughor	2,133
36.	West Cross	5,507