



## 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

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# 1. Introduction

## The Boundary Commission for Wales

- 1.1 The Boundary Commission for Wales is an advisory Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored and wholly funded by the Cabinet Office. The Commission is constituted under Section 2 and Schedule 1 of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended).
- 1.2 The Commission's primary statutory function is to keep under continuous review the distribution of seats at Parliamentary elections, to conduct regular reviews of the boundaries of Parliamentary constituencies and to make reports with recommendations to the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended).
- 1.3 The Speaker of the House of Commons is the *ex-officio* Chairman of all four Parliamentary Boundary Commissions in the United Kingdom. The appointment of the Speaker emphasises the independence, impartiality, and non-political nature. The Speaker plays no part in the conduct of reviews. The Deputy Chairman, who presides over the meetings, is a High Court Judge: the Honourable Mr Justice Lloyd Jones. The Members are Mr Paul Loveluck and Professor Robert M<sup>c</sup>Nabb.

## 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

- 1.4 The Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 made substantial changes to the legislation governing distribution of Parliamentary seats in the UK. The Act reduces the number of constituencies in Wales from 40 to 30 and requires each constituency to have a similar number of registered electors (between 72,810 and 80,473).
- 1.5 On 11 January 2012 the Boundary Commission for Wales published its Initial Proposals. This was the beginning of a consultation process where the Commission has asked the people of Wales to help shape the revised Parliamentary constituencies.
- 1.6 The launch of the initial proposal represented the start of a 12 week consultation during which the public were invited to submit their representations in writing or attend one of five public hearings which were held across Wales, or both.

- 1.7** In May 2012 the Commission published all responses that were received during this initial 12 week consultation period. A further statutory four week period was then available for individuals and organisations to comment on the representations made by others.

### **The Assistant Commissioners**

- 1.8** Schedule 1 of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 allows the Secretary of State, at the request of the Commission to appoint one or more Assistant Commissioners to assist the Commission in the discharge of their functions. Three Assistant Commissioners were appointed for the 2013 Review in Wales. The role of the Assistant Commissioners was to chair the public hearings and provide an independent and impartial report to the Commission based on representations received at the hearings and in writing.
- 1.9** For the 2013 Review the Assistant Commissioners were Mr Gerard Elias QC, Mr Geraint Walters and Mr Clive Lewis QC. Mr Elias was the ‘Lead Assistant Commissioner’ and chaired the public hearings. The Assistant Commissioners were selected through open public competition. See Appendix C for more information about the Assistant Commissioners.
- 1.10** This report represents the views of the Assistant Commissioners based on the evidence submitted in writing and orally at public hearings during the first and second consultation phases. The report sets out the changes that the Assistant Commissioners recommend to the Commission’s initial proposals and it is for the Commission to decide whether or not such changes should be adopted.
- 1.11** In making this report, the Assistant Commissioners have treated all representations equally. Representations made in writing, in Welsh or in English, have received the same consideration as those made orally at public hearings.

### **Written Representations**

- 1.12** During the initial consultation period over 500 written representations were received by the Commission. A full list of the representations is at Appendix B.
- 1.13** During the second consultation period 209 written representations were received by the Commission. A full list of the representations is at Appendix B.

### **Public Hearings**

- 1.14** Five public hearings, the maximum allowed by the legislation, were held during February and March 2012. Table 1 shows the number of attendees at each hearing.



**Table 1: Attendance at 2013 Review Public Hearings**

<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Speakers</b>	<b>Observers</b>	<b>Total Attendees</b>
Swansea 15 – 16 Feb 2012	26	29	55
Cardiff 22 – 23 Feb 2012	31	26	57
Wrexham 29 Feb – 1 Mar 2012	28	19	47
Caernarfon 7 – 8 Mar 2012	17	12	29
Llandrindod Wells 20 – 21 Mar 2012	15	14	29

## 2. Overview

### Introduction

- 2.1** There are currently 40 parliamentary constituencies in Wales. Those constituencies include electoral divisions from the 22 local authorities within Wales. The Commission, in accordance with the legislation referred to in chapter 1, has made Initial Proposals for 30 constituencies in Wales. We, as Assistant Commissioners, were not involved in the preparation of the Commission's Initial Proposals.
- 2.2** We have considered the Initial Proposals and all the written and oral representations that have been received and we propose to make recommendations for changes to the Initial Proposals. For convenience, in this report, the recommendations that we make are considered by reference to four broad regions, namely South East Wales, South West Wales, West Wales, and Mid and North Wales. We deal with Mid and North Wales together as there is a degree of overlap between the proposed constituencies within Mid and North Wales. On occasions, in the other areas, proposed constituencies extend over more than one region.
- 2.3** We set out below our general approach to the task of making recommendations for changes to the Initial Proposals. We then set out an overview of the main issues that we encountered during our consideration of the representations made on the proposed constituencies within Wales. Then, in chapter 3 of the report, we set out the basis of our recommendations for changes to the Initial Proposals for constituency boundaries in Wales. The Commission has proposed (as it was required to do) a name and designation for each of the constituencies in its Initial Proposals. Representations have been made suggesting different names from those proposed by the Commission. In addition, some of our proposed changes to the Commission's proposals mean that the original name is no longer appropriate. We will make our recommendations about names after we have set out and explained our recommendations about constituency boundaries and our recommendations regarding designation are made in Appendix A.

### The Assistant Commissioners' Approach

- 2.4** The legislation referred to in chapter 1 of this report set out the statutory rules governing the distribution of parliamentary constituencies. The statutory rules which govern the current review are different in important respects from those which applied to previous reviews. Most significantly, the

new legislation has introduced requirements for a fixed number of constituencies and places an upper and lower limit on the size of the electorate of any constituency, save in relation to four protected constituencies that are outside Wales. Each constituency in Wales must as a matter of law be within 5% of an electoral quota for each constituency. This means that each constituency in Wales must comprise between 72,810 and 80,473 electors.

- 2.5** Applying the new statutory electorate range will require extensive and wide-ranging changes within Wales. Subject to ensuring that each constituency falls within the permitted electoral range, the legislation provides that the Commission may take into account the following four factors:<sup>1</sup>
- a. Special geographical considerations including the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency;
  - b. Local government boundaries as they existed on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010;
  - c. The boundaries of existing constituencies; and
  - d. Any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies.
- 2.6** Against that background, we have sought, wherever possible, to recommend changes to the Initial Proposals which in our opinion will ensure that proposed constituencies better reflect the statutory criteria set out above (whilst ensuring that each proposed constituency falls within the permitted electoral range of 72,810 and 80,473 electors).
- 2.7** We have read all the written representations and the transcripts of the public hearings together with the written material which was handed to the Lead Assistant Commissioner and the Commission staff at the public hearings. We are very grateful to the many people who must have put in a great deal of time and effort in preparing their representations. We are grateful also to those who appeared at the public hearings for presenting their representations in a succinct manner which enabled all the representations to be heard properly while adhering to the two day limit for each hearing required by the legislation. We are, however, conscious that the limitations imposed by the legislation means that the recommendations that we propose to the Initial Proposals are unlikely to satisfy the wishes of all those who participated in the consultation.
- 2.8** In this report we have dealt with what we consider to be the main issues and the main points that have arisen from all the representations made. We have not, therefore, commented on all the representations made but we have, nonetheless, considered all the representations in coming to our conclusions and making our recommendations.

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<sup>1</sup>. Schedule 2 lists a fifth factor which does not apply to the 2013 review but will apply to subsequent reviews: '(e) the inconveniences attendant on such changes'.

## Principal Themes

- 2.9** The principal themes that emerge in our view from the representations that we have received are as follows.
- 2.10** First, there has been concern over the proposals for constituencies in South East Wales. There has been concern that one unitary authority, Caerphilly, has no constituency entirely within the area of that local authority. We have also received representations that the Initial Proposals for the existing constituencies within the unitary authority area of Cardiff have created greater disruption than is necessary. There has been concern over the proposed Newport West and Sirhowy Valley constituency which extends from the Severn Estuary up to the valleys of South Wales. Strong concerns about the Initial Proposals were expressed by those resident in the existing Cynon Valley constituency. The Initial Proposals involve electoral divisions from the existing constituency being included within three other proposed constituencies, namely Pontypridd, Rhondda, and a Heads of the Valleys constituency. A considerable body of representations attested to the strong community ties that existed within the Cynon Valley as a whole, or within parts of the Valley, that would be broken by the Initial Proposals.
- 2.11** Secondly, in relation to South West Wales there has been concern over the precise composition of the proposed Llanelli, Gower and Swansea West, and Swansea East constituencies. In particular, there was concern at the inclusion of Lower Loughor, Upper Loughor and Kingsbridge in the proposed Gower and Swansea West rather than the proposed Llanelli constituency. There was also concern over the inclusion of Llangyfelach, and Penlleger within the proposed Llanelli rather than the proposed Swansea East constituency. Representations were also made about the precise composition of the proposed Swansea East, and Gower and Swansea West constituencies.
- 2.12** Thirdly, in relation to West Wales, there was particular concern that the local ties that exist between the electoral division of Maenclochog and south Pembrokeshire would be broken by the Initial Proposals which included the Maenclochog electoral division in a proposed Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire constituency.
- 2.13** Fourthly, in relation to Mid and North Wales, we received a considerable number of representations concerning the fact that the existing Montgomeryshire constituency would not be retained and would, under the Initial Proposals, be divided between three proposed constituencies, namely, the proposed Gwynedd, South Powys, and Glyndwr and North Powys constituencies. We received representations concerning the precise allocation of electoral divisions between the proposed South Powys, and Glyndwr and North Powys constituencies and whether, in particular, the electoral divisions of Berriew, and Forden should be included in the proposed South Powys or the Glyndwr and North Powys constituency. There were also

concerns that the inclusion of the electoral divisions of Ruabon, and the South Ward of the Community of Ruabon within the proposed Wrexham Maelor constituency would break existing ties with electoral divisions included within the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency.

- 2.14** Fifthly, in relation to north Wales only, there have been representations about the precise allocation of electoral divisions in Gwynedd, and in particular whether, the electoral divisions of Deiniolen, Penisarwaun, and Bethel should be included within the proposed Gwynedd constituency rather than the proposed Mon a Menai constituency. There have also been concerns about the inclusion of three electoral divisions from the existing Montgomeryshire constituency within the proposed Gwynedd constituency. There have also been concerns raised that the inclusion of electoral divisions such as Cilcain and Gwernaffield within the proposed Dee Estuary constituency would break their existing ties with the electoral divisions within the town of Mold which the Initial Proposals include within the proposed Alyn and Deeside constituency.
- 2.15** Representations were also received about particular electoral divisions, or groups of electoral divisions, other than those referred to above. All those representations were also carefully considered.
- 2.16** Many representations were received about the names for the proposed constituencies. Those responding to the consultation exercise were concerned to ensure that historic identities were not lost and that the names of proposed constituencies reflected the geographic areas comprised within the constituency and were names with which the electorate would genuinely identify.
- 2.17** For the reasons set out below, we have recommended changes, sometimes considerable changes, to the Initial proposals for some constituencies. It would not, in our view, however, be appropriate to make changes in all cases where opposition to the Initial Proposals have been expressed bearing in mind the need to ensure all constituencies fall within the permitted electoral range, the statutory criteria and the consequential effects that changes in one proposed constituency may have on other proposed constituencies. In making our recommendations we have, throughout, sought to ensure that the proposed constituencies we recommend satisfy the electoral range and better reflect the statutory criteria which may be taken into account.

# 3. Recommendations for changes to the Proposed Constituencies in Wales

## Introduction

**3.1** For convenience, in this report, the recommendations that we make are considered by reference to four broad regions, namely South East Wales, South West Wales, West Wales, Mid and North Wales. We address mid Wales and North Wales together as there is a degree of overlap between the proposed constituencies within these areas.

## South East Wales

**3.2** South East Wales is taken, for the purpose of this report, as comprising the areas of the unitary authorities Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Newport, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Torfaen, and the Vale of Glamorgan.

**3.3** The Initial Proposals propose 13 constituencies for this area. We have received a large number of representations in relation to those proposed constituencies. There has been support for a number of the proposed constituencies such as the proposed Vale of Glamorgan, Monmouthshire, and Torfaen constituencies. But there has been opposition to others. There has been opposition to the proposed Caerphilly and Cardiff North constituency and also concern that there is no single constituency entirely within the area of Caerphilly County Borough Council. Some of the representations also suggest that the Initial Proposals have resulted in greater disruption for the constituencies within Cardiff than is necessary. There have been representations that the proposed Newport West and Sirhowy Valley constituency combines areas with no community links and extends from the River Severn in the south to the valleys in the north. There has been considerable opposition to the Initial Proposals so far as they affect the existing Cynon Valley constituency. The Initial Proposals would include electoral divisions in the existing Cynon Valley constituency within 3 different constituencies. In addition, representations have been made about individual electoral divisions included within the proposed constituencies.

**3.4** In summary, we recommend the following changes to the initial proposals:

- (1) the existing Cardiff Central, Cardiff South and Penarth, and Cardiff West constituencies be largely retained with some changes to the**

**electoral divisions included within each constituency to ensure that those (and other) constituencies are within the permitted electoral range;**

- (2) there be a Caerphilly constituency, comprising the electoral divisions discussed below, which will be entirely within the unitary authority area of Caerphilly;**
- (3) there be a Cardiff North and West Gwent constituency, comprising the electoral divisions discussed below;**
- (4) the electoral divisions comprising Aberdare East, and Aberdare West/Llwydcoed, Aberaman North, Aberaman South, and Cwmbach all be included in one constituency, namely the proposed Rhondda constituency which we recommend be named Rhondda and Aberdare;**
- (5) there be consequential changes to the proposed Heads of the Valleys, Rhondda, and Pontypridd constituencies.**

**3.5** We consider first the proposed The Vale of Glamorgan constituency. The Initial Proposals propose that the electoral division of Sully (from the existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituency) be included with the electoral divisions of the existing Vale of Glamorgan constituency. That would enable the proposed constituency to satisfy the permitted electoral range. There was support for this proposal expressed at the public hearings and in written representations (see, for example, Representations 33, 116, 156, 182 and 620). We consider that the Initial Proposals for the proposed The Vale of Glamorgan constituency best reflect the statutory criteria. The proposed constituency will include all of the electoral divisions of the existing Vale of Glamorgan constituency. The electoral division of Sully is an appropriate electoral division to include within the proposed constituency (to ensure it satisfies the electoral range) given its links with areas within the Vale of Glamorgan. All of the electoral divisions of the proposed constituency are within one unitary authority area. Having regard, in particular, therefore, to the boundaries of the existing constituency, and existing local government boundaries, we recommend no changes to the proposed The Vale of Glamorgan constituency.

**3.6** The Initial Proposals propose a Cardiff Central and Penarth, and a Cardiff East constituency rather than the existing Cardiff South and Penarth, and Cardiff Central constituencies. We consider that this would create greater disruption to these two existing constituencies than is necessary. We would recommend retaining the existing constituencies with minimal changes to ensure that the two constituencies fall within the permitted electoral range.

**3.7** The existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituency falls within the permitted electoral range. However, the existing constituency without the electoral division of Sully would not fall within the permitted electoral range. We recommend that the electoral division of Adamsdown (within the existing Cardiff Central constituency) be included within a constituency which we recommend should be named Cardiff South and Penarth. The constituency we recommend would be comprised of the electoral divisions of:

- (1) Butetown, Grangetown, Llanrumney, Rumney, Splott, Trowbridge, Cornerswell, Llandough, Plymouth, St Augustine's and Stanwell (all within the existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituency); and
- (2) Adamsdown (within the existing Cardiff Central constituency).

**3.8** The Initial Proposals propose that three electoral divisions included within the existing Cardiff Central constituency be included in one proposed constituency and three in another. In addition, the representations made to us demonstrate, in our opinion, that there are existing community ties between electoral divisions within the existing Cardiff Central constituency which would be broken by the Initial Proposals which place these electoral divisions in different constituencies. There are ties between the electoral divisions of Penylan, Plasnewydd, and Cyncoed. Residents of Penylan, and Cyncoed use community facilities and services based in Plasnewydd (see, for example, Representations 458, 466 and 512). Primary schools serve children from Plasnewydd, and Penylan (see, for example, representations 476, 512, 521 and 542). We recommend that the existing Cardiff Central constituency be retained (but without the electoral division of Adamsdown). That would require the inclusion of additional electoral divisions to ensure that our recommended Cardiff Central constituency satisfied the permitted electoral range. We recommend the inclusion of the electoral divisions of Gabalfa, and Heath. There is evidence of the links between Gabalfa and electoral divisions within our recommended Cardiff Central constituency (see, e.g. Representations 476, 512, 546 and 575). We recognise that there is evidence that the Heath electoral division has ties with other areas (although there is also evidence that there are links with the Gabalfa electoral division). The inclusion of another electoral division is, however, required to comply with the permitted electoral range and, overall, in our opinion, the inclusion of Heath is the more appropriate electoral division to be included. We recommend that this constituency be named Cardiff Central. Our recommended constituency would comprise the electoral divisions of:

- (1) Cathays, Cyncoed, Pentwyn, Penylan, and Plasnewydd (all within the existing Cardiff Central constituency); and
- (2) Gabalfa, and Heath (within the existing Cardiff North constituency).



- 3.9** Our recommended constituency would, therefore, include 5 of the 6 electoral divisions of the existing Cardiff Central constituency, together with 2 other electoral divisions. The recommended constituency would fall within the area of one local authority, the City and County of Cardiff. Our recommended constituency would avoid breaking existing ties between the electoral divisions of Cyncoed, Penylan, and Plasnewydd. Having regard, in particular, to the boundaries of the existing constituency of Cardiff Central, existing local authority boundaries and the local ties that would be broken by the Initial Proposals, we consider that our recommended constituency of Cardiff Central better reflects the statutory criteria.
- 3.10** We do not recommend any change to the proposed Cardiff West constituency. That proposed constituency includes all nine electoral divisions which comprise the existing Cardiff West constituency. In order to ensure that the constituency satisfies the electoral range, the Initial Proposals include the electoral divisions of Llandaff North, and Pont-y-Clun. While there have been expressions of support and opposition to the inclusion of those two electoral divisions, we consider that their inclusion is appropriate to ensure the proposed constituency satisfies the electoral range.
- 3.11** The proposed constituency of Caerphilly and Cardiff North has attracted considerable opposition on the grounds, amongst others, that there is no community of interest between the electoral divisions in the north of Cardiff and those in Caerphilly (see e.g. representations 48, 138 and 368.). Furthermore, there has been criticism that the Initial Proposals do not propose one constituency which is entirely composed of electoral divisions from the unitary authority area of Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- 3.12** We recommend that there be a Caerphilly constituency. That would comprise the electoral divisions of:
- (1) Aber Valley, Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen, Hengoed, Llanbradach, Morgan Jones, Nelson, Penyrheol, St. Cattwg, St James, St. Martins, and Ystrad Mynach (all from the existing Caerphilly constituency); and
  - (2) Abercarn, Crosskeys, Maesycwmmmer, Pengam, Pontllanfraith and Ynysddu (all from the existing constituency of Islwyn).
- 3.13** Eleven of the 13 electoral divisions of the existing Caerphilly constituency are contained within our recommended Caerphilly constituency. The entire constituency would be comprised of electoral divisions from one local authority area, that of Caerphilly County Borough Council. Having regard, in particular, to the boundaries of the existing Caerphilly constituency and existing local government boundaries, we consider that this proposed constituency better reflects the statutory criteria. We recommend that this constituency be called Caerphilly.

**3.14** We turn then to the electoral divisions from the north of Cardiff which the Initial Proposals proposed be included within the Caerphilly and Cardiff North constituency. We have received evidence that there are existing ties between the electoral divisions of Llanishen, Lisvane, and Rhiwbina. The evidence that we have received demonstrates, in our opinion, that these electoral divisions share schools, community services and also transport links (see, e.g. representation 542 and the evidence at the public hearings). We also received representations that the electoral divisions of Whitchurch and Tongwynlais, to the west, and Pontprennau/Old St Mellons to the east also had close affinities with the electoral divisions of Llanishen, Lisvane, and Rhiwbina (see, for example, the evidence given at the public hearings and representation 613). All five electoral divisions are within the existing constituency of Cardiff North. In our opinion, it would better reflect the statutory criteria if these five electoral divisions were included within one constituency, not divided between two constituencies as proposed in the Initial Proposals.

**3.15** Those electoral divisions would not, of course, result in a constituency that fell within the permitted electoral range. Other electoral divisions would need to be included. We have had a number of counter-proposals made to us. We have also heard evidence that there are some affinities between areas in west Gwent, such as Marshfield, and Graig with Cardiff (see the evidence at the public hearing in Cardiff). We have also received representations opposing the Initial Proposals which proposed the inclusion of the electoral divisions of Marshfield, Graig, and Rogerstone together with electoral divisions as far north as Bargoed, and Aberbargoed and would create a constituency which combined communities with no ties or natural affinities (see, e.g. representation 423). Overall, in our opinion, the approach that we would recommend would be for a constituency which combines the five electoral divisions of north Cardiff with electoral divisions from west Gwent. We recommend that the constituency be named Cardiff North and West Gwent and comprise the electoral divisions of:

- (1) Lisvane, Llanishen, Pontprennau/Old St Mellons, Rhiwbina, and Whitchurch and Tongwynlais (all in the existing Cardiff North constituency);
- (2) Graig, Marshfield, Rogerstone, and Tredegar Park (all within the existing Newport West constituency); and
- (3) Risca East, and Risca West (both within the existing Islwyn constituency).

**3.16** We recognise that objections could be made to our recommended constituency, particularly if viewed in isolation. But, in our opinion, if regard is had to the Initial Proposals for the existing constituencies within Cardiff,

Caerphilly, Islwyn, and Newport West, our recommended constituencies, overall in our opinion, better reflect the statutory criteria.

- 3.17** We turn next to the proposed constituencies of Blaenau Gwent, Heads of the Valleys, Rhondda, and Pontypridd. We have found the configuration of the constituencies in the last three of these proposed constituencies among the most difficult issues that we have had to consider. The Initial Proposals provide that the existing Cynon Valley constituency be included within three constituencies. Four electoral divisions, Abercynon, Cilfynydd, Glyncoch, and Ynysybwl would be included within the proposed Pontypridd constituency. There is, generally, recognition that that would be appropriate, bearing in mind the ties between those four electoral divisions and the town of Pontypridd (see, for example, the evidence at the public hearings and representations 203 and 241).
- 3.18** The Initial Proposals propose including six electoral divisions of the existing Cynon Valley constituency within a proposed Rhondda constituency, namely, Aberaman North, Aberaman South, Cwmbach, Mountain Ash East, Mountain Ash West, and Penrhiwceiber. The Initial Proposals proposed that the remaining electoral divisions of Aberdare East, Aberdare West/Llwydcoed, Hirwaun, Pen-y-Waun, and Rhigos be included in a proposed Heads of the Valleys constituency. There has been considerable opposition to these proposals. Those who live in the Cynon Valley have provided ample evidence of the strong historical and community ties that link the communities within the Cynon Valley. They have referred to the mountain range which divides the Cynon Valley and the Rhondda. We could refer to many such representations but, by way of example only, we refer to the evidence at the public hearing in Cardiff and in representations 61, 121, 206, 405, 433, 454, 574 and 691.
- 3.19** The Save the Cynon Valley Campaign have put forward counter-proposals with the aim, broadly, of putting the middle and northern electoral divisions of the Cynon Valley together with electoral divisions in the existing Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney constituency. In turn, three electoral divisions from the existing Pontypridd constituency are included within the proposed Rhondda constituency. A number of electoral divisions from the existing Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney constituency (and from the existing Merthyr Tydfil, and Caerphilly unitary authority areas) would also be included within a proposed Pontypridd constituency under this counter-proposal: see representation 488. A number of individuals have also put forward counter-proposals to address the concerns raised in relation to the Cynon Valley, although the precise composition of the proposed constituencies differs: see, e.g. representations 354 (and 719), 409 and 509. Plaid Cymru, the Liberal Democrat Party and the Conservative Party also put forward counter-proposals for the constituencies which include the Cynon Valley. We discuss those below.

**3.20** As we have indicated above, the composition of the proposed constituencies of Rhondda, Pontypridd and the Heads of the Valleys has been among the most difficult issues that we have had to consider. We recognise the strength of opposition to the Initial Proposals. However, we have considered the Initial Proposals, and the counter-proposals, against the statutory criteria. Regrettably, we do not consider that the various counter-proposals will, overall, lead to constituencies which better reflect the statutory criteria. Rather, the various counter-proposals will, in our opinion, lead to great disruption of other existing constituencies or would lead to changes which break other existing ties. We discuss the counter-proposals below but, by way of example, only, the counter-proposals involve electoral divisions from the existing constituencies of Pontypridd, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, and in some cases Rhondda, being included within other proposed constituencies. One counter-proposal would divide the town of Pontypridd and would result in changes which broke existing ties in Pontypridd. Consequently, we do not consider, that, overall, the various counter-proposals would lead to constituencies which better reflect the statutory criteria than the Initial Proposals. We recognise that this will come as a great disappointment to those in the Cynon Valley who have worked hard to provide viable counter-proposals.

**3.21** We have considered if there are any changes which we could recommend which would ameliorate some of the concerns raised. We were conscious from the evidence received that the inclusion of the electoral divisions of Aberdare East, and Aberdare West/Llwydcoed in the proposed Heads of the Valleys constituency and Aberaman North, Aberaman South and Cwmbach in the proposed Rhondda constituency effectively divided the town of Aberdare and would break existing links within the town (see the representations made at the public hearing in Cardiff and, by way of example only, representations 214 and 405). We would therefore recommend that Aberdare East, and Aberdare West/Llwydcoed be included with Aberaman North, Aberaman South, and Cwmbach in the proposed Rhondda constituency (which we recommend be named Rhondda and Aberdare). To accommodate that recommended change, we also recommend that the electoral divisions of Mountain Ash East, Mountain Ash West, Penrhiwceiber, and Abercynon be included in the proposed Heads of the Valleys constituency (which we recommend be named Merthyr Tydfil and Lower Cynon). Further, the electoral division of Cymmer, in the existing and proposed Rhondda constituency, would be included within the proposed Pontypridd constituency.

**3.22** We would have preferred to be able to recommend changes which included the electoral divisions forming the town of Aberdare with electoral divisions from Merthyr Tydfil. The majority of representations favoured a combination of electoral divisions from Merthyr Tydfil, and Aberdare (although there were some who opposed that). But we did not find a means of doing this which, overall in our opinion, led to constituencies which better reflected the

statutory criteria. We also recognise that it is not ideal to include the Cymmer electoral division (which is in the existing and proposed Rhondda constituency) within the proposed Pontypridd constituency. On balance, however, we considered that that change would be less unacceptable than breaking the ties between Aberdare East, and Aberdare West/Llwydcoed electoral divisions and the Aberaman North, Aberaman South and Cwmbach electoral divisions.

- 3.23** We do recommend that the proposed constituencies should be renamed. Our recommended constituency will comprise electoral divisions from Rhondda and the electoral divisions forming Aberdare. We consider that both areas should be recognised in the name. We recommend that the proposed constituency be named Rhondda and Aberdare. Similarly, we consider that the inclusion of electoral divisions from both Merthyr Tydfil, and the Cynon Valley in one constituency should be recognised in the name of the constituency which we recommend should be named Merthyr Tydfil and Lower Cynon.
- 3.24** We recommend that the electoral division of Tredegar Park be included within our recommended Cardiff North and West Gwent constituency, rather than the proposed Newport Central constituency, in order to ensure that our recommended constituency satisfies the electoral range. We do not recommend any other change to the proposed Newport Central save that we recommend the constituency be named Newport. We do not recommend any changes to the other proposed constituencies for this area, namely Blaenau Gwent, Monmouthshire, and Torfaen.

#### *The Principal Counter-Proposals*

- 3.25** We consider briefly some of the main counter-proposals which addressed the South East Wales area, or individual constituencies within that area. In terms of the four parliamentary political parties, the Labour Party supported the Initial Proposals for the constituencies in South East Wales save for the proposed Cardiff Central and Penarth, and Cardiff East constituencies. The Labour Party proposed including the electoral divisions of Splott in the former and Gabalfa in the latter. For the reasons given above, we recommend a Cardiff South and Penarth, and a Cardiff Central constituency and the electoral divisions referred to by the Labour Party counter-proposal would be included in those recommended constituencies respectively. We have set out above our reasons for recommending these changes to the Initial Proposals. In relation to the Cynon Valley, the Labour Party recognised that the proposals were highly disruptive in the Valley but also recognised that any alternative would be likely to have similar effects on other constituencies.
- 3.26** Plaid Cymru proposed a Caerphilly constituency. However, their proposed constituency included electoral divisions from two unitary authority areas (Caerphilly, and Merthyr Tydfil) and from three existing constituencies. Our

recommended Caerphilly constituency would be composed of electoral divisions from one unitary authority (Caerphilly) and two existing constituencies and, in our opinion, better reflects the statutory criteria. Plaid Cymru also propose a Cardiff Central, a Cardiff West and Penarth, and a Cardiff North constituency. These counter-proposals involve including the electoral divisions of the existing Cardiff West in two different constituencies whereas the Initial Proposals include all the electoral divisions of the existing Cardiff West within one constituency. Plaid Cymru also propose including six electoral divisions from the existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituency in one proposed constituency (Cardiff West and Penarth) and four in a proposed Glan Hafren constituency (with electoral divisions from three other existing constituencies). Our recommended changes would ensure that all the existing electoral divisions of Cardiff South and Penarth (bar one, Sully) would be included within one constituency (together with one additional electoral division added to ensure that it satisfied the electoral range). Overall, for the reasons given above, we consider that our recommended changes which would result in a Cardiff West, Cardiff South and Penarth, a Cardiff Central, and a Cardiff North and West Gwent constituency better reflect the statutory criteria than the Plaid Cymru counter-proposal for these constituencies.

- 3.27** Plaid Cymru also propose a Cwm Cynon and Merthyr Tydfil constituency combining 11 electoral divisions from the existing Cynon Valley constituency and nine from the existing Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney constituency. This proposal also includes 11 electoral divisions from Rhondda Cynon Taf unitary authority and eight from Merthyr Tydfil unitary authority. In order to accommodate that counter-proposal, Plaid Cymru propose changes to the proposed Pontypridd constituency which would involve the addition of a single electoral division from the unitary authority area of Caerphilly, and electoral divisions from two other unitary authority areas. Three electoral divisions from the existing Pontypridd constituency would be included within a proposed Rhondda constituency. By contrast, our recommended Pontypridd constituency would be drawn from one unitary authority, Rhondda Cynon Taf, and would include the whole of the existing Pontypridd constituency (save one electoral division). We consider that that proposed constituency better reflects the statutory criteria having regard, in particular, to existing local government boundaries and constituencies, than the Plaid Cymru counter-proposal. Overall, therefore, while we understand the aim of addressing the concerns relating to the existing Cynon Valley constituency, we do not consider that this counter-proposal better reflects the statutory criteria as compared with our recommended constituencies nor those proposed in the Initial Proposals. Plaid Cymru also propose a Glan Hafren constituency comprising electoral divisions from the existing Cardiff South and Penarth, Caerphilly, Islwyn, and Newport West constituencies. For the reasons given above, we consider that the existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituency should be retained (bar one electoral division and with the inclusion of one other electoral division). Four electoral divisions that Plaid Cymru include within their proposed Glan Hafren constituency (Abercarn,

Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen, Crosskeys, and Ynysddu within the unitary authority of Caerphilly) are better included, in our opinion, within a Caerphilly constituency. We consider that the remaining electoral divisions that Plaid Cymru include within their propose Glan Hafren constituency are better included within a constituency with five electoral divisions from Cardiff.

**3.28** The Liberal Democrat Party counter-proposal suggest considerable change for the constituencies in Cardiff and the South Wales valleys. They propose that the electoral divisions of the existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituency be included within three different proposed constituencies. They also propose including electoral divisions from the existing Cardiff West constituency within two proposed constituencies. We consider that these proposals are more disruptive of existing constituencies than our recommended changes. In particular, all the electoral divisions of the existing Cardiff West constituency remain within one constituency under the Initial Proposals which we consider should be accepted. The Liberal Democrat counter-proposal for a Cardiff Central constituency includes electoral divisions from three existing constituencies. Our recommended Cardiff Central constituency has five of the six electoral divisions of the existing constituency together with two additional electoral divisions from only one other existing constituency (as compared with two electoral divisions from two different existing constituencies under the Liberal Democrat counter-proposal). In broad terms, we are recommending largely retaining the existing Cardiff Central, Cardiff South and Penarth, and Cardiff West constituencies (save for the changes necessary to ensure that those and other constituencies satisfy the electoral range). We consider that that better reflects the statutory criteria, in particular, having regard to the boundaries of existing constituencies than the Liberal Democrat Party counter-proposal.

**3.29** The Liberal Democrat Party counter-proposals also include a proposed Cardiff North West and Pontypridd constituency (including nine electoral divisions from the existing Pontypridd constituency) and a Rhondda Fawr and Llantrisant constituency (including eight electoral divisions from the existing Pontypridd constituency). That is far more disruptive, in our opinion, to the existing constituency of Pontypridd than our recommended changes which leave all existing electoral divisions (except one) within a proposed Pontypridd constituency. The Liberal Democrat proposal would also involve dividing the town of Pontypridd, and so would involve changes which would break existing ties between electoral divisions included within the existing Pontypridd constituency. The counter-proposals also involve including nine electoral divisions of the existing Rhondda constituency within one proposed constituency (Rhondda Fawr and Llantrisant) and six electoral divisions from the existing Rhondda constituency within another (Cynon Valley and Rhondda Fach). Our recommended changes would have 14 out of the 15 of the electoral divisions of Rhondda within one constituency (and, ideally we would have preferred to include all 15 but one electoral division, Cymmer, needed to be included in a Pontypridd constituency to facilitate changes enabling the

Aberdare, Aberaman and Cwmbach electoral divisions to remain in the same constituency). The Liberal Democrat Party counter-proposals also include electoral divisions from the existing Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney constituencies within two proposed constituencies whereas we recommend that those electoral divisions remain within one constituency. In our opinion, our recommended changes better reflect the statutory criteria, in particular having regard to the boundaries of existing constituencies and the ties that would be broken by the changes advocated in the Liberal Democrat counter-proposal.

- 3.30** The Conservative Party produced an initial set of counter-proposals and subsequently, in the light of the representations made, submitted an alternative set of counter-proposals. The Conservative Party indicated that they would be content with their initial proposals or their alternative proposals or, in relation to changes to the existing Cardiff North constituency, the counter-proposal of Mr Jonathan Evans M.P.
- 3.31** The Conservative Party initial counter-proposals supported the Initial Proposals for the proposed The Vale of Glamorgan, and Cardiff West constituencies. They proposed minimal changes to the existing Cardiff Central, and Cardiff South and Penarth constituencies to ensure those constituencies satisfied the electoral range. Those changes to the Initial Proposals are similar to those we recommend. The Conservative Party initial counter-proposals recommended a Caerphilly constituency but would not include within that constituency the electoral divisions of St. James, and St. Martins. We agree that there should be a Caerphilly constituency but we consider that it should include those two electoral divisions. They are currently within the existing Caerphilly constituency and there are existing ties between those electoral divisions and the other electoral divisions of the proposed Caerphilly constituency which would be broken if the Conservative Party's initial counter-proposal for the proposed Caerphilly constituency was accepted.
- 3.32** The Conservative Party's initial counter-proposal proposed a constituency which they named North Cardiff and Newport West. That would include five electoral divisions within the existing Cardiff North constituency (Whitchurch and Tongwynlais, Rhiwbina, Llanishen, Lisvane, and Pontprennau/Old St. Mellons), four electoral divisions within the existing Newport West constituency (Marshfield, Tredegar Park, Graig, and Rogerstone) and two electoral divisions from the existing Caerphilly constituency (St. Martins, and St. James). We agree that a Cardiff North and West Gwent constituency better reflects the statutory criteria than the Initial Proposals but, for the reasons given above, we consider that St. Martins, and St. James (from the existing Caerphilly constituency) should be included in our recommended Caerphilly constituency. We consider that Risca East, and Risca West, from the existing Islwyn constituency be included within our recommended Cardiff North and West Gwent constituency.



**3.33** The Conservative Party initial counter-proposals supported the proposed Newport, and Torfaen constituencies save that they would include the electoral divisions of Caerleon in the proposed Newport constituency and Bettws in the proposed Torfaen constituency. The existing constituency of Torfaen needs to have an electoral division included to ensure it satisfies the electoral range. The evidence we have received indicates that there are good reasons for including Caerleon within the proposed Torfaen constituency as there are natural links and transport connections between Caerleon and other electoral divisions within Torfaen: see, for example representations 55, 56 and 87 (although there was also opposition to the inclusion of the electoral division of Caerleon within the proposed Torfaen constituency: see, for example, representations 114, 211, 202 and 552). Overall, we do not consider that the counter-proposal in relation to the proposed Torfaen constituency would provide an improvement on the Initial Proposals and would not lead to a Newport, or a Torfaen, constituency which better reflected the statutory criteria than the Initial proposals. We do not therefore recommend that there be any change to the Initial Proposals for the proposed Torfaen, or Newport Central constituencies (other than the inclusion of the Tredegar Park electoral division within our recommended Cardiff North and West Gwent constituency and the name which we recommend should be Newport). The Conservative Party initial counter-proposals also included the electoral division of Aberbargoed within the proposed Blaenau Gwent constituency as the Conservative Party considered that that electoral division had ties with the electoral divisions of Argoed and Blackwood within that proposed constituency. We consider that it is preferable that the electoral division of Aberbargoed be included in the same constituency as the electoral divisions of Bargoed, and Gilfach. All three form the Community of Bargoed. We therefore recommend that all three of those electoral divisions be included within one constituency, our recommended Merthyr Tydfil and Lower Cynon constituency. That recommendation, if accepted, would avoid breaking existing ties between those electoral divisions. The Conservative Party initial counter-proposals supported the Initial Proposals for the proposed Heads of the Valleys, Pontypridd, and Rhondda constituencies.

**3.34** The Conservative Party's alternative proposal would bring about more major changes to a number of the existing constituencies than we recommend. They would include four electoral divisions of Cardiff West within a Cardiff North constituency (the Initial Proposals for Cardiff West include all the electoral divisions of the existing Cardiff West within one constituency). They would also include other wards within the existing Cardiff West constituency with electoral divisions from the existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituency. By contrast our recommended changes would ensure that all but one of the electoral divisions of the existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituency (the electoral division of Sully) are included within the same constituency. We consider therefore that our recommended changes to the

Initial Proposals for these constituencies better reflect the statutory criteria than the Conservative Party's alternative counter-proposal. The Conservative Party alternative proposals also proposed an Aberdare and Merthyr constituency combining electoral divisions from the existing Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, and Cynon Valley constituencies and ensuring that the electoral divisions of Aberdare, and Aberaman remain in the same constituency. We understand the rationale behind this alternative counter-proposal. However, the consequential effects of the proposal are that three electoral divisions within the existing Pontypridd constituency are to be included in the proposed Rhondda constituency. This counter-proposal also includes a single electoral division, Nelson, from the Caerphilly unitary authority within the proposed Pontypridd constituency. In our opinion, the consequential effects of this counter-proposal would, overall, result in constituencies which reflect the statutory criteria less well than our recommended changes to the Initial Proposals. We note that these counter-proposals also divide the Community of Llantrisant with the electoral division of Talbot Green being included within the proposed Rhondda constituency and the other electoral divisions forming part of that Community being included within the proposed Pontypridd constituency. As far as possible, the Commission has sought to ensure that constituencies are created from whole Communities. The Conservative Party alternative proposals also proposes a Glan Hafren constituency comprised as suggested by Plaid Cymru. We have explained above why we have not accepted that counter-proposal.

- 3.35** The MP for the existing Cardiff North constituency, Mr Jonathan Evans, has also made a counter-proposal which would include a Caerphilly, a North Cardiff, and a Cardiff East and West Newport constituency. The details were submitted as part of the representations made at the public hearing in Cardiff. In addition, Mr Evans made further written representations (see representations 356 and 546). The principal changes proposed by this counter-proposal include a Caerphilly constituency and also a North Cardiff constituency comprising six of the existing electoral divisions of the existing Cardiff North constituency, two electoral divisions from the existing Caerphilly constituency (St. James, and St. Martins) and, one Cyncoed, from the existing Cardiff Central constituency. For the reasons given above, we consider that there should be a Caerphilly constituency and that it should include the electoral divisions of St. James, and St. Martins. We also recommend largely retaining the existing Cardiff Central constituency. We consider that the electoral division of Cyncoed, which is within the existing Cardiff Central constituency, and which has ties with other electoral divisions in that constituency, should be included within that constituency (and not, as Mr Evans proposes, be included in a North Cardiff constituency). As explained above, retaining most of the existing Cardiff Central electoral divisions within one constituency would require the additional of electoral divisions to ensure that it satisfied the electoral range. We consider that one of the electoral divisions, Heath, that Mr Evans would include within his proposed North Cardiff constituency, should be included within a Cardiff

Central constituency. Mr Evans also proposed a Cardiff East and West Newport constituency. That would include four electoral divisions from the existing Cardiff South and Penarth, two (Pentwyn, and Penylan) from the existing Cardiff Central constituency and four from the existing Newport West constituency. We consider, however, that the existing Cardiff Central, and Cardiff South and Penarth constituencies should remain largely unaltered (save where changes are necessary to ensure those, or other constituencies, satisfy the electoral range). The changes proposed by Mr Evans would be more disruptive to existing constituencies. They would also break existing ties between the electoral divisions of Pentwyn, and Penylan with those of Plasnewydd, and Cyncoed. We consider that the changes that we recommend result in constituencies that better reflect the statutory criteria, than the Caerphilly, North Cardiff, and Cardiff East and West Newport constituencies put forward in this counter-proposal.

**3.36** A number of individuals made counter-proposals which addressed the constituencies in South East Wales. One counter-proposal, submitted by a group of academic observers (representation 409), in our opinion, involves greater disruption to existing constituencies in this area than our recommended changes. By way of example, of the 18 electoral divisions which make-up the existing Pontypridd constituency the counter-proposals includes eight together with electoral divisions from the existing Cynon Valley constituency in one constituency, seven within a different constituency together with electoral divisions from the existing Cardiff West and Cardiff North constituencies, and the remaining electoral divisions in another constituency together with electoral divisions from the existing Rhondda and Ogmore constituencies. Our recommended changes will ensure that all but one electoral divisions of the existing Pontypridd constituency remain within that constituency. One electoral division, Pont-y-Clun, is included within the proposed Cardiff West constituency to assist in ensuring that that constituency satisfies the electoral range. Again by way of example, this counter-proposal includes four electoral divisions that are currently within the existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituency within a proposed Cardiff East and Ebbw constituency and seven within a proposed Cardiff South and Penarth constituency together with four electoral divisions from the existing Cardiff West constituency. Our recommended Cardiff West constituency includes all the electoral divisions of the existing Cardiff West constituency and our recommended Cardiff South and Penarth includes 11 of the 12 electoral divisions of the existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituencies with electoral divisions included (or included in other constituencies) where necessary to ensure constituencies satisfy the electoral range. Overall, we consider that our recommended changes for constituencies better reflect the statutory criteria than the counter-proposal.

**3.37** Similar considerations apply to the counter-proposals made by other individuals. Those made by Mr D. L. Davies (see representations 354 and 719) involve, for example, greater disruption to the existing constituencies within

the Cardiff unitary authority area than we recommend. They also involve greater disruption to the existing constituency of Pontypridd than we recommend. The counter-proposals made by Mr Lewis Baston (representation 509) involve greater disruption to the existing Vale of Glamorgan constituency and other constituencies within Cardiff than we recommend. This last counter-proposal would also involve changes which would break existing ties as they would place the electoral divisions of Pentwyn, and Cyncoed in different constituencies from those of Penylan, and Plasnewydd. Similarly the electoral divisions of Whitchurch and Tongwynlais, and Rhiwbina would be in a different constituency from those of Llanishen, and Lisvane. Similar considerations apply to other counter-proposals made, such as those made by Mr Martin Schaum (representation 51). The Monmouthshire Association made representations (representation 73) which recommended changes to existing constituencies which involved greater disruption than the changes we recommend. For those reasons, we consider that our recommended changes, overall, better reflect the statutory criteria than the counter-proposals that we have received. We have referred to some of the individual counter-proposals in this report. We have not referred to each and every counter-proposal, whether made for a number of constituencies or individual constituencies. We have, however, carefully considered all counter-proposals, and all representations made, in reaching our conclusions on what changes to recommend to the Initial Proposals for the constituencies in this area, as in all areas, of Wales.

### **South West Wales**

**3.38** South West Wales is taken, for the purposes of this report, as comprising the areas of the unitary authorities of Bridgend, Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot, and Swansea. We deal with two electoral divisions, Cenarth and Llangeler, which are within the area of Carmarthenshire County Council, when we deal with West Wales.

**3.39** The Initial Proposals propose seven constituencies for this area. We have received a large number of representations relating to the precise composition of the Gower and Swansea West, Llanelli, and Swansea East constituencies. We have also received some representations in relation to the proposed Aberavon and Ogmore, Bridgend, and Neath constituencies although, overall, there was general support for the composition of these proposed constituencies.

**3.40** In summary, we recommend the following changes to the Initial Proposals:

- (1) the electoral divisions of Lower Loughor, Upper Loughor, and Kingsbridge be included in the proposed Llanelli constituency rather than the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency;**

- (2) the electoral divisions of Llangyfelach, and Penllergaer be included within the proposed Swansea East constituency rather than the proposed Llanelli constituency;**
- (3) the electoral division of Townhill be included within the proposed Swansea East constituency rather than the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency;**
- (4) the electoral division of Cockett be included within the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency rather than the proposed Swansea East constituency.**

**3.41** We turn first to the proposed Llanelli constituency. The Initial Proposals include the electoral divisions of Gorseinon, Penyrheol, Llangyfelach, Penllergaer, and Pontardulais within the proposed Llanelli constituency. These electoral divisions are within the existing Gower constituency. The Initial Proposals include the Lower Loughor, Upper Loughor and Kingsbridge electoral divisions within the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency (they are within the existing Gower constituency).

**3.42** We have received representations which, in our opinion, demonstrate the ties that exist between the electoral divisions of Lower Loughor, Upper Loughor, and Kingsbridge and those of Gorseinon, and Penyrheol. The evidence that we have received is that these five electoral divisions form one community within a single urban area and that transport links lie between Loughor, and Kingsbridge and Gorseinon, and Penyrheol (see the representations made at the public hearing in Swansea and, by way of example, representations 65, 165, 192 and 487). By placing two of these electoral divisions in the proposed Llanelli constituency and three in the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency, the Initial Proposals are breaking existing local ties between these five electoral divisions. We recommend, therefore, that the electoral divisions of Lower Loughor, Upper Loughor, and Kingsbridge should be included within the proposed Llanelli constituency together with the electoral divisions of Gorseinon, and Penyrheol.

**3.43** We have also received representations that the electoral divisions of Llangyfelach, and Penllergaer have ties with the Morrison, and Mynyddbach electoral divisions that form part of the proposed Swansea East constituency. The evidence that we have received indicates that residents of Llangyfelach, and Penllergaer look to Morrison, and the city of Swansea, for employment and services and transport links lie between Llangyfelach and areas within the proposed Swansea East constituency: see the evidence at the public hearing and, by way of example, representations 165, 316 and 487. We consider that the electoral divisions of Llangyfelach, and Penllergaer should be included within the proposed Swansea East constituency rather than the proposed

Llanelli constituency to avoid changes which would break the existing local ties between these electoral divisions.

- 3.44** We received some representations that the electoral division of Pontardulais should also be included within the proposed Swansea East constituency rather than the proposed Llanelli constituency: see, by way of example, representations 185 and 193. We also received evidence that the Pontardulais electoral division has close ties with the Hendy electoral division which is within the existing and proposed Llanelli constituency (see the representations made at the public hearing in Swansea). We agree that Pontardulais has greater ties with Hendy. As electoral divisions need to be included within a Llanelli constituency, in order to ensure that that constituency satisfies the electoral range, we are satisfied that it is appropriate to include the Pontardulais electoral division within the proposed Llanelli constituency as the Initial Proposals propose.
- 3.45** We are satisfied that our recommend Llanelli constituency, which includes the Lower Loughor, Upper Loughor, and Kingsbridge electoral divisions but does not include the Llangyfelach, and Penllergaer electoral divisions, better reflects the statutory criteria than the Initial Proposals in this respect. In particular, in our opinion, our recommended changes avoid breaking existing local ties. We note, also, that the electoral divisions of Llangyfelach, and Penllergaer are within the unitary authority area of the City and County of Swansea and that the entirety of the proposed Swansea East constituency is comprised of electoral divisions from that area. We recognise that our recommended changes will lead to one more electoral division which is within the existing Gower constituency, and the existing unitary authority area of Swansea, being included within a proposed Llanelli constituency which is otherwise made up principally from electoral divisions from the Carmarthenshire unitary authority area. But the proposed Llanelli constituency would, in any event, include electoral divisions from the existing Gower constituency and from the Swansea unitary authority area as this is necessary to ensure that the proposed Llanelli constituency satisfies the electoral range. Overall, we do not consider that the inclusion of one additional electoral division will materially alter the balance of the proposed Llanelli constituency as compared with the Initial Proposals.
- 3.46** We turn next to the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency. We consider that this proposed constituency should not include the electoral divisions of Lower Loughor, Upper Loughor, and Kingsbridge for the reasons set out above. We have also received representations that the electoral division of Gowerton should be included within the proposed Llanelli constituency. But we have received a considerable number of representations opposing that suggested change. The evidence that we have received is that Gowerton is linked with the rest of the Gower in terms of culture, tradition, history, and schools: see, for example, representations 573, 602 and 669. It lies on the south side of the Loughor estuary and looks

southwards to Gower, not northwards over the estuary towards Llanelli (see, by way of example, representations 568 and 596). We consider that the evidence that we have received demonstrates that the Gowerton electoral division does have ties with other electoral divisions within the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency and that including the Gowerton electoral division in a proposed Llanelli constituency would break those existing ties. We do not, therefore, recommend such a change and we consider that the electoral division of Gowerton should be included within the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency.

**3.47** If the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency does not include the Lower Loughor, Upper Loughor, Kingsbridge electoral divisions, further changes are required to ensure that the proposed constituency satisfies the electoral range. There have been representations that a single additional electoral division such as the Castle or the Cockett electoral division which the Initial Proposals include within the proposed Swansea East constituency should, instead, be included within the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency. That change alone, however, would result in the proposed constituency, with the changes we recommend, exceeding the permitted electoral range. There is a need, therefore, for one electoral division currently proposed for inclusion within a Gower and Swansea West constituency to be included instead in the proposed Swansea East constituency, and then to provide for the inclusion of an additional electoral division within the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency.

**3.48** In our opinion, the changes which best reflect the statutory criteria are the inclusion of the Townhill electoral division within the proposed Swansea East constituency and the Cockett electoral division within the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency. Representations have been made that the Castle electoral division should not be included within the proposed Swansea East constituency. It has been suggested that the River Tawe forms a natural boundary between the proposed Gower and Swansea West, and Swansea East, and constituencies and that the electoral divisions of Townhill, and Castle have links which would be broken if they were in different constituencies: see, for example, evidence at the public hearings and representations 193, 199, 204 and 212. However, we have also received evidence, which we accept, that shows that the Castle electoral division now has links with the electoral divisions of St. Thomas, and Landore and, in the light of developments within Swansea, that the River Tawe no longer acts as a natural barrier between the Castle, and St. Thomas electoral divisions: see, by way of example, the evidence at the public hearing in Swansea and representations 540, and 683. An alternative would be to include the Cockett electoral division within the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency: see, e.g., representation 86. In those circumstances, and given the need to ensure that the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency satisfies the electoral range, we recommend that the electoral division of Cockett be included within the proposed Gower and Swansea West

constituency and the electoral division of Townhill be included within the proposed Swansea East constituency. That would avoid breaking the ties that the evidence suggests exist between the electoral divisions of Townhill, and Castle (see, by way of example, representations 193 and 478) whilst ensuring that both proposed constituencies satisfy the electoral range. All three electoral divisions under consideration are within the existing constituency of Swansea West and are within the Swansea unitary authority and those statutory criteria do not assist in determining which electoral division should be in which proposed constituency. We do not consider that there are any special geographic factors which indicate that one particular electoral division should be included within one particular proposed constituency. Rather, in our opinion, the need is to ensure that the two proposed constituencies satisfy the electoral range and that the preferable solution, and one solution that overall better reflects the statutory criteria, is the inclusion of the electoral divisions of Castle, and Townhill within the same constituency, leaving the electoral division of Cockett to be included within a different constituency.

- 3.49** We recommend one change to the proposed Caerfyrddin constituency but we deal with that recommended change below in our discussion of West Wales. We do not recommend changes to the proposed Aberavon and Ogmore, Bridgend, or Neath constituencies (save that we recommend it be named Neath and the Swansea Valley).

#### *The Principal Counter-Proposals*

- 3.50** We consider briefly some of the main counter-proposals that addressed the constituencies within the South West Wales area. The Labour Party counter-proposals propose that the electoral divisions of Lower Loughor, Upper Loughor, and Kingsbridge be included within the proposed Llanelli constituency and that the electoral divisions of Llangyfelach, and Penllergaer be included within the proposed Swansea East constituency. We agree with those counter-proposals for the reasons given above. The Labour Party counter-proposal would also include the electoral divisions of Gowerton in the proposed Llanelli constituency and Pontardulais within the proposed Swansea East constituency. As we indicated above, we consider that the Gowerton electoral division has ties with other electoral divisions within the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency and those ties would be broken if the electoral division were included instead within a proposed Llanelli constituency. In addition, the Gowerton electoral division is within the existing Gower constituency (nine electoral divisions of which are within our proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency) and within the unitary authority area of Swansea. Those factors also support the view that the inclusion of the Gowerton electoral division within the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency better reflects the statutory criteria than the Labour Party's counter-proposal. In relation to the Pontardulais electoral division, as indicated above, that electoral division is appropriately included



within the proposed Llanelli constituency in order to ensure that that constituency satisfies the electoral range. The Labour Party (and a number of other persons) also proposed that the Castle electoral division be included within our recommended Gower and Swansea West constituency. As we explained above, given our recommended changes, that change alone would result in our recommended constituency exceeding the electoral range. Furthermore, we do not consider that the River Tawe does now constitute a natural barrier between Swansea East and West. For the reasons set out above, we do not therefore accept this counter-proposal. The Labour Party supported the proposed Aberavon and Ogmore, Bridgend, Caerfyrddin and Neath constituencies.

- 3.51** Plaid Cymru and the Liberal Democrat Party make no counter-proposals in relation to the composition of the seven proposed constituencies in this area of Wales.
- 3.52** The Conservative party's initial and alternative counter-proposals did not include counter-proposals for six of the seven constituencies but made one counter-proposal for the proposed Caerfyrddin constituency which we discuss below when dealing with West Wales.
- 3.53** We received other representations in relation to these proposed constituencies. The counter-proposal made by the group of academic observers (representation 409) largely supports the changes we recommend. In addition, they propose including the Mawr electoral division in the proposed Swansea East rather than the proposed Neath constituency. At present the Mawr electoral division is within the existing Gower constituency. In our opinion, the electoral division has greater links with the electoral division of Clydach which the Initial Proposals propose to include within the proposed Neath constituency (see, for example, representation 581). Overall, there has been general support for the proposed Neath constituency. We consider that the inclusion of the Mawr electoral division within the proposed Neath constituency is appropriate and we do not consider that this aspect of this counter-proposal would result in any improvement on the Initial Proposals. The counter-proposal contained in representation 509 proposed whole scale changes to the Initial Proposals including changes to the constituencies within this area. This counter-proposal, in our opinion, involves far greater disruption to existing constituencies and would result in changes which break far more existing local ties than the Initial Proposals and we would not recommend acceptance of it. There were representations made that the electoral divisions of Clydach, Mawr, and the Community of Birchgrove should not be included within the proposed Neath constituency. In our opinion, given the need to ensure that that constituency satisfied the electoral range, the inclusion of these areas within the proposed Neath constituency is appropriate. The existing Neath constituency already includes electoral divisions comprising a large part of the Swansea Valley and the Initial Proposals are, in our opinion, a logical extension of that approach.

**3.54** We have received some representations proposing a different configuration for the proposed Aberavon and Ogmore, and Bridgend constituencies: see, by way of example, representations 38 and 44. These would in general include within an Aberavon and Ogmore constituency two electoral divisions (Cornelly, and Pyle) which are within the existing Bridgend constituency. Two other electoral divisions (Aberkenfig, and Cefn Cribwr) from the existing Ogmore constituency would be included within an Aberavon and Ogmore constituency rather than the proposed Bridgend constituency. The counter-proposal would include an additional eight electoral divisions (within the existing Ogmore constituency) within the proposed Bridgend rather than Aberavon and Ogmore constituency. It is said that the eight electoral divisions are, geographically, more aligned with Aberavon than Ogmore. We understand the rationale behind this counter-proposal (and other representations making a similar point). Ultimately, however, we do not consider, having regard to the statutory criteria, that the changes proposed by the counter-proposal would result in an improvement on the Initial Proposals. They would involve including two electoral divisions from the existing and proposed Bridgend constituency with the proposed Aberavon and Ogmore constituency instead. The inclusion of the electoral division of Aberkenfig, in particular, would in our opinion break links between that electoral division and other electoral divisions within the proposed Bridgend constituency. Overall, therefore, we consider that the proposed changes would not lead to any improvement on the Initial Proposals and would not result in constituencies which better reflected the statutory criteria. We have considered all the other representations and counter-proposals, in reaching our conclusions on what changes to recommend to the Initial Proposals for the constituencies in this area, as in all areas, of Wales.

### **West Wales**

**3.55** West Wales is taken for the purposes of this report as comprising the areas of the unitary authorities of Ceredigion, and Pembrokeshire. We also deal with two electoral divisions, Cenarth and Llangeler, which are within the area of Carmarthenshire County Council.

**3.56** The Initial Proposals propose two constituencies for this area, Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire, and South and West Pembrokeshire. There has been general support for these two constituencies: see the representations made at the public hearing in Swansea and, by way of example, representations 252, 428 and 480 (although there has been some opposition: see representations 59, 457 and 733). We have, however, received a considerable number of representations concerning one electoral division, Maenclochog which the Initial Proposals propose to include within the Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire constituency.

**3.57 In summary, we recommend that:**

- (1) the Maenclochog electoral division should be included within the proposed South and West Pembrokeshire constituency; and**
- (2) the electoral division of Llangeler should be included within the proposed Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire constituency.**

**3.58** The evidence that we have received is that the Maenclochog electoral division has existing ties with Haverfordwest and areas to the south rather than to Cardigan to the north. The evidence is that residents of Maenclochog look to Haverfordwest and Narbeth within the proposed South and West Pembrokeshire constituency for employment, services and their cultural and social ties also lie with those areas. Transport links also lie to the south. See the representations made at the public hearing in Swansea and, by way of example, written representations 96 and 420. We consider that there are strong existing ties between the electoral division of Maenclochog and other electoral divisions in the proposed South and West Pembrokeshire. Those ties would be broken if, as proposed in the Initial Proposals, Maenclochog were placed in a different constituency. We therefore recommend that the Maenclochog electoral division be included within the South and West Pembrokeshire constituency.

**3.59** If that recommended change is accepted, there will be a need to include one additional electoral division within the proposed Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire constituency to ensure that it satisfies the electoral range. The counter-proposals have proposed that the electoral division of Llangeler be included. That electoral division is within the existing Carmarthen East and Dinefwr constituency and the Initial Proposals include it within the proposed Caerfyrddin constituency. The electoral division is within the Carmarthenshire unitary authority area. We recognise that our recommended change will mean including an electoral division from another constituency and another unitary authority area. However, the Initial Proposals already include one electoral division, Cenarth, from this unitary authority area and this existing constituency within the proposed Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire constituency. We consider that, overall, the benefits of including the Maenclochog electoral division within the proposed South and West Pembrokeshire constituency, and avoiding changes which would break existing local ties, outweigh any disadvantage arising from the inclusion of another electoral division from the proposed Caerfyrddin constituency within the proposed Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire constituency. We note that there was considerable support for the proposal that, if the electoral division of Maenclochog were included within the proposed South and West Pembrokeshire constituency, then it would be appropriate to include the Llangeler electoral division within the proposed Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire constituency as it has ties with electoral divisions included in

that proposed constituency: see the representations at the public hearing in Swansea and, by way of example, representations 93 and 489.

### *The Principal Counter-proposals*

- 3.60** The Labour Party, Plaid Cymru and the Liberal Democrat Party did not make any counter-proposals in relation to the composition of the constituencies in this area. The Conservative Party made a counter-proposal that the electoral division of Maenclochog should be included in the proposed South and West Pembrokeshire constituency and Llangeler in the proposed Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire constituency. For the reasons given above, we agree that, overall, these changes will ensure that the proposed constituencies better reflect the statutory criteria than the Initial Proposals.
- 3.61** There was some opposition to the inclusion of the Cenarth electoral division within the proposed Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire constituency: see for example representations 407 and 426. However, the proposed constituency would not satisfy the electoral range unless an additional electoral division were included and we consider that the inclusion of the Cenarth ward is the most appropriate electoral division to include. We note that individuals made counter-proposals which would include a number of additional electoral divisions within the proposed South and West Pembrokeshire constituency within the proposed Ceredigion constituency. We do not consider that these counter-proposals would provide an improvement on the Initial Proposals. We note the general support for the two proposed constituencies. We note that representations have been received indicating that such proposals would break existing ties between those electoral divisions and other areas of south Pembrokeshire: see, by way of example, representations 684, 688,700 and 703 We would not therefore recommend accepting these counter-proposals. We have considered all the other representations and counter-proposals, in reaching our conclusions on what changes to recommend to the Initial Proposals for the constituencies in this area, as in all areas, of Wales.

### **Mid and North Wales**

- 3.62** For the purposes of this report, we deal with Mid and North Wales together as there is a degree of overlap between the proposed constituencies within these areas. Mid Wales and North Wales is taken, for the purposes of this report, as comprising the areas of the unitary authorities of Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd, the Isle of Anglesey, Powys and Wrexham.
- 3.63** The Initial Proposals propose eight constituencies for this area. The Initial Proposals include electoral divisions from the existing Montgomeryshire constituency within three proposed constituencies, namely the proposed Gwynedd, Glyndwr and North Powys, and South Powys constituencies. We have received a considerable number of representations seeking to retain the

existing Montgomeryshire constituency and opposing its division within three proposed constituencies. We have also received representations about the precise composition of the proposed Gwynedd, Menai ac Ynys Môn and the North Wales Coast constituencies. We have also received representations about the precise composition of the proposed Wrexham, and Dee Estuary constituencies.

**3.64 In summary, for the reasons set out below, we recommend that:**

- (1) the electoral divisions of Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair, and Machynlleth be included within the proposed South Powys constituency; we recommend that this constituency be named Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery;**
- (2) the electoral divisions of Berriew, and Forden, be included within the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency;**
- (3) the electoral division of Ruabon, and the Ruabon South ward of the Community of Ruabon be included within the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency; we recommend that the constituency be named Denbigh and North Montgomeryshire;**
- (4) the electoral divisions of Bethel, Deiniolen, Penisarwaun, and Eglwysbach be included within the proposed Gwynedd constituency;**
- (5) the electoral divisions of Pant-yr-Afon/Penmaenan, and Capelulo be included within the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency; we recommend that that constituency be named Ynys Môn a Bangor;**
- (6) we also recommend changes to the names of other proposed constituencies.**

**3.65** We turn first to the existing Montgomeryshire constituency. The Initial Proposals include three electoral divisions of this constituency within the proposed Gwynedd constituency, 16 within the proposed South Powys constituency (which also includes all the existing Brecon and Radnorshire constituency) and 15 within the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency, along with electoral divisions from three other existing constituencies. As we have noted, we have received a considerable number of representations opposing the inclusion of the electoral divisions of the existing Montgomeryshire constituency within three proposed constituencies. The representations have pointed, amongst other things, to the rural nature of the existing constituency, the community links within Montgomeryshire and the absence of links with north Wales: see the representations made at the public hearings and, by way of example, representations 150, 266, 322, 378, 400, 402, 412 and 419.

- 3.66** For the reasons set out below, it is not possible for us to make a special case for the existing Montgomeryshire constituency to be retained in its current form as it would have fewer electors than is required by the relevant Act of Parliament. We have also considered carefully the proposals that the existing Montgomeryshire constituency remain intact and that other electoral divisions from other constituencies be included to ensure that the proposed constituency satisfies the electoral range. Such an approach would, however, have consequential effects for other existing constituencies and would lead to constituencies which did not offer any improvement on the Initial Proposals and, in our opinion, would overall reflect the statutory criteria less well. While we have considerable sympathy, therefore, for the aim of retaining a Montgomeryshire constituency, we do not consider that it is feasible to retain the existing Montgomeryshire within one proposed constituency. We do, however, consider that there are some changes which could be made to the Initial Proposals which would result in constituencies which better reflected the statutory criteria than the Initial Proposals.
- 3.67** The Initial Proposals propose that three electoral divisions from the existing Montgomeryshire constituency (and within the Powys unitary authority area), namely, Machynlleth, Glantwymyn and Llanbryn-mair, be included within the proposed Gwynedd constituency. We recommend that these three electoral divisions be included in the proposed South Powys constituency. This will enable the electoral divisions from the existing Montgomeryshire constituency to be included within two proposed constituencies, not the three proposed by the Initial Proposals. In our opinion, that is preferable, and better reflects the statutory criteria. Furthermore, the evidence that we have received is that the existing ties of the electoral divisions of Montgomeryshire, including these three electoral divisions, lie to the east, and with mid-Wales and other electoral divisions of Montgomeryshire, rather than to the north with electoral divisions from Gwynedd: see, by way of example, representations 238, 322, 412, 413, 419 (although there was some evidence that the Glantwymyn electoral division was appropriately included within the proposed Gwynedd constituency: see representation 441). We consider that including all three of these electoral divisions within the proposed South Powys constituency would avoid breaking their existing local ties with other electoral divisions in Montgomeryshire.
- 3.68** We also consider that that the inclusion of these three electoral divisions within the proposed South Powys constituency rather than the proposed Gwynedd constituency better reflects the statutory criteria for other reasons. The proposed Gwynedd constituency includes over 50 of the electoral divisions which are within the unitary authority of Gwynedd, together with electoral divisions from two other unitary authority areas, namely, Conwy, and Powys. It includes all the electoral divisions within the existing Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency and electoral divisions of the existing Arfon, Aberconwy, and Montgomeryshire constituencies. Including the electoral divisions of Glantwymyn, Llanbryn-mair, and Machynlleth within the proposed

South Powys constituency will enable the proposed Gwynedd constituency to contain electoral divisions from two unitary authority areas, not three. It will also enable the proposed constituency to include electoral divisions from three existing constituencies not four. That better reflects the statutory criteria, in our opinion, than the Initial Proposals for the proposed Gwynedd constituency.

**3.69** We have also received representations that the electoral divisions of Berriew, and Forden should be included within the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys rather than the proposed South Powys constituency. The evidence we have received is that residents in these two electoral divisions look to Welshpool for services and schools (see the representations made at the public hearings and, by way of example, representations 517, 518 and 534). The balance of representations that we have received are overwhelmingly in favour of the view that the electoral division of Berriew has existing ties with the electoral divisions forming the town of Welshpool and that those ties would be broken if that electoral division were included in South Powys and the town of Welshpool were included in a different constituency: see, for example, 389, 411, 451, 534. The evidence is more mixed in relation to the electoral division of Forden. There is evidence of its existing ties with Welshpool, and support for its inclusion in the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency: see, by way of example, representations 406, 493, 516 and 518. But there is evidence that its ties are with South Powys and that it is appropriately included within the proposed South Powys constituency: see, by way of example, representations 150, 673 and 682. On balance, we consider that both the electoral divisions of Berriew, and Forden do have existing ties with Welshpool, and the electoral divisions within the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency, and that their inclusion within that constituency better reflects the statutory criteria as that would avoid changes which break existing local ties. We also note that, if our recommendations that the Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair, and Machynlleth electoral divisions be included within the proposed South Powys constituency are accepted, then that proposed constituency would exceed the electoral range and at least one electoral division would need to be placed within another constituency. Our recommended changes that the electoral divisions of Berriew, and Forden be included within the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency, rather than the South Powys constituency as the Initial Proposals proposed, would, however, resolve that problem as well.

**3.70** Having regard to the statutory criteria, therefore, and in particular existing local government boundaries and constituencies, we consider that the inclusion of the Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair, and Machynlleth electoral divisions within the proposed South Powys constituency better reflects the statutory criteria than the Initial Proposals. The inclusion of Berriew, and Forden electoral divisions in the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency would also avoid changes which broke their existing local ties.

We recommend that this constituency be named Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery.

- 3.71** There is one further change that we recommend to the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency. The Initial Proposals propose that the electoral division of Ruabon and the Ruabon South ward of the Community of Ruabon be included within the proposed Wrexham Maelor constituency (they are within the existing Clwyd South constituency). We have received representations that they have existing ties with electoral divisions such as Johnstown, Penycae, Plas Madoc, and Cefn (also within the existing Clwyd South constituency): see the representations at the public hearing in Wrexham and, by way of example, representations 95, 123, 187 and 679. We accept that evidence. We consider that including the electoral division of Ruabon and the Ruabon South ward of the Community of Ruabon within the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency would avoid breaking their existing ties with electoral divisions within that constituency and so would better reflect the statutory criteria. We also note that this recommended change would also avoid dividing the electoral division of Penycae and Ruabon South which we also regard as beneficial. We would name the proposed constituency Denbigh and North Montgomeryshire.
- 3.72** We turn next to the proposed Gwynedd constituency. For the reasons given above, we would recommend that the three electoral divisions of Glantwymyn, Llanbryn-mair, and Machynlleth are not included within this proposed constituency. That means that the proposed constituency would not satisfy the electoral range and additional electoral divisions would need to be included.
- 3.73** We have received representations that the electoral divisions of Bethel, Penisarwaun and Deiniolen should be included within the proposed Gwynedd constituency rather than within the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency. The evidence that we have received indicates that their existing links are with Caernarfon, in the proposed Gwynedd constituency, rather than with Bangor. Social, cultural and economic links are with Caernarfon and children attend school in Caernarfon rather than in Bangor: see the representations made at the public hearing in Caernarfon and, by way of example, representation 45, 134, 269 and 523. We consider that the three electoral divisions of Bethel, Penisarwaun and Deiniolen should be included within the proposed Gwynedd constituency. That would avoid breaking their existing ties with Caernarfon and other electoral divisions within the proposed Gwynedd constituency. As indicated above, if our recommended changes are accepted, it will also be necessary to include additional electoral divisions within the proposed Gwynedd constituency to ensure that it satisfies the electoral range. These three electoral divisions are appropriate ones to include within the proposed Gwynedd constituency for that purpose.



**3.74** Even with these three electoral divisions included, however, the proposed Gwynedd constituency would not satisfy the electoral range, and one additional electoral division needs to be included. We consider that the Eglwysbach electoral division is an appropriate one to include. It is within the existing Aberconwy constituency and Conwy unitary authority area and the proposed Gwynedd constituency already includes electoral divisions from that constituency and area. We considered the inclusion of the Y Felinheli electoral division but that would leave our recommended Ynys Môn a Bangor constituency below the electoral range. We considered the inclusion of the Caerhun electoral division within the proposed constituency but we heard representations at the public hearing in Caernarfon that the residents of the Caerhun electoral division looked towards Conwy to the north rather than to Gwynedd. Ultimately, the decision as to which electoral division to include within the proposed Gwynedd constituency to ensure that it satisfies the electoral range is not an easy one but, on the representations that we have received, on balance, we recommend that the electoral division of Eglwysbach be included.

**3.75** We turn then to the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency. If the changes we recommend to the proposed Gwynedd constituency are accepted, this proposed constituency would not meet the electoral range. Additional electoral divisions would need to be included to ensure that it did so. We have received representations that the appropriate electoral divisions to include are the Pant-yr-Afon/Penmaenan, and Capelulo electoral divisions. These are within the existing Aberconwy constituency and we note that the Bryn, and Pandy electoral divisions from that existing constituency are already included within the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency. Our recommended change would not therefore add to the number of existing constituencies or unitary authority areas included within the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency. We do recognise that there have been representations that these two electoral divisions have existing ties with Conwy, and Llandudno, which the Initial Proposals include within the proposed North Wales Coast constituency: see the representations made at the public hearing in Caernarfon and, by way of example, representation 526. However, it is necessary, ultimately, to ensure that the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency satisfies the electoral range. We consider that these two electoral divisions are appropriate ones to include within the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency. We do not consider that any other electoral divisions would be more appropriately included. Overall, having regard to all the changes we recommend for the proposed Gwynedd, Glyndwr and North Powys, South Powys, North Wales Coast, and Menai ac Ynys Môn constituencies, we are satisfied that the recommend changes will lead to constituencies that better satisfy the statutory criteria than the Initial Proposals. We recommend that the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency be named Ynys Môn a Bangor.

**3.76** Save for the changes recommended above, we make no other recommendations for changes to the composition of the proposed North Wales Coast, and Wrexham Maelor constituencies. There has been general support for these proposed constituencies. We do recommend, however, that they be named Conwy and Colwyn, and Wrexham, respectively. We do not recommend any change to the proposed Dee Estuary constituency save that it be named Flint. We do not recommend any change to the proposed Alyn and Deeside constituency.

#### *The Principal Counter-proposals*

**3.77** We consider briefly some of the counter-proposals for constituencies within the Mid and North Wales area. The Labour Party made counter-proposals for a number of the proposed constituencies. The Initial Proposals provide for an Alyn and Deeside constituency which includes electoral divisions entirely from one unitary authority area (Flintshire) and two existing constituencies (the entirety of the existing Alyn and Deeside, and electoral divisions from the existing Delyn, constituencies). By contrast, the Labour Party counter-proposals are for a proposed Alyn and Deeside constituency which includes electoral divisions from three (rather than two) existing constituencies and two (rather than one) unitary authority area. We consider that the Initial Proposals better reflect the statutory criteria than these counter-proposals in respect of this proposed constituency. The Labour Party also propose a Wrexham South constituency which would not include the electoral divisions of Gwersyllt East and South, Gwersyllt North, Gwersyllt West, and Rossett. The evidence that we have received is that these electoral divisions have existing ties with other divisions within the proposed Wrexham Maelor constituency proposed by the Initial Proposals (see the representations at the public hearing in Wrexham and, by way of example, representation 155). We consider that the Initial Proposals better reflect the statutory criteria than these counter-proposals in respect of this proposed constituency. The counter-proposals would retain the existing Delyn constituency but would still need to combine the electoral divisions in that constituency with eight electoral divisions from the Denbighshire unitary area including the town of Prestatyn. The MP for the existing Delyn constituency made a similar proposal in relation to the existing Delyn constituency at the public hearing in Wrexham. The proposed Delyn constituency includes electoral divisions from two existing constituencies and two unitary authority areas. The counter-proposal has one benefit in that it does retain all the electoral divisions of the existing Delyn constituency within one constituency but that is outweighed, in our opinion, by the consequential effects of the counter-proposal overall on other proposed constituencies. Viewing the counter-proposals as a whole, we do not consider that this aspect of the counter-proposal better reflects the statutory criteria than the Initial Proposals.

**3.78** The Labour Party counter-proposals also include a proposed Aberconwy and North Powys constituency which runs from Llandudno on the North Wales

coast down to Welshpool in Mid Wales. This counter-proposal includes electoral divisions from the same number of existing constituencies and unitary authority areas as the Initial Proposals and therefore offers no improvement in that respect. However, in our opinion, it does have considerable disadvantages. The Initial Proposals propose a North Wales Coast constituency which is comprised of electoral divisions entirely from one unitary authority area, Conwy. We have recommended some changes to this constituency but, essentially, we consider that a proposed constituency comprising electoral divisions entirely from the Conwy unitary authority area does reflect the statutory criteria well. This counter-proposal, however, includes some electoral divisions from our recommended constituency in the suggested Aberconwy and North Powys constituency, and some within two other constituencies. There would not, under this counter-proposal be a constituency comprised entirely of electoral divisions from Conwy. Furthermore, the counter-proposal, in our opinion, would break ties between electoral divisions such as Conwy, and Caerhun with the electoral divisions forming Llandudno. In our opinion, the Initial Proposals, and the Initial Proposals with our recommended changes, far better satisfy the statutory criteria than these counter-proposals.

- 3.79** The Labour Party also make counter-proposals for the proposed Gwynedd, and Menai ac Ynys Môn constituencies. We agree that the Capelulo, and Pant-yr-Afon/Penmaenan electoral divisions should be included within the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency and that Bethel, Deiniolen, and Penisarwaun within the proposed constituency. The Labour Party counter-proposals also include changes to other electoral divisions within the proposed North Wales Coast, and Gwynedd constituencies but we do not consider that these would offer any further improvement and we do not recommend them.
- 3.80** Plaid Cymru do not make counter-proposals in relation to the composition of the proposed constituencies in this area. The Liberal Democrat Party and the Conservative Party counter-proposals for this area are that the electoral divisions of Berriew, and Forden should be included within the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency rather than the proposed South Powys constituency. We have recommended changes for these two constituencies which will include these changes.
- 3.81** We consider briefly other counter-proposals. We have had representations that electoral divisions such as Cilcain, Gwernaffield, Halkyn, and Caerswys have links with the town of Mold and should be included within the proposed Alyn and Deeside constituency (rather than, as the Initial Proposals propose, included within the proposed Dee Estuary constituency): see the representations at the public hearing in Wrexham and, by way of example, representation 249. Whilst we understand the concerns, the proposed Alyn and Deeside constituency has 80,268 electors and the inclusion of additional electoral divisions would cause it to exceed the permitted electoral range. We

do not therefore recommend any changes to the proposed Alyn and Deeside, and Dee Estuary constituencies. We have also received representations that the Aberoer and Pentrebychan wards of the Community of Esclusham should be included within the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency: see representations 483 and 670. We have considerable sympathy with this counter-proposal as it would avoid dividing an electoral division between two constituencies. However, if our recommended changes to the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency are accepted, the addition of these wards would cause the proposed constituency to exceed the permitted electoral range. Regrettably, therefore, we do not recommend acceptance of this counter-proposal. We have received representations that electoral divisions such as Aber-Craf, and Ystradgynlais should be included within the proposed Neath rather than the proposed South Powys constituency: see, by way of example, representations 529, 531, 579 and 616. These electoral divisions are presently within the existing Brecon and Radnorshire constituency, all of which is to be included within the proposed South Powys constituency. The electoral divisions are also within the Powys unitary authority area not the Neath Port Talbot unitary authority. Having regard to the existing local government boundaries and constituency boundaries, we consider that the Initial Proposals for the Aber-Craf, and Ystradgynlais electoral divisions better reflect the statutory criteria for these electoral divisions and we would not accept the recommendations.

**3.82** A group of academic observers have made counter-proposals for this area (representation 409). They put forward proposals for changes to the proposed North Wales Coast, Menai ac Ynys Môn, Gwynedd, and South Powys constituencies which are similar to those we recommend (save that they include one different electoral division, Uwchaled , rather than Eglwysbach, within the proposed Gwynedd constituency). For the reasons given above, we consider that our recommended changes would ensure that those constituencies better reflected the statutory criteria and we believe, on balance that the Eglwysbach electoral division is the appropriate additional electoral division to include within the proposed Gwynedd constituency. The counter-proposal for the inclusion of the Uwchaled electoral division would result in the inclusion of an electoral division from an additional, fourth existing constituency within the proposed Gwynedd constituency.

**3.83** These counter-proposals then propose changes for the remaining constituencies in North Wales. We do not consider that these aspects of the counter-proposals offer an improvement on the Initial Proposals and we consider that, in a number of respects, they would reflect the statutory criteria less well than the Initial Proposals. By way of example, the Initial Proposals propose a Wrexham Maelor constituency with electoral divisions entirely from one unitary authority area and two existing constituencies. These counter-proposals propose a Wrexham constituency comprising electoral divisions from two unitary authorities and three existing constituencies. The Initial Proposals include all the electoral divisions of the

existing Alyn and Deeside within one proposed constituency, whereas the counter-proposals include them within two. The Initial Proposals have electoral divisions of the existing Delyn constituency within two proposed constituencies whereas the counter-proposals include them within three. Save as indicated above, we do not consider that these counter-proposals better reflect the statutory criteria than the Initial Proposals and we would not accept them. We have considered all the other representations and counter-proposals, in reaching our conclusions on what changes to recommend to the Initial Proposals for the constituencies in this area, as in all areas, of Wales.

**3.84** For completeness, we note that the Commission stated in paragraph 6.146 of the Initial Proposals document that Mold had been in the former Alyn and Deeside district. That was not correct and the Commission placed a correction on its website and confirmed at the start of each of the public hearings that that was not correct. In considering our recommendations, we have proceeded on the basis that Mold was not formerly in the Alyn and Deeside District.

**3.85** We note that some representations have asked that a special case be made for retaining the existing Montgomeryshire, and the Ynys Môn constituencies as separate constituencies even though they would have fewer electors than required (see by way of example, representations 22 and 419). They have drawn attention to the fact that special provisions apply, for example, in relation to the Isle of Wight, and Orkney and Shetland. The relevant Act of Parliament provides for specific exceptions for four constituencies (all outside Wales). The Act requires that all constituencies within Wales must contain between 72,810 and 80,473 electors. There is no exception made in the Act for constituencies within Wales as there are for other constituencies. It is not, therefore, permissible under the current legislation for there to be constituencies for Montgomeryshire, or Ynys Môn which have fewer electors than the permitted electoral range.

## **Names**

**3.86** We recognise that the names of constituencies are important for a number of reasons. They often indicate the geographical areas comprised within a constituency. They often reflect historic names. Ideally, the names should be ones that electors can readily identify with. We have received a number of representations about the appropriate names for the proposed constituencies. Frequently, there has been a consensus that a particular name for a particular constituency is inappropriate but less agreement on what name should be given to a proposed constituency. We recommend the following changes to the names of 15 of the proposed constituencies set out in the Initial Proposals. For convenience, we deal with them in the order in which the proposed constituencies are set out in chapter 6 of the Initial Proposals. We recognise that not everyone will agree with our

recommendations. We have sought, however, to reflect the policy of the Commission on names, the geography of a particular area, and to take account so far as possible of the representations that we have received.

- 3.87** We recommend that the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency be named Ynys Môn a Bangor. Bangor is the largest population centre within the proposed constituency and there have been representations that the name should reflect that: see, by way of example, representations 99 and 475. It appears appropriate to us that the name of the proposed constituency recognises both the Isle of Anglesey, a separate island which provides the largest number of electors, and Bangor, the largest population centre. We therefore recommend that the proposed constituency be named **Ynys Môn a Bangor**.
- 3.88** We recommend that the proposed South and West Pembrokeshire constituency be named **South Pembrokeshire**. In our opinion, South Pembrokeshire accurately describes the geographic area of the constituency.
- 3.89** We recommend that the proposed Neath constituency be named Neath and the Swansea Valley. The existing constituency includes two distinct areas, Neath, and parts of the Swansea Valley. The proposed changes to the constituency, with the electoral divisions of Clydach, and Mawr, and the Community of Birchgrove will result in a large part of the Swansea Valley being included within the constituency. We consider it appropriate to reflect the two distinct areas within the name of the proposed constituency. We therefore recommend that the proposed constituency be named **Neath and the Swansea Valley**.
- 3.90** The Initial Proposals proposed a Cardiff Central and Penarth, a Cardiff East, a Caerphilly and Cardiff North, and Newport West and Sirhowy Valley constituencies. As explained above, we recommend that the composition of these constituencies be changed significantly. If our recommendations are accepted, then we recommend the following names for our four recommended constituencies. They will replace the names of the four constituencies proposed in the Initial Proposals.
- 3.91** One of our recommend constituencies contains 11 of the 12 electoral divisions of the existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituency (see paragraph 3.7 above). We note that the Commission's policy on the naming of constituencies is that, when constituencies remain largely unchanged, the existing constituency name should usually be retained: see paragraph 2.21 of the Initial Proposals. As the existing constituency is largely being retained, we recommend that the constituency described in paragraph 3.7 above be named **Cardiff South and Penarth**.
- 3.92** One of recommended constituencies contains five of the six wards of the existing Cardiff Central constituency (see paragraph 3.8 above). As that

recommended constituency will be largely unchanged from the existing constituency, we recommend that it be named **Cardiff Central**.

- 3.93** One of our recommended constituencies contains 11 electoral divisions from the existing Caerphilly constituency (see paragraph 3.12 above). As that recommended constituency will be largely unchanged from the existing constituency, we recommend that it be named **Caerphilly**.
- 3.94** One of our recommended constituencies contains five electoral divisions from the existing Cardiff North constituency and we consider that it is appropriate to reflect this in the name of our recommended constituency. The recommended constituency also includes two electoral divisions from the Caerphilly unitary authority area and within the existing Islwyn constituency. Four are from the Newport unitary authority area and are within the existing Newport West constituency (see paragraph 3.15 above). The name, in our opinion, should reflect the fact that our recommended constituency includes areas in addition to Cardiff North. There has been no consensus on names in the representations made to us. On balance, we consider that an appropriate name for our recommended constituency would be **Cardiff North and West Gwent** and we recommend that name accordingly.
- 3.95** We recommend that the proposed Newport Central constituency be named Newport. Our recommended constituency has seven electoral divisions each from the existing Newport East, and Newport West constituencies. In our opinion, it is appropriate to name the constituency Newport. Furthermore, the Initial Proposals proposed two constituencies with Newport in the name, a Newport West and Sirhowy Valley constituency, and a Newport Central, and it was necessary to distinguish between them. As we do not recommend a Newport West and Sirhowy Valley, it is no longer necessary to distinguish the name of our recommended Newport constituency from any other constituency. We therefore recommend that this constituency be called **Newport**.
- 3.96** We recommend that the proposed Heads of the Valleys constituency be named Merthyr Tydfil and Lower Cynon. Our recommended constituency will contain the town of Merthyr Tydfil and the lower part of the Cynon Valley and it seems to us appropriate to include both areas within the name of the constituency. We recognise that the existing constituency of Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney is included within our recommended constituency. We recognise that “Rhymney” is not included within our recommended name. On balance, we consider that the inclusion of “Rhymney” would render the name too lengthy. On balance, therefore, we recommend the name of the constituency be **Merthyr Tydfil and Lower Cynon**.
- 3.97** We recommend that the proposed Rhondda constituency be named Rhondda and Aberdare. We consider that this name is appropriate as it reflects the fact that our recommended constituency includes most of the Rhondda Valley

(and all bar one of the electoral divisions of the existing Rhondda constituency) and also the electoral divisions that are generally seen as forming the town of Aberdare. We therefore recommend that the constituency be called **Rhondda and Aberdare**.

**3.98** We recommend that the proposed South Powys constituency be named Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery. The existing constituency of Brecon and Radnorshire is entirely included within the proposed South Powys constituency. Also included in our recommended constituency are 17 electoral divisions from the existing Montgomeryshire constituency. We have received strong representations that if the existing Montgomeryshire constituency cannot be retained, then at least the name of the proposed constituency should reflect the fact that a considerable part of it includes electoral divisions from the existing Montgomeryshire constituency and also that all three historic counties (Brecknockshire, Radnorshire, and Montgomeryshire) should in some way be recognised in the name: see the representations at the public hearing in Llandrindod Wells and, by way of example, representations 358, 378 and 493. We consider, on balance, that an appropriate name would include the name of the county towns of the former Brecknockshire, Radnorshire, and Montgomeryshire all of which are within the proposed constituency. We therefore recommend that the constituency be named **Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery**.

**3.99** We recommend that the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency be named Denbigh and North Montgomeryshire. We received representations indicating that electors would not readily identify with the name proposed in the Initial Proposals. In our opinion, an appropriate name would reflect the fact that our recommended constituency includes the town of Denbigh, which is the county town of Denbighshire (and a large number of electoral divisions from Denbighshire are included within our recommended constituency). We also consider that the historic name of Montgomeryshire should be included in the name. We recognise that our recommended constituency will include electoral divisions from the unitary authority areas of Conwy, and Wrexham. Both those names will, however, be included in recommendations for the name of other proposed constituencies. For those reasons we recommend that the constituency be named **Denbigh and North Montgomeryshire**.

**3.100** We recommend that the proposed Wrexham Maelor constituency be named Wrexham. All the electoral divisions come from the Wrexham unitary authority area. We consider that the name of Wrexham appropriately reflects the composition of our recommended constituency and the addition of "Maelor" is unnecessary. We therefore recommend that the proposed constituency be named **Wrexham**.

**3.101** We recommend that the proposed Dee Estuary constituency be named Flint. We have received representations indicating that Dee Estuary is not an



appropriate name. The proposed constituency contains electoral divisions from the unitary authority areas of Flintshire, and the county town of Flint, although we recognise that it also includes electoral divisions from north Denbighshire. On balance, we consider that the name of the county town of the county forming the larger part of the constituency is an appropriate name for the constituency. We recommend that the proposed constituency be named **Flint**.

**3.102** We recommend that the proposed North Wales Coast constituency be named Conwy and Colwyn. We have received a number of representations objecting to the name, “North Wales Coast”: see the representations at the public hearing in Caernarfon and, by way of example, representations 663, 671 and 712. The proposed constituency also does not include the whole of the North Wales coast. A number of representations suggested the name ‘Conwy and Colwyn’ as that better reflects the geographic area of the proposed constituency and two of the principal centres within the proposed constituency: see, by way of example, representation 712. We agree. We recommend that the proposed constituency be named **Conwy and Colwyn**.

**3.103** We make no recommendations in relation to the names of the Gwynedd, Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire, Caerfyrddin, Llanelli, Gower and Swansea West, Swansea East, Aberavon and Ogmore, Bridgend, The Vale of Glamorgan, Cardiff West, Monmouthshire, Torfaen, Blaenau Gwent, Pontypridd, and Alyn and Deeside constituencies. We have received representations in relation to the names of some of these proposed constituencies and we have considered them. Ultimately, we consider that the names proposed in the Initial Proposals are as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received. We therefore do not recommend any changes to the names of these 15 proposed constituencies.

**3.104** The names of some of the proposed constituencies are in Welsh, some are in English and some have both Welsh and English in the name of the proposed constituency. We note that we received representations from the former Welsh Language Board that where an English name was proposed, then the Commission should invite the Secretary of State when making an Order to use his powers under section 25 of the Welsh Language Act 1993 to provide an alternative name in Welsh. The representations from the former Welsh Language Board stated that it did not consider it necessary for the power to be exercised to provide an alternative name in English for a constituency with a purely Welsh name. We make no recommendation on this matter but draw the attention of the Commissioners to the representations that were made to us.

## **Conclusion**

**3.105** We have recommended what we consider to be major changes to the composition of six of the proposed constituencies and significant and important, but more limited, changes to the composition of 14 of the proposed constituencies. We have recommended no changes to 10 of the proposed constituencies. We have recommended changes to the names of 15 of the proposed constituencies. The constituencies that we recommend, with the names that we recommend, are shown in alphabetical order in Appendix A.

## Appendix A: Proposed Constituencies by Electoral Division and Electorates

**Aberavon and Ogmore CC – 73,895 electors (NPT – Neath Port Talbot)**

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Bettws	Bridgend	1,603	Ogmore
Blackmill	Bridgend	1,883	Ogmore
Blaengarw	Bridgend	1,314	Ogmore
Caerau	Bridgend	5,115	Ogmore
Llangeinor	Bridgend	924	Ogmore
Llangynwyd	Bridgend	2,329	Ogmore
Maesteg East	Bridgend	3,833	Ogmore
Maesteg West	Bridgend	4,342	Ogmore
Nant-y-moel	Bridgend	1,747	Ogmore
Ogmore Vale	Bridgend	2,335	Ogmore
Pontycymmer	Bridgend	1,770	Ogmore
Ynysawdre	Bridgend	2,554	Ogmore
Aberavon	NPT	4,151	Aberavon
Baglan	NPT	5,541	Aberavon
Briton Ferry East	NPT	2,317	Aberavon
Briton Ferry West	NPT	2,172	Aberavon
Bryn and Cwmavon	NPT	5,137	Aberavon
Cymmer	NPT	2,171	Aberavon
Glyncorwg	NPT	870	Aberavon
Gwynfi	NPT	1,054	Aberavon
Margam	NPT	2,294	Aberavon
Port Talbot	NPT	4,368	Aberavon
Sandfields East	NPT	5,160	Aberavon
Sandfields West	NPT	5,079	Aberavon
Tai Bach	NPT	3,832	Aberavon

**Alyn and Deeside CC – 80,268 electors**

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Aston	Flintshire	2,456	Alyn and Deeside
Broughton North East	Flintshire	1,702	Alyn and Deeside
Broughton South	Flintshire	2,807	Alyn and Deeside
Buckley Bistre East	Flintshire	2,775	Alyn and Deeside
Buckley Bistre West	Flintshire	3,337	Alyn and Deeside
Buckley Mountain	Flintshire	2,216	Alyn and Deeside
Buckley Pentrobin	Flintshire	3,529	Alyn and Deeside
Caergwrle	Flintshire	1,274	Alyn and Deeside
Connah's Quay Central	Flintshire	2,411	Alyn and Deeside
Connah's Quay Golftyn	Flintshire	3,924	Alyn and Deeside
Connah's Quay South	Flintshire	4,366	Alyn and Deeside
Connah's Quay Wepre	Flintshire	1,662	Alyn and Deeside

Ewloe	Flintshire	4,092	Alyn and Deeside
Hawarden	Flintshire	1,503	Alyn and Deeside
Higher Kinnerton	Flintshire	1,279	Alyn and Deeside
Hope	Flintshire	1,972	Alyn and Deeside
Llanfynydd	Flintshire	1,462	Alyn and Deeside
Mancot	Flintshire	2,639	Alyn and Deeside
Penyffordd	Flintshire	3,002	Alyn and Deeside
Queensferry	Flintshire	1,410	Alyn and Deeside
Saltney Mold Junction	Flintshire	937	Alyn and Deeside
Saltney Stonebridge	Flintshire	2,665	Alyn and Deeside
Sealand	Flintshire	2,120	Alyn and Deeside
Shotton East	Flintshire	1,416	Alyn and Deeside
Shotton Higher	Flintshire	1,739	Alyn and Deeside
Shotton West	Flintshire	1,499	Alyn and Deeside
Treuddyn	Flintshire	1,291	Alyn and Deeside
Argoed	Flintshire	2,201	Delyn
Gwernymynydd	Flintshire	1,355	Delyn
Leeswood	Flintshire	1,590	Delyn
Mold Broncoed	Flintshire	1,982	Delyn
Mold East	Flintshire	1,536	Delyn
Mold South	Flintshire	2,101	Delyn
Mold West	Flintshire	1,908	Delyn
New Brighton	Flintshire	2,415	Delyn
Northop	Flintshire	2,424	Delyn
Northop Hall	Flintshire	1,271	Delyn

**Blaenau Gwent CC – 77,304 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Abertillery	Blaenau Gwent	3,421	Blaenau Gwent
Badminton	Blaenau Gwent	2,544	Blaenau Gwent
Beaufort	Blaenau Gwent	2,976	Blaenau Gwent
Blaina	Blaenau Gwent	3,605	Blaenau Gwent
Brynmawr	Blaenau Gwent	4,212	Blaenau Gwent
Cwm	Blaenau Gwent	3,419	Blaenau Gwent
Cwmtillery	Blaenau Gwent	3,667	Blaenau Gwent
Ebbw Vale North	Blaenau Gwent	3,467	Blaenau Gwent
Ebbw Vale South	Blaenau Gwent	3,021	Blaenau Gwent
Georgetown	Blaenau Gwent	2,668	Blaenau Gwent
Llanhilleth	Blaenau Gwent	3,686	Blaenau Gwent
Nantyglo	Blaenau Gwent	3,491	Blaenau Gwent
Rassau	Blaenau Gwent	2,494	Blaenau Gwent
Sirhowy	Blaenau Gwent	4,387	Blaenau Gwent
Six Bells	Blaenau Gwent	1,878	Blaenau Gwent
Tredegar Central & West	Blaenau Gwent	4,581	Blaenau Gwent
Argoed	Caerphilly	1,912	Islwyn
Blackwood	Caerphilly	6,168	Islwyn
Cefn Fforest	Caerphilly	2,742	Islwyn
Crumlin	Caerphilly	4,334	Islwyn
Newbridge	Caerphilly	4,685	Islwyn

Penmaen	Caerphilly	3,946	Islwyn
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**Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery CC – 79,965 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Aber-craf	Powys	1,140	Brecon and Radnorshire
Beguildy	Powys	1,106	Brecon and Radnorshire
Bronllys	Powys	967	Brecon and Radnorshire
Builth	Powys	1,904	Brecon and Radnorshire
Bwlch	Powys	739	Brecon and Radnorshire
Crickhowell	Powys	2,243	Brecon and Radnorshire
Cwm-twrch	Powys	1,610	Brecon and Radnorshire
Disserth and Trecoed	Powys	1,001	Brecon and Radnorshire
Felin-fach	Powys	1,097	Brecon and Radnorshire
Glasbury	Powys	1,761	Brecon and Radnorshire
Gwernyfed	Powys	1,188	Brecon and Radnorshire
Hay	Powys	1,243	Brecon and Radnorshire
Knighton	Powys	2,295	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llanafanfawr	Powys	1,134	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llanbadarn Fawr	Powys	861	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llandrindod East / West	Powys	940	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llandrindod North	Powys	1,469	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llandrindod South	Powys	1,563	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llanelwedd	Powys	959	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llangattock	Powys	799	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llangors	Powys	879	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llangunllo	Powys	1,021	Brecon and Radnorshire

Llangynidr	Powys	829	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llanwrtyd Wells	Powys	1,463	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llanyre	Powys	915	Brecon and Radnorshire
Maescar/Llywel	Powys	1,367	Brecon and Radnorshire
Nantmel	Powys	1,197	Brecon and Radnorshire
Old Radnor	Powys	1,311	Brecon and Radnorshire
Presteigne	Powys	2,177	Brecon and Radnorshire
Rhayader	Powys	1,607	Brecon and Radnorshire
St. David Within	Powys	1,162	Brecon and Radnorshire
St. John	Powys	2,605	Brecon and Radnorshire
St. Mary	Powys	1,872	Brecon and Radnorshire
Talgarth	Powys	1,308	Brecon and Radnorshire
Talybont-on-Usk	Powys	1,552	Brecon and Radnorshire
Tawe-Uchaf	Powys	1,726	Brecon and Radnorshire
Ynyscedwyn	Powys	1,746	Brecon and Radnorshire
Yscir	Powys	876	Brecon and Radnorshire
Ystradgynlais	Powys	2,001	Brecon and Radnorshire
Blaen Hafren	Powys	1,880	Montgomeryshire
Caersws	Powys	1,835	Montgomeryshire
Churchstoke	Powys	1,260	Montgomeryshire
Dolforwyn	Powys	1,590	Montgomeryshire
Glantwymyn	Powys	1,624	Montgomeryshire
Kerry	Powys	1,610	Montgomeryshire
Llanbryn-mair	Powys	761	Montgomeryshire
Llandinam	Powys	1,120	Montgomeryshire
Llanidloes	Powys	2,222	Montgomeryshire
Machynlleth	Powys	1,654	Montgomeryshire
Montgomery	Powys	1,078	Montgomeryshire
Newtown Central	Powys	2,177	Montgomeryshire
Newtown East	Powys	1,449	Montgomeryshire
Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North	Powys	1,742	Montgomeryshire
Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West	Powys	1,361	Montgomeryshire
Newtown South	Powys	1,261	Montgomeryshire

Rhiwcyonon	Powys	1,708	Montgomeryshire
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**Bridgend CC – 73,596 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Brackla	Bridgend	8,208	Bridgend
Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr	Bridgend	6,057	Bridgend
Cefn Glas	Bridgend	1,247	Bridgend
Coity	Bridgend	603	Bridgend
Cornelly	Bridgend	5,082	Bridgend
Coychurch Lower	Bridgend	1,134	Bridgend
Litchard	Bridgend	1,798	Bridgend
Llangewydd and Brynhyfryd	Bridgend	1,949	Bridgend
Morfa	Bridgend	3,278	Bridgend
Newcastle	Bridgend	4,221	Bridgend
Newton	Bridgend	2,921	Bridgend
Nottage	Bridgend	2,764	Bridgend
Oldcastle	Bridgend	3,589	Bridgend
Pendre	Bridgend	1,345	Bridgend
Pen-y-fai	Bridgend	1,893	Bridgend
Porthcawl East Central	Bridgend	2,591	Bridgend
Porthcawl West Central	Bridgend	2,788	Bridgend
Pyle	Bridgend	5,510	Bridgend
Rest Bay	Bridgend	1,958	Bridgend
Aberkenfig	Bridgend	1,485	Ogmore
Bryncethin	Bridgend	994	Ogmore
Bryncoch	Bridgend	1,495	Ogmore
Cefn Cribwr	Bridgend	1,194	Ogmore
Felindre	Bridgend	2,153	Ogmore
Hendre	Bridgend	3,064	Ogmore
Penprysg	Bridgend	2,426	Ogmore
Sarn	Bridgend	1,849	Ogmore

**Caerfyrddin CC – 73,937 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Abergwili	Carmarthenshire	1,822	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Ammanford	Carmarthenshire	1,907	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Betws	Carmarthenshire	1,616	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Cilycwm	Carmarthenshire	1,155	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Cynwyl Gaeo	Carmarthenshire	1,306	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Garnant	Carmarthenshire	1,535	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Glanamman	Carmarthenshire	1,785	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

Gorslas	Carmarthenshire	3,160	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llanddarog	Carmarthenshire	1,565	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llandeilo	Carmarthenshire	2,262	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llandovery	Carmarthenshire	2,082	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llandybie	Carmarthenshire	3,017	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llanegwad	Carmarthenshire	1,949	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llanfihangel Aberbythych	Carmarthenshire	1,435	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llanfihangel-ar-Arth	Carmarthenshire	2,155	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llangadog	Carmarthenshire	1,547	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llangunnor	Carmarthenshire	1,895	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llangyndeyrn	Carmarthenshire	2,401	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llanybydder	Carmarthenshire	1,932	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Manordeilo and Salem	Carmarthenshire	1,765	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Penygroes	Carmarthenshire	2,134	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Pontamman	Carmarthenshire	2,123	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Quarter Bach	Carmarthenshire	2,156	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Saron	Carmarthenshire	3,096	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
St. Ishmael	Carmarthenshire	2,168	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Carmarthen Town North	Carmarthenshire	3,800	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Carmarthen Town South	Carmarthenshire	2,791	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Carmarthen Town West	Carmarthenshire	3,681	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Cynwyl Elfed	Carmarthenshire	2,471	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Laugharne Township	Carmarthenshire	2,236	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire



Llanboidy	Carmarthenshire	1,606	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Llansteffan	Carmarthenshire	1,676	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
St. Clears	Carmarthenshire	2,312	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Trelech	Carmarthenshire	1,700	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Whitland	Carmarthenshire	1,696	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire

**Caerphilly CC – 75,461 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Aber Valley	Caerphilly	4,510	Caerphilly
Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen	Caerphilly	7,630	Caerphilly
Hengoed	Caerphilly	3,671	Caerphilly
Llanbradach	Caerphilly	3,171	Caerphilly
Morgan Jones	Caerphilly	4,909	Caerphilly
Nelson	Caerphilly	3,482	Caerphilly
Penyrheol	Caerphilly	8,777	Caerphilly
St. Cattwg	Caerphilly	5,586	Caerphilly
St. James	Caerphilly	4,153	Caerphilly
St. Martins	Caerphilly	6,335	Caerphilly
Ystrad Mynach	Caerphilly	3,553	Caerphilly
Abercarn	Caerphilly	3,881	Islwyn
Crosskeys	Caerphilly	2,445	Islwyn
Maesycwmmmer	Caerphilly	1,707	Islwyn
Pengam	Caerphilly	2,681	Islwyn
Pontllanfraith	Caerphilly	6,159	Islwyn
Ynysddu	Caerphilly	2,811	Islwyn

**Cardiff Central CC – 72,901 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Cathays	Cardiff	14,857	Cardiff Central
Cyncoed	Cardiff	8,660	Cardiff Central
Pentwyn	Cardiff	10,363	Cardiff Central
Penylan	Cardiff	9,801	Cardiff Central
Plasnewydd	Cardiff	12,807	Cardiff Central
Gabalfa	Cardiff	6,699	Cardiff North
Heath	Cardiff	9,714	Cardiff North

**Cardiff North and West Gwent BC – 73,142 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Risca East	Caerphilly	4,643	Islwyn
Risca West	Caerphilly	3,988	Islwyn
Lisvane	Cardiff	2,839	Cardiff North
Llanishen	Cardiff	12,945	Cardiff North
Pontprennau/ Old St. Mellons	Cardiff	6,956	Cardiff North
Rhiwbina	Cardiff	9,103	Cardiff North
Whitchurch and Tongwynlais	Cardiff	12,672	Cardiff North
Graig	Newport	4,620	Newport West
Marshfield	Newport	4,611	Newport West
Rogerstone	Newport	7,843	Newport West
Tredegar Park	Newport	2,922	Newport West

**Cardiff South and Penarth BC – 75,776 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Adamsdown	Cardiff	5,730	Cardiff Central
Butetown	Cardiff	6,277	Cardiff South and Penarth
Grangetown	Cardiff	12,097	Cardiff South and Penarth
Llanrumney	Cardiff	7,788	Cardiff South and Penarth
Rumney	Cardiff	6,199	Cardiff South and Penarth
Splott	Cardiff	9,012	Cardiff South and Penarth
Trowbridge	Cardiff	10,794	Cardiff South and Penarth
Cornerswell	The Vale of Glamorgan	3,955	Cardiff South and Penarth
Llandough	The Vale of Glamorgan	1,488	Cardiff South and Penarth
Plymouth	The Vale of Glamorgan	4,526	Cardiff South and Penarth
St. Augustine's	The Vale of Glamorgan	4,696	Cardiff South and Penarth
Stanwell	The Vale of Glamorgan	3,214	Cardiff South and Penarth

**Cardiff West BC – 74,844 electors (RCT – Rhondda Cynon Taf)**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Llandaff North	Cardiff	5,449	Cardiff North
Caerau	Cardiff	7,242	Cardiff West
Canton	Cardiff	10,124	Cardiff West
Creigau/St. Fagans	Cardiff	3,947	Cardiff West
Ely	Cardiff	9,172	Cardiff West

Fairwater	Cardiff	9,251	Cardiff West
Llandaff	Cardiff	7,216	Cardiff West
Pentyrch	Cardiff	2,728	Cardiff West
Radyr	Cardiff	4,845	Cardiff West
Riverside	Cardiff	8,835	Cardiff West
Pont-y-clun	RCT	6,035	Pontypridd

**Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire CC – 74,377 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Cenarth	Carmarthenshire	1,705	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llangeler	Carmarthenshire	2,612	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Aberaeron	Ceredigion	1,117	Ceredigion
Aberporth	Ceredigion	1,808	Ceredigion
Aberteifi/Cardigan - Mwldan	Ceredigion	1,367	Ceredigion
Aberteifi/Cardigan - Rhyd-y-Fuwch	Ceredigion	854	Ceredigion
Aberteifi/Cardigan - Teifi	Ceredigion	674	Ceredigion
Aberystwyth Bronglais	Ceredigion	1,700	Ceredigion
Aberystwyth Canol/Central	Ceredigion	1,161	Ceredigion
Aberystwyth Gogledd/North	Ceredigion	1,986	Ceredigion
Aberystwyth Penparcau	Ceredigion	2,219	Ceredigion
Aberystwyth Rheidol	Ceredigion	1,623	Ceredigion
Beulah	Ceredigion	1,298	Ceredigion
Borth	Ceredigion	1,542	Ceredigion
Capel Dewi	Ceredigion	1,041	Ceredigion
Ceulanamaesmawr	Ceredigion	1,439	Ceredigion
Ciliau Aeron	Ceredigion	1,484	Ceredigion
Faenor	Ceredigion	2,116	Ceredigion
Lampeter	Ceredigion	2,117	Ceredigion
Llanarth	Ceredigion	1,154	Ceredigion
Llanbadarn Fawr - Padarn	Ceredigion	783	Ceredigion
Llanbadarn Fawr - Sulien	Ceredigion	1,720	Ceredigion
Llandyfriog	Ceredigion	1,373	Ceredigion
Llandysilio-gogo	Ceredigion	1,482	Ceredigion
Llandysul Town	Ceredigion	1,051	Ceredigion
Llanfarian	Ceredigion	1,112	Ceredigion
Llanfihangel Ystrad	Ceredigion	1,533	Ceredigion
Llangeitho	Ceredigion	1,137	Ceredigion
Llangybi	Ceredigion	1,134	Ceredigion
Llanrhystyd	Ceredigion	1,192	Ceredigion
Llansantffraed	Ceredigion	1,874	Ceredigion
Llanwenog	Ceredigion	1,329	Ceredigion
Lledrod	Ceredigion	1,669	Ceredigion
Melindwr	Ceredigion	1,500	Ceredigion
New Quay	Ceredigion	836	Ceredigion
Penbryn	Ceredigion	1,677	Ceredigion
Pen-parc	Ceredigion	1,841	Ceredigion
Tirymynach	Ceredigion	1,368	Ceredigion

Trefeurig	Ceredigion	1,297	Ceredigion
Tregaron	Ceredigion	908	Ceredigion
Troedraur	Ceredigion	1,001	Ceredigion
Ystwyth	Ceredigion	1,489	Ceredigion
Cilgerran	Pembrokeshire	1,577	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Clydau	Pembrokeshire	1,170	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Crymych	Pembrokeshire	1,936	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Dinas Cross	Pembrokeshire	1,322	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Fishguard North East	Pembrokeshire	1,481	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Fishguard North West	Pembrokeshire	1,206	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Goodwick	Pembrokeshire	1,512	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Newport	Pembrokeshire	942	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Scleddau	Pembrokeshire	1,153	Preseli Pembrokeshire
St. Dogmaels	Pembrokeshire	1,755	Preseli Pembrokeshire

#### Conwy and Colwyn CC – 73,983 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Caerhun	Conwy	1,686	Aberconwy
Conwy	Conwy	3,386	Aberconwy
Craig-y-Don	Conwy	2,797	Aberconwy
Deganwy	Conwy	3,344	Aberconwy
Gogarth	Conwy	3,001	Aberconwy
Llansanffraid	Conwy	1,831	Aberconwy
Marl	Conwy	3,069	Aberconwy
Mostyn	Conwy	2,809	Aberconwy
Penrhyn	Conwy	3,911	Aberconwy
Pensarn	Conwy	2,096	Aberconwy
Tudno	Conwy	3,703	Aberconwy
Abergele Pensarn	Conwy	2,059	Clwyd West
Betws yn Rhos	Conwy	1,680	Clwyd West
Colwyn	Conwy	3,553	Clwyd West
Eirias	Conwy	2,763	Clwyd West
Gele	Conwy	3,901	Clwyd West
Glyn	Conwy	3,087	Clwyd West
Kinmel Bay	Conwy	4,623	Clwyd West
Llanddulas	Conwy	1,270	Clwyd West
Llandrillo yn Rhos	Conwy	6,313	Clwyd West
Llysfaen	Conwy	1,945	Clwyd West
Mochdre	Conwy	1,449	Clwyd West

Pentre Mawr	Conwy	2,829	Clwyd West
Rhiw	Conwy	4,955	Clwyd West
Towyn	Conwy	1,923	Clwyd West

**Denbigh and North Montgomeryshire CC – 79,963 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Llangernyw	Conwy	1,176	Clwyd West
Llansannan	Conwy	1,532	Clwyd West
Uwchaled	Conwy	1,153	Clwyd West
Corwen	Denbighshire	1,864	Clwyd South
Llandrillo	Denbighshire	935	Clwyd South
Llangollen	Denbighshire	3,349	Clwyd South
Efenechtyd	Denbighshire	1,271	Clwyd West
Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla	Denbighshire	1,923	Clwyd West
Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal	Denbighshire	1,215	Clwyd West
Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern	Denbighshire	1,855	Clwyd West
Llanrhaedr-yng-Nghinmeirch	Denbighshire	1,505	Clwyd West
Ruthin	Denbighshire	4,235	Clwyd West
Denbigh Central	Denbighshire	1,423	Vale of Clwyd
Denbigh Lower	Denbighshire	3,574	Vale of Clwyd
Denbigh Upper/Henllan	Denbighshire	2,481	Vale of Clwyd
Llandyrnog	Denbighshire	1,740	Vale of Clwyd
Trefnant	Denbighshire	1,601	Vale of Clwyd
The Community of Bodfari (Tremeirchion)	Denbighshire	290	Vale of Clwyd
Banwy	Powys	795	Montgomeryshire
Berriew	Powys	1,103	Montgomeryshire
Forden	Powys	1,107	Montgomeryshire
Guildfield	Powys	1,833	Montgomeryshire
Llandrinio	Powys	1,687	Montgomeryshire
Llandysilio	Powys	1,387	Montgomeryshire
Llanfair Caereinion	Powys	1,354	Montgomeryshire
Llanfihangel	Powys	891	Montgomeryshire
Llanfyllin	Powys	1,187	Montgomeryshire
Llanrhaedr-ym-Mochnant/ Llansilin	Powys	1,758	Montgomeryshire
Llansantffraid	Powys	1,526	Montgomeryshire
Llanwddyn	Powys	834	Montgomeryshire
Meifod	Powys	1,064	Montgomeryshire
Trewern	Powys	1,069	Montgomeryshire
Welshpool Castle	Powys	1,029	Montgomeryshire
Welshpool Gungrog	Powys	1,954	Montgomeryshire
Welshpool Llanerchuddol	Powys	1,653	Montgomeryshire
Cefn	Wrexham	3,874	Clwyd South
Chirk North	Wrexham	1,883	Clwyd South
Chirk South	Wrexham	1,580	Clwyd South
Dyffryn Ceiriog/Ceiriog Valley	Wrexham	1,705	Clwyd South
Johnstown	Wrexham	2,466	Clwyd South
Llangollen Rural	Wrexham	1,577	Clwyd South
Pant	Wrexham	1,634	Clwyd South

Penycae	Wrexham	1,549	Clwyd South
Penycae and Ruabon South	Wrexham	1,943	Clwyd South
Plas Madoc	Wrexham	1,219	Clwyd South
Ruabon	Wrexham	2,155	Clwyd South
Ponciau North, Ponciau South and Rhos wards of the Community of Rhosllanerchrugog (Ponciau)	Wrexham	3,025	Clwyd South

#### Flint CC – 80,278 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Bodelwyddan	Denbighshire	1,639	Vale of Clwyd
Dyserth	Denbighshire	1,883	Vale of Clwyd
Prestatyn Central	Denbighshire	2,806	Vale of Clwyd
Prestatyn East	Denbighshire	3,145	Vale of Clwyd
Prestatyn Meliden	Denbighshire	1,545	Vale of Clwyd
Prestatyn North	Denbighshire	4,682	Vale of Clwyd
Prestatyn South West	Denbighshire	2,803	Vale of Clwyd
Rhuddlan	Denbighshire	2,940	Vale of Clwyd
Rhyl East	Denbighshire	3,769	Vale of Clwyd
Rhyl South	Denbighshire	3,035	Vale of Clwyd
Rhyl South East	Denbighshire	5,972	Vale of Clwyd
Rhyl South West	Denbighshire	3,722	Vale of Clwyd
Rhyl West	Denbighshire	3,481	Vale of Clwyd
St. Asaph East	Denbighshire	1,376	Vale of Clwyd
St. Asaph West	Denbighshire	1,318	Vale of Clwyd
The Communities of Cwm, Tremeirchion and Waen (Tremeirchion)	Denbighshire	1,039	Vale of Clwyd
Bagillt East	Flintshire	1,444	Delyn
Bagillt West	Flintshire	1,610	Delyn
Brynford	Flintshire	1,766	Delyn
Caerwys	Flintshire	2,043	Delyn
Cilcain	Flintshire	1,559	Delyn
Ffynnongroyw	Flintshire	1,495	Delyn
Flint Castle	Flintshire	1,570	Delyn
Flint Coleshill	Flintshire	3,034	Delyn
Flint Oakenholt	Flintshire	2,101	Delyn
Flint Trelawny	Flintshire	2,767	Delyn
Greenfield	Flintshire	2,088	Delyn
Gronant	Flintshire	1,241	Delyn
Gwernaffield	Flintshire	1,600	Delyn
Halkyn	Flintshire	1,417	Delyn
Holywell Central	Flintshire	1,423	Delyn
Holywell East	Flintshire	1,392	Delyn
Holywell West	Flintshire	1,785	Delyn
Mostyn	Flintshire	1,440	Delyn
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor	Flintshire	1,486	Delyn
Whitford	Flintshire	1,862	Delyn

**Gower and Swansea West CC – 74,515 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Bishopston	Swansea	2,758	Gower
Fairwood	Swansea	2,319	Gower
Gower	Swansea	3,039	Gower
Gowerton	Swansea	4,063	Gower
Newton	Swansea	2,831	Gower
Oystermouth	Swansea	3,407	Gower
Penclawdd	Swansea	3,024	Gower
Pennard	Swansea	2,247	Gower
West Cross	Swansea	5,312	Gower
Cockett	Swansea	10,435	Swansea West
Dunvant	Swansea	3,607	Swansea West
Killay North	Swansea	3,317	Swansea West
Killay South	Swansea	1,963	Swansea West
Mayals	Swansea	2,199	Swansea West
Sketty	Swansea	11,976	Swansea West
Uplands	Swansea	12,018	Swansea West

**Gwynedd CC – 73,980 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Betws-y-Coed	Conwy	985	Aberconwy
Crwst	Conwy	1,623	Aberconwy
Eglwysbach	Conwy	1,206	Aberconwy
Gower	Conwy	908	Aberconwy
Trefriw	Conwy	1,035	Aberconwy
Uwch Conwy	Conwy	1,294	Aberconwy
Bethel	Gwynedd	1,025	Arfon
Bontnewydd	Gwynedd	856	Arfon
Cadnant	Gwynedd	1,437	Arfon
Cwm-y-Glo	Gwynedd	723	Arfon
Deiniolen	Gwynedd	1,204	Arfon
Groeslon	Gwynedd	1,297	Arfon
Llanberis	Gwynedd	1,474	Arfon
Llanllyfni	Gwynedd	851	Arfon
Llanrug	Gwynedd	1,308	Arfon
Llanwnda	Gwynedd	1,469	Arfon
Menai (Caernarfon)	Gwynedd	1,798	Arfon
Peblig (Caernarfon)	Gwynedd	1,445	Arfon
Penisarwaun	Gwynedd	1,287	Arfon
Penygroes	Gwynedd	1,284	Arfon
Seiont	Gwynedd	2,158	Arfon
Talysarn	Gwynedd	1,294	Arfon
Waunfawr	Gwynedd	1,223	Arfon
Aberdaron	Gwynedd	737	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Aberdovey	Gwynedd	1,007	Dwyfor Meirionnydd

Abererch	Gwynedd	1,013	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Abermaw	Gwynedd	1,664	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Abersoch	Gwynedd	548	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Bala	Gwynedd	1,378	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Botwnnog	Gwynedd	704	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Bowydd and Rhiw	Gwynedd	1,246	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Brithdir & Llanfachreth / Ganllwyd / Llanelltyd	Gwynedd	1,101	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Bryn-crug / Llanfihangel	Gwynedd	765	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Clynnog	Gwynedd	739	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Corris/Mawddwy	Gwynedd	951	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Criccieth	Gwynedd	1,371	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Diffwys and Maenofferen	Gwynedd	768	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Dolbenmaen	Gwynedd	932	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Dolgellau North	Gwynedd	912	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Dolgellau South	Gwynedd	1,089	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Dyffryn Ardudwy	Gwynedd	1,205	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Efail-newydd/Buan	Gwynedd	1,022	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Harlech	Gwynedd	1,488	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llanaelhaearn	Gwynedd	1,184	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llanbedr	Gwynedd	803	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llanbedrog	Gwynedd	786	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llandderfel	Gwynedd	1,147	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llanengan	Gwynedd	824	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llangelynin	Gwynedd	1,591	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llanuwchllyn	Gwynedd	717	Dwyfor Meirionnydd



Llanystumdwy	Gwynedd	1,503	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Morfa Nefyn	Gwynedd	929	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Nefyn	Gwynedd	970	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Penrhyndeudraeth	Gwynedd	1,807	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Porthmadog East	Gwynedd	1,135	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Porthmadog West	Gwynedd	1,372	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Porthmadog-Tremadog	Gwynedd	940	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Pwllheli North	Gwynedd	1,459	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Pwllheli South	Gwynedd	1,308	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Teigl	Gwynedd	1,379	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Trawsfynydd	Gwynedd	1,123	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Tudweiliog	Gwynedd	680	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Tywyn	Gwynedd	2,499	Dwyfor Meirionnydd

**Llanelli CC – 78,147 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Bigyn	Carmarthenshire	4,672	Llanelli
Burry Port	Carmarthenshire	3,302	Llanelli
Bynea	Carmarthenshire	2,810	Llanelli
Dafen	Carmarthenshire	2,508	Llanelli
Elli	Carmarthenshire	2,283	Llanelli
Felinfoel	Carmarthenshire	1,391	Llanelli
Glanymor	Carmarthenshire	3,723	Llanelli
Glyn	Carmarthenshire	1,635	Llanelli
Hendy	Carmarthenshire	2,442	Llanelli
Hengoed	Carmarthenshire	2,858	Llanelli
Kidwelly	Carmarthenshire	2,584	Llanelli
Llangennech	Carmarthenshire	3,706	Llanelli
Llannon	Carmarthenshire	3,877	Llanelli
Lliedi	Carmarthenshire	3,798	Llanelli
Llwynhendy	Carmarthenshire	3,095	Llanelli
Pembrey	Carmarthenshire	3,254	Llanelli
Pontyberem	Carmarthenshire	2,127	Llanelli
Swiss Valley	Carmarthenshire	2,089	Llanelli
Trimsaran	Carmarthenshire	1,931	Llanelli
Tycoes	Carmarthenshire	1,833	Llanelli

Tyisha	Carmarthenshire	2,529	Llanelli
Gorseinon	Swansea	3,199	Gower
Penyrheol	Swansea	4,435	Gower
Pontardulais	Swansea	4,776	Gower
Kingsbridge	Swansea	3,275	Gower
Lower Loughor	Swansea	1,821	Gower
Upper Loughor	Swansea	2,194	Gower

**Merthyr Tydfil and Lower Cynon CC – 77,674 electors (RCT – Rhondda Cynon Taf)**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Bargoed	Caerphilly	4,331	Caerphilly
Gilfach	Caerphilly	1,525	Caerphilly
Aberbargoed	Caerphilly	2,509	Islwyn
Darran Valley	Caerphilly	1,808	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Moriah	Caerphilly	3,164	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
New Tredegar	Caerphilly	3,361	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Pontlottyn	Caerphilly	1,410	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Twyn Carno	Caerphilly	1,670	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Bedlinog	Merthyr Tydfil	2,547	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Cyfartha	Merthyr Tydfil	5,065	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Dowlais	Merthyr Tydfil	5,041	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Gurnos	Merthyr Tydfil	3,386	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Merthyr Vale	Merthyr Tydfil	2,830	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Park	Merthyr Tydfil	3,289	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Penydarren	Merthyr Tydfil	3,780	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Plymouth	Merthyr Tydfil	3,991	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Town	Merthyr Tydfil	5,700	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Treharris	Merthyr Tydfil	4,928	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Vaynor	Merthyr Tydfil	2,787	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Abercynon	RCT	4,740	Cynon Valley
Mountain Ash East	RCT	2,206	Cynon Valley
Mountain Ash West	RCT	3,159	Cynon Valley
Penrhiwceiber	RCT	4,447	Cynon Valley

**Monmouthshire CC – 73,862 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Caerwent	Monmouthshire	1,434	Monmouth
Cantref	Monmouthshire	1,693	Monmouth
Castle	Monmouthshire	1,616	Monmouth
Croesonen	Monmouthshire	1,635	Monmouth
Crucorney	Monmouthshire	1,702	Monmouth
Devauden	Monmouthshire	1,175	Monmouth
Dixton with Osbaston	Monmouthshire	1,875	Monmouth
Drybridge	Monmouthshire	2,535	Monmouth
Goetre Fawr	Monmouthshire	1,862	Monmouth
Grofield	Monmouthshire	1,382	Monmouth
Lansdown	Monmouthshire	1,711	Monmouth
Larkfield	Monmouthshire	1,532	Monmouth
Llanbadoc	Monmouthshire	1,038	Monmouth
Llanelly Hill	Monmouthshire	3,157	Monmouth
Llanfoist Fawr	Monmouthshire	1,409	Monmouth
Llangybi Fawr	Monmouthshire	1,483	Monmouth
Llanover	Monmouthshire	1,841	Monmouth
Llantilio Crosenny	Monmouthshire	1,414	Monmouth
Llanwenarth Ultra	Monmouthshire	1,126	Monmouth
Mardy	Monmouthshire	1,414	Monmouth
Mitchel Troy	Monmouthshire	977	Monmouth
Overmonnow	Monmouthshire	1,779	Monmouth
Portskewett	Monmouthshire	1,702	Monmouth
Priory	Monmouthshire	1,508	Monmouth
Raglan	Monmouthshire	1,552	Monmouth
Shirenewton	Monmouthshire	1,778	Monmouth
St. Arvans	Monmouthshire	1,260	Monmouth
St. Christopher's	Monmouthshire	1,872	Monmouth
St. Kingsmark	Monmouthshire	2,275	Monmouth
St. Mary's	Monmouthshire	1,449	Monmouth
Thornwell	Monmouthshire	2,038	Monmouth
Trellech United	Monmouthshire	2,155	Monmouth
Usk	Monmouthshire	1,943	Monmouth
Wyesham	Monmouthshire	1,673	Monmouth
Caldicot Castle	Monmouthshire	1,536	Newport East
Dewstow	Monmouthshire	1,485	Newport East
Green Lane	Monmouthshire	1,523	Newport East
Mill	Monmouthshire	2,180	Newport East
Rogiet	Monmouthshire	1,335	Newport East
Severn	Monmouthshire	1,395	Newport East
The Elms	Monmouthshire	2,435	Newport East
West End	Monmouthshire	1,536	Newport East
Langstone	Newport	3,442	Newport East

**Neath and the Swansea Valley CC – 76,747 electors (NPT – Neath Port Talbot)**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Coedffranc Central	NPT	3,006	Aberavon
Coedffranc North	NPT	1,835	Aberavon
Coedffranc West	NPT	2,047	Aberavon
Aberdulais	NPT	1,745	Neath
Allt-wen	NPT	1,838	Neath
Blaengwrach	NPT	1,567	Neath
Bryn-coch North	NPT	1,874	Neath
Bryn-coch South	NPT	4,529	Neath
Cadoxton	NPT	1,375	Neath
Cimla	NPT	3,259	Neath
Crynant	NPT	1,569	Neath
Cwmllynfell	NPT	938	Neath
Dyffryn	NPT	2,534	Neath
Glynneath	NPT	2,683	Neath
Godre'r graig	NPT	1,246	Neath
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen	NPT	2,284	Neath
Lower Brynamman	NPT	1,059	Neath
Neath East	NPT	4,886	Neath
Neath North	NPT	3,080	Neath
Neath South	NPT	3,649	Neath
Onllwyn	NPT	963	Neath
Pelenna	NPT	934	Neath
Pontardawe	NPT	4,135	Neath
Resolven	NPT	2,480	Neath
Rhos	NPT	2,022	Neath
Seven Sisters	NPT	1,634	Neath
Tonna	NPT	1,909	Neath
Trebanos	NPT	1,101	Neath
Ystalyfera	NPT	2,325	Neath
Clydach	Swansea	5,850	Gower
Mawr	Swansea	1,485	Gower
The Community of Birchgrove (Llansamlet)	Swansea	4,906	Swansea East

**Newport BC – 73,539 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Always	Newport	5,664	Newport East
Beechwood	Newport	5,601	Newport East
Liswerry	Newport	7,671	Newport East
Llanwern	Newport	2,264	Newport East
Ringland	Newport	6,160	Newport East
St. Julians	Newport	6,144	Newport East
Victoria	Newport	4,455	Newport East
Allt-yr-yn	Newport	6,555	Newport West
Bettws	Newport	5,452	Newport West
Gaer	Newport	6,304	Newport West

Malpas	Newport	6,041	Newport West
Pillgwenlly	Newport	4,382	Newport West
Shaftesbury	Newport	3,767	Newport West
Stow Hill	Newport	3,079	Newport West

**Pontypridd CC – 77,283 electors (RCT – Rhondda Cynon Taf)**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Cilfynydd	RCT	2,116	Cynon Valley
Glyncoch	RCT	2,119	Cynon Valley
Ynysybwl	RCT	3,540	Cynon Valley
Brynna	RCT	2,956	Ogmore
Gilfach Goch	RCT	2,499	Ogmore
Llanharan	RCT	2,503	Ogmore
Llanharry	RCT	2,689	Ogmore
Beddau	RCT	3,208	Pontypridd
Church Village	RCT	3,530	Pontypridd
Graig	RCT	1,757	Pontypridd
Hawthorn	RCT	2,797	Pontypridd
Llantrisant Town	RCT	3,770	Pontypridd
Llantwit Fardre	RCT	4,738	Pontypridd
Pontypridd Town	RCT	2,252	Pontypridd
Rhondda	RCT	3,598	Pontypridd
Rhydfelen Central/Ilan	RCT	3,199	Pontypridd
Taffs Well	RCT	2,818	Pontypridd
Talbot Green	RCT	2,029	Pontypridd
Ton-teg	RCT	3,383	Pontypridd
Tonyrefail East	RCT	4,429	Pontypridd
Tonyrefail West	RCT	4,641	Pontypridd
Trallwng	RCT	2,842	Pontypridd
Treforest	RCT	3,066	Pontypridd
Tyn-y-nant	RCT	2,567	Pontypridd
Cymmer	RCT	4,237	Rhondda

**Rhondda and Aberdare CC – 78,417 electors (RCT – Rhondda Cynon Taf)**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Aberaman North	RCT	3,873	Cynon Valley
Aberaman South	RCT	3,476	Cynon Valley
Aberdare East	RCT	5,236	Cynon Valley
Aberdare West/Llwydcoed	RCT	7,324	Cynon Valley
Cwmbach	RCT	3,268	Cynon Valley
Hirwaun	RCT	3,176	Cynon Valley
Pen-y-waun	RCT	2,122	Cynon Valley
Rhigos	RCT	1,414	Cynon Valley
Cwm Clydach	RCT	2,198	Rhondda
Ferndale	RCT	3,228	Rhondda
Llwyn-y-pia	RCT	1,698	Rhondda
Maerdy	RCT	2,373	Rhondda
Pentre	RCT	3,989	Rhondda

Pen-y-graig	RCT	4,112	Rhondda
Porth	RCT	4,480	Rhondda
Tonypandy	RCT	2,727	Rhondda
Trealaw	RCT	2,936	Rhondda
Treherbert	RCT	4,477	Rhondda
Treorchy	RCT	6,032	Rhondda
Tylorstown	RCT	3,327	Rhondda
Ynyshir	RCT	2,478	Rhondda
Ystrad	RCT	4,473	Rhondda

**South Pembrokeshire CC – 78,447 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Amroth	Pembrokeshire	995	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Carew	Pembrokeshire	1,193	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
East Williamston	Pembrokeshire	1,888	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Hundleton	Pembrokeshire	1,464	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Kilgetty/Begelly	Pembrokeshire	1,748	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Lampeter Velfrey	Pembrokeshire	1,292	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Lamphey	Pembrokeshire	1,350	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Manorbier	Pembrokeshire	1,608	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Martletwy	Pembrokeshire	1,104	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Narberth	Pembrokeshire	1,546	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Narberth Rural	Pembrokeshire	1,237	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke Dock: Central	Pembrokeshire	1,087	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire

Pembroke Dock: Llanion	Pembrokeshire	2,039	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke Dock: Market	Pembrokeshire	1,263	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke Dock: Pennar	Pembrokeshire	2,387	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke: Monkton	Pembrokeshire	1,076	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke: St. Mary North	Pembrokeshire	1,410	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke: St. Mary South	Pembrokeshire	1,034	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke: St. Michael	Pembrokeshire	1,999	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Penally	Pembrokeshire	1,289	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Saundersfoot	Pembrokeshire	2,065	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Tenby: North	Pembrokeshire	1,659	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Tenby: South	Pembrokeshire	1,802	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Burton	Pembrokeshire	1,448	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Camrose	Pembrokeshire	2,081	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Haverfordwest: Castle	Pembrokeshire	1,620	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Haverfordwest: Garth	Pembrokeshire	1,737	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Haverfordwest: Portfield	Pembrokeshire	1,723	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Haverfordwest: Prendergast	Pembrokeshire	1,315	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Haverfordwest: Priory	Pembrokeshire	1,935	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Johnston	Pembrokeshire	1,911	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Letterston	Pembrokeshire	1,741	Preseli Pembrokeshire

Llangwm	Pembrokeshire	1,746	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Llanrhian	Pembrokeshire	1,228	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Maenclochog	Pembrokeshire	2,408	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Merlin's Bridge	Pembrokeshire	1,611	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Milford: Central	Pembrokeshire	1,499	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Milford: East	Pembrokeshire	1,501	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Milford: Hakin	Pembrokeshire	1,813	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Milford: Hubberston	Pembrokeshire	1,804	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Milford: North	Pembrokeshire	1,979	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Milford: West	Pembrokeshire	1,622	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Neyland: East	Pembrokeshire	1,801	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Neyland: West	Pembrokeshire	1,643	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Rudbaxton	Pembrokeshire	1,359	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Solva	Pembrokeshire	1,155	Preseli Pembrokeshire
St. David's	Pembrokeshire	1,503	Preseli Pembrokeshire
St. Ishmael's	Pembrokeshire	1,127	Preseli Pembrokeshire
The Havens	Pembrokeshire	1,143	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Wiston	Pembrokeshire	1,459	Preseli Pembrokeshire

**Swansea East BC – 78,398 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Llangyfelach	Swansea	3,865	Gower
Penllergaer	Swansea	2,248	Gower
Bonymaen	Swansea	5,122	Swansea East
Cwmbwrla	Swansea	6,095	Swansea East
Landore	Swansea	4,599	Swansea East
Morrison	Swansea	13,160	Swansea East
Mynyddbach	Swansea	7,085	Swansea East
Penderry	Swansea	8,360	Swansea East
St. Thomas	Swansea	5,233	Swansea East
The Community of Llansamlet	Swansea	5,994	Swansea East



(Llansamlet)			
Castle	Swansea	10,554	Swansea West
Townhill	Swansea	6,083	Swansea West

**The Vale of Glamorgan CC – 74,728 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Sully	The Vale of Glamorgan	3,561	Cardiff South and Penarth
Baruc	The Vale of Glamorgan	4,815	Vale of Glamorgan
Buttrills	The Vale of Glamorgan	4,164	Vale of Glamorgan
Cadoc	The Vale of Glamorgan	7,022	Vale of Glamorgan
Castleland	The Vale of Glamorgan	3,033	Vale of Glamorgan
Court	The Vale of Glamorgan	3,198	Vale of Glamorgan
Cowbridge	The Vale of Glamorgan	5,126	Vale of Glamorgan
Dinas Powys	The Vale of Glamorgan	6,144	Vale of Glamorgan
Dyfan	The Vale of Glamorgan	3,877	Vale of Glamorgan
Gibbonsdown	The Vale of Glamorgan	3,878	Vale of Glamorgan
Illtyd	The Vale of Glamorgan	6,146	Vale of Glamorgan
Llandow/Ewenny	The Vale of Glamorgan	2,115	Vale of Glamorgan
Llantwit Major	The Vale of Glamorgan	7,910	Vale of Glamorgan
Peterston-super-Ely	The Vale of Glamorgan	1,779	Vale of Glamorgan
Rhose	The Vale of Glamorgan	5,107	Vale of Glamorgan
St. Athan	The Vale of Glamorgan	2,434	Vale of Glamorgan
St. Bride's Major	The Vale of Glamorgan	2,213	Vale of Glamorgan
Wenvoe	The Vale of Glamorgan	2,206	Vale of Glamorgan

**Torfaen CC – 76,639 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Caerleon	Newport	6,889	Newport West
Croesyceiliog North	Torfaen	2,762	Monmouth
Croesyceiliog South	Torfaen	1,487	Monmouth

Llanyrafon North	Torfaen	1,621	Monmouth
Llanyrafon South	Torfaen	2,236	Monmouth
Abersychan	Torfaen	5,286	Torfaen
Blaenavon	Torfaen	4,479	Torfaen
Brynwern	Torfaen	1,368	Torfaen
Coed Eva	Torfaen	1,695	Torfaen
Cwmyniscoy	Torfaen	1,064	Torfaen
Fairwater	Torfaen	4,051	Torfaen
Greenmeadow	Torfaen	2,925	Torfaen
Llantarnam	Torfaen	4,088	Torfaen
New Inn	Torfaen	4,881	Torfaen
Panteg	Torfaen	5,663	Torfaen
Pontnewydd	Torfaen	4,818	Torfaen
Pontnewynydd	Torfaen	1,163	Torfaen
Pontypool	Torfaen	1,449	Torfaen
Snatchwood	Torfaen	1,581	Torfaen
St. Cadocs and Penygarn	Torfaen	1,129	Torfaen
St. Dials	Torfaen	2,777	Torfaen
Trevethin	Torfaen	2,518	Torfaen
Two Locks	Torfaen	4,729	Torfaen
Upper Cwmbran	Torfaen	4,077	Torfaen
Wainfelin	Torfaen	1,903	Torfaen

**Wrexham CC – 75,154 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Bronington	Wrexham	2,495	Clwyd South
Brymbo	Wrexham	2,951	Clwyd South
Bryn Cefn	Wrexham	1,562	Clwyd South
Coedpoeth	Wrexham	3,602	Clwyd South
Esclusham	Wrexham	2,026	Clwyd South
Gwenfro	Wrexham	1,221	Clwyd South
Marchwiell	Wrexham	1,860	Clwyd South
Minera	Wrexham	1,939	Clwyd South
New Broughton	Wrexham	2,704	Clwyd South
Overton	Wrexham	2,534	Clwyd South
The Aberoer and Pentrebychan wards of the Community of Esclusham (Ponciau)	Wrexham	591	Clwyd South
Acton	Wrexham	2,314	Wrexham
Borras Park	Wrexham	1,965	Wrexham
Brynyffynnon	Wrexham	2,387	Wrexham
Cartrefle	Wrexham	1,679	Wrexham
Erddig	Wrexham	1,590	Wrexham
Garden Village	Wrexham	1,635	Wrexham
Gresford East and West	Wrexham	2,243	Wrexham
Grosvenor	Wrexham	1,934	Wrexham
Gwersyllt East and South	Wrexham	3,565	Wrexham
Gwersyllt North	Wrexham	2,032	Wrexham
Gwersyllt West	Wrexham	2,304	Wrexham

Hermitage	Wrexham	1,545	Wrexham
Holt	Wrexham	2,521	Wrexham
Little Acton	Wrexham	1,837	Wrexham
Llay	Wrexham	3,646	Wrexham
Maesydre	Wrexham	1,506	Wrexham
Marford and Hosely	Wrexham	1,839	Wrexham
Offa	Wrexham	1,627	Wrexham
Queensway	Wrexham	1,563	Wrexham
Rhosnesni	Wrexham	2,923	Wrexham
Rossett	Wrexham	2,535	Wrexham
Smithfield	Wrexham	1,567	Wrexham
Stansty	Wrexham	1,696	Wrexham
Whitegate	Wrexham	1,834	Wrexham
Wynnstay	Wrexham	1,382	Wrexham

**Ynys Môn a Bangor CC – 74,376 electors**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Unitary Authority</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Existing Constituency</b>
Bryn	Conwy	1,347	Aberconwy
Capelulo	Conwy	1,238	Aberconwy
Pandy	Conwy	1,492	Aberconwy
Pant-yr-afon/Penmaenan	Conwy	2,201	Aberconwy
Arllechwedd	Gwynedd	993	Arfon
Deiniol	Gwynedd	569	Arfon
Dewi	Gwynedd	1,229	Arfon
Garth	Gwynedd	702	Arfon
Gerlan	Gwynedd	1,592	Arfon
Glyder	Gwynedd	1,288	Arfon
Hendre	Gwynedd	904	Arfon
Hirael	Gwynedd	921	Arfon
Marchog	Gwynedd	1,442	Arfon
Menai (Bangor)	Gwynedd	2,483	Arfon
Ogwen	Gwynedd	1,605	Arfon
Pentir	Gwynedd	1,678	Arfon
Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygái	Gwynedd	1,596	Arfon
Y Felinheli	Gwynedd	1,572	Arfon
Aberffraw	Isle of Anglesey	1,079	Ynys Môn
Amlwch Port	Isle of Anglesey	1,643	Ynys Môn
Amlwch Rural	Isle of Anglesey	923	Ynys Môn
Beaumaris	Isle of Anglesey	1,365	Ynys Môn
Bodffordd	Isle of Anglesey	1,180	Ynys Môn
Bodorgan	Isle of Anglesey	1,268	Ynys Môn
Braint	Isle of Anglesey	1,139	Ynys Môn
Bryngwran	Isle of Anglesey	1,290	Ynys Môn
Brynteg	Isle of Anglesey	1,513	Ynys Môn
Cadnant	Isle of Anglesey	825	Ynys Môn
Cefni	Isle of Anglesey	1,145	Ynys Môn
Cwm Cadnant	Isle of Anglesey	1,693	Ynys Môn
Cyngar	Isle of Anglesey	1,471	Ynys Môn
Gwyngyll	Isle of Anglesey	1,258	Ynys Môn

Holyhead Town	Isle of Anglesey	651	Ynys Môn
Kingsland	Isle of Anglesey	972	Ynys Môn
Llanbadrig	Isle of Anglesey	992	Ynys Môn
Llanbedrgoch	Isle of Anglesey	1,148	Ynys Môn
Llanddyfnan	Isle of Anglesey	1,027	Ynys Môn
Llaneilian	Isle of Anglesey	1,739	Ynys Môn
Llanfaethlu	Isle of Anglesey	1,220	Ynys Môn
Llanfair-yn-Neubwll	Isle of Anglesey	1,717	Ynys Môn
Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog	Isle of Anglesey	1,470	Ynys Môn
Llangoed	Isle of Anglesey	990	Ynys Môn
Llanidan	Isle of Anglesey	1,337	Ynys Môn
Llannerch-y-medd	Isle of Anglesey	1,376	Ynys Môn
London Road	Isle of Anglesey	913	Ynys Môn
Maeshyfryd	Isle of Anglesey	1,397	Ynys Môn
Mechell	Isle of Anglesey	1,150	Ynys Môn
Moelfre	Isle of Anglesey	778	Ynys Môn
Morawelon	Isle of Anglesey	917	Ynys Môn
Parc a'r Mynydd	Isle of Anglesey	902	Ynys Môn
Pentraeth	Isle of Anglesey	1,422	Ynys Môn
Porthyfelin	Isle of Anglesey	1,465	Ynys Môn
Rhosneigr	Isle of Anglesey	702	Ynys Môn
Rhosyr	Isle of Anglesey	1,645	Ynys Môn
Trearddur	Isle of Anglesey	1,712	Ynys Môn
Tudur	Isle of Anglesey	885	Ynys Môn
Tysilio	Isle of Anglesey	1,474	Ynys Môn
Valley	Isle of Anglesey	1,731	Ynys Môn

## Appendix B: List of Written Representations

### Initial Consultation Period

Reference	Name (as given)
Multiple	Powys Montgomery Federation of Women's Institutes
Multiple	Maenclochog Residents
0001	Simon Hughes
0002	Clive Stanley-Williams
0003	David Powell
0009	Jake Roberts Hughes
0010	Michael Ritchie
0011	Luke Nicholas
0012	James Dyer
0013	Graham Davies
0014	Kenneth Tucker
0015	Ted Wolfenden
0016	Dr Graham Pointer
0017	N S
0018	Elin Hywel
0019	Helen Price
0020	Stuart Edwards
0021	David Lewis
0022	Tim Fairhead
0023	David Barnes
0024	Jack Lewis
0025	James Warner
0026	Dai Llewellyn
0027	Morgan Scudder
0028	Gareth Lewis
0029	Ireen Williams
0030	Ms Veronica Mary Jones
0031	Ireen and Alan Williams
0032	Dr Mary Hopkins
0033	Mr Jeff Owen
0034	Mr & Mrs B Evans
0035	DGL
0036	Mrs Lesley Richards
0037	Hamish Cormie
0038	Mr Michael Murphy
0039	Anonymous
0040	Mr Arthur James
0041	Mr Tim Price
0042	Mr David T C Davies MP

0043	T O Williams
0044	Ceri Morgan
0045	Mr Godfrey D Northam
0046	Mr Richard Vale
0047	Mr Gavin Harper
0048	Mr Martin Rees
0049	Toby
0050	Mr Martin Schaum
0051	Mr Martin Schaum
0052	Mr Alan Davies
0053	Sir Henry Boyd-Carpenter and Lady Boyd-Carpenter
0054	Mr Michael Murphy
0055	Mr Paul Murphy
0056	Mr Nicklaus Thomas-Symonds
0057	Mr Philip Rees
0058	Mr Clive James
0059	Mr Denbeigh Vaughan
0060	Mrs Pat Dryden, Llanwrtyd Town Council
0061	Mr C W Davies
0062	Dr J C Madoc-Jones
0065	Mr Arron Bevan-John
0066	Mr Huw Thomas
0071	Ms Janice Harris
0072	Jill Bonetto
0073	The Monmouthshire Association
0074	John Britton
0081	David Jones MP
0082	Rt Hon Peter Hain MP
0083	Liam Pennington
0086	Gordon Gibson
0087	Lynne Neagle AM
0088	Chris Titchener
0089	Clive Stanley-Williams
0091	J W Morgan
0093	H Lloyd Davies
0094	Anonymous
0095	Paul V Drake
0096	Preseli Pembrokeshire Conservative Association
0097	Mr R W Hughes
0098	Dereck J Roberts C.Eng, MIMMM, BSc Hons

0099	David Hibbert
0100	Wayne David MP
0101	Mrs C Rees
0102	Kelvin Eason
0103	Cllr Andrew Morgan
0105	Rowland Lanchbury, Cilybebyll Community Council
0106	Cllr Sian Elisabeth Thomas MA M.Ed
0111	Dick Wishart
0112	Eileen Taylor
0113	Mrs S Watkins
0114	Cllr Angela C Jones
0115	Sally Williams
0116	Mr & Mrs Fairweather
0117	Mrs Gaenor James
0118	Jennifer M Davies
0119	Mr Neil J Davies
0120	P H G Holbrook
0121	J L Jenkins
0123	Mr C W Edwards
0124	Nick Smith MP
0125	Mrs Heather Sweeney
0126	Mr Robert Stroud
0127	Mrs Jean Davies
0128	Mr P & Mrs J Wilson
0129	Mr Roger Inglis
0130	Mr Marcus Rose
0134	K C Gordon
0137	Dr Kay Swinburne
0138	Mr Nigel Price
0139	Mr M H & Mrs J Twigg
0140	Mr Clive Bett
0142	Mr R Adams
0143	Mrs C Adams
0149	Mr Geithin Williams, Pontypridd Town Council
0150	Mrs M Hewitt, Clerk, Forden with Leighton and Trelystan Community Council
0151	Mr Charles Woodings
0153	Mr John Bellis
0154	Mr & Mrs B Chick
0155	Mr S & Mrs C Whiles
0156	Cllr Sarah Sharpe
0157	Cllr Bryan Grew, Mold Town Council
0158	Mr Carl Barker, Rhayader Town Council

0159	Steven Sandrey
0160	Ms Frances Holland, Llangedwyn Community Council
0161	Mr Derek Gough
0162	Alex Bird
0163	Ms Fiona Gordon
0164	Mrs Jane Solman
0165	Mr Michael Williams
0166	Youth Council, Welshpool, Welshpool Town Council
0168	Mrs Yvonne Charker, Llangunllo Community Council
0173	M M Grainger
0179	Mr D E James
0180	Lord Aberdare
0181	Mr Edwin Mountjoy
0182	Mr D R Mason
0183	Ms Lynne Lewis
0184	Mr Paul Griffiths
0185	Geraint Davies MP
0186	Mrs Christine Williams
0187	Mr Andrew Bailey
0188	Mrs Patricia Evans
0191	Mrs Judith Rist
0192	Mr A W Davies, Lluchwr Town Council
0193	Mr Martin Prismick
0199	Dr Helen Green
0200	Kenneth Powell
0202	Paul Huntley
0203	Mr Terry C Hembrow
0204	Lesley Walton
0205	Professor John Last CBE
0206	Mr & Mrs Ivan K Davies
0207	Stuart & Gaynor Preece
0208	Mr & Mrs Blake
0209	Mrs E Evans
0210	Ms Joan Hudson
0211	Councillor Charles Ferris
0212	Dr Geoff Mortimer
0213	Mr David Rowlands
0214	Miss Lucy Mumford
0227	Mr S G Beynon
0228	Ms Margaret Griffiths
0233	Ms Elena Evans
0234	Mr David H Mawdley
0236	Mrs W Beynon
0238	Ms Dianne Crecraft,

	Llanfechain Council
0239	Mrs Carol Piper
0240	Councillor David Walker
0241	Owen Smith MP
0245	Mr A and Mrs D Deyna-Jones
0247	W J Lewis
0248	B J Lewis
0249	G Roberts, Bagillt Community Council
0252	Mr Geoff Lewis
0253	Mr Russell George AM
0254	Mr John B Jones, Llanddeiniolen Community Council
0255	Mr Ifor Gwyn Thomas
0262	Ms Patricia Anne Parker
0266	Anonymous
0268	Mrs Lesley Wilsher
0269	J A Rowlands MBE
0270	Mr Dick Williams
0271	Mr Huw G Evans
0279	Mr R & Mrs C Watson
0280	Mr Steven Graham
0281	Professor J Beverley Smith
0282	Conservative Party Response 1
0286	Mr E G L Moore
0287	Ms Lynne Hamlin
0288	M W Burke, Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council
0289	Tegwen Jones
0315	Mrs D Williams
0316	D Jenkins, Llangyfelach Community Council
0317	Mrs Bronwen Roberts
0322	Cllr Michael Williams
0323	Stephen Crabb MP
0324	Mrs C E Davies, Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council
0326	Mr Gregory Pace
0327	Mr Gregory Pace
0328	Mrs A O'Driscoll
0329	Anonymous
0346	Mr Mike Edwards
0347	Ms Elly Foster
0352	Mr Anthony Figgins
0354	Mr D L Davies, M.A

0355	Mr G Evans
0356	Jonathan Evans MP
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0359	Mrs Einir Shepherd, Llanfairfechan Town Council
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0367	Mr Richard G Waters
0368	Mr Andrew Elias
0369	Mr G P Thomas
0370	Mr Robert Matthews
0371	County Councillor Susan McNicholas, Powys County Council
0372	County Councillor Mike Hodges, Powys County Council
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0377	Mr C W Jones, Gwynedd County Council
0378	County Councillor Rachel Davies, Powys County Council
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0381	Mrs Celia Thomas
0383	Mrs Dorothy Williams, Guilsfield Community Council
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0385	Kevin Brennan MP
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0406	Ms Ruth Stafford
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0417	Mr T Jones
0418	Councillor Sian Gwenllian, Gwynedd Council
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0420	Mr David Howlett
0422	Mr Philip Graham, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
0423	Ms Tracey Lee, Newport City Council
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0428	Mark Williams MP
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0430	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
0431	Ifor Glyn, Capel Curig Community Council
0432	Wynne Barton, Y Felinheli Community Council
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0434	Miss Rachel Evans
0435	Mr David Lloyd Evans
0436	Mrs M E Richards

0437	G N I Jones, Flint Town Council
0438	William Graham JP AM
0439	David Leslie Davies MA
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0464	Ms Janet Lewis
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0467	Cllr Simon Pickard
0468	Ms Sue George, Llangurig Community Council
0469	Ms Maria James, Vale of Grwyney Community Council
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0471	Cllr Eudine Hanagan
0472	Cllr Russell Roberts
0473	Mr Owain Llyr ap Gareth



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0485	Jenny Rathbone AM
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0517	Kathryn Silk

0518	Roger Williams MP
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0520	Ms Rebecca Webb, Llangammarch Community Council
0521	Councillor Judith Woodman
0522	Mrs S Patricia Jones

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579	Mr John R Lewis
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598	Mrs Pamela Hawkes
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600	Wayne David MP
601	Mrs D E Williams

602	Mrs Susan Anderson
603	Mr A Matthews and Mrs S Matthews
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605	Cllr Lyn Hudson
606	Gloria and Keith Simpson
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608	David Tovey
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612	Mr Jeremy Horgan
613	Mr David G Creffield
614	Mr J T Platts and Mrs S Platts
615	David Webb
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620	Mrs Audrey Jones
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635	Philippa Wallington
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641	Mrs B H Woodward
642	Mr Gregory Pace
643	A J Y Pace

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646	Kenneth J Douglas
647	Andy & Julie Williams
648	Mrs M Clarke
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654	Brian Williams
655	Kevin Brennan MP
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657	M A Hayley
658	Joyce Jones
659	David Melding AM
660	Mrs Dorothy Williams, Guilsfield Community Council
662	Mr Frederick Fox
663	Karen Jones
664	Ian Harrison
665	Roger & Diana O'Brien
666	Granville Tatham
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668	Paul Flynn MP
669	Serena Thomas, Gowerton Community Council
670	A R Fontes
671	Gerry Sweeney
672	Councillor Joyce Audus-Williams
673	Mr T Davies, Forden with Leighton & Trelystan Community Council
674	Mr C E Wheel and Mrs L Wheel
675	Christopher J Walsh
676	Carol Walsh
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678	Oliver W Owen
679	A E Partridge
680	Mrs J E Walters
681	Mrs G Davies
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683	Cllr Linda Tyler-Lloyd
684	Stephen Crabb MP
685	D Jenkins, Llangyfelach

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687	Councillor Rod Mc Kerlich
688	Dan Mills
689	Tom Brooks
690	Bernice A McLoughlin
691	Dinah Pye
692	Roger Cummins
693	John Reany
694	Lyndon Jones
695	Suzy Davies AM
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700	Mrs Debra Murphy
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703	James Thickitt
704	Councillor Graham Thomas
705	Jeremy Salisbury
706	Labour Party
707	Terry Pemberton
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709	Helen Armitage, Conwy Town Council
710	Lyndon Mably
711	Helen Kenrick
712	Merrill Jones
713	Elwyn Jones, Tywyn Town Council
714	Byron Davies AM
715	Conservative Party
716	David Rowe
717	Fred Boneham, Mold Town Council
718	John Lancaster
719	David Leslie Davies
720	Tim Rowlands
721	Councillor William Knightly
722	Rt Hon Alun Michael MP
723	Susan Rowe
724	Councillor Philip Capper
725	Cllr Mike Powell
726	Liberal Democrats
727	Elsie Bell
728	Ieuan Jones
729	Terence Davies

730	Councillor Jane Rogers
731	Jonathan Morgan
732	Mrs Wendy Owen, Rhosllannerchrugog

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## Appendix C: Assistant Commissioner Biographies

**Mr Gerard Elias QC** – Gerard Elias is a leading criminal QC with over 40 years legal experience who has been involved in many of the most important criminal cases on the Welsh Circuit in recent years. Mr Elias was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1984 and his practice since 1996 has largely been dominated by major public inquiries including the North Wales Child Abuse Inquiry, the Bloody Sunday Inquiry and the Baha Mousa Inquiry. He also has many years' experience in the field of professional discipline at a high profile UK level, particularly in sport. His appointments include: Deputy High Court Judge; Recorder and former Leader of the Wales and Chester Circuit; Chancellor, Diocese of Swansea and Brecon; Chairman of ECB's Cricket Discipline Commission; and Chairman of Sports Resolutions UK. Mr Elias has also been involved in previous Parliamentary boundary reviews in Wales as an Assistant Commissioner.

**Mr Clive Lewis QC** – Clive Lewis is a barrister and was appointed Queen's Counsel in October 2006. Much of his work involves acting for public bodies in Wales. He is a Deputy High Court Judge authorised to sit in the Administrative Court and is also a Recorder in the Crown Court on the Wales circuit.

**Mr Geraint Walters** – Geraint Walters was educated at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera and graduated in Law from the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, in 1980 when he was also elected as President of Aberystwyth Law Students. In 1981 Mr Walters was called to the Bar at Grays Inn and since 1981 has been engaged in private practice at the Bar in Swansea. Mr Walters was elected Junior of the Wales and Chester Circuit in 1988 and appointed a Crown Court Recorder in 2001.