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1 Introduction

- 1.1 On 4 March 2011 the Boundary Commission for Wales (the Commission) announced the 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 as amended by the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011. A summary of the relevant statutory framework and criteria, and of the Commission's general approach to the review, is to be found in Chapter 2 or in more detail in the Commission's information booklet, "*The 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Information Booklet*" (2011), which is available in English and Welsh from the Commission or on the Commission's web-site www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk.
- 1.2 The Commission published its initial proposals on 11 January 2012. The proposals proceeded on the basis of the new statutory criteria. It was emphasised, however, that the proposals were all provisional. The launch of the initial proposals 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. The Commission attached great importance to the opportunity to make representations to the Commission, whether in support of or objecting to the proposals.
- 1.3 In June 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 reviewed all of the representations that the Commission received during the first and second consultation period and produced a Report for the Commission.
- 1.4 The Commission is now publishing revised proposals for public consultation. These proposals take careful account of all representations made to the Commission during the first and second consultation periods, whilst adhering to the rules laid out in legislation.
- 1.5 The Commission has decided to publish revised proposals for the whole of Wales in a single document. The nature of the statutory framework and criteria meant that it has been necessary to conduct this review on an all-Wales basis.
- 1.6 Great importance is attached to the opportunity now given for all concerned to make representations to the Commission, whether in support of or objecting to the revised proposals. This will be the last opportunity for those with an interest to make their opinions known. Details of how to make representations are given later in this document (see Chapter 7).

- 1.7 Following the consultation period on these revised proposals, and prior to October 2013, the Commission will submit its final recommendations to the Government (as will the other United Kingdom Boundary Commissions). In order to give effect to the recommendations the Government must lay before Parliament an Order in Council, and the Order must be debated and approved (or rejected) by both Houses of Parliament. The Commission is aware of the speculation regarding the possible outcome of any vote in Parliament. However, the Commission is legally obliged to follow the Rules for the 2013 Review, as set out in the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011. If Parliament wishes otherwise, it must move to change the provisions of the 2011 Act. The Commission hopes that such speculation will not discourage individuals and organisations from engaging with this review.

2 Criteria for Reviewing Parliamentary Constituencies

Application of the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended)

2.1 The Commission has applied the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended (principally by the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011). These provisions are summarised in Chapter 3 of the Commission's Information Booklet and in Chapter 2 of the Commission's initial proposals report. These publications are both available on the Commission's website.

2.2 The key criteria in the review of parliamentary constituencies are:

- **Reduction in the number of constituencies:** The UK electoral quota and reduction in the number of UK constituencies from 650 to 600 will mean that the number of constituencies in Wales will be reduced from 40 to 30. The result will be a fundamental change to the existing pattern of constituencies in every part of Wales.
- **Statutory electorate range:** The Act as amended sets out in Schedule 2 the Rules for redistributing constituencies. Overriding these is Rule 2, which provides that – apart from four specified exceptions (none of which applies in Wales) – every constituency must have an electorate (as at the review date) that is no less than 95% and no more than 105% of the 'UK electoral quota' (UKEQ). The UKEQ for the 2013 Review is, to the nearest whole number, 76,641.¹ Accordingly, every constituency in Wales must have an electorate as at the review date that is no smaller than 72,810 and no larger than 80,473 (the statutory range).
- **Other statutory factors:** Rule 5 in Schedule 2 ("Rule 5") provides for a number of other factors that the Commission may take into account in establishing a new map of constituencies for the 2013 Review, specifically:
 1. special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency;
 2. local government boundaries as they existed on 6 May 2010 (see Information Booklet: Chapter 2 paragraph 2);
 3. boundaries of existing constituencies; and,
 4. any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies.²

¹ According to Rule 2(3) in Schedule 2 to the Act, the UK electoral quota is: 45,678,175 (the UK electorate as at the review date) divided by 596.

² A further factor – 'the inconveniences attendant on such changes' – is expressly excluded for the 2013 Review, but may be considered for subsequent reviews.

Interplay of the considerations

- 2.3 The policy of the Commission is to take into account all the factors listed in Rule 5 as far as possible, subject to the primacy of the statutory electorate range under Rule 2. The scale of the reduction of constituencies in Wales from 40 to 30 has sometimes made it particularly difficult to reflect the factors in Rule 5. Thus, for example, associations of long standing have, on occasion, had to be set to one side and some less than obvious associations have had to be made.
- 2.4 The Act does not require the Commission to seek to achieve constituency electorates that are 'as close as possible to' the UKEQ. Nor does the Commission consider it appropriate to superimpose on the statutory scheme a policy objective of trying to minimise divergence from the UKEQ. Such an objective would undermine the ability of the Commission properly to take into account the factors listed above. Therefore, by way of illustration, the Commission may prefer to identify a constituency that has, say, a 4% variance from the United Kingdom electoral quota, but which respects local ties, in preference to an alternative that produced a constituency with only a 1% variance, but which would split communities.
- 2.5 As far as possible, the Commission seeks to create constituencies:
- from electoral divisions that are adjacent to each other;
 - from whole communities; and,
 - that do not contain 'detached parts', i.e. where the only physical connection between one part of the constituency and the remainder would require travel through a different constituency.

Factors the Commission did not consider

Impact on future election results

- 2.6 The Commission is an independent and impartial body. It emphasises very strongly that existing voting patterns and the prospective fortunes of political parties do not enter its considerations.

New local government boundaries

- 2.7 The local government boundaries that the Commission may have regard to are – as stated above – those that existed on 6 May 2010. Consequently, the Commission has not taken into account new boundaries created subsequent to that date.

Changes to electorates after the review date

- 2.8 The Commission is required to work on the basis of the numbers of electors on the electoral registers at the 'review date'. It cannot consider changes to the size of electorates after the 'review date'. In addition, it is unable to take account of any under-registration or over-registration of electors that may be claimed in a given area.

Naming and designating constituencies

- 2.9 In making its proposals, the Commission is also required by the Act to specify a name and designation for each proposed constituency. The Act contains little guidance on these points.

Naming

- 2.10 The Commission's policy on the naming of constituencies is that, when constituencies remain largely unchanged, the existing constituency name should usually be retained. In such cases constituency names are likely to be altered only where there is good reason for change.
- 2.11 For a new constituency, the name should normally reflect that of the Unitary Authority or Unitary Authorities wholly or mainly contained in the constituency. However, if there is a suitable alternative name which generally commands greater local support, the Commission will consider that alternative.
- 2.12 The Commission adopts compass point names when there is not a more suitable name. The compass point reference used will generally form a prefix in cases where a constituency name refers to the Unitary Authority area or former district council but a suffix where the rest of the name refers to a population centre. Examples of existing constituencies that demonstrate this principle are 'Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire' and 'Swansea West'.
- 2.13 In its report publishing its initial proposals the Commission stated at paragraph 2.2 that *"as only one name is allowed, it will not be possible to have a Welsh and an alternative English name for a constituency (or vice versa)"*. This approach was based on a reading of section 3(4) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 which requires the Commission to recommend the constituencies into which any area should be divided and, as respects each constituency, the name by which it should be known. This approach was consistent with that adopted by other Boundary Commissions in the United Kingdom.

- 2.14 However, during its initial consultation period the Commission received representations that where an English name was proposed, the Commission should provide an official alternative name in Welsh. The Commission has considered the matter further in the light of those submissions.
- 2.15 Section 3(5A) of the 1986 Act provides for the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament a draft Order in Council for giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission including recommendations as to the name of the constituency. Furthermore, Section 25(2) of the Welsh Language Act 1993 provides that where an Act of Parliament gives power, exercisable by statutory instrument, to confer a name on any body, office or place, the power shall include power to confer alternative names in English and Welsh. The Commission considers, therefore, that if it recommends that a constituency has an alternative name in English and Welsh, the Secretary of State would be empowered to give effect to that recommendation when laying a draft Order in Council before Parliament.
- 2.16 Having given the matter careful consideration, the Commission considers that it is appropriate for each constituency in Wales to have alternative names in English and Welsh. The Commission therefore makes the strong recommendation that official alternatives should be provided in Welsh for those constituency names in English, and vice versa. In this way both languages would be treated equally. In this report therefore, alternatives will be provided in Welsh where the primary constituency name is in English and in English where the primary constituency name is in Welsh. Where a constituency name is bilingual, for example Llanelli, there will be no alternative.

Designation

- 2.17 The Act also requires that each constituency is designated as either a 'county constituency' or a 'borough constituency'. The Commission considers that, as a general principle, where constituencies contain more than a small rural element they should normally be designated as county constituencies. In other cases they should be designated as borough constituencies. The designation is suffixed to the constituency name and is usually abbreviated: BC for borough constituency and CC for county constituency.
- 2.18 The designation generally determines who shall act as Returning Officer for Parliamentary elections. The designation also determines the limit on the amount that a candidate is allowed to spend during a Parliamentary election in the constituency. The limit is slightly lower in borough constituencies, to reflect the lower costs of running a campaign in an urban, usually compact, area.

3 Developing the Constituencies

Number of Electors

- 3.1 There are presently 40 constituencies in Wales. The number of electors in the constituencies ranges from 40,707 (Arfon CC) to 73,690 (Cardiff South and Penarth BC) and the average electorate of the existing 40 constituencies in Wales is 57,040. Under the new legislation the number of constituencies in Wales is reduced from 40 to 30 and the statutory electorate range is between 72,810 and 80,473. As a result, only one existing constituency, Cardiff South and Penarth BC, is within the statutory range. Therefore the new pattern of constituencies will differ significantly from that of existing constituencies.
- 3.2 One of the effects of reducing the overall number of constituencies allocated to Wales and the requirements of the statutory electorate range is that an existing constituency that has an electorate within the statutory range may, nonetheless, need to be altered as a result of the need to create viable constituencies in other areas.

Constituency Size

- 3.3 The size (in terms of area) of existing constituencies ranges from 17km² (Cardiff Central BC) to 3,014km² (Brecon and Radnorshire CC). The maximum size of a constituency permitted under the new legislation is 13,000km². A constituency of that size would cover approximately 61% of Wales. None of the proposed constituencies comes anywhere near the maximum size.

Pattern of Electorate

- 3.4 Given the relatively small number of electors in rural parts of Wales it is inevitable that under the new arrangements some constituencies will be very large in terms of area. Furthermore, due to the limited numbers of electors in some of the South Wales Valleys, constituencies will have to encompass more than one valley. Similarly, in some urban areas, Unitary Authorities may need to be divided. Compromises will need to be made in order to create a pattern of constituencies across Wales that adheres to the Rules of the new legislation. It is important to understand that even small changes to one constituency will have consequential impacts on adjacent areas and possibly more widely.

Initial Proposals

- 3.5 Any set of proposals by the Commission would result in a Parliamentary map of Wales very different to that with which we are familiar. The Commission has been faced with the task of devising proposals for the required 30 constituencies in place of the existing 40 constituencies. In doing so it has

been further constrained by the absolute requirement that the electorate of every constituency must fall within the statutory range. As a result the Commission's freedom to give effect to other statutory considerations has, at times, been limited. Similarly, in considering the merits of alternative schemes, in some instances apparent solutions have been found not to be viable because they cannot be accommodated within the requirements as to size of electorate or because of their knock-on effect on other constituencies, all of which must comply with these same requirements. The Commission has, however, at every stage of its deliberations, sought to identify the solutions most suitable for local needs throughout Wales which can be accommodated within the statutory Rules.

- 3.6 The Commission's initial proposals, published in January 2012, presented a revised Parliamentary Constituency map of Wales with changes to every existing constituency. The Commission received extensive, constructive and useful representations from individuals and organisations in relation to the initial proposals including a number of representations which applied to the whole of, or substantial areas of, Wales. Over 700 written representations and petitions were received (during the first and second consultation periods) and over 100 individuals spoke at public hearings. The Commission is very grateful for the representations it has received.

Assistant Commissioners' Report

- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 The Assistant Commissioners reviewed all of the representations that the Commission received during the first and second consultation period and produced a Report for the Commission. The Report summarised what the Assistant Commissioners considered to be the salient points raised by representations and made recommendations to the Commission on revisions that could be made to the initial proposals. The Assistant Commissioners' Report can be found on the Commission's website.

Revised Proposals

- 3.9 Section 5(5) of the Act gives the Commission the power to revise its initial proposals in the light of representations received. The Act reads as follows:

(5) If after the end of the secondary consultation period the Commission are minded to revise their original proposals so as to recommend different

constituencies, they shall take such steps as they see fit to inform people in each of those revised proposed constituencies—
(a) what the revised proposals are,
(b) that a copy of the revised proposals is open to inspection at a specified place within the revised proposed constituency, and
(c) that written representations with respect to the revised proposals may be made to the Commission during a specified period of eight weeks.”

- 3.10 In the light of representations received in relation to the Commission’s initial proposals the Commission has decided to revise its proposals. In developing revised proposals the Commission has considered the representations made during the first and second consultation period and the recommendations made by the Assistant Commissioners.
- 3.11 The proposed constituencies are outlined in Chapter 5, detailed at Appendices 8 to 37 and illustrated on outline maps at Appendices 4 to 6. More detailed maps are also available on the Commission’s web site at www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk and are on deposit at a designated place in each existing constituency (see Appendix 2 for details for each existing constituency). The maps are to be used in conjunction with the statistical information relating to the electoral divisions which is tabulated at Appendix 1. This information shows the 2011 electoral division electorates which the Commission is required by law to use for this review. Please note the copyright warning, at paragraph 8.1, concerning the maps. It should also be noted that in the Revised Proposals Report the proposed constituencies are presented in a different order from the initial proposals, starting with ‘Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire’ rather than ‘Menai ac Ynys Môn’. This order is purely for presentational purposes, so that proposed changes and their cross cutting effects can be addressed in a sensible order, and does not reflect how changes were made.

What’s Next?

- 3.12 Following the eight week period of consultation on the revised proposals, which will run from 24 October to 18 December 2012, the Commission will consider whether to make any further changes to its proposals. Final recommendations will be made to the Secretary of State by October 2013.

4 Summary of Revised Proposals

- Following examination of the representations made and taking into account the recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners, the Commission has revised:
 - 21 of its initial proposals in terms of their geographical make-up, some of these changes are extensive.
 - 14 of the proposed names.
- The UKEQ is 76,641 with a tolerance of between 95% and 105% of this figure (72,810 and 80,473 respectively). Under the revised proposals all constituencies would be within the statutory range with 18 constituencies below the electoral quota and 12 above the electoral quota.
- 14 existing constituencies would be wholly contained within a new constituency (Alyn and Deeside, Blaenau Gwent, Brecon and Radnorshire, Bridgend, Cardiff West, Ceredigion, Dwyfor Meirionnydd, Llanelli, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, Neath, Torfaen, Vale of Glamorgan, Wrexham, and Ynys Môn).
- 6 Unitary Authorities would be wholly contained within a new constituency (Blaenau Gwent, Ceredigion, the Isle of Anglesey, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire and Torfaen).
- There would be 6 constituencies over 1,000 km² (Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery, Caerfyrddin, Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire, Denbigh and North Montgomeryshire, Gwynedd, and South Pembrokeshire). 4 of these constituencies would be between 2,000 and 3,000 km² (Caerfyrddin, Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire, Denbigh and North Montgomeryshire, and Gwynedd), and one constituency would be over 4,000 km² (Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery).
- 11 of the existing names would be retained.
- 878 of the 881 electoral divisions in Wales would be wholly contained within a new constituency. It has been considered appropriate to split 3 electoral divisions in order to adhere to Rules 2 and 5 (Llansamlet, Ponciau, and Tremeirchion would be split into their Communities).

5 Revised Proposals in Detail

5.1 The Commission's revised proposals are described in detail in this chapter. For each proposed constituency the report sets out:

- The name of the constituency under the revised proposals, including the proposed official alternative if applicable.
- Each existing constituency directly affected by the proposal, including the number of electors in each constituency and the percentage variance from the electoral quota and the minimum of the statutory range.
- The composition of the constituency that the Commission initially proposed, the electoral divisions it contained, its variance from the electoral quota and the suggested name.
- The key arguments made during public consultation in support of or in objection to the initial proposals. Although not all representations are mentioned in this report, the Commission has considered all representations made when determining revisions to its proposals. Further detail on the representations received can be found in the Assistant Commissioners' Report.
- The views and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners.
- The Commission's response to the representations and recommendations made.
- The composition of the revised proposed constituency and the proposed name.

In a number of instances, issues have an impact on a range of proposed constituencies which need to be considered in the round before individual constituencies can be considered. In these instances the Commission has addressed these issues in a highlighted box.

1. Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire (Ceredigion a Gogledd Sir Benfro)

5.2 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Carmarthen East and Dinefwr** CC has a total of 54,285 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Ceredigion** CC has a total of 56,006 electors which is 27% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 23% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
3. The existing **Preseli Pembrokeshire** CC has a total of 57,966 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and

20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.3 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the existing Ceredigion CC;
2. the County of Carmarthenshire electoral division of Cenarth (1,705); and,
3. the County of Pembrokeshire electoral divisions of Cilgerran (1,577), Clydau (1,170), Crymych (1,936), Dinas Cross (1,322), Fishguard North East (1,481), Fishguard North West (1,206), Goodwick (1,512), Maenclochog (2,408), Newport (942), Scloddau (1,153) and St. Dogmaels (1,755).

This constituency would have 74,173 electors which is 3.2% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire**.

5.4 The Commission received numerous written representations, as well as representations at the public hearings from the sitting MP for Preseli Pembrokeshire and the independent Councillor for Maenclochog, in favour of placing the Maenclochog electoral division in 'South and West Pembrokeshire' rather than 'Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire'. Almost all of these representations included the counter-proposal of including the Carmarthenshire electoral division of Llangeler in 'Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire' to meet the statutory range. The representations argued that Llangeler was the most appropriate division to become part of the 'Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire' constituency because of its close ties to Newcastle Emlyn (in Cenarth) and Llandysul (in Ceredigion).

5.5 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *"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."* and that *"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."*

5.6 This recommendation is based on the numerous representations which set out the strong ties that the Maenclochog electoral division has with Haverfordwest and areas to the south rather than with Cardigan to the north. Residents of Maenclochog also look to Narbeth within the 'South and West Pembrokeshire' constituency for employment, services, their cultural and

social ties and transport links. Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that it is appropriate to remove the electoral division of Maenclochog from the proposed 'Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire' constituency and place the Carmarthenshire electoral division of Llangeler in this constituency in its stead.

5.7 **The Commission therefore proposes to create a county constituency from:**

1. **the existing Ceredigion CC;**
2. **the County of Carmarthenshire electoral divisions of Cenarth (1,705) and Llangeler (2,612); and,**
3. **the County of Pembrokeshire electoral divisions of Cilgerran (1,577), Clydau (1,170), Crymych (1,936), Dinas Cross (1,322), Fishguard North East (1,481), Fishguard North West (1,206), Goodwick (1,512), Newport (942), Scleddau (1,153) and St. Dogmaels (1,755).**

This constituency would have 74,377 electors which is 3% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.8 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the name was equally contested and accepted. Some argued that the area both contains much of the Preseli range and a large proportion of Welsh speakers, and the name should therefore contain the term 'Preseli'. However, the name also received support on the grounds that the constituency is very similar in make up to the old 'Ceredigion and North Pembroke' constituency.

5.9 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire constituency as the name was considered "*as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received.*" Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire** (with an official alternative of **Ceredigion a Gogledd Sir Benfro**).

2. South Pembrokeshire (De Sir Benfro)

5.10 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following :

1. The existing **Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire** CC has a total of 58,504 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Preseli Pembrokeshire** CC has a total of 57,966 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and

20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 5.11 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from the County of Pembrokeshire electoral divisions of Amroth (995), Burton (1,448), Camrose (2,081), Carew (1,193), East Williamston (1,888), Haverfordwest: Castle (1,620), Haverfordwest: Garth (1,737), Haverfordwest: Portfield (1,723), Haverfordwest: Prendergast (1,315), Haverfordwest: Priory (1,935), Hundleton (1,464), Johnston (1,911), Kilgetty/Begelly (1,748), Lampeter Velfrey (1,292), Lamphey (1,350), Letterston (1,741), Llangwm (1,746), Llanrhian (1,228), Manorbier (1,608), Martletwy (1,104), Merlin's Bridge (1,611), Milford: Central (1,499), Milford: East (1,501), Milford: Hakin (1,813), Milford: Hubberston (1,804), Milford: North (1,979), Milford: West (1,622), Narberth (1,546), Narberth Rural (1,237), Neyland: East (1,801), Neyland: West (1,643), Pembroke Dock: Central (1,087), Pembroke Dock: Llanion (2,039), Pembroke Dock: Market (1,263), Pembroke Dock: Pennar (2,387), Pembroke: Monkton (1,076), Pembroke: St. Mary North (1,410), Pembroke: St. Mary South (1,034), Pembroke: St. Michael (1,999), Penally (1,269), Rudbaxton (1,359), Saundersfoot (2,065), Solva (1,155), St. David's (1,503), St. Ishmael's (1,127), Tenby: North (1,659), Tenby: South (1,802), The Havens (1,143) and Wiston (1,459). This constituency would have 76,039 electors which is 0.8% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **South and West Pembrokeshire**.
- 5.12 As mentioned previously at 5.4, the Commission received numerous representations in favour of placing the Maenclochog electoral division in 'South and West Pembrokeshire' rather than 'Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire'. Almost all of these representations included the counter-proposal of including the Carmarthenshire electoral division of Llangeler in 'Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire' to meet the statutory range. The representations argued that Llangeler was the most appropriate division to become part of the 'Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire' constituency because of its close ties to Newcastle Emlyn (in Cernarth) and Llandysul (in Ceredigion).
- 5.13 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *"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."*
- 5.14 Numerous representations set out the strong ties that the Maenclochog electoral division has with Haverfordwest and areas to the south rather than with Cardigan to the north. Residents of Maenclochog also look to Narbeth

within the 'South and West Pembrokeshire' constituency for employment, services, their cultural and social ties and transport links. Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that it is appropriate to include the electoral division of Maenclochog in the proposed 'South and West Pembrokeshire' constituency.

5.15 **The Commission therefore proposes to create a county constituency from the County of Pembrokeshire electoral divisions of Amroth (995), Burton (1,448), Camrose (2,081), Carew (1,193), East Williamston (1,888), Haverfordwest: Castle (1,620), Haverfordwest: Garth (1,737), Haverfordwest: Portfield (1,723), Haverfordwest: Prendergast (1,315), Haverfordwest: Priory (1,935), Hundleton (1,464), Johnston (1,911), Kilgetty/Begelly (1,748), Lampeter Velfrey (1,292), Lamphey (1,350), Letterston (1,741), Llangwm (1,746), Llanrhian (1,228), Maenclochog (2,408), Manorbier (1,608), Martletwy (1,104), Merlin's Bridge (1,611), Milford: Central (1,499), Milford: East (1,501), Milford: Hakin (1,813), Milford: Hubberston (1,804), Milford: North (1,979), Milford: West (1,622), Narberth (1,546), Narberth Rural (1,237), Neyland: East (1,801), Neyland: West (1,643), Pembroke Dock: Central (1,087), Pembroke Dock: Llanion (2,039), Pembroke Dock: Market (1,263), Pembroke Dock: Pennar (2,387), Pembroke: Monkton (1,076), Pembroke: St. Mary North (1,410), Pembroke: St. Mary South (1,034), Pembroke: St. Michael (1,999), Penally (1,269), Rudbaxton (1,359), Saundersfoot (2,065), Solva (1,155), St. David's (1,503), St. Ishmael's (1,127), Tenby: North (1,659), Tenby: South (1,802), The Havens (1,143) and Wiston (1,459). This constituency would have 78,447 electors which is 2.4% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.**

5.16 The suggested name for the constituency was generally accepted with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers. However, shorter alternatives were suggested.

5.17 The Assistant Commissioners Report concluded that: *"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."* The Commission agrees with this recommendation and therefore proposes a name for the constituency of **South Pembrokeshire** (with an official alternative of **De Sir Benfro**).

3. Caerfyrddin (Carmarthen)

5.18 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Carmarthen East and Dinefwr** CC has a total of 54,285 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency

and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

2. The existing **Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire** CC has a total of 58,504 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 5.19 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from the County of Carmarthenshire electoral divisions of Abergwili (1,822), Ammanford (1,907), Betws (1,616), Carmarthen Town North (3,800), Carmarthen Town South (2,791), Carmarthen Town West (3,681), Cilycwm (1,155), Cynwyl Elfed (2,471), Cynwyl Gaeo (1,306), Garnant (1,535), Glanamman (1,785), Gorslas (3,160), Laugharne Township (2,236), Llanboidy (1,606), Llanddarog (1,565), Llandeilo (2,262), Llandovery (2,082), Llandybie (3,017), Llanegwad (1,949), Llanfihangel Aberbythych (1,435), Llanfihangel-ar-Arth (2,155), Llangadog (1,547), Llangeler (2,612), Llangunnor (1,895), Llanyndeyrn (2,401), Llansteffan (1,676), Llanybydder (1,932), Manordeilo and Salem (1,765), Penygroes (2,134), Pontamman (DET)(2,123), Quarter Bach (2,156), St. Clears (2,312), St. Ishmael (2,168), Saron (3,096), Trelech (1,700) and Whitland (1,696). This constituency would have 76,549 electors which is 0.1% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Caerfyrddin**.
- 5.20 As mentioned previously at 5.4, the Commission received numerous representations in favour of placing the Maenclochog electoral division in 'South and West Pembrokeshire' rather than 'Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire', together with the counter-proposal of including the Carmarthenshire electoral division of Llangeler in 'Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire' to ensure that all constituencies meet the statutory range.
- 5.21 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *"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."* and that *"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."*
- 5.22 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that it is appropriate to remove the electoral division of Llangeler from the proposed Caerfyrddin constituency. This reflects the close links Llangeler has to

Newcastle Emlyn and Llandysul and allows for the Maenclochog electoral division to be included with the new 'South Pembrokeshire' constituency.

5.23 **The Commission therefore proposes to create a county constituency from the County of Carmarthenshire electoral divisions of Abergwili (1,822), Ammanford (1,907), Betws (1,616), Carmarthen Town North (3,800), Carmarthen Town South (2,791), Carmarthen Town West (3,681), Cilycwm (1,155), Cynwyl Elfed (2,471), Cynwyl Gaeo (1,306), Garnant (1,535), Glanamman (1,785), Gorslas (3,160), Laugharne Township (2,236), Llanboidy (1,606), Llanddarog (1,565), Llandeilo (2,262), Llandovery (2,082), Llandybie (3,017), Llanegwad (1,949), Llanfihangel Aberbythych (1,435), Llanfihangel-ar-Arth (2,155), Llangadog (1,547), Llangunnor (1,895), Llangyndeyrn (2,401), Llansteffan (1,676), Llanybydder (1,932), Manordeilo and Salem (1,765), Penygroes (2,134), Pontamman (DET)(2,123), Quarter Bach (2,156), St. Clears (2,312), St. Ishmael (2,168), Saron (3,096), Trelech (1,700) and Whitland (1,696). This constituency would have 73,937 electors which is 3.5% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.**

5.24 There has been some opposition to the name of this constituency being in Welsh and perhaps difficult for an English speaker to pronounce. Names such as 'Carmarthen' or 'Carmarthenshire' have therefore been proposed. However, the Commission has also received support for the use of the historic Welsh name.

5.25 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Caerfyrddin constituency as the name was considered "*as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received.*" Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Caerfyrddin** (with an official alternative of **Carmarthen**).

**Note on the initial proposals for Gower and Swansea West,
Llanelli and Swansea East**

5.26 The Commission received a significant number of representations in relation to these constituencies which are all interconnected. In particular the Labour Party and others suggested that:

- The Castle electoral division of Swansea is divided from 'Swansea East' by the river Tawe and that this was a natural boundary for a constituency. It was also asserted that the Castle electoral division has little in common with the area on the east side of the river.
- The Communities of Gorseinon (the electoral divisions of Gorseinon and Penyrheol) and Llŵchwr (the electoral divisions of Kingsbridge, Lower Loughor and Upper Loughor) are intrinsically linked and should not be

divided between constituencies, as was the case in the Commission's initial proposals.

5.27 The Commission's initial proposals for this area also received some support on the basis that they meet the requirements of the Act, respect community ties, split the City of Swansea in an appropriate place and place appropriate parts of Swansea Unitary Authority with Llanelli. The Commission received specific representations that:

- The Castle electoral division does indeed have links with the east side of the River Tawe and that the new developments along the Swansea waterfront have improved this link but it also has links with Townhill.
- There are significant and historic links between Pontardulais and Hendy that were reflected in the Commission's initial proposals.
- The town of Gowerton should remain part of any constituency which includes the Gower peninsula.

5.28 The Commission has considered all representations made and acknowledges the strong cases made for and against each proposal for this area. The Commission's main conclusions are that:

- Although the River Tawe was historically a natural boundary for constituencies in Swansea, the Castle electoral division does now have links with the east side of the River Tawe and the new developments along the Swansea waterfront have improved this link.
- The Communities of Gorseinon and Llŵchwr are intrinsically linked and should not be divided between constituencies.
- The Community of Pontardulais (the electoral division of Pontardulais) and the town of Hendy (the electoral division of Hendy) are linked and should not be divided between constituencies.
- The town of Gowerton should be in a 'Gower' constituency. To separate the town of Gowerton from the Gower peninsula would be inappropriate.

5.29 The Commission proposes the following three revised constituencies having regard to the submissions made, the support received and the alternatives suggested and following a careful evaluation of the representations against the statutory criteria.

4. Llanelli

5.30 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Gower** CC has a total of 62,148 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the

minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

2. The existing **Llanelli** CC has a total of 58,447 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.31 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the existing Llanelli CC and,
2. the City and County of Swansea electoral divisions of Gorseinon (3,199), Llangyfelach (3,865), Penllergaer (2,248), Penyrheol (4,435) and Pontardulais (4,776).

This constituency would have 76,970 electors which is 0.4% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Llanelli**.

5.32 As described at 5.26 to 5.29, the Commission received a considerable number of representations in relation to this constituency and those of 'Gower and Swansea West' and 'Swansea East', which are all interconnected. In particular the Labour Party and others contended that the Communities of Gorseinon (the electoral divisions of Gorseinon and Penyrheol) and Llŵchwr (the electoral divisions of Kingsbridge, Lower Loughor and Upper Loughor) are intrinsically linked and should not be divided between constituencies. The Community Council of Llangyfelach also asserted that they had greater links with Morryston and Mynyddbach in 'Swansea East' than the communities to the west of Swansea.

5.33 The Commission's initial proposals were supported predominantly by the Conservative Party but have also received support from others on the basis that they meet the requirements of the Act, respect community ties, split Swansea City in an appropriate place and place appropriate parts of Swansea Unitary Authority with Llanelli. The Commission received specific representations that there are significant and historic links between Pontardulais and Hendy that were reflected by the Commission's initial proposals and the town of Gowerton should remain part of any constituency which includes the Gower peninsula.

5.34 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *"We consider, 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."*, *"...we are satisfied that it is appropriate to include the Pontardulais electoral division within the proposed Llanelli constituency as the Initial Proposals propose."* and that *" 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.”

5.35 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that their initial proposal for the ‘Llanelli’ constituency should be revised to ensure that the Communities of Gorseinon and Llchwyr are brought together in one constituency, the link between Pontardulais and Hendy is retained, Gowerton remains in a ‘Gower’ constituency and Llangyfelach and Penllergaer are in a constituency with Morriston and Mynyddbach with which they share greater economic and social ties. These changes allow for the creation of constituencies in this area which better reflect the statutory criteria.

5.36 **The Commission therefore proposes that a county constituency be created from:**

1. **the existing Llanelli CC and,**
2. **the City and County of Swansea electoral divisions of Gorseinon (3,199), Kingsbridge (3,275), Lower Loughor (1,821), Penyrheol (4,435), Pontardulais (4,776) and Upper Loughor (2,194).**

This constituency would have 78,147 electors which is 2% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.37 Although there was not a large amount of opposition to the proposed name for the proposed ‘Llanelli’ constituency, some have felt that the parts newly included in the constituency from Swansea, or the Lliw Valley, should be recognised in the constituency name.

5.38 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Llanelli constituency as the name was considered “*as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received.*” Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Llanelli**.

5. Gower and Swansea West (Gŵyr a Gorllewin Abertawe)

5.39 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Gower** CC has a total of 62,148 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Swansea West** BC has a total of 62,152 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the

minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 5.40 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from the City and County of Swansea electoral divisions of Bishopston (2,758), Dunvant (3,607), Fairwood (2,319), Gower (3,039), Gowerton (4,063), Killay North (3,317), Killay South (1,963), Kingsbridge (3,275), Lower Loughor (1,821), Mayals (2,199), Newton (2,831), Oystermouth (3,407), Penclawdd (3,024), Pennard (2,247), Sketty (11,976), Townhill (6,083), Uplands (12,018), Upper Loughor (2,194) and West Cross (5,312). This constituency would have 77,453 electors which is 1.1% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Gower and Swansea West**.
- 5.41 As described at 5.26 to 5.29, the Commission received a considerable number of representations in relation to this constituency and those of 'Llanelli' and 'Swansea East' which are all interconnected. In particular, for this constituency, the Commission received a large number of representations during the secondary consultation period objecting to the Labour Party counter proposal which would see Gowerton included in the Llanelli constituency.
- 5.42 The Labour Party and others suggested that the Castle electoral division of Swansea is divided from 'Swansea East' by the river Tawe and that this was a natural boundary for a constituency. It was also asserted that the Castle electoral division has little in common with the area on the east side of the river and the Communities of Gorseinon (the electoral divisions of Gorseinon and Penyrheol) and Llchwyr (the electoral divisions of Kingsbridge, Lower Loughor and Upper Loughor) are intrinsically linked and should not be divided between constituencies.
- 5.43 The Commission's initial proposals were supported predominantly by the Conservative Party but have also received support from others on the basis that they meet the requirements of the Act, respect community ties, split Swansea City in an appropriate place and place appropriate parts of Swansea Unitary Authority with Llanelli. The Commission received specific representations that the Castle electoral division does indeed have links with the east side of the River Tawe and that the new developments along the Swansea waterfront have improved this link. It also received representations that the town of Gowerton should remain part of any constituency which includes the Gower peninsula. The Commission also received evidence of the link between the Castle electoral division and Townhill.
- 5.44 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *"We consider, therefore, that the electoral divisions of Lower Loughor, Upper Loughor, and Kingsbridge should be included within the proposed Llanelli..."* and that *"the changes that 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.”

- 5.45 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission, for the reasons given by the Assistant Commissioners, has come to the conclusion that its initial proposal for the ‘Gower and Swansea West’ constituency should be revised so that the Communities of Gorseinon and Llchwyr are brought together in one constituency and that Gowerton remains in a ‘Gower’ constituency. These changes allow for the creation of constituencies in this area which better reflect the statutory criteria.
- 5.46 **The Commission therefore proposes that a county constituency be created from the City and County of Swansea electoral divisions of Bishopston (2,758), Cockett (10,435), Duvant (3,607), Fairwood (2,319), Gower (3,039), Gowerton (4,063), Killay North (3,317), Killay South (1,963), Mayals (2,199), Newton (2,831), Oystermouth (3,407), Penclawdd (3,024), Pennard (2,247), Sketty (11,976), Uplands (12,018), and West Cross (5,312). This constituency would have 74,515 electors which is 2.8% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.**
- 5.47 The suggested constituency name was generally accepted with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers.
- 5.48 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Gower and Swansea West constituency as the name was considered *“as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received.”* Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Gower and Swansea West** (with an official alternative of **Gŵyr a Gorllewin Abertawe**).

6. Swansea East (Dwyrain Abertawe)

- 5.49 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:
1. The existing **Gower** CC has a total of 62,148 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
 2. The existing **Swansea East** BC has a total of 60,554 electors which is 21% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 17% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

3. The existing **Swansea West** BC has a total of 62,152 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 5.50 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a borough constituency be created from the City and County of Swansea electoral divisions of Bonymaen (5,122), Castle (10,544), Cockett (10,435), Cwmbwrla (6,095), Landore (4,599), Llansamlet (without the Community of Birchgrove) (5,994), Morriston (13,160), Mynyddbach (7,085), Penderry (8,360) and St. Thomas (5,233). This constituency would have 76,637 electors which is 4 electors below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Swansea East**.
- 5.51 As described at 5.26 to 5.29, the Commission received a considerable number of representations in relation to this constituency and those of 'Gower and Swansea West' and 'Llanelli', which are all interconnected. In particular the Labour Party and others contended that the Castle electoral division of Swansea is divided from 'Swansea East' by the river Tawe and that this was a natural boundary for a constituency. It was also asserted that the Castle electoral division has little in common with the area on the east side of the river. The Community Council of Llangyfelach also asserted that they had greater links with Morriston and Mynyddbach in 'Swansea East' than the communities to the west of Swansea and Llanelli.
- 5.52 The Commission's initial proposals were supported predominantly by the Conservative Party but have also received support from others on the basis that they meet the requirements of the Act, respect community ties, split Swansea City in an appropriate place and place appropriate parts of Swansea Unitary Authority with Llanelli. The Commission received specific representations that there are significant and historic links between Pontardulais and Hendy that were reflected by the Commission's initial proposals and that the Castle electoral division does indeed have links with the east side of the River Tawe and that the new developments along the Swansea waterfront have improved this link.
- 5.53 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *"...we are satisfied that it is appropriate to include the Pontardulais electoral division within the proposed Llanelli constituency as the Initial Proposals propose."* that *"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."* and that *"the changes that 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."*

- 5.54 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that, for the reasons given by the Assistant Commissioners, its initial proposal for the 'Swansea East' constituency should be revised to ensure that Llangyfelach and Penllergaer are in a constituency with Morriston and Mynyddbach, the link between Pontardulais and Hendy is retained and Gowerton remains in a 'Gower' constituency. These changes allow for the creation of constituencies in this area which better reflect the statutory criteria.
- 5.55 **The Commission therefore proposes that a borough constituency is created from the City and County of Swansea electoral divisions of Bonynmaen (5,122), Castle (10,544), Cwmbwrla (6,095), Landore (4,599), Llangyfelach (3,865), Llansamlet (without the Community of Birchgrove) (5,994), Morriston (13,160), Mynyddbach (7,085), Penderry (8,360), Penllergaer (2,248), St. Thomas (5,233) and Townhill (6,083). This constituency would have 78,398 electors which is 2.3% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.**
- 5.56 The suggested constituency name was generally accepted with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers.
- 5.57 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Swansea East constituency as the name was considered "*as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received.*" Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Swansea East** (with an official alternative of **Dwyrain Abertawe**).

7. Neath and the Swansea Valley (Castell-nedd a Chwm Tawe)

- 5.58 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:
1. The existing **Aberavon** CC has a total of 51,034 electors which is 33% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 30% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
 2. The existing **Gower** CC has a total of 62,148 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
 3. The existing **Neath** CC has a total of 57,618 electors which is 25% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 21% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
 4. The existing **Swansea East** BC has a total of 60,554 electors which is 21% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 17% below the

minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.59 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the existing Neath CC;
2. the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot electoral divisions of Coedffranc Central, (3,006), Coedffranc North (1,835) and Coedffranc West (2,047); and,
3. the City and County of Swansea electoral divisions of Clydach (5,850), Mawr (1,485) and Llansamlet (without the Community of Llansamlet) (4,906).

This constituency would have 76,747 electors which is 0.1% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Neath**.

5.60 The Commission received only a small number of representations concerning the proposed 'Neath' constituency and the representations that the Commission did receive were largely supportive. However, the Commission did receive one representation setting out opposition in principle to the addition of the Swansea Valley to Neath Port Talbot.

5.61 The Commission has looked at the possibility of including all or part of the Swansea Valley in a Swansea constituency. However, making such a change would have significant negative consequential effects. To the west these would include requiring the 'Llanelli' constituency to make further inroads into the city of Swansea and further breaching of Unitary Authority boundaries in West Wales. To the east it would require further breaching of Unitary Authority boundaries in Bridgend, the Vale of Glamorgan, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Newport, Monmouthshire and Powys.

5.62 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend any changes to the composition of the proposed Neath constituency. The Assistant Commissioners concluded that *"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."*

5.63 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission remains of the view that the extension of the Swansea Valley and the addition of Coedffranc make for an appropriate constituency. The Commission concludes that the initial proposals for 'Neath' are the most appropriate for the area.

5.64 **The Commission therefore proposes a county constituency be created from:**

1. **the existing Neath CC;**
2. **the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot electoral divisions of Coedffranc Central, (3,006), Coedffranc North (1,835) and Coedffranc West (2,047); and,**
3. **the City and County of Swansea electoral divisions of Clydach (5,850), Mawr (1,485) and Llansamlet (without the Community of Llansamlet) (4,906).**

This constituency would have 76,747 electors which is 0.1% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.65 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, some have felt that the parts newly included in the constituency from the Swansea Valley should be recognised in the constituency name.

5.66 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *“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.”* The Commission agrees with this recommendation and therefore proposes a name for the constituency of **Neath and the Swansea Valley** (with an official alternative of **Castell-nedd a Chwm Tawe**).

8. Aberavon and Ogmore (Aberafan ac Ogwr)

5.67 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Aberavon** CC has a total of 51,034 electors which is 33% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 30% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Ogmore** CC has a total of 55,699 electors which is 27% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 24% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.68 In the Commission’s initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the County Borough of Bridgend electoral divisions of Bettws (1,603), Blackmill (1,883), Blaengarw (1,314), Caerau (5,115), Llangeinor (924), Llangynwyd (2,329), Maesteg East (3,833), Maesteg West (4,342), Nant-y-Moel (1,747), Ogmore Vale (2,335), Pontycymmer (1,770) and Ynysawdre (2,554) and,

2. the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot electoral divisions of Aberavon (4,151), Baglan (5,541), Briton Ferry East (2,317), Briton Ferry West (2,172), Bryn and Cwmavon (5,137), Cymmer (2,171), Glyncoirwg (870), Gwynfi (1,054), Margam (2,294), Port Talbot (4,368), Sandfields East (DET)(5,160), Sandfields West (5,079) and Tai-bach (3,832).

This constituency would have 73,895 electors which is 3.6% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Aberavon and Ogmore**.

- 5.69 The Commission received only a small number of representations concerning the proposed 'Aberavon and Ogmore' constituency and the representations that it did receive were largely supportive. However, the Commission did receive two representations which suggested an alternative arrangement for the two constituencies. In essence this proposal placed the Ogmore and Garw Valleys in the 'Bridgend' constituency in exchange for the electoral divisions of Aberkenfig, Cornelly and Pyle which would go to 'Aberavon and Ogmore'. Whilst this counter-proposal would meet the statutory range for both constituencies it would have the disadvantage of splitting the Community of Pen-y-Fai between the two constituencies and splitting the existing Bridgend constituency between constituencies.
- 5.70 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend any changes to the composition of the proposed 'Aberavon and Ogmore' constituency. The Assistant Commissioners concluded that *"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."* and that *"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."*
- 5.71 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that the initial proposals for Aberavon and Ogmore are the most appropriate for the area. The counter proposals for this area would break community ties and would not reflect the statutory criteria as well as the Commission's initial proposal. For example the counter-proposals would result in a constituency being formed from three, rather than two, existing constituencies.
- 5.72 **The Commission therefore proposes a county constituency be created from:**
1. **the County Borough of Bridgend electoral divisions of Bettws (1,603), Blackmill (1,883), Blaengarw (1,314), Caerau (5,115), Llangeinor (924), Llangynwyd (2,329), Maesteg East (3,833), Maesteg West (4,342), Nant-y-Moel (1,747), Ogmore Vale (2,335), Pontycymmer (1,770) and Ynysawdre (2,554) and,**

2. the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot electoral divisions of Aberavon (4,151), Baglan (5,541), Briton Ferry East (2,317), Briton Ferry West (2,172), Bryn and Cwmavon (5,137), Cymmer (2,171), Glyncorrwg (870), Gwynfi (1,054), Margam (2,294), Port Talbot (4,368), Sandfields East (DET)(5,160), Sandfields West (5,079) and Tai-bach (3,832).

This constituency would have 73,895 electors which is 3.6% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

- 5.73 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, most respondents were content that the proposed name speaks broadly of the area it covers.
- 5.74 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Aberavon and Ogmore constituency as the name was considered *“as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received.”* Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Aberavon and Ogmore** (with an official alternative of **Aberafan ac Ogwr**).

9. Bridgend (Pen-y-Bont)

- 5.75 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:
 1. The existing **Bridgend** CC has a total of 58,936 electors which is 23% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 19% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
 2. The existing **Ogmore** CC has a total of 55,699 electors which is 27% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 24% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 5.76 In the Commission’s initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:
 1. the existing Bridgend CC and,
 2. the County Borough of Bridgend electoral divisions of Aberkenfig (1,485), Bryncethin (994), Bryncoch (1,495), Cefn Cribwr (1,194), Felindre (2,153), Hendre (3,064), Penprysg (2,426) and Sarn (1,849).

This constituency would have 73,596 electors which is 4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Bridgend**.

- 5.77 The Commission received only a small number of representations concerning the proposed ‘Bridgend’ constituency and the representations that it did

receive were largely supportive. However, as stated in para 5.69, the Commission did receive two representations which suggested an alternative arrangement for the two constituencies. In essence this proposal placed the Ogmore and Garw Valleys in the 'Bridgend' constituency in exchange for the electoral divisions of Aberkenfig, Cornelly and Pyle which would go to 'Aberavon and Ogmore'. Whilst this counter-proposal would meet the statutory range for both constituencies it would split the Community of Pen-y-Fai between the two constituencies and split the existing Bridgend constituency between constituencies.

5.78 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend any changes to the composition of the proposed 'Bridgend' constituency. The Assistant Commissioners concluded that *"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."* and that *"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."*

5.79 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that the initial proposals for Bridgend are the most appropriate for the area. The addition of areas of Bridgend County Borough to the existing Bridgend constituency is considered appropriate. The counter proposals for this area would break community ties and would not reflect the statutory criteria as well as the Commission's initial proposal.

5.80 **The Commission therefore proposes a county constituency be created from:**

1. **the existing Bridgend CC and,**
2. **the County Borough of Bridgend electoral divisions of Aberkenfig (1,485), Bryncethin (994), Bryncoch (1,495), Cefn Cribwr (1,194), Felindre (2,153), Hendre (3,064), Penprysg (2,426) and Sarn (1,849).**

This constituency would have 73,596 electors which is 4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.81 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the suggested constituency name was generally accepted with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers.

5.82 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Bridgend constituency as the name was considered *"as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received."* Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Bridgend** (with an official alternative of **Pen-y-Bont**).

10. The Vale of Glamorgan (Bro Morgannwg)

5.83 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Cardiff South and Penarth** BC has a total of 73,690 electors which is 4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and within the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Vale of Glamorgan** CC has a total of 71,171 electors which is 7% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 2% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.84 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the existing Vale of Glamorgan CC and,
2. the County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan electoral division of Sully (3,561).

This constituency would have 74,728 electors which is 2.5% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **The Vale of Glamorgan**.

5.85 The Commission received only a small number of representations concerning the proposed 'The Vale of Glamorgan' constituency and the representations that it did receive were largely supportive. The Commission drew support from almost all quarters in their re-allocation of Sully to The Vale of Glamorgan and the retention of The Vale of Glamorgan Unitary Authority (with the long standing exception of Penarth, since 1983) in a single constituency.

5.86 However, several representations for South Wales and the whole of Wales suggested, as a consequence of proposals in other areas, to split the Vale of Glamorgan into two, one half being a Penarth and Barry constituency with the remainder of the Vale of Glamorgan amalgamating with parts of either Bridgend or Rhondda Cynon Taf. These alternative schemes were considered but would prove more disruptive to existing boundaries and community ties than the Commission's initial proposals. For example, it is seen as desirable, where possible, to place a whole Unitary Authority within a single constituency, as indicated in Rule 5. This is reflected in the Commission's initial proposals and the majority of representations have supported this approach.

5.87 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend any changes to the composition of 'The Vale of Glamorgan' constituency. The Assistant

Commissioners concluded that *“We consider that the Initial Proposals for the proposed The Vale of Glamorgan constituency best reflect the statutory criteria.”*

5.88 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners, the Commission has come to the conclusion that the initial proposals for The Vale of Glamorgan are the most appropriate for the area.

5.89 **The Commission therefore proposes a county constituency be created from:**

- 1. the existing Vale of Glamorgan CC and,**
- 2. the County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan electoral division of Sully (3,561).**

This constituency would have 74,728 electors which is 2.5% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.90 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the suggested constituency name was generally accepted with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers. There was some question over the use of the definite article in the name.

5.91 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed ‘The Vale of Glamorgan’ constituency as the name was considered *“as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received.”* Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **The Vale of Glamorgan** (with an official alternative of **Bro Morgannwg**).

Note on Caerphilly, Cardiff and Newport

5.92 In its initial proposals the Commission proposed six constituencies which covered Caerphilly, Cardiff and Newport. These were:

- Cardiff West which comprised of the whole of the existing Cardiff West constituency plus the electoral division of Pont-y-Clun.
- Caerphilly and Cardiff North which comprised of the north of Cardiff and the town of Caerphilly and surrounding communities.
- Cardiff Central and Penarth which comprised of Penarth and the part of the former Cardiff Central constituency.
- Cardiff East which comprised of parts of the existing Cardiff Central, Cardiff North and Cardiff South and Penarth constituencies.
- Newport Central which comprised of parts of the existing constituencies of Newport East and Newport West.

- Newport West and Sirhowy Valley which comprised of the western parts of the City of Newport and sections of the valley communities in the County Borough of Caerphilly.

5.93 The Commission received a significant number of representations in relation to these constituencies. Representations focussed upon:

- The fundamental change to the constituencies in south and central Cardiff with the creation of two totally new constituencies of 'Cardiff Central and Penarth' and 'Cardiff East' from the existing 'Cardiff South and Penarth' and 'Cardiff Central'. This was considered more disruptive to the existing arrangements than was necessary to meet the statutory criteria.
- The amalgamation of the north of Cardiff with the town of Caerphilly. This was not seen as providing a natural composition for a constituency and the geographical barrier between the constituencies (Caerphilly Mountain) was, it was contended, a natural boundary between Cardiff and Caerphilly.
- Opposition to the proposed Newport West and Sirhowy Valley constituency. Representations outlined the lack of community ties and cohesion where a part of Newport City was placed with valley communities further north and west.
- The splitting of Caerphilly Unitary Authority between four separate constituencies, none of which was entirely composed of electoral divisions from Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- Support, in general, for the composition of the proposed Newport Central, Monmouthshire, Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent constituencies.

5.94 On the basis of the representations that were received in relation to Caerphilly, Cardiff, Newport and in the wider area, the Commission considered several alternative proposals which could alleviate some of the difficulties inherent in the initial proposals, whilst also attempting to retain those elements of the initial proposals for which the Commission received support and to adhere to the statutory criteria.

5.95 The Commission's main conclusions are that:

- The Commission's initial proposals were more disruptive to existing constituencies in Caerphilly, Cardiff and Newport than was necessary.
- Whilst representations acknowledged that some residents of Caerphilly commute to Cardiff through the north of Cardiff and use Cardiff as an additional centre of leisure and shopping, it was noted that on the whole these residents travel through the north of Cardiff as opposed to having a particular interaction or tie with the area.
- Residents in the valley areas have little affinity with the residents of the cities of Cardiff and Newport.

- There should be a constituency that is wholly contained within Caerphilly County Borough, if possible.

5.96 The following six constituencies are proposed in the light of the submissions made, the support received, the alternatives suggested and following a careful balancing of the representations against the statutory criteria.

11. Cardiff West (Gorllewin Caerdydd)

5.97 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Cardiff North** BC has a total of 66,290 electors which is 14% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 9% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Cardiff West** BC has a total of 63,360 electors which is 17% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 13% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
3. The existing **Pontypridd** CC has a total of 60,016 electors which is 22% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 18% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.98 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the existing Cardiff West BC;
2. the City and County of Cardiff electoral division of Llandaff North (5,449) and,
3. the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral division of Pont-y-Clun (6,035).

This constituency would have 74,844 electors which is 2.3% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Cardiff West**.

5.99 The Commission received considerable support for the proposed Cardiff West constituency as it is very close in its composition to the existing Cardiff West. The Commission has also, as part of representations for the Cardiff and South Wales Valleys, received several representations suggesting amendments to the constituency. However, where changes have been suggested to the constituency, they have come about as a consequential effect of dissatisfaction in other areas, as opposed to opposition to the formation of the constituency in itself.

5.100 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend any changes to the composition of the Cardiff West constituency. The Assistant Commissioners concluded that *“While there have been expressions of support and opposition to the inclusion of those two electoral divisions [Llandaff North and Pont-y-Clun], we consider that their inclusion is appropriate to ensure the proposed constituency satisfies the electoral range.”*

5.101 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that the initial proposals for Cardiff West are the most appropriate for the area. The composition of this constituency also allows for the recommendation of other constituencies across Cardiff and the South Wales Valleys which closely adhere to the statutory criteria.

5.102 **The Commission therefore proposes a county constituency be created from:**

- 1. the existing Cardiff West BC;**
- 2. the City and County of Cardiff electoral division of Llandaff North (5,449) and,**
- 3. the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral division of Pont-y-Clun (6,035).**

This constituency would have 74,844 electors which is 2.3% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.103 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the suggested constituency name was generally accepted with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers.

5.104 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Cardiff West constituency as the name was considered *“as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received.”* Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Cardiff West** (with an official alternative of **Gorllewin Caerdydd**).

12. Cardiff South and Penarth (De Caerdydd a Phenarth)

5.105 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Cardiff Central** BC has a total of 62,218 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

2. The existing **Cardiff North** BC has a total of 66,290 electors which is 14% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 9% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
3. The existing **Cardiff South and Penarth** BC has a total of 73,690 electors which is 4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and within the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.106 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a borough constituency be created from:

1. the City and County of Cardiff electoral divisions of Adamsdown (5,730), Butetown (6,277), Cathays (14,857), Gabalfa (6,699), Grangetown (12,097) and Plasnewydd (12,807) and,
2. the County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan electoral divisions of Cornerswell (3,955), Llandough (1,488), Plymouth (4,526), St. Augustine's (4,696) and Stanwell (3,214).

This constituency would have 76,346 electors which is 0.4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Cardiff Central and Penarth**.

5.107 As described at 5.92 to 5.96, the Commission received a considerable number of representations which opposed the way in which it had divided the City of Cardiff into four new constituencies. Representations focussed upon the fundamental change to the constituencies in south and central Cardiff with the creation of two totally new constituencies of 'Cardiff Central and Penarth' and 'Cardiff East' from Cardiff South and Penarth and Cardiff Central. This was considered more disruptive to the existing arrangements than was necessary to meet the statutory criteria.

5.108 On the basis of the representations that were received in relation to Cardiff and the wider area, the Commission considered all the alternative proposals which it was suggested might alleviate some of the disadvantages whilst also attempting to retain those elements of the initial proposals for which the Commission received support.

5.109 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *"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...be included within ... [this] constituency"*

5.110 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has decided to revise its initial proposals for Cardiff and the surrounding areas and to accept the recommendations of the

Assistant Commissioners. The Commission considers that these revised proposals better reflect the statutory criteria. The Commission therefore proposes a constituency similar in composition to the existing Cardiff South and Penarth. With the removal of the Sully electoral division into The Vale of Glamorgan, the existing constituency would require the addition of at least one other Cardiff electoral division in order to satisfy the statutory range. The Commission accepts the recommendation of the Assistant Commissioners that Adamsdown should be included in this constituency due to the strong communication links between Adamsdown, Butetown and Splott.

5.111 **The Commission therefore proposes that a borough constituency be created from:**

1. **the City and County of Cardiff of Adamsdown (5,730), Butetown (6,277), Grangetown (12,097), Llanrumney (7,788), Rumney (6,199), Splott (9,012) and Trowbridge (10,794) and,**
2. **the County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan of Cornerswell (3,955), Llandough (1,488), Plymouth (4,526), St. Augustine's (4,696) and Stanwell (3,214).**

The constituency has a total of 75,776 electors which is 1.1% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.112 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the constituency covers the vast majority of the existing Cardiff South and Penarth and this was an accepted name for the existing constituency and the area it represented.

5.113 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *“As the existing constituency is largely being retained, we recommend that the constituency ... be named Cardiff South and Penarth.”* The Commission agrees with the recommendation and therefore proposes the name for the constituency of **Cardiff South and Penarth** (with an official alternative of **De Caerdydd a Phenarth**).

13. Cardiff Central (Canol Caerdydd)

5.114 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Cardiff Central** BC has a total of 62,218 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Cardiff North** BC has a total of 66,290 electors which is 14% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 9% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

3. The existing **Cardiff South and Penarth** BC has a total of 73,690 electors which is 4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and within the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 5.115 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a borough constituency be created from the City and County of Cardiff electoral divisions of Cyncoed (8,660), Heath (9,714), Llanrumney (7,788), Pentwyn (10,363), Penylan (9,801), Pontprennau/Old St. Mellons (6,956), Rumney (6,199), Splott (9,012) and Trowbridge (10,794). This constituency would have 79,287 electors which is 3.5% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Cardiff East**.
- 5.116 As described at 5.92 to 5.96, the Commission received a considerable number of representations which opposed the way in which it had divided the City of Cardiff into four new constituencies. The main concern in respect of this constituency was the fundamental change to the constituencies in south and central Cardiff with the creation of two totally new constituencies of 'Cardiff Central and Penarth' and 'Cardiff East' from Cardiff South and Penarth and Cardiff Central. This was considered more disruptive to the existing arrangements than was necessary to meet the statutory criteria.
- 5.117 The representations demonstrated the strong community ties between electoral divisions within the existing Cardiff Central constituency, in particular between Pentwyn and Penylan and among Cyncoed, Plasnewydd and Penylan, respectively. The residents of these divisions use and share community facilities and services, many based in Plasnewydd. There were also representations which demonstrated the links between Gabalfa and Butetown, Cathays and Plasnewydd. Furthermore, there were representations that the Heath electoral division has ties with the majority of its surrounding electoral divisions including Cathays, Cyncoed, Gabalfa, Llanishen and Rhiwbina.
- 5.118 On the basis of the representations that were received in relation to Cardiff and the wider area, the Commission considered all the alternative proposals which it was suggested might alleviate some of the disadvantages whilst also attempting to retain those elements of the initial proposals for which the Commission received support.
- 5.119 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *"We recommend that the existing Cardiff Central constituency be retained (but without the electoral division of Adamsdown)."* and that *"We recommend the inclusion of the electoral divisions of Gabalfa, and Heath."*
- 5.120 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has decided to revise its initial proposals for Cardiff and the surrounding areas. The Commission considers that these

revised proposals better reflect the statutory criteria. The Commission therefore proposes a constituency similar in composition to the existing Cardiff Central. With the removal of the Adamsdown electoral division into Cardiff South and Penarth, the existing constituency would require the addition of at least one other Cardiff electoral division in order to satisfy the statutory range. On the basis of representations received the Commission proposes that the electoral divisions which should be included in this constituency are Gabalfa and Heath.

5.121 The Commission acknowledges that this would be the smallest constituency in Wales both in terms of geographical area and number of electors. While the Commission recognises that this may not be the most desirable outcome the Commission is restricted by the statutory Rules and the size of electoral divisions in Cardiff.

5.122 **The Commission therefore proposes that a borough constituency be created from the City and County of Cardiff electoral divisions of Cathays (14,857), Cyncoed (8,660), Gabalfa (6,699), Heath (9,714), Pentwyn (10,363), Penylan (9,801) and Plasnewydd (12,807). This constituency would have 72,901 electors which is 4.9% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.**

5.123 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the constituency covers the vast majority of the existing Cardiff Central and this was an accepted name for the constituency and the area it represented.

5.124 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *“As that recommended constituency will be largely unchanged from the existing constituency, we recommend that it be named Cardiff Central”* The Commission agrees with this approach and therefore proposes the name for the constituency of **Cardiff Central** (with an official alternative of **Canol Caerdydd**).

14. Cardiff North and South West Gwent (Gogledd Caerdydd a De Orllewin Gwent)

5.125 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Caerphilly** CC has a total of 61,633 electors which is 20% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Cardiff North** BC has a total of 66,290 electors which is 14% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 9% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
3. The existing **Islwyn** CC has a total of 54,611 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the

minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

4. The existing **Newport West** CC has a total of 62,465 electors which is 18% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 14% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.126 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the County Borough of Caerphilly electoral divisions of Aber Valley (4,510), Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen (7,630), Morgan Jones (4,909), Penyrheol (8,777), St. James (4,153) and St. Martins (6,335) and,
2. the City and County of Cardiff electoral divisions of Lisvane (2,839), Llanishen (12,945), Rhiwbina (9,103) and, Whitchurch and Tongwynlais (12,672).

This constituency would have 73,873 electors which is 3.6% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Caerphilly and Cardiff North**.

5.127 As described at 5.92 to 5.96 above, the Commission received a considerable number of representations which opposed the way in which it had divided the City of Cardiff into four new constituencies. Representations focussed upon:

- The amalgamation of the north of Cardiff with the town of Caerphilly – including the geographical barrier between the constituencies (Caerphilly Mountain) which, it was contended, is a natural boundary between Cardiff and Caerphilly.
- Opposition to the proposed Newport West and Sirhowy Valley constituency – including the lack of community ties and cohesion where a part of Newport City was placed with valley communities further north and west.
- The splitting of Caerphilly Unitary Authority between four separate constituencies, none of which was entirely composed of electoral divisions from Caerphilly County Borough Council.

5.128 The Commission received representations that highlighted the existing ties between the electoral divisions of Llanishen, Lisvane, and Rhiwbina. They demonstrated that these electoral divisions use and share community facilities and services, including primary schools. There were also representations that the electoral divisions of Whitchurch and Tongwynlais and Pontprennau/Old St Mellons had close affinities with the electoral divisions of Llanishen, Lisvane, and Rhiwbina; all five electoral divisions are within the existing constituency of Cardiff North. Some representations also focussed on north Cardiff's links with parts of West Cardiff, in particular Whitchurch's links with Creigiau, Llandaff, Radyr and St. Fagans.

- 5.129 On the basis of the representations that were received in relation to Cardiff and the wider area, the Commission considered all the alternative proposals which it was suggested might alleviate some of the disadvantages whilst also attempting to retain those elements of the initial proposals for which the Commission received support.
- 5.130 On the basis of the representations made the Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *“In our opinion, it would better reflect the statutory criteria if these five electoral divisions [Lisvane, Llanishen, Pontprennau/Old St Mellons, Rhiwbina, and Whitchurch and Tongwynlais] were included within one constituency... and 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... 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.”*
- 5.131 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has decided to revise its initial proposals for Cardiff and the surrounding areas. The Commission considers that these revised proposals better reflect the statutory criteria. The Commission therefore proposes a constituency similar to the existing Cardiff North but which includes areas outside the City of Cardiff. With the removal of the Gabalfa, Heath and Llandaff North electoral divisions into Cardiff Central and Cardiff West, the existing constituency would require the addition of electoral divisions from outside the City of Cardiff in order to satisfy the statutory range. On the basis of representations received, in particular the level of opposition to the joining of Cardiff with Caerphilly, the Commission proposes that the electoral divisions most appropriate to combine with the existing electoral divisions within the existing Cardiff North are the City of Newport electoral divisions of Graig, Marshfield, Rogerstone and Tredegar Park.
- 5.132 In order to meet the statutory range, the electoral divisions of Risca East and Risca West from the County Borough of Caerphilly are also included in this constituency. The Commission recognises that the joining of Cardiff North with areas such as Risca and Tredegar Park in this constituency may not be considered desirable if judged in isolation. However, this composition was considered appropriate given the representations received and the constraints of the statutory requirements. The Commission considered the inclusion of the Community of Rudry in this constituency in order to improve the ‘shape’ of the constituency. However, this possibility was not pursued as

it would break an Electoral Division and offer no real improvement to the composition of the constituency.

5.133 The new constituency is broadly based on the representations heard at the Cardiff public hearing from both the current MP for Cardiff North and the County Councillors for the electoral divisions of Marshfield and Graig. Alternative counter-proposals for this area combined areas from the city centre of Cardiff with valley communities, the Commission believes that its proposed constituency better reflects the statutory criteria than these alternative counter-proposals.

5.134 **The Commission therefore proposes that a county constituency be created from:**

1. the County Borough of Caerphilly electoral divisions of Risca East (4,643), Risca West (3,988),
2. the City and County of Cardiff electoral divisions of Lisvane (2,839), Llanishen (12,945), Pontprennau/Old St. Mellons (6,956), Rhiwbina (9,103) and, Whitchurch and Tongwynlais (12,672) and,
3. the City of Newport electoral divisions of Graig (4,620), Marshfield (4,611), Rogerstone (7,843) and Tredegar Park (2,922).

This constituency would have 73,978 electors which is 3.5% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.135 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the constituency covers the majority of the existing Cardiff North and this was an accepted name for the constituency and the area it represented. However, this would not represent the whole of the new constituency as the parts newly included in the constituency (Risca East, Risca West, Graig, Marshfield, Rogerstone and Tredegar Park) should be recognised in the constituency name.

5.136 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *“...we consider that an appropriate name for our recommended constituency would be Cardiff North and West Gwent...”* The Commission agrees with this approach but feels that the areas of Gwent included in this constituency are more specifically from the south west of the county. The Commission therefore proposes the name for the constituency of **Cardiff North and South West Gwent** (with an official alternative of **Gogledd Caerdydd a De Orllewin Gwent**).

15. Caerphilly (Caerffili)

5.137 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Caerphilly** CC has a total of 61,633 electors which is 20% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the

minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

2. The existing **Islwyn** CC has a total of 54,611 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
3. The existing **Newport West** CC has a total of 62,465 electors which is 18% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 14% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.138 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the County Borough of Caerphilly electoral divisions of Aberbargoed (2,509), Abercarn (3,881), Bargoed (4,331), Crosskeys (2,445), Gilfach (1,525), Hengoed (3,671), Llanbradach (3,171), Maesycwmmmer (1,707), Nelson (3,482), Pengam (2,681), Pontllanfraith (6,159), Risca East (4,643), Risca West (3,988), St. Cattwg (5,586), Ynysddu (2,811) and Ystrad Mynach (3,553) and,
2. the City of Newport electoral divisions of Graig (4,620), Marshfield (4,611) and Rogerstone (7,843).

This constituency would have 73,217 electors which is 4.5% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Newport West and Sirhowy Valley**.

5.139 As described at 5.92 to 5.96, the Commission received a considerable number of representations for constituencies in this area. Representations focussed upon:

- The amalgamation of the north of Cardiff with the town of Caerphilly – including the geographical barrier between the constituencies (Caerphilly Mountain) which, it was contended, is a natural boundary between Cardiff and Caerphilly.
- Opposition to the proposed Newport West and Sirhowy Valley constituency – including the lack of community ties and cohesion where a part of Newport City was placed with valley communities further north and west.
- The splitting of Caerphilly Unitary Authority between four separate constituencies, none of which was entirely composed of electoral divisions from Caerphilly County Borough Council.

5.140 On the basis of the representations that were received in relation to Cardiff and the wider area, the Commission considered all the alternative proposals which it was suggested might alleviate some of the disadvantages whilst also

attempting to retain those elements of the initial proposals for which the Commission received support.

- 5.141 The Assistant Commissioners recommended the composition of a Caerphilly constituency with 11 of the 13 electoral divisions from the existing Caerphilly constituency and six electoral divisions from the existing Islwyn constituency. The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *“We recommend that there be a Caerphilly constituency ... the entire constituency would be comprised of electoral divisions from one local authority area, that of Caerphilly Country Borough Council”*.
- 5.142 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has decided to revise its initial proposals for Caerphilly and the surrounding areas. The Commission considers that these revised proposals better reflect the statutory criteria. The Commission therefore accepts the Assistant Commissioners’ recommendations and proposes creating a constituency similar to the existing Caerphilly constituency.
- 5.143 On the basis of representations received, in particular the level of opposition to the joining of Cardiff with Caerphilly and the opposition to combining valley communities with the City of Newport, the Commission has decided that the electoral divisions most appropriate to combine with the electoral divisions of the existing Caerphilly are the electoral divisions of Abercarn, Crosskeys, Maesycwmmmer, Pengam, Pontllanfraith and Ynysddu. All of these divisions are presently within the Islwyn constituency and Caerphilly County Borough. This composition also takes into account the removal from the existing Caerphilly constituency of the Bargoed and Gilfach electoral divisions which the Commission proposes to include in the ‘Merthyr Tydfil, Rhymney and Lower Cynon’ constituency (see below).
- 5.144 **The Commission therefore proposes that a county constituency be created from the County Borough of Caerphilly electoral divisions of Abercarn (3,881), Aber Valley (4,510), Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen (7,630), Crosskeys (2,445), Hengoed (3,671), Llanbradach (3,171), Maesycwmmmer (1,707), Morgan Jones (4,909), Nelson (3,482), Pengam (2,681), Penyrheol (8,777), Pontllanfraith (6,159), St. Cattwg (5,586), St. James (4,153), St. Martins (6,335), Ynysddu (2,811) and Ystrad Mynach (3,553). This constituency would have 74,625 electors which is 2.6% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.**
- 5.145 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the constituency covers the majority of the existing Caerphilly constituency and this was an accepted name for the constituency and the area it represented. The parts newly included in the constituency are also from the Caerphilly County Borough.

5.146 The Assistant Commissioners Report concluded that: “...we recommend that it be named *Caerphilly*.” The Commission agrees with this recommendation and therefore proposes the name for the constituency of **Caerphilly** (with an official alternative of **Caerffili**).

16. Newport (Casnewydd)

5.147 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Newport East** CC has a total of 54,826 electors which is 28% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Newport West** CC has a total of 62,465 electors which is 18% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 14% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.148 In the Commission’s initial proposals it was proposed that a borough constituency be created from the City of Newport electoral divisions of Allt-yr-Yn (6,555), Alway (5,664), Beechwood (5,601), Bettws (5,452), Gaer (6,304), Liswerry (7,671), Llanwern (2,264), Malpas (6,041), Pillgwenlly (4,382), Ringland (6,160), Shaftesbury (3,767), St. Julians (6,144), Stow Hill (3,079), Tredegar Park (2,922) and Victoria (4,455). This constituency would have 76,461 electors which is 0.2% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Newport Central**.

5.149 The Commission received only a small number of representations concerning the proposed ‘Newport Central’ constituency and the representations that it did receive were largely supportive. However, as noted at 5.93, the Commission received considerable opposition to the proposed Newport West and Sirhowy Valley constituency. The representations focussed upon the lack of community ties and cohesion where a part of Newport City was placed with valley communities further north and west.

5.150 The Assistant Commissioners made recommendations for changes to the Commission’s proposals for Cardiff and the South Wales Valleys which would better meet the statutory criteria. These changes have a relatively small consequential impact on the proposed ‘Newport Central’ constituency as the Assistant Commissioners concluded that: “*We recommend that the electoral division of Tredegar Park be included within our recommended Cardiff North and West Gwent constituency...We do not recommend any other change to the proposed Newport Central...*”

5.151 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that, as a

consequence of the proposed Cardiff North and South West Gwent, it is appropriate for the 'Newport Central' constituency to be slightly amended with the removal of the Tredegar Park electoral division. The proposed constituency comprises predominantly electoral divisions of the City of Newport south of the M4. This constituency will remain within the statutory electorate range and allows the formation of constituencies in the surrounding areas that meet the statutory criteria.

5.152 **The Commission therefore proposes a borough constituency be created from the City of Newport electoral divisions of Allt-yr-Yn (6,555), Alway (5,664), Beechwood (5,601), Bettws (5,452), Gaer (6,304), Liswerry (7,671), Llanwern (2,264), Malpas (6,041), Pillgwenlly (4,382), Ringland (6,160), Shaftesbury (3,767), St. Julians (6,144), Stow Hill (3,079), and Victoria (4,455). This constituency would have 73,539 electors which is 4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.**

5.153 The name of the constituency was generally accepted with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers. There was some question over the need for 'Central' to be in the name as the constituency would include a large majority of the City of Newport, not just the city centre.

5.154 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *"this constituency be called Newport."* The Commission agrees with this approach and therefore proposes the name for the constituency of **Newport** (with an official alternative of **Casnewydd**).

17. Monmouthshire (Sir Fynwy)

5.155 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Monmouth** CC has a total of 65,101 electors which is 15% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 11% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Newport East** CC has a total of 54,826 electors which is 28% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.156 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from the electoral divisions of:

1. the County of Monmouthshire electoral divisions of Caerwent (1,434), Caldicot Castle (1,536), Cantref (1,693), Castle (1,616), Croesonen (1,635), Crucorney (1,702), Devauden (1,175), Dewstow (1,485), Dixton with Osbaston (1,875), Drybridge (2,535), Goetre Fawr (1,862), Green Lane

(1,523), Grofield (1,382), Lansdown (1,711), Larkfield (1,532), Llanbadoc (1,038), Llanelly Hill (3,157), Llanfoist Fawr (DET)(1,409), Llanybi Fawr (1,483), Llanover (1,841), Llantilio Crossenny (1,414), Llanwenarth Ultra (1,126), Mardy (1,414), Mill (2,180), Mitchel Troy (977), Overmonnow (1,779), Portskewett (1,702), Priory (1,508), Raglan (1,552), Rogiet (1,335), Severn (1,395), Shirenewton (1,778), St. Arvans (1,260), St. Christopher's (1,872), St. Kingsmark (2,275), St. Mary's (1,449), The Elms (2,435) Thornwell (2,038), Trellech United (2,155), Usk (1,943), West End (1,536) and Wyesham (1,673) and,

2. the City of Newport electoral division of Langstone (3,442).

This constituency would have 73,862 electors which is 3.6% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Monmouthshire**.

5.157 The Commission received only a small number of representations concerning the proposed 'Monmouthshire' constituency and the representations that it did receive were largely supportive. The Commission received support from almost all quarters for the unification of Monmouthshire into one constituency. However, a small number of alternative schemes for South Wales suggested, largely as a consequence of proposals in other areas, that Monmouthshire should be split. A representation from the Monmouthshire Association suggested a significant change to 'Monmouthshire' and the surrounding proposed constituencies. However, these counter-proposals were opposed by several representations made during the secondary consultation period on the basis that there would be significant disruption to the existing constituencies and the proposals would split several Unitary Authorities, including Monmouthshire.

5.158 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend any changes to the proposed Monmouthshire constituency.

5.159 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has not revised its initial proposals for this constituency. It is seen as appropriate, where possible, to place a whole Unitary Authority within a single constituency, as is set out in Rule 5 and the majority of representations have reflected this approach.

5.160 **The Commission therefore propose a county constituency be created from the electoral divisions of:**

1. **the County of Monmouthshire electoral divisions of Caerwent (1,434), Caldicot Castle (1,536), Cantref (1,693), Castle (1,616), Croesonen (1,635), Crucorney (1,702), Devauden (1,175), Dewstow (1,485), Dixton with Osbaston (1,875), Drybridge (2,535), Goetre Fawr (1,862), Green Lane (1,523), Grofield (1,382), Lansdown (1,711), Larkfield (1,532), Llanbadoc (1,038), Llanelly Hill (3,157), Llanfoist Fawr (DET)(1,409),**

- Llangybi Fawr (1,483), Llanover (1,841), Llantilio Crossenny (1,414), Llanwenarth Ultra (1,126), Mardy (1,414), Mill (2,180), Mitchel Troy (977), Overmonnow (1,779), Portskewett (1,702), Priory (1,508), Raglan (1,552), Rogiet (1,335), Severn (1,395), Shirenewton (1,778), St. Arvans (1,260), St. Christopher's (1,872), St. Kingsmark (2,275), St. Mary's (1,449), The Elms (2,435) Thornwell (2,038), Trellech United (2,155), Usk (1,943), West End (1,536) and Wyesham (1,673) and,
2. the City of Newport electoral division of Langstone (3,442).

This constituency would have 73,862 electors which is 3.6% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

- 5.161 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the suggested constituency name was generally accepted with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers.
- 5.162 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Monmouthshire constituency as the name was considered “*as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received.*” Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Monmouthshire** (with an official alternative of **Sir Fynwy**).

18. Torfaen (Tor-faen)

- 5.163 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:
1. The existing **Monmouth** CC has a total of 65,101 electors which is 15% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 11% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
 2. The existing **Newport West** CC has a total of 62,465 electors which is 18% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 14% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
 3. The existing **Torfaen** CC has a total of 61,644 electors which is 20% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 5.164 In the Commission’s initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:
1. the existing Torfaen CC;
 2. the City of Newport electoral division of Caerleon (6,889); and,

3. the County Borough of Torfaen electoral divisions of Croesyceiliog North (2,762), Croesyceiliog South (1,487), Llanyrafon North (1,621) and Llanyrafon South (2,236).

This constituency would have 76,639 electors which is 2 electors below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Torfaen**.

- 5.165 The Commission received only a small number of representations concerning the proposed 'Torfaen' constituency and the representations that it did receive were largely supportive. The Commission received support from almost all quarters for the retention of the Torfaen Unitary Authority in one constituency. However, a small number of alternative schemes for South Wales suggested, as a consequence of proposals in other areas, that Torfaen should be split.
- 5.166 The Conservative Party made an alternative proposal which would substitute Bettws for the Newport electoral division of Caerleon, which was included in the Torfaen constituency in the Commission's initial proposals. The Conservative Party asserted that this change would mean 'moving' fewer electors between constituencies. The Commission also received some opposition to the inclusion of Caerleon in the Torfaen constituency from local Councillors, although the proposal was accepted by others including the current MP for the area.
- 5.167 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend any changes to the proposed Torfaen constituency.
- 5.168 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has not revised its initial proposals for this constituency. It is seen as appropriate, where possible, to place a whole Unitary Authority within a single constituency, as is set out in Rule 5 and the majority of representations have reflected this approach.
- 5.169 With regard to the representations made by the Conservative Party, the Commission does not consider Bettws to be an appropriate electoral division to include in Torfaen. The only direct roads between Bettws and Torfaen are small country lanes and therefore the only substantial transport links pass through the electoral division of Malpas in the proposed Newport constituency. To include Malpas and Bettws in the Torfaen constituency would create a constituency greater than the statutory electorate range and 'Newport' would be below the statutory range.
- 5.170 **The Commission therefore proposes a county constituency be created from:**
 1. **the existing Torfaen CC;**
 2. **the City of Newport electoral division of Caerleon (6,889); and,**

3. the County Borough of Torfaen electoral divisions of Croesyceiliog North (2,762), Croesyceiliog South (1,487), Llanyrafon North (1,621) and Llanyrafon South (2,236).

This constituency would have 76,639 electors which is 2 electors below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

- 5.171 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the suggested constituency name was generally accepted with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers.
- 5.172 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Torfaen constituency as the name was considered "*as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received.*" Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Torfaen** (with an official alternative of **Tor-faen**).

19. Blaenau Gwent

- 5.173 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Blaenau Gwent** CC has a total of 53,517 electors which is 30% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 27% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Islwyn** CC has a total of 54,611 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 5.174 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the existing Blaenau Gwent CC and,
2. the County Borough of Caerphilly electoral divisions of Argoed (1,912), Blackwood (6,168), Cefn Fforest (2,742), Crumlin (4,334), Newbridge (4,685) and Penmaen (3,946).

This constituency would have 77,304 electors which is 0.9% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was Blaenau Gwent.

- 5.175 The Commission received only a small number of representations concerning the proposed 'Blaenau Gwent' constituency and the representations that it did receive were largely supportive. The Commission received support from

almost all quarters for the proposal to extend the existing constituency south following the Sirhowy and Ebbw Valleys as far as Blackwood and Newbridge. However, a number of alternative schemes for South Wales suggested, as a consequence of proposals in other areas, that part of Blaenau Gwent should be split.

5.176 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend any changes to the proposed Blaenau Gwent constituency.

5.177 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has not revised its initial proposals for this constituency. It is seen as appropriate, where possible, to place a whole Unitary Authority within a single constituency, as is set out in Rule 5 and the majority of representations have reflected this approach.

5.178 **The Commission therefore proposes a county constituency be created from:**

1. **the existing Blaenau Gwent CC and,**
2. **the County Borough of Caerphilly electoral divisions of Argoed (1,912), Blackwood (6,168), Cefn Fforest (2,742), Crumlin (4,334), Newbridge (4,685) and Penmaen (3,946).**

This constituency would have 77,304 electors which is 0.9% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.179 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the suggested constituency name was generally accepted with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers.

5.180 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Blaenau Gwent constituency as the name was considered "*as, or more, appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received.*" Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Blaenau Gwent**.

Note on the existing constituencies of Cynon Valley, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, Pontypridd, and Rhondda

5.181 A significant proportion of the representations the Commission received related to the Commission's initial proposals to divide the existing Cynon Valley constituency between three proposed constituencies: 'Heads of the Valleys', 'Pontypridd', and 'Rhondda'.

5.182 The main points to emerge from the representations were that:

- The Cynon Valley is a distinct community which should be retained wholly in any new constituency.
- That there is no physical connection between the Communities of Aberaman, Cwmbach and Mountain Ash and the Rhondda Valley.
- That the Communities of Aberaman and Cwmbach are intrinsically linked to the town of Aberdare and should be retained together within a constituency.

5.183 However, the Commission did receive extensive support for some of its initial proposals for the wider area. These were:

- The 're-uniting' of the Town of Pontypridd in one constituency.
- The addition of Ynysybwl to a constituency with the Town of Pontypridd with which it is intrinsically linked.
- The addition of the Rhondda Cynon Taf parts of the existing Ogmere constituency to the proposed Pontypridd constituency as they form part of the basin to the Taff, Cynon, Rhondda and Ely Valleys which the proposed 'Pontypridd' constituency would occupy.

5.184 A local campaign, the Save the Cynon Valley Campaign, made an alternative proposal which placed part of Merthyr Tydfil with most of the Cynon Valley, part of 'Pontypridd' with part of Merthyr Tydfil and the Rhymney Valley, and the remaining part of 'Pontypridd', with the Rhondda constituency. The Commission fully understands the feelings behind this counter proposal and records its appreciation of the efforts of the local community to engage so constructively with the consultation process.

5.185 The Commission also received several other alternative proposals concerning these constituencies and those in the surrounding areas. Many of these alternative proposals suggested that part of the Cynon Valley and Merthyr Tydfil be amalgamated, the remaining part of the Cynon Valley be added to part of the proposed Pontypridd constituency and the remaining part of Pontypridd be added to Rhondda.

5.186 Many of the counter proposals for this area would create a Rhondda constituency with the Community of Tonyrefail and the Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral divisions of Brynna, Gilfach Goch, Llanharan, Llanharry and Talbot Green. However, there are two difficulties with this proposal:

1. The Community of Llantrisant would be divided between constituencies as the electoral division of Talbot Green forms a ward of the Community.
2. It breaks the well supported proposal for Pontypridd.

5.187 The Commission gave serious consideration to the possibility of breaking the Llantrisant Community notwithstanding the fact that this would be the only instance in the proposals for Wales where a Community would be broken. However, even if the breaking of the Llantrisant Community were to be

accepted, the further consequences of the counter-proposals for this area were considered unacceptable.

5.188 Many of the counter-proposals that aim to retain the Cynon Valley as a whole, or near whole, would split the Merthyr Tydfil Unitary Authority between constituencies. It is a factor in Rule 5, as well as an objective of the Commission, to include Unitary Authorities wholly within a constituency if it is possible to do so. These counter-proposals would also lead to undesirable amalgamations being made through joining Pontypridd with the Rhymney Valley, and through joining Brynna, Llanharry and Llanharan with the Rhondda.

5.189 The Commission has considered many possible schemes that would retain the Cynon Valley as a whole. However, in each case the consequential effects are so significant, when considered in the light of the statutory criteria, that the Commission has, with great regret, come to the conclusion that it is not possible to include the whole of the Cynon Valley in one constituency.

5.190 Nevertheless, the Commission has in its revised proposals attempted to alleviate some of the main concerns raised. The revised proposals would, for example, include Aberdare West/Llwydcoed, Aberdare East, Aberaman North, Aberaman South and Cwmbach together in one constituency and Mountain Ash East, Mountain Ash West, Penrhiwceiber and Abercynon in another. It was asserted in representations made that if the Cynon Valley were to be divided then the most appropriate point of division would be between Mountain Ash and Aberaman.

5.191 The revisions to the following three constituencies are proposed in the light of the submissions made, the support received, the alternatives suggested and following a careful balancing of the representations against the statutory criteria.

5.192 The constituencies in the surrounding areas are dealt with in the proposals for Caerphilly, Cardiff Central, Cardiff North and South West Gwent, Cardiff South and Penarth, Cardiff West and Newport above.

20. Merthyr Tydfil, Rhymney and Lower Cynon (Merthyr Tudful, Rhymni a Chynon Isaf)

5.193 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Caerphilly** CC has a total of 61,633 electors which is 20% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

2. The existing **Cynon Valley** CC has a total of 52,216 electors which is 32% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 28% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
3. The existing **Islwyn** CC has a total of 54,611 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
4. The existing **Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney** CC has a total of 54,757 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.194 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the existing Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney CC and,
2. the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral divisions of Aberdare East (5,236), Aberdare West/Llwydcoed (7,324), Hirwaun (3,176), Pen-y-Waun (2,122) and Rhigos (1,414).

This constituency would have 74,029 electors which is 3.4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Heads of the Valleys**.

5.195 As described at 5.181 to 5.192, the Commission received a considerable number of representations which opposed the composition of the proposed 'Heads of the Valleys' constituency and the proposals which affected the existing Cynon Valley constituency. The Commission received several alternative proposals for the northern part of the Cynon Valley and Merthyr Tydfil to be amalgamated.

5.196 The Commission gave careful consideration to the representations and counter-proposals that it received in relation to the Cynon Valley, in particular the very close community ties between the Communities of Aberaman, Aberdare and Cwmbach. When considering the proposals for this area the Commission also bore in mind the representations in support of the proposed Pontypridd constituency, the wishes of those in Caerphilly Borough Council to have a constituency wholly within that Authority, and the Rules laid out in the legislation regarding the consideration of Unitary Authority and existing constituency boundaries.

5.197 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *"...[we] 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..."*

5.198 Having considered the representations and the recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the difficult conclusion that the upper Cynon Valley could not form a constituency with Merthyr Tydfil without negative consequential effects (when assessed against the statutory criteria) in Caerphilly, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil and Pontypridd, including the breaking of the Merthyr Tydfil Unitary Authority. The Commission accepts the recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners and therefore proposes to form a constituency which includes the whole of the existing Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney constituency with the Communities of Abercynon, Bargoed, Mountain Ash and Penrhiwceiber. These Communities in the lower Cynon Valley are connected to Merthyr Tydfil at Fiddler’s Elbow. The Community of Bargoed is included in the constituency in order for the constituency to meet the statutory range. It is deemed an appropriate inclusion as it is in the Rhymney Valley.

5.199 **The Commission therefore proposes that a county constituency be created from:**

1. **the existing Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney CC,**
2. **the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral divisions of Abercynon (4,740), Mountain Ash East (2,206), Mountain Ash West (3,159) and Penrhiwceiber (4,447), and,**
3. **the County Borough of Caerphilly electoral divisions of Aberbargoed (2,509), Bargoed (4,331) and Gilfach (1,525).**

This constituency would have 77,674 electors which is 1.3% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.200 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the constituency covers the whole of ‘Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney’ and this was an accepted name for the previous constituency and the area it represented. However, this would not represent the whole of the new constituency as the parts newly included in the constituency from the lower Cynon Valley should be recognised in the constituency name.

5.201 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *“...we recommend the name of the constituency be Merthyr Tydfil and Lower Cynon.”* The Commission agrees with this approach but also considers that the name should reflect the inclusion of the Rhymney Valley. The Commission therefore proposes the name for the constituency of **Merthyr Tydfil, Rhymney and Lower Cynon** (with an official alternative of **Merthyr Tudful, Rhymni ar Chynon Isaf**).

21. Rhondda and Aberdare (Rhondda ac Aberdâr)

5.202 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Cynon Valley** CC has a total of 52,216 electors which is 32% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 28% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Rhondda** CC has a total of 52,765 electors which is 31% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 28% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.203 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the existing Rhondda CC and,
2. the County of Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral divisions of Aberaman North (3,873), Aberaman South (3,476), Cwmbach (3,268), Mountain Ash East (2,206), Mountain Ash West (3,159) and Penrhiwceiber (4,447).

This constituency would have 73,194 electors which is 4.5% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Rhondda**.

5.204 As described at 5.181 to 5.192, the Commission received a considerable number of representations which opposed the composition of the 'Rhondda' constituency and the proposals which affected the existing Cynon Valley constituency.

5.205 The Commission gave careful consideration to the representations and counter-proposals that it received in relation to the Cynon Valley, in particular the very close community ties between the Communities of Aberaman, Aberdare and Cwmbach. When considering the proposals for this area the Commission also bore in mind the representations in support of the proposed Pontypridd constituency, and the Rules laid out in the legislation regarding the consideration of Unitary Authority and existing constituency boundaries.

5.206 The Commission received several alternative proposals for this area many of which combined the Rhondda Valley with the Community of Tonyrefail and the Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral divisions of Brynna, Gilfach Goch, Llanharan, Llanharry and Talbot Green. As outlined in paragraph 5.186 this proposal would split the Community of Llantrisant between constituencies and break-up the supported Pontypridd proposal.

- 5.207 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *“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 ... Further, the electoral division of Cymmer, in the existing and proposed Rhondda constituency, would be included within the proposed Pontypridd constituency.”*
- 5.208 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the difficult conclusion that the upper Cynon Valley could not form a constituency with Merthyr Tydfil without negative consequential effects (when assessed against the statutory criteria) in Caerphilly, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil and Pontypridd, including the breaking of the Merthyr Tydfil Unitary Authority. The Commission therefore accepts the recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners and proposes to form a constituency which includes all but one electoral division from the existing Rhondda constituency with the Communities of Aberaman, Aberdare, Cwmbach, Hirwaun, Llwydcoed, Pen-y-Waun and Rhigos. These Communities in the upper Cynon Valley are connected to Rhondda via the A4233 and A4061.
- 5.209 The inclusion of all of the above Communities from the upper Cynon Valley with the whole of the existing Rhondda constituency would form a constituency which would be above the statutory range. To alleviate this difficulty the Commission proposes that the electoral division of Cymmer, from the existing Rhondda constituency, be included in the Pontypridd constituency. While the Commission recognises that the inclusion of Cymmer in the Pontypridd constituency is far from ideal, due to the close ties Cymmer has with Porth, the Commission must ensure that all constituencies are within the statutory electorate range. Cymmer does have strong communication links with both Community of Tonyrefail (A4233) and Town of Pontypridd (A4058) and is therefore considered the most appropriate addition to the Pontypridd constituency.
- 5.210 **The Commission therefore proposes that a county constituency be created from the County of Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral divisions of Aberaman North (3,873), Aberaman South (3,476), Aberdare East (5,236), Aberdare West/Llwydcoed (7,324), Cwmbach (3,268), Cwm Clydach (2,198), Ferndale (3,228), Hirwaun (3,176), Llwyn-y-Pia (1,698), Maerdy (2,373), Pentre (3,989), Pen-y-Graig (4,112), Pen-y-Waun (2,122), Porth (4,480), Rhigos (1,414), Tonypany (2,727), Trealaw (2,936), Treherbert (4,477), Treorchy (6,032), Tylorstown (3,327), Ynyshir (2,478) and Ystrad (4,473). This constituency would have 78,417 electors which is 2.3% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.**
- 5.211 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the constituency covers the majority of the existing Rhondda constituency and this was an accepted name of the previous constituency and the area it represented. However, this

would not represent the whole of the new constituency as the parts newly included in the constituency from the upper Cynon Valley should be recognised in the constituency name.

5.212 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *“the constituency be called Rhondda and Aberdare.”* The Commission agrees and therefore proposes the name for the constituency of **Rhondda and Aberdare** (with an official alternative of **Rhondda ac Aberdâr**).

22. Pontypridd

5.213 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Cynon Valley** CC has a total of 52,216 electors which is 32% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 28% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Ogmore** CC has a total of 55,699 electors which is 27% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 24% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
3. The existing **Pontypridd** CC has a total of 60,016 electors which is 22% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 18% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
4. The existing **Rhondda** CC has a total of 52,765 electors which is 31% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 28% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.214 In the Commission’s initial proposals it was proposed that a borough constituency be created from the County of Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral divisions of Abercynon (4,740), Beddau (3,208), Brynna (2,956), Church Village (3,530), Cilfynydd (2,116), Gilfach Goch (2,499), Glyncoch (2,119), Graig (1,757), Hawthorn (2,797), Llanharan (2,503), Llanharry (2,689), Llantrisant Town (3,770), Llantwit Fardre (4,738), Pontypridd Town (2,252), Rhondda (3,598), Rhydfelen Central/Ilan (3,199), Taffs Well (2,818), Talbot Green (2,029), Ton-Teg (3,383), Tonyrefail East (4,429), Tonyrefail West (4,641), Trallwng (2,842), Treforest (3,066), Tyn-y-Nant (2,567) and Ynysybwl (3,540). This constituency would have 77,786 electors which is 1.5% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Pontypridd**.

5.215 As described at 5.181 to 5.192 above, the proposed ‘Pontypridd’ constituency received significant support. This support was predominantly for the ‘re-uniting’ of the Town of Pontypridd into one constituency, the addition of

Ynysybwl to a constituency including the Town of Pontypridd, and the addition of the Rhondda Cynon Taf parts of the existing Ogmores constituency which form part of the basin to the Taff, Cynon, Rhondda and Ely Valleys which the proposed 'Pontypridd' constituency would occupy.

- 5.216 The Commission did receive several representations suggesting amendments to the constituency. However, these had come about largely as a consequential effect of dissatisfaction in other areas, as opposed to opposition to the formation of the constituency in itself.
- 5.217 In order to allow for appropriate constituencies to be proposed in other areas, for example Merthyr Tydfil, Rhymney and Lower Cynon, and Rhondda and Aberdare, the Assistant Commissioners recommended that: *“Abercynon be included in the proposed [Merthyr Tydfil and Lower Cynon] constituency. Further, the electoral division of Cymmer, in the existing and proposed Rhondda constituency, would be included within the proposed Pontypridd constituency.”*
- 5.218 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that the Pontypridd constituency, with the consequential effects of the above two proposals namely the removal of the Abercynon electoral division and inclusion of the Cymmer electoral division, is the most appropriate solution for Pontypridd and the surrounding areas.
- 5.219 **The Commission therefore proposes that a borough constituency be created from the County of Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral divisions of Beddau (3,208), Brynna (2,956), Church Village (3,530), Cilfynydd (2,116), Cymmer (4,237), Gilfach Goch (2,499), Glyncoch (2,119), Graig (1,757), Hawthorn (2,797), Llanharan (2,503), Llanharry (2,689), Llantrisant Town (3,770), Llantwit Fardre (4,738), Pontypridd Town (2,252), Rhondda (3,598), Rhydfelen Central/Ilan (3,199), Taffs Well (2,818), Talbot Green (2,029), Ton-Teg (3,383), Tonyrefail East (4,429), Tonyrefail West (4,641), Trallwng (2,842), Treforest (3,066), Tyn-y-Nant (2,567) and Ynysybwl (3,540). This constituency would have 77,283 electors which is 0.8% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.**
- 5.220 The suggested constituency name was generally accepted with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers.
- 5.221 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Pontypridd constituency. Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Pontypridd**.

Note on the existing constituency of Montgomeryshire

- 5.222 A significant proportion of the representations that the Commission received were in respect of the Commission's initial proposals to divide the existing Montgomeryshire constituency between three proposed constituencies, 'Glyndwr and North Powys', 'Gwynedd' and 'South Powys'.
- 5.223 The representations asserted that the people of Montgomeryshire feel that they are a distinct historic community in Wales. The splitting of Montgomeryshire into three would, it was contended, represent the loss of a single voice for Montgomeryshire in Parliament.
- 5.224 Unfortunately, the Commission did not receive any alternative proposals which would keep the existing Montgomeryshire constituency intact which took into account the knock on effects of creating a constituency based on Montgomeryshire when considered against the statutory criteria. The Commission has, however, looked extensively at the issue and at possible alternative arrangements to those proposed in the representations. Regrettably, due to the geographical location, Unitary Authority boundaries and Community and electoral division sizes, the Commission has not found a practicable alternative arrangement that maintains Montgomeryshire as a whole which does not have significant detrimental effects to the size, shape and constitution of constituencies across the rest of Wales.
- 5.225 However, there were proposals, such as those made by David Rossiter et al., supported by others, which would amend the proposals by splitting Montgomeryshire between two rather than among three constituencies. These proposals add the three Montgomeryshire electoral divisions presently proposed to be in the 'Gwynedd' constituency (Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair and Machynlleth) to the 'South Powys' constituency. Although there are consequences of this change, which are explained below, the Commission considers this counter proposal for Montgomeryshire to be preferable to its initial proposals.

23. Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery (Aberhonddu, Maesyfed a Threfaldwyn)

- 5.226 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:
1. The existing **Brecon and Radnorshire** CC has a total of 53,633 electors which is 30% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 26% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
 2. The existing **Montgomeryshire** CC has a total of 48,563 electors which is 37% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 33% below

the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.227 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the existing Brecon and Radnorshire CC and,
2. the County of Powys electoral divisions of Berriew (1,103), Blaen Hafren (1,880), Caersws (1,835), Churchstoke (1,260), Dolforwyn (1,590), Forden (1,107), Kerry (1,610), Llandinam (1,120), Llanidloes (2,222), Montgomery (1,078), Newtown Central (2,177), Newtown East (1,449), Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North (1,742), Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West (1,361), Newtown South (1,261) and Rhiwcyon (1,708).

This constituency would have 78,136 electors which is 2% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **South Powys**.

5.228 The Commission received representations which contested the size of the proposed constituency, as it would be one of the largest constituencies in Wales at 3,898km². Several representations also indicated rural areas of Wales should be exempt from the statutory criteria. Given the relatively small number of electors in rural parts of Wales it is inevitable that under the new arrangements some constituencies would be large in terms of area. The Commission cannot deviate from the rules set out in the legislation. Therefore it is not possible to create a 'special case' or 'exception' for 'South Powys'.

5.229 As described at 5.222 to 5.225, the Commission received a considerable number of representations opposing the Commission's initial proposals which affected the existing Montgomeryshire constituency.

5.230 There were proposals, such as those made by David Rossiter et al., supported by others, which amended the proposals so that Montgomeryshire was split between two rather than among three constituencies. The proposals add the three Montgomeryshire electoral divisions presently proposed to be in the 'Gwynedd' constituency to the 'South Powys' constituency. This would leave 'South Powys' above the UKEQ and 'Gwynedd' below. The electorate of 'South Powys' could meet the statutory range by moving the electoral divisions of Berriew and Forden into 'Glyndwr and North Powys'. Gwynedd's requirements in this regard could be met by including in that constituency the Community of Llandeiniolen and another electoral division from Conwy Unitary Authority (see 5.254 to 5.256).

5.231 Apart from the representations concerning Montgomeryshire generally, the Commission received specific representations concerning the appropriateness of the electoral divisions of Berriew and Forden being placed in this constituency on the basis that they have ties to the Welshpool area. The most

compelling of these arguments was that Berriew and Forden are both within the Welshpool school catchment areas. However, the Commission received and heard evidence from the County Councillor for Forden, and the Forden with Trelystan Community Council that they wished to remain in the 'South Powys' constituency.

5.232 The Assistant Commissioners recommended that: *"... the inclusion of the Glantwymyn, Llanbryn-mair, 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."*

5.233 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that it is appropriate to include the three Montgomeryshire electoral divisions of Glantwymyn, Llanbryn-mair and Machynlleth in this proposed constituency and to place the electoral divisions of Berriew and Forden in 'Glyndwr and North Powys'.

5.234 The Commission carefully considered the two opposing views on the inclusion or exclusion of Berriew and Forden in this constituency. There was a strong response from the Forden with Trelystan Community Council which asserted that Forden should remain with a south Powys constituency. Berriew Community Council asserted that they should remain with north Powys. The Commission concluded that there was a strong case for Berriew to be included with north Powys. The case for Forden was less strong but some representations, such as those given on school catchment areas, showed a connection between Forden and Welshpool to the north. In order to include Glantwymyn, Llanbryn-mair and Machynlleth in the Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery constituency then both Berriew and Forden would have to be included in the north Powys constituency. On balance the Commission considered this appropriate.

5.235 The Commission recognises that this would be the largest constituency in Wales at 4,172km² and that it would also be relatively large in terms of the number of electors at 4.3% above the UKEQ. However, the Commission has had to balance this concern with the importance to local people and communities of retaining as much as possible of Montgomeryshire in one constituency.

5.236 **The Commission therefore proposes that a county constituency be created from:**

1. **the existing Brecon and Radnorshire CC and,**
2. **the County of Powys electoral divisions of Blaen Hafren (1,880), Caersws (1,835), Churchstoke (1,260), Dolforwyn (1,590), Glantwymyn (1,624),**

Kerry (1,610), Llanbrynmair (761), Llandinam (1,120), Llanidloes (2,222), Machynlleth (1,654), Montgomery (1,078), Newtown Central (2,177), Newtown East (1,449), Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North (1,742), Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West (1,361), Newtown South (1,261) and Rhiwcynon (1,708).

This constituency would have 79,965 electors which is 4.3% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.237 'South Powys' was generally accepted as a constituency name with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers. However, there was some objection to the historic shire names of Brecknock, Radnor and Montgomery not being included in the name.

5.238 The Assistant Commissioners recommended that: "*the constituency be named Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery.*" The Commission agrees with this recommendation and therefore proposes the name for the constituency of **Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery** (with an official alternative of **Aberhonddu, Maesyfed a Threfaldwyn**).

24. Denbigh and North Montgomeryshire (Dinbych a Gogledd Sir Drefaldwyn)

5.239 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Clwyd South** CC has a total of 54,243 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 26% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Clwyd West** CC has a total of 58,215 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
3. The existing **Montgomery** CC has a total of 48,563 electors which is 37% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 33% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
4. The existing **Vale of Clwyd** CC has a total of 56,264 electors which is 27% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 23% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.240 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the County of Conwy electoral divisions of Llangernyw (1,176), Llansannan (1,532) and Uwchaled (1,153);

2. the County of Denbighshire electoral divisions of Corwen (1,864), Denbigh Central (1,423), Denbigh Lower (3,574), Denbigh Upper/Henllan (2,481), Efenechtyd (1,271), Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla (1,923), Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal (1,215), Llandrillo (935), Llandyrnog (1,740), Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern (1,855), Llangollen (3,349), Llanrhaeadr-Yng-Nghinmeirch (1,505), Ruthin (4,235) and Trefnant (1,601) and the Community of Bodfari (290);
3. the County of Powys electoral divisions of Banwy (795), Guilsfield (1,833), Llandrinio (1,687), Llandysilio (1,387), Llanfair Caereinion (1,354), Llanfihangel (891), Llanfyllin (1,187), Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant/Llansilin (1,758), Llansantffraid (1,526), Llanwddyn (834), Meifod (1,064), Trewern (1,069), Welshpool Castle (1,029), Welshpool Gungrog (1,954) and Welshpool Llanerchuddol (1,653); and,
4. the County Borough of Wrexham electoral divisions of Cefn (3,874), Chirk North (1,883), Chirk South (1,580), Dyffryn Ceiriog/Ceiriog Valley (1,705), Johnstown (2,466), Llangollen Rural (1,577), Pant (1,634), Penycae (1,549) and Plas Madoc (1,219) and the Groes ward of the Community of Penycae (899) and the Ponciau North and South and the Rhos wards of the Community of Rhosllanerchrugog (3,025).

This constituency would have 74,554 electors which is 2.7% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Glyndwr and North Powys**.

- 5.241 As described at 5.222 to 5.225, a number of representations focussed on the geographical size of the constituency, the break up of the existing constituency of Montgomeryshire and the appropriateness of the electoral divisions of Berriew and Forden being included in 'South Powys'.
- 5.242 The Commission also received representations concerning the appropriateness of the Community of Ruabon being included in the 'Wrexham Maelor' constituency as they have ties to the surrounding communities that are within the 'Glyndwr and North Powys' constituency. However, the Commission also heard and received representations that suggested that the arrangement was appropriate as proposed.
- 5.243 The Assistant Commissioners recommended that: *"the electoral divisions of Berriew, and Forden, be included within the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency;"* and that *"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"*.
- 5.244 Having considered the representations the Commission accepts the recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners and proposes that the Powys electoral divisions of Berriew and Forden and the Wrexham electoral divisions of Penycae and Ruabon South and Ruabon should be included in their entirety in this proposed constituency. As described in 5.234, Berriew

and Forden are included based on the representations received and in order to allow the three electoral divisions of Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair and Machynlleth to be reunited with other areas of Montgomeryshire.

5.245 After careful consideration of the two opposing views on the inclusion or exclusion of the Community of Ruabon in this constituency the Commission accepts the recommendation of the Assistant Commissioners and proposes that the Community of Ruabon should be included within this constituency. This change reflects the close social ties that exist between Ruabon and Johnstown, Penycae, Plas Madoc and Cefn, which were demonstrated clearly in representations made to the Commission.

5.246 The Commission therefore proposes that a county constituency be created from:

- 1. the County of Conwy electoral divisions of Llangernyw (1,176), Llansannan (1,532) and Uwchaled (1,153);**
- 2. the County of Denbighshire electoral divisions of Corwen (1,864), Denbigh Central (1,423), Denbigh Lower (3,574), Denbigh Upper/Henllan (2,481), Efenechtyd (1,271), Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla (1,923), Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal (1,215), Llandrillo (935), Llandyrnog (1,740), Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern (1,855), Llangollen (3,349), Llanrhaeadr-Yng-Nghinmeirch (1,505), Ruthin (4,235) and Trefnant (1,601) and the Community of Bodfari (290);**
- 3. the County of Powys electoral divisions of Banwy (795), Berriew (1,103), Forden (1,107), Guilsfield (1,833), Llandrinio (1,687), Llandysilio (1,387), Llanfair Caereinion (1,354), Llanfihangel (891), Llanfyllin (1,187), Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant/Llansilin (1,758), Llansantffraid (1,526), Llanwddyn (834), Meifod (1,064), Trewern (1,069), Welshpool Castle (1,029), Welshpool Gungrog (1,954) and Welshpool Llanerchuddol (1,653); and,**
- 4. the County Borough of Wrexham electoral divisions of Cefn (3,874), Chirk North (1,883), Chirk South (1,580), Dyffryn Ceiriog/Ceiriog Valley (1,705), Johnstown (2,466), Llangollen Rural (1,577), Pant (1,634), Penycae (1,549), Penycae and Ruabon South (1,943) and Plas Madoc (1,219) and the Ponciau North and South and the Rhos wards of the Community of Rhosllanerchrugog (3,025).**

This constituency would have 79,963 electors which is 4.3% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.247 'Glyndwr and North Powys' was opposed from some quarters as a constituency name with most respondents questioning what area 'Glyndwr' covers. There was some objection to the historic name of Montgomeryshire not being included in a constituency name.

5.248 The Assistant Commissioners recommended that: “...the constituency be named *Denbigh and North Montgomeryshire*” The Commission agrees with this recommendation and therefore proposes the name for the constituency of **Denbigh and North Montgomeryshire** (with an official alternative of **Dinbych a Gogledd Sir Drefaldwyn**).

25. Gwynedd

5.249 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Aberconwy** CC has a total of 44,962 electors which is 41% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 38% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Arfon** CC has a total of 40,707 electors which is 47% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 44% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
3. The existing **Dwyfor Meirionnydd** CC has a total of 44,796 electors which is 42% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 38% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
4. The existing **Montgomeryshire** CC has a total of 48,563 electors which is 37% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 33% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.250 In the Commission’s initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the existing Dwyfor Meirionnydd CC;
2. the County of Conwy electoral divisions of Betws-y-Coed (985), Crwst (1,623), Gower (908), Trefriw (1,035) and Uwch Conwy (1,294);
3. the County of Gwynedd electoral divisions of Bontnewydd (856), Cadnant (1,437), Cwm-y-Glo (723), Groeslon (1,297), Llanberis (1,474), Llanllyfni (851), Llanrug (1,308), Llanwnda (1,469), Menai (Caernarfon) (1,798), Peblig (Caernarfon) (1,445), Penygroes (1,284), Seiont (2,158), Talysarn (1,294) and Waunfawr (1,223); and,
4. the County of Powys electoral divisions of Glantwymyn (1,624), Llanbryn-mair (761) and Machynlleth (1,654).

This constituency would have 73,297 electors which is 4.4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Gwynedd**.

- 5.251 The Commission received a number of representations which questioned the size of the constituency, as it would be one of the largest constituencies in Wales at 3,160km². Several representations also indicated that rural areas of Wales should be exempt from the statutory criteria. Given the relatively small number of electors in rural parts of Wales it is inevitable that under the new arrangements some constituencies would be large in terms of area. The Commission cannot deviate from the rules set out in the legislation. Therefore it is not possible to create a 'special case' or 'exception' for 'Gwynedd'.
- 5.252 As described at 5.222 to 5.225, the Commission received a considerable number of representations opposing the Commission's initial proposals which affected the existing Montgomeryshire constituency.
- 5.253 However, there were proposals, such as those made by David Rossiter et al., supported by others, which amended the proposals such that Montgomeryshire was split into two rather than three constituencies. The proposals add the three Montgomeryshire electoral divisions presently proposed to be in the 'Gwynedd' constituency (Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair and Machynlleth) to the 'South Powys' constituency. As described at 5.233 the Commission accepts this counter proposal.
- 5.254 The Commission also received representations concerning the Community of Llandeiniolen (the electoral divisions of Bethel, Deiniolen and Penisarwaun) and its community ties with Caernarfon. These representations suggested the Community of Llandeiniolen be included in the proposed Gwynedd constituency. Although representations were made that this area has links and a geographical proximity to the Bangor area, a stronger case was made which demonstrated the strong links that exist between the Community of Llandeiniolen and Caernarfon, in terms of school catchment areas, social, cultural and economic links.
- 5.255 The Assistant Commissioners recommended that: *"...the three electoral divisions of Bethel, Penisarwaun and Deiniolen should be included within the proposed Gwynedd constituency..."*.
- 5.256 Even taking into account the addition of the three electoral divisions mentioned above, Gwynedd would remain below the UKEQ and therefore at least one additional electoral division would need to be added. One suggestion that the Commission received was that the Uwchaled electoral division should be added to 'Gwynedd'. However, this electoral division is presently within the existing Clwyd West constituency, which would be an additional existing constituency to be included in the proposed 'Gwynedd'. The alternative of an electoral division from Ceredigion was discounted as this would be an additional Unitary Authority in the proposed constituency. This reduced the Commission's options to two electoral divisions both within the existing Aberconwy constituency, divisions of which were already included in the proposed 'Gwynedd'; these were Caerhun and Eglwysbach. The

Commission received representations which stated that Caerhun's community of interest was the town of Conwy. Indeed the main population centre of the division is on the boundary with the town. Eglwysbach's population is more spread within the division and is more similar to the other divisions from Conwy Unitary Authority and the existing Aberconwy constituency which have already been included in the proposal for Gwynedd.

5.257 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *"We consider that the Eglwysbach electoral division is an appropriate one...to include within the proposed Gwynedd constituency to ensure that it satisfies the electoral range..."*.

5.258 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that it is appropriate to remove the three Powys electoral divisions of Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair and Machynlleth from the proposed constituency and place the Community of Llandeiniolen and Conwy electoral division of Eglwysbach in their stead. This is based on the strong representations concerning the community of interest that the Community of Llandeiniolen has with Caernarfon. Eglwysbach is considered the most appropriate additional electoral division to add to the constituency and allows for the creation of constituencies across mid and north Wales which better reflect the statutory criteria. This constituency would now be formed from two rather than three Unitary Authority areas, and three rather than four existing constituencies.

5.259 **The Commission therefore proposes a county constituency be created from:**

- 1. the existing Dwyfor Meirionnydd CC;**
- 2. the County of Conwy electoral divisions of Betws-y-Coed (985), Crwst (1,623), Eglwysbach (1,206), Gower (908), Trefriw (1,035) and Uwch Conwy (1,294); and,**
- 3. the County of Gwynedd electoral divisions of Bethel (1,025), Bontnewydd (856), Cadnant (1,437), Cwm-y-Glo (723), Deiniolen (1,204), Groeslon (1,297), Llanberis (1,474), Llanllyfni (851), Llanrug (1,308), Llanwnda (1,469), Menai (Caernarfon) (1,798), Peblig (Caernarfon) (1,445), Penisarwaun (1,287), Penygroes (1,284), Seiont (2,158), Talysarn (1,294) and Waunfawr (1,223).**

This constituency would have 73,980 electors which is 3.5% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.260 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the Commission received representations that supported the suggested name as the proposed constituency covers much of the County of Gwynedd.

5.261 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend a change to the name of the proposed Gwynedd constituency as the name was considered *"as, or more,*

appropriate than those proposed in the representations that we have received.” Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Gwynedd**.

26. Ynys Môn a Bangor (Isle of Anglesey and Bangor)

5.262 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Aberconwy** CC has a total of 44,962 electors which is 41% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 38% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Arfon** CC has a total of 40,707 electors which is 47% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 44% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
3. The existing **Ynys Môn** CC has a total of 49,524 electors which is 35% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 32% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.263 In the Commission’s initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the existing Ynys Môn CC; and,
2. the County of Conwy electoral divisions of Bryn (1,347) and Pandy (1,492); and,
3. the County of Gwynedd electoral divisions of Arllechwedd (993), Bethel (1,025), Deiniol (569), Deiniolen (1,204), Dewi (1,229), Garth (702), Gerlan (1,592), Glyder (1,288), Hendre (904), Hirael (921), Marchog (1,442), Menai (Bangor) (2,483), Ogwen (1,605), Penisarwaun (1,287), Pentir (1,678), Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygai (1,596) and Y Felinheli (1,572).

This constituency would have 74,453 electors which is 2.9% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Menai ac Ynys Môn**.

5.264 The Commission received a number of representations which suggested that the Isle of Anglesey should be dealt with as a ‘special case’ and therefore be exempt from the legislative criteria, as has been the case for the Western Isles and Orkney and Shetland in Scotland and the Isle of Wight. The Commission cannot deviate from the rules set out in the legislation. Therefore it is not possible to create a ‘special case’ or ‘exception’ for the Isle of Anglesey.

5.265 The Commission received representations concerning the Community of Llandeiniolen (the electoral divisions of Bethel, Deiniolen and Penisarwaun) and its community ties with Caernarfon (in the proposed Gwynedd

constituency) and the Community of Penmaenmawr (the electoral divisions of Capelulo and Pant-yr-Afon/Penmaenan) and its community ties with Bangor and/or Conwy.

5.266 If the Community of Llandeiniolen were to be included in the 'Gwynedd' constituency (see 5.254), the 'Menai ac Ynys Môn' constituency would require additional electors in order to meet the statutory range. Representations were made that suggested that the Community of Penmaenmawr, from the proposed 'North Wales Coast' constituency, was the most appropriate to be included in the 'Menai ac Ynys Môn' constituency in order to ensure that this constituency meets the statutory electoral range.

5.267 The Assistant Commissioners recommended that: *"... the three electoral divisions of Bethel, Penisarwaun and Deiniolen should be included within the proposed Gwynedd constituency..."* and that therefore *"...that these two electoral divisions [Capelulo and Pant-ar-Afon/Penmaenan] are appropriate ones to include within the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency."*

5.268 Having considered the representations the Commission accepts the recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners and proposes to remove the Community of Llandeiniolen from this proposed constituency and include the Community of Penmaenmawr in its stead. This proposal is based on the strong representations concerning the community of interest that the Community of Llandeiniolen has with Caernarfon. The Commission also received representations which outlined the historical, social and political links between the Community of Penmaenmawr and the electoral divisions of Bryn and Pandy to the west, although some representations were made to the contrary. This change would allow for the creation of constituencies across mid and north Wales which better reflect the statutory criteria.

5.269 **The Commission therefore proposes a county constituency be created from:**

1. **the existing Ynys Môn CC; and,**
2. **the County of Conwy electoral divisions of Bryn (1,347) Capelulo (1,238), Pandy (1,492) and Pant-yr-Afon/Penmaenan (2,201); and,**
3. **the County of Gwynedd electoral divisions of Arllechwedd (993), Deiniol (569), Dewi (1,229), Garth (702), Gerlan (1,592), Glyder (1,288), Hendre (904), Hirael (921), Marchog (1,442), Menai (Bangor) (2,483), Ogwen (1,605), Pentir (1,678), Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygai (1,596) and Y Felinheli (1,572).**

This constituency would have 74,376 electors which is 3% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.270 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the Commission received representations which indicated that the suggested name was either too long

or did not mention the addition of the mainland, in particular the City of Bangor.

5.271 The Assistant Commissioners recommended that: “...*the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency be named Ynys Môn a Bangor.*” The Commission agrees with this recommendation and therefore proposes a name for the constituency of **Ynys Môn a Bangor** (with an official alternative of **Isle of Anglesey and Bangor**).

27. Conwy and Colwyn (Conwy a Cholwyn)

5.272 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Aberconwy** CC has a total of 44,962 electors which is 41% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 38% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Clwyd West** CC has a total of 58,215 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.273 In the Commission’s initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from the County of Conwy electoral divisions of Abergele Pensarn (2,059), Betws yn Rhos (1,680), Caerhun (1,686), Capelulo (1,238), Colwyn (3,553), Conwy (3,386), Craig-y-Don (2,797), Deganwy (3,344), Eglwysbach (1,206), Eirias (2,763), Gele (3,901), Glyn (3,087), Gogarth (3,001), Kinmel Bay (4,623), Llanddulas (1,270), Llandrillo yn Rhos (6,313), Llansanffraid (1,831), Llysfaen (1,945), Marl (3,069), Mochdre (1,449), Mostyn (2,809), Pant-yr-Afon/Penmaenan (2,201), Penrhyn (3,911), Pensarn (2,096), Pentre Mawr (2,829), Rhiw (4,955), Towyn (1,923) and Tudno (3,703). This constituency would have 78,628 electors which is 2.6% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **North Wales Coast**.

5.274 As set out in 5.254, the Commission received representations concerning the Community of Llandeiniolen (the electoral divisions of Bethel, Deiniolen and Penisarwaun) and its community ties with Caernarfon, and the Community of Penmaenmawr (the electoral divisions of Capelulo and Pant-yr-Afon/Penmaenan) and its community ties with Conwy. During the secondary consultation period the Commission also received significant opposition to the Labour Party’s counter-proposal entitled ‘Aberconwy and North Powys’, a constituency which would include areas from Llandudno to Welshpool.

5.275 If the Community of Llandeiniolen were to be included in the ‘Gwynedd’ constituency (see 5.254), the ‘Menai ac Ynys Môn’ constituency would require

additional electors in order to meet the statutory range. Representations were made that the Community of Penmaenmawr, from the proposed 'North Wales Coast' constituency, was the most appropriate to be included in the 'Menai ac Ynys Môn' constituency in order to ensure that the constituency meets the statutory electoral range.

5.276 The Assistant Commissioners recommended that: *"... these two electoral divisions [Capelulo and Pant-ar-Afon/Penmaenan] are appropriate ones to include within the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn constituency"*.

5.277 As set out in 5.256, in order for changes to be made to ensure that the constituencies in mid and north Wales better reflect the statutory criteria the proposed constituency of Gwynedd would require the addition of at least one additional electoral division. One suggestion that the Commission received was that the Uwchaed electoral division should be added to 'Gwynedd'. However, this electoral division is presently within the existing Clwyd West constituency, which would be an additional existing constituency to be included in the proposed 'Gwynedd'. The alternative of an electoral division from Ceredigion was discounted as this would be an additional Unitary Authority in the proposed constituency. This reduced the Commission's options to two electoral divisions both within the existing Aberconwy constituency, divisions of which were already included in the proposed 'Gwynedd'; these were Caerhun and Eglwysbach which were both within the proposed 'North Wales Coast' constituency. The Commission received representations which stated that Caerhun's community of interest was with the Town of Conwy. Indeed the main population centre of the division is on the boundary with the town. Eglwysbach's population is more widely spread within the division and it has a greater similarity with the other divisions from Conwy Unitary Authority and the existing Aberconwy constituency which have already been included in the proposal for Gwynedd.

5.278 The Assistant Commissioners concluded that: *"We consider that the Eglwysbach electoral division is an appropriate one ... to include within the proposed Gwynedd constituency to ensure that it satisfies the electoral range..."*.

5.279 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners the Commission has come to the conclusion that it is appropriate to remove the three Conwy electoral divisions of Capelulo, Eglwysbach and Pant-ar-Afon/Penmaenan from this proposed constituency. There is a compelling case for the inclusion of the Community of Llandeiniolen in the proposed Gwynedd constituency, for the reasons given at 5.254. Following the removal of Llandeiniolen the proposed Ynys Môn a Bangor constituency would require additional electors to ensure it meets the statutory range. The Commission therefore accepts the recommendation that the Community of Penmaenmawr be included in the Ynys Môn a Bangor constituency, for the reasons given at 5.268. The Commission also accepts the

recommendation of the Assistant Commissioners that Eglwysbach is the most appropriate additional electoral division to include with the Gwynedd constituency, for the reasons given at 5.277. These changes allow for the creation of constituencies across mid and north Wales which better reflect the statutory criteria.

5.280 **The Commission therefore proposes that a county constituency be created from the County of Conwy electoral divisions of Abergele Pensarn (2,059), Betws yn Rhos (1,680), Caerhun (1,686), Colwyn (3,553), Conwy (3,386), Craig-y-Don (2,797), Deganwy (3,344), Eirias (2,763), Gele (3,901), Glyn (3,087), Gogarth (3,001), Kinmel Bay (4,623), Llanddulas (1,270), Llandrillo yn Rhos (6,313), Llansanffraid (1,831), Llysfaen (1,945), Marl (3,069), Mochdre (1,449), Mostyn (2,809), Penrhyn (3,911), Pensarn (2,096), Pentre Mawr (2,829), Rhiw (4,955), Towyn (1,923) and Tudno (3,703). This constituency would have 73,983 electors which is 3.5% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.**

5.281 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the Commission received strong opposition to the suggested name of 'North Wales Coast'. A significant number of representations suggested that the constituency name should acknowledge that the constituency would be comprised entirely of Conwy County Council electoral divisions, whilst also reflecting the two previous district boroughs of Conwy and Colwyn.

5.282 The Assistant Commissioners recommended that: *"the proposed constituency be named Conwy and Colwyn."* The Commission agrees with this recommendation and therefore proposes the name for the constituency of **Conwy and Colwyn** (with an official alternative of **Conwy a Cholwyn**).

28. Flint and North Denbighshire (Fflint a Gogledd Sir Ddinbych)

5.283 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Delyn** CC has a total of 53,906 electors which is 30% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 26% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Vale of Clwyd** CC has a total of 56,264 electors which is 27% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 23% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.284 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the County of Denbighshire electoral divisions of Bodelwyddan (1,639), Dyserth (1,883), Prestatyn Central (2,806), Prestatyn East (3,145), Prestatyn Meliden (1,545), Prestatyn North (4,682), Prestatyn South West (2,803), Rhuddlan (2,940), Rhyl East (3,769), Rhyl South (3,035), Rhyl South East (5,972), Rhyl South West (3,722), Rhyl West (3,481), St. Asaph East (1,376), St. Asaph West (1,318) and Tremeirchion (without the Community of Bodfari (1,039) and,
2. the County of Flintshire electoral divisions of Bagillt East (1,444), Bagillt West (1,610), Brynford (1,766), Caerwys (2,043), Cilcain (1,559), Ffynnongroyw (1,495), Flint Castle (1,570), Flint Coleshill (3,034), Flint Oakenholt (2,101), Flint Trelawny (2,767), Greenfield (2,088), Gronant (1,241), Gwernaffield (1,600), Halkyn (1,417), Holywell Central (1,423), Holywell East (1,392), Holywell West (1,785), Mostyn (1,440), Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor (1,486) and Whitford (1,862).

This constituency would have 80,278 electors which is 4.8% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Dee Estuary**.

- 5.285 The Commission received and heard several representations raising concerns that, under this proposal, the town of Mold would be separated from the communities to its north which look to Mold as their social and economic centre. Given its location in Flintshire and size of the settlement, the Town of Mold is inevitably going to be a social and economic centre for the surrounding areas both in Flintshire and across the border in Denbighshire. The Labour Party, for example, made a counter proposal for this area which retained the existing Delyn constituency with the addition of electoral divisions from the existing Vale of Clwyd. This counter-proposal included significant changes to the Commission's proposals for north Wales and had knock-on effects which were strongly opposed during the secondary consultation period.
- 5.286 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend any change to the composition of the proposed Dee Estuary constituency.
- 5.287 Having considered the representations the Commission accepts the recommendation of the Assistant Commissioners for this constituency. Due to the geographical location, Unitary Authority boundaries and Community and Electoral Division sizes the counter-proposals for this constituency would have significant detrimental effects to the size, shape and constitution of constituencies across the rest of Wales. In the light of the representations made and having regard to Rule 5, the Commission considers that the inclusion of Mold in the 'Alyn and Deeside' constituency and not a 'Delyn' constituency is appropriate and that its initial proposals should be maintained.
- 5.288 **The Commission therefore proposes a county constituency be created from:**

1. the County of Denbighshire electoral divisions of Bodelwyddan (1,639), Dyserth (1,883), Prestatyn Central (2,806), Prestatyn East (3,145), Prestatyn Meliden (1,545), Prestatyn North (4,682), Prestatyn South West (2,803), Rhuddlan (2,940), Rhyl East (3,769), Rhyl South (3,035), Rhyl South East (5,972), Rhyl South West (3,722), Rhyl West (3,481), St. Asaph East (1,376), St. Asaph West (1,318) and Tremeirchion (without the Community of Bodfari (1,039) and,
2. the County of Flintshire electoral divisions of Bagillt East (1,444), Bagillt West (1,610), Brynford (1,766), Caerwys (2,043), Cilcain (1,559), Ffynnonogroyw (1,495), Flint Castle (1,570), Flint Coleshill (3,034), Flint Oakenholt (2,101), Flint Trelawny (2,767), Greenfield (2,088), Gronant (1,241), Gwernaffield (1,600), Halkyn (1,417), Holywell Central (1,423), Holywell East (1,392), Holywell West (1,785), Mostyn (1,440), Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor (1,486) and Whitford (1,862).

This constituency would have 80,278 electors which is 4.8% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.289 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the Commission received representations opposing the suggested name of 'Dee Estuary' as respondents did not feel it represented the area the constituency covers.

5.290 The Assistant Commissioners recommended that: *"the name of the county town of the county forming the larger part of the constituency is an appropriate name for the constituency"* and that therefore *"the proposed constituency be named Flint."* The Commission agrees with this approach but also considers that the name should reflect the areas of Denbighshire (including Rhyl and Prestatyn) included in this constituency. The Commission therefore proposes the name for the constituency of **Flint and North Denbighshire** (with an official alternative of **Fflint a Gogledd Sir Ddinbych**).

29. Alyn and Deeside (Alun a Glannau Dyfrdwy)

5.291 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:

1. The existing **Alyn and Deeside** CC has a total of 61,485 electors which is 20% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 16% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
2. The existing **Delyn** CC has a total of 53,906 electors which is 30% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 26% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

5.292 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:

1. the existing Alyn and Deeside CC and,
2. the County of Flintshire electoral divisions of Argoed (2,201), Gwernymynydd (1,355), Leeswood (1,590), Mold Broncoed (1,982), Mold East (1,536), Mold South (2,101), Mold West (1,908), New Brighton (2,415), Northop (2,424) and Northop Hall (1,271).

This constituency would have 80,268 electors which is 4.7% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Alyn and Deeside**.

5.293 The Commission received and heard several representations raising concerns that, under this proposal, the town of Mold would be separated from the communities to its north which look to Mold as their social and economic centre. Given its location in Flintshire and the size of the settlement, the Town of Mold is inevitably going to be a social and economic centre for the surrounding areas both in Flintshire and across the border in Denbighshire. The Labour Party, for example, made a counter proposal for this area which retained the existing Delyn constituency with the addition of electoral divisions from the existing Vale of Clwyd. This counter-proposal included significant changes to the Commission's proposals for north Wales and had knock-on effects which were strongly opposed during the secondary consultation period.

5.294 The Assistant Commissioners did not recommend any change to the composition of the proposed Alyn and Deeside constituency.

5.295 Having considered the representations and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners, the Commission accepts the recommendation of the Assistant Commissioners for this constituency. Due to the geographical location, Unitary Authority boundaries and Community and Electoral Division sizes there is no practicable alternative arrangement which can be considered that does not have significant detrimental effects on the surrounding areas. In the light of the representations received and having regard to Rule 5, the Commission has come to the conclusion that the inclusion of Mold in the 'Alyn and Deeside' constituency and not a 'Delyn' constituency is the more appropriate. Accordingly the Commission's initial proposals are maintained.

5.296 **The Commission therefore proposes a county constituency be created from:**

1. **the existing Alyn and Deeside CC and,**
2. **the County of Flintshire electoral divisions of Argoed (2,201), Gwernymynydd (1,355), Leeswood (1,590), Mold Broncoed (1,982), Mold East (1,536), Mold South (2,101), Mold West (1,908), New Brighton (2,415), Northop (2,424) and Northop Hall (1,271).**

This constituency would have 80,268 electors which is 4.7% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

- 5.297 So far as the name of the constituency is concerned, the Commission received representations that did not support the suggested name of 'Alyn and Deeside'. However, no single alternative name was particularly suggested or favoured as an acceptable alternative.
- 5.298 The Assistant Commissioners did not make any recommendation as to the name of this constituency. Having considered the matter the Commission remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Alyn and Deeside** (with an official alternative of **Alun a Glannau Dyfrdwy**).

30. Wrexham Maelor (Wrecsam Maelor)

- 5.299 The existing constituencies affected by the proposed constituency are the following:
1. The existing **Clwyd South** CC has a total of 54,243 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 26% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
 2. The existing **Wrexham** CC has a total of 51,669 electors which is 33% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 29% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 5.300 In the Commission's initial proposals it was proposed that a county constituency be created from:
1. the existing Wrexham CC and,
 2. the County Borough of Wrexham electoral divisions of Bronington (2,495), Brymbo (2,951), Bryn Cefn (1,562), Coedpoeth (3,602), Esclusham (2,026), Gwenfro (1,221), Marchwiel (1,860), Minera (1,939), New Broughton (2,704), Overton (2,534), Penycae and Ruabon South (without the Groes ward of the Community of Penycae) (1,044), Ponciau (without the Ponciau North and South and the Rhos wards of the Community of Rhosllanerchrugog) (591) and Ruabon (2,155).

This constituency would have 78,353 electors which is 2.2% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency was **Wrexham Maelor**.

- 5.301 The representations received were predominantly in support of the proposed constituency. One representation from the Labour Party included parts of north Wrexham with south Flintshire but the Commission received responses

in opposition to this proposal. The Commission also received representations concerning the appropriateness of including the Community of Ruabon in this constituency as it has ties to the surrounding communities that are within the 'Glyndwr and North Powys' constituency.

5.302 The Assistant Commissioners recommended that: *"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"* and that *"Save for the changes recommended above, we make no other recommendations for changes to the composition of the proposed...Wrexham Maelor..."*

5.303 Having considered the representations the Commission accepts the recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners and proposes that the electoral divisions of Penycae and Ruabon South and Ruabon should be included in their entirety in the proposed Denbigh and North Montgomeryshire constituency, see para 5.224. This change reflects the close social ties that exist between Ruabon and Johnstown, Penycae, Plas Madoc and Cefn, which were demonstrated clearly in representations made to the Commission.

5.304 **The Commission therefore proposes that a county constituency be created from:**

1. **the existing Wrexham CC and,**
2. **the County Borough of Wrexham electoral divisions of Bronington (2,495), Brymbo (2,951), Bryn Cefn (1,562), Coedpoeth (3,602), Esclusham (2,026), Gwenfro (1,221), Marchwiell (1,860), Minera (1,939), New Broughton (2,704), Overton (2,534), Ponciau (without the Ponciau North and South and the Rhos wards of the Community of Rhosllanerchrugog) (591).**

This constituency would have 75,154 electors which is 1.9% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency.

5.305 'Wrexham Maelor' was generally accepted as a constituency name with most respondents content that it speaks broadly of the area it covers, although some representations questioned the inclusion of Maelor in the constituency name.

5.306 The Assistant Commissioners recommended that: *"the proposed constituency be named Wrexham."* The Commission considers that the area to the south east of the town of Wrexham should be reflected in the constituency name and therefore remains of the view that the appropriate name for the constituency is **Wrexham Maelor** (with an official alternative of **Wrecsam Maelor**).

6 Publication Details

Publication of Revised Proposals

- 6.1 The Commission's revised proposals and maps are published online on the Commission's web site www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk, and are available to view at the 49 public locations detailed in Appendix 3. Unitary Authorities, MPs, AMs, and the Political Parties' Welsh and UK Headquarters have been sent hard copies of the proposals.
- 6.2 The Commission's own Revised Proposals Report (this report) is published alongside a report from the Assistant Commissioners. The Assistant Commissioners' Report summarises the representations received during the first and second consultation periods and details the independent recommendations made to the Commission on the basis of these representations.
- 6.3 Representations made during the second consultation period are available online on the Commission's website alongside those representations made during the first consultation period (which were previously published on 13 June 2012). Due to cost and resource limitations the second consultation period representations will not be available in hard copy at public locations, however, specific representations are available on request.

Welsh language

- 6.4 The Commission is committed to equal use of both the Welsh and English languages and welcomes correspondence in either language.
- 6.5 Section 7 of the Welsh Language Act 1993 requires public bodies, which provide services to the public in Wales, to have a Welsh language scheme. A copy of the Commission's Welsh Language Scheme is on the website or available on request.

7 The Consultation Period: 24 October 2012 to 19 December 2012

- 7.1 The Commission is required to invite representations about their revised proposals. Representations may be made during a period of 8 weeks starting from their publication on 24 October 2012. Representations can be made online on the Commission's website www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk, via email to bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk, by post to the Boundary Commission for Wales, Caradog House, 1-6 St Andrews Place, Cardiff, CF10 3BE, or by fax to 02920 395250. The Commission requests that all representations make clear which area or areas they concern. All representations received by the Commission will be acknowledged. The period for submitting representations will end on 18 December 2012.
- 7.2 Please note that the Commission will not consider any representations received before or after this designated consultation period. The Commission therefore asks that all representations be made within the 8 week period.
- 7.3 Those who wish to make representations are requested to say whether they approve of, or object to, the Commission's proposals and to give their reasons for their approval or objection. In particular, objectors are asked to say what they would propose as an alternative to the Commission's proposals. They should note that an objection accompanied by a counter-proposal is likely to carry more weight than a simple statement of objection. In this respect – and particularly in light of the importance of Rule 2 (statutory electorate range) – a counter-proposal setting out the composition of the constituencies directly affected by the counter-proposal will generally be viewed as more persuasive than a proposal for the composition of only one constituency which does not address any likely consequential effects on the electorate figures of other constituencies.
- 7.4 Those who wish to make representations are also requested to bear in mind the submissions which the Commission has already considered in relation to the consultation on its initial proposals. Respondents are welcome to submit any representation but those who present new submissions, rather than repeating representations which have already been considered, are likely to be of more use to the Commission.
- 7.5 The Commission wishes to stress that these proposals relate solely to the Parliamentary constituencies and do not affect existing National Assembly for Wales constituencies, Unitary Authority, electoral division or community boundaries, taxes or services. The Commission will therefore not take account of any representation made about those issues. The Commission also wishes to stress that it will not consider the parts of representations where comment is made on the number of Parliamentary seats allocated to Wales

or on the statutory electorate range. These have been set by Parliament and cannot be changed by the Commission.

- 7.6 There is no statutory provision for public hearings or a secondary consultation period in the consultation on the Commission's revised proposals.

Redaction and Privacy Policy

- 7.7 The Commission wishes to publish as much as possible of the representations and other correspondence that it receives. However, the need for transparency needs to be balanced against the protection of an individual's right to privacy and the statutory requirement for the Commission to protect an individual's personal data.

- 7.8 The Commission has therefore created a redaction policy which it will apply to all representations that it receives and places in the public domain. These are as follows:

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Public Persons/Officials (i.e. MPs/AMs/Councillors - writing in an official capacity):

- The Commission intends to publish the name, address and contact details of any public person/official writing in an official capacity.
- Signatures, however, will be redacted.

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- The Commission intends to publish the name of everyone who submits a representation but will redact addresses with the exception of the geographical location, i.e. the village, town or city where that person(s) resides. If a member of the public wishes his or her name to be redacted the Commission will do so on request.
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- All telephone numbers will be redacted.
- All signatures will be redacted.

In addition, the Commission will also redact anything in a representation which would be illegal and/or libellous.

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Appendix 1 Revised Constituencies by Electoral Division 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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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
Brynmaur	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

Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery CC – 79,965 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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
Llanbrynmair	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
Rhiwcyon	Powys	1,708	Montgomeryshire

Bridgend CC – 73,596 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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 South West Gwent BC – 73,142 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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)

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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
GUILDSFIELD	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 and North Denbighshire 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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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, Rhumney and Lower Cynon CC – 77,674 electors (RCT – Rhondda Cynon Taf)

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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)

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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)

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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)

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

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Castle	Swansea	10,554	Swansea West
Townhill	Swansea	6,083	Swansea West

The Vale of Glamorgan CC – 74,728 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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 Maelor CC – 75,154 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
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

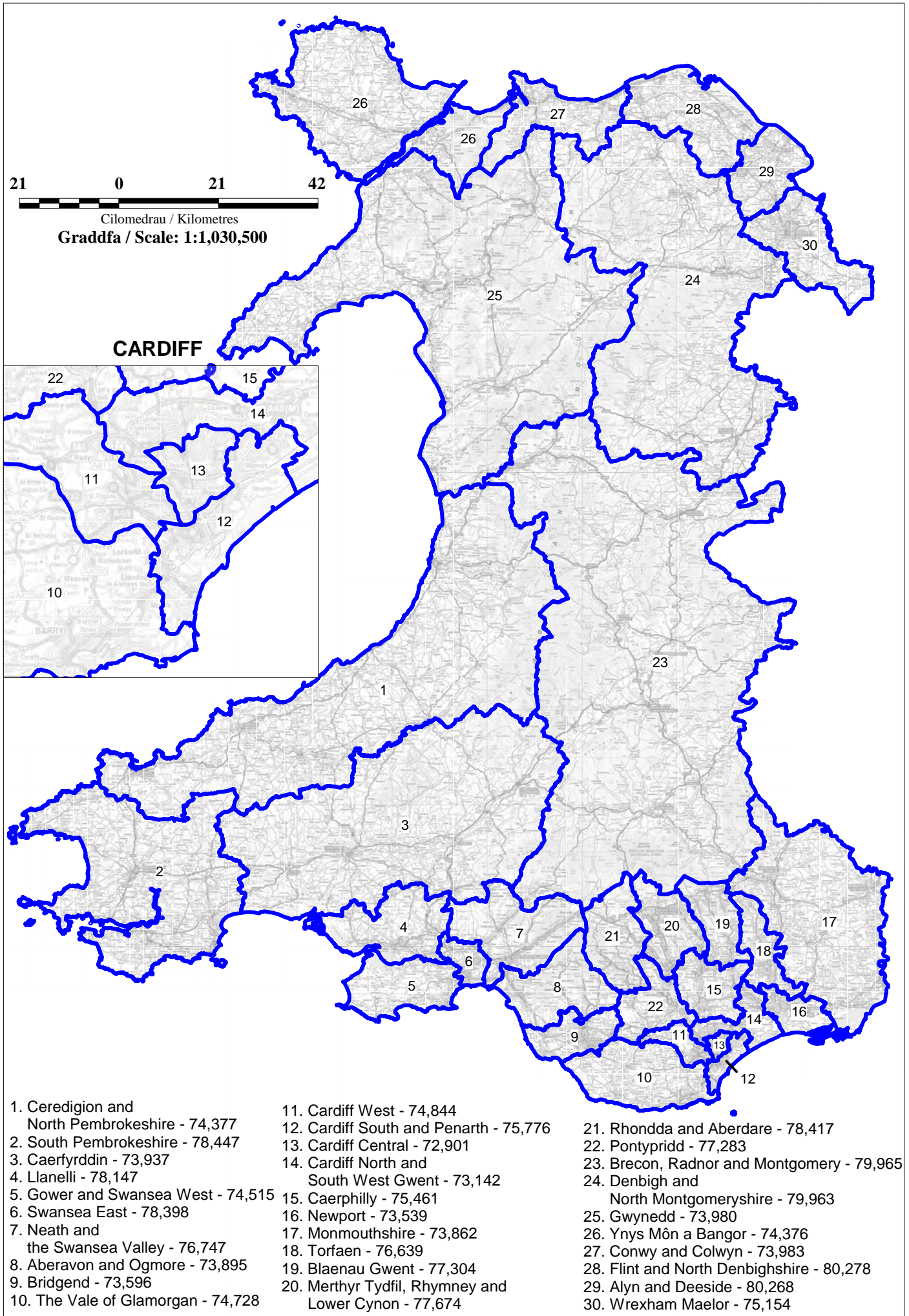
Appendix 2 Index of Existing Constituencies

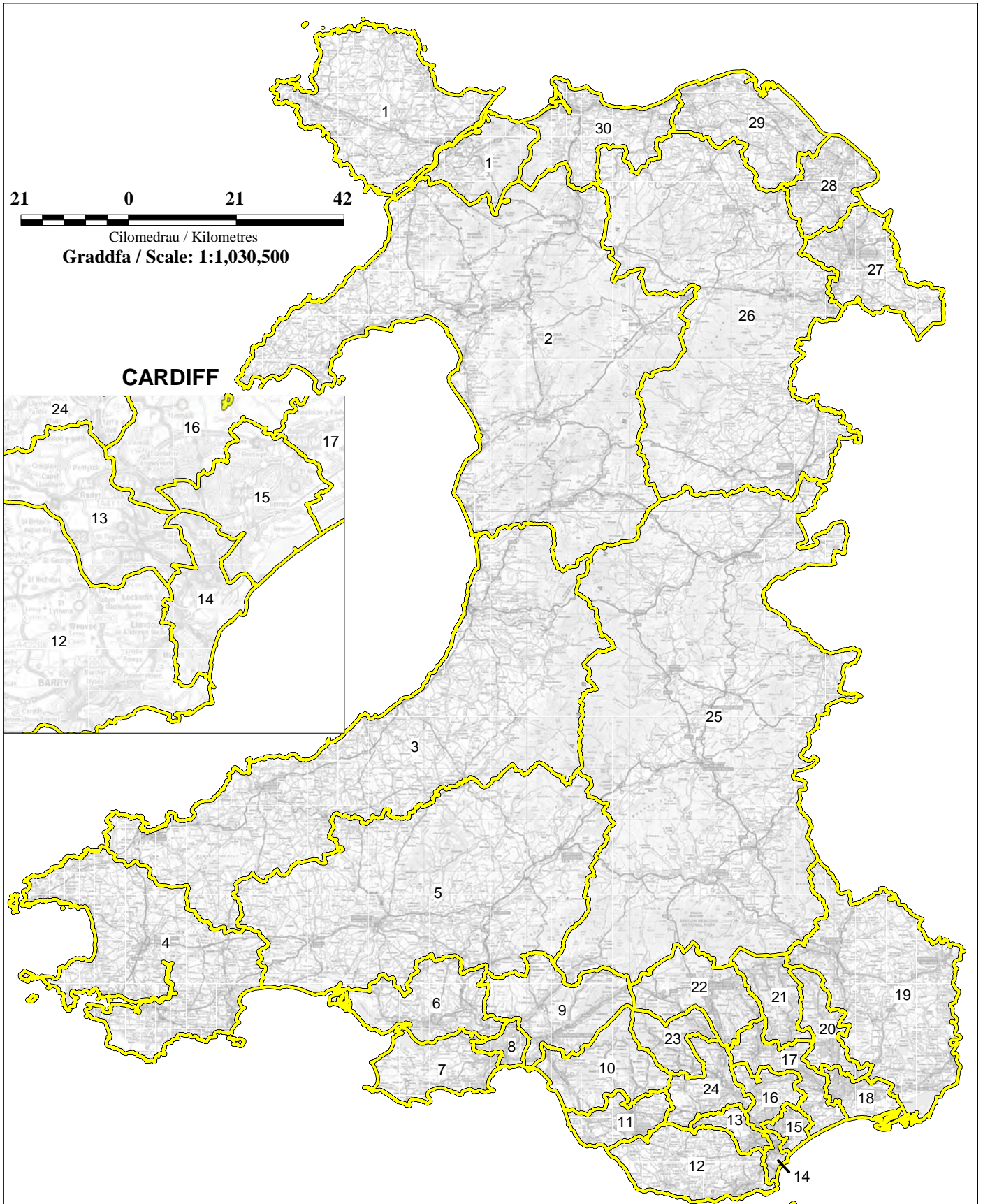
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Arfon	5.249, 5.262
Blaenau Gwent	5.173
Brecon and Radnorshire	5.226
Bridgend	5.75
Caerphilly	5.125, 5.137, 5.193
Cardiff Central	5.105, 5.114
Cardiff North	5.97, 5.105, 5.114, 5.125
Cardiff South and Penarth	5.83, 5.105, 5.114
Cardiff West	5.97
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	5.2, 5.18
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	5.10, 5.18
Ceredigion	5.2
Clwyd South	5.239, 5.299
Clwyd West	5.239, 5.272
Cynon Valley	5.193, 5.202, 5.213
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Llanelli	5.30
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Monmouth	5.155, 5.163
Montgomeryshire	5.226, 5.239, 5.249
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Pontypridd	5.97, 5.213
Preseli Pembrokeshire	5.2, 2.10
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Appendix 3 Places of Deposit

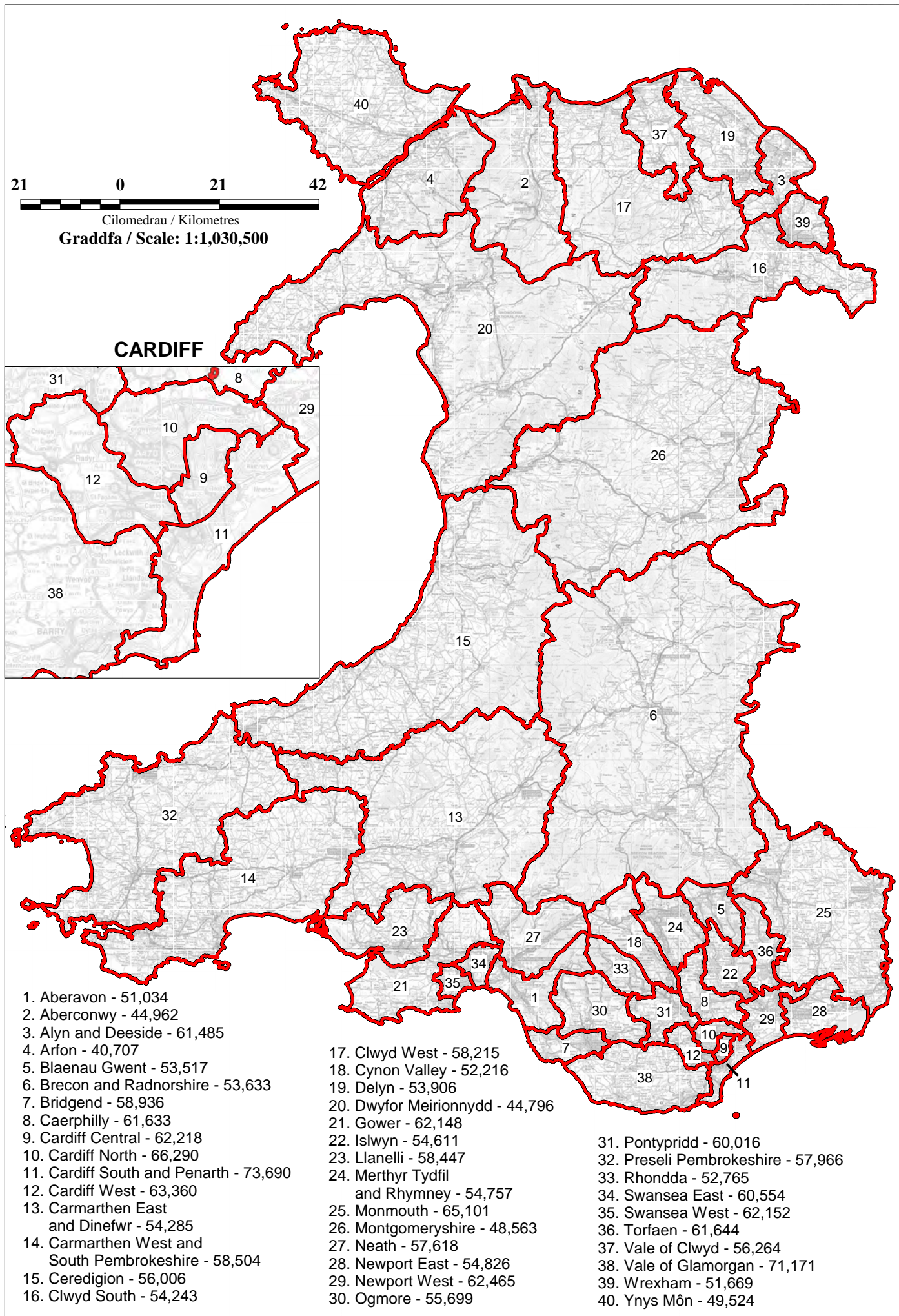
Existing Constituency	Deposit Address
Aberavon	Council Offices, Civic Centre, Port Talbot SA13 1JP
Aberconwy	Council Offices, Bodlondeb, Conwy LL32 8DU
Alyn and Deeside	Public Library, Wepre Drive, Connah's Quay CH5 4HA
Arfon	County Offices, Caernarfon LL55 1SH
Blaenau Gwent	Municipal Offices, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale NP23 6XB
Brecon and Radnorshire	Council Offices, Cambrian Way, Brecon LD3 7HR County Hall, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5LG Knighton Area Office, The Library, Knighton LD7 1EN
Bridgend	Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB
Caerphilly	Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed CF82 7PG
Cardiff Central	City Hall, Cardiff CF10 4UW
Cardiff North	Whitchurch Library, Park Road, Whitchurch CF14 7XA
Cardiff South and Penarth	Grangetown Library, Redlaver Street, Grangetown CF11 7LY Penarth Library, Stanwell Road, Penarth CF64 2YT
Cardiff West	Canton Library, Library Street, Canton CF5 1QD
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	Municipal Offices, Crescent Road, Llandeilo SA19 6HW
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	Statutory Services, 1 Spilman Street, Carmarthen SA31 1LE
Ceredigion	Council Offices, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron, SA46 0PA
Clwyd South	Llangollen Library, Y Capel, Castle Street, Llangollen LL20 8NY
Clwyd West	County Hall, Wynnstay Road, Ruthin LL15 1YN Civic Offices, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8AR
Cynon Valley	Central Library, High Street, Aberdare CF44 7AG
Delyn	County Hall, Mold CH7 6NB
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	Council Offices, Ffordd y Cob, Pwllheli LL53 5AA Council Offices, Cae Penarlag, Dolgellau LL40 2YB
Gower	Gorseinon Library, 15 West Street, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 4AA
Islwyn	Pontllanfraith House, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood NP12 2YW
Llanelli	Llanelli Library, Llanelli SA15 3AS
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AN
Monmouth	One Stop Shop, Cross Street, Abergavenny NP7 5HD One Stop Shop, The Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth NP25 3XA
Montgomeryshire	Welshpool Area Office, Severn Road, Welshpool SY21 7AS Area Office, The Park Offices, Newtown SY16 2NZ
Neath	Council Offices, Civic Centre, Neath SA11 3QZ
Newport East	Maindee Library, Chepstow Road, Newport NP19 8BY One Stop Shop, Woodstock Way, Caldicot NP26 5DB
Newport West	Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR

Ogmore	Maesteg Library, North Lane, Maesteg CF34 9AA Nantymoel Library with Pencoed Library, Pen-y-bont Road, Pencoed CF35 5RA
Pontypridd	Unit 2, Maritime Business Park, Maritime Industrial Estate, Pontypridd CF37 1NY
Preseli Pembrokeshire	Electoral Services, 8 High Street, Haverfordwest SA61 2EP
Rhondda	Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale CF40 2XX
Swansea East	Morrison Library, Treharne Road, Swansea SA6 7AA
Swansea West	Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea, SA1 3SN
Torfaen	Civic Centre, Pontypool NP4 6YB
Vale of Clwyd	Rhyl Library, Church Street, Rhyl LL18 3AA
Vale of Glamorgan	Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU
Wrexham	The Guildhall, Wrexham LL11 1WF
Ynys Môn	Election Services, Anglesey Business Centre, Isle of Anglesey County Council, Bryn Cefni Business Park, Llangefni, LL77 7XA





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| 1. Menai ac Ynys Môn - 74,453 | 11. Bridgend - 73,596 | 21. Blaenau Gwent - 77,304 |
| 2. Gwynedd - 73,297 | 12. The Vale of Glamorgan - 74,728 | 22. Heads of the Valleys - 74,029 |
| 3. Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire - 74,173 | 13. Cardiff West - 74,844 | 23. Rhondda - 73,194 |
| 4. South and West Pembrokeshire - 76,039 | 14. Cardiff Central and Penarth - 76,346 | 24. Pontypridd - 77,786 |
| 5. Caerfyrddin - 76,549 | 15. Cardiff East - 79,287 | 25. South Powys - 78,136 |
| 6. Llanelli - 76,970 | 16. Caerphilly and Cardiff North - 73,873 | 26. Glynwdr and North Powys - 74,554 |
| 7. Gower and Swansea West - 77,453 | 17. Newport West and Sirhowy Valley - 73,217 | 27. Wrexham Maelor - 78,353 |
| 8. Swansea East - 76,637 | 18. Newport Central - 76,461 | 28. Alyn and Deeside - 80,268 |
| 9. Neath - 76,747 | 19. Monmouthshire - 73,862 | 29. Dee Estuary - 80,278 |
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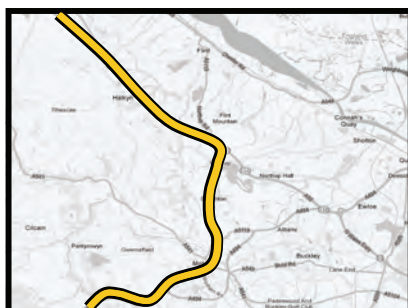
Appendix 7 Explanation of Detailed Maps and Key

The titles of the constituency maps are all the primary official names and designations given by the Commission. The Commission has provided an official alternative of each constituency name. These can be found in Chapter 5. BC refers to a Borough Constituency. CC refers to a County Constituency.

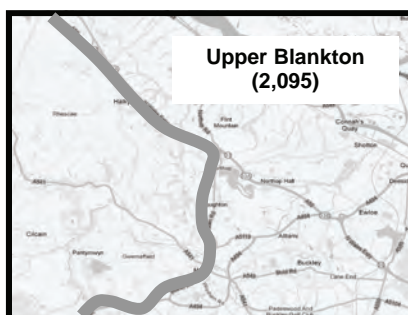
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Revised Proposals Constituency Boundary



Initial Proposals Constituency Boundary

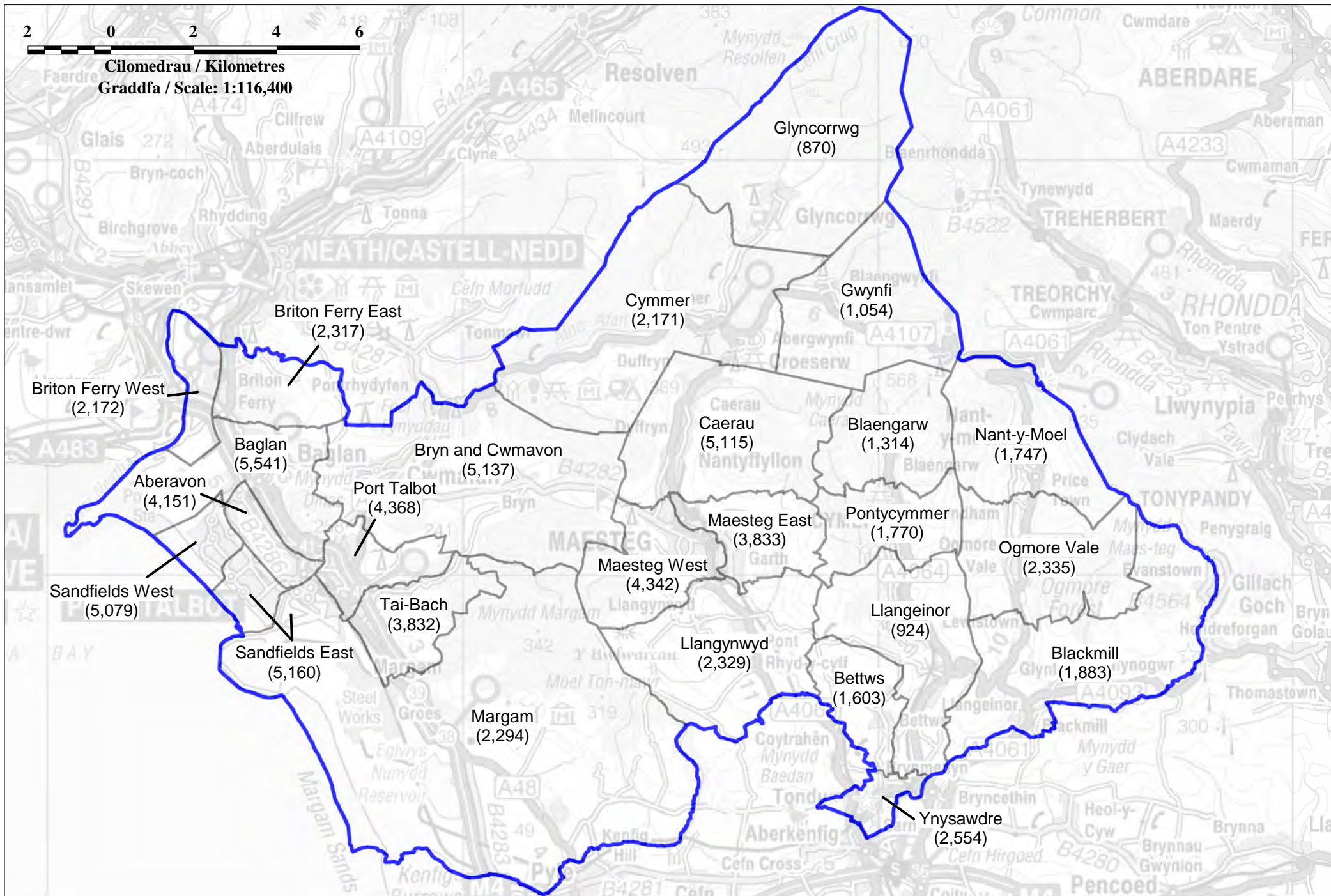


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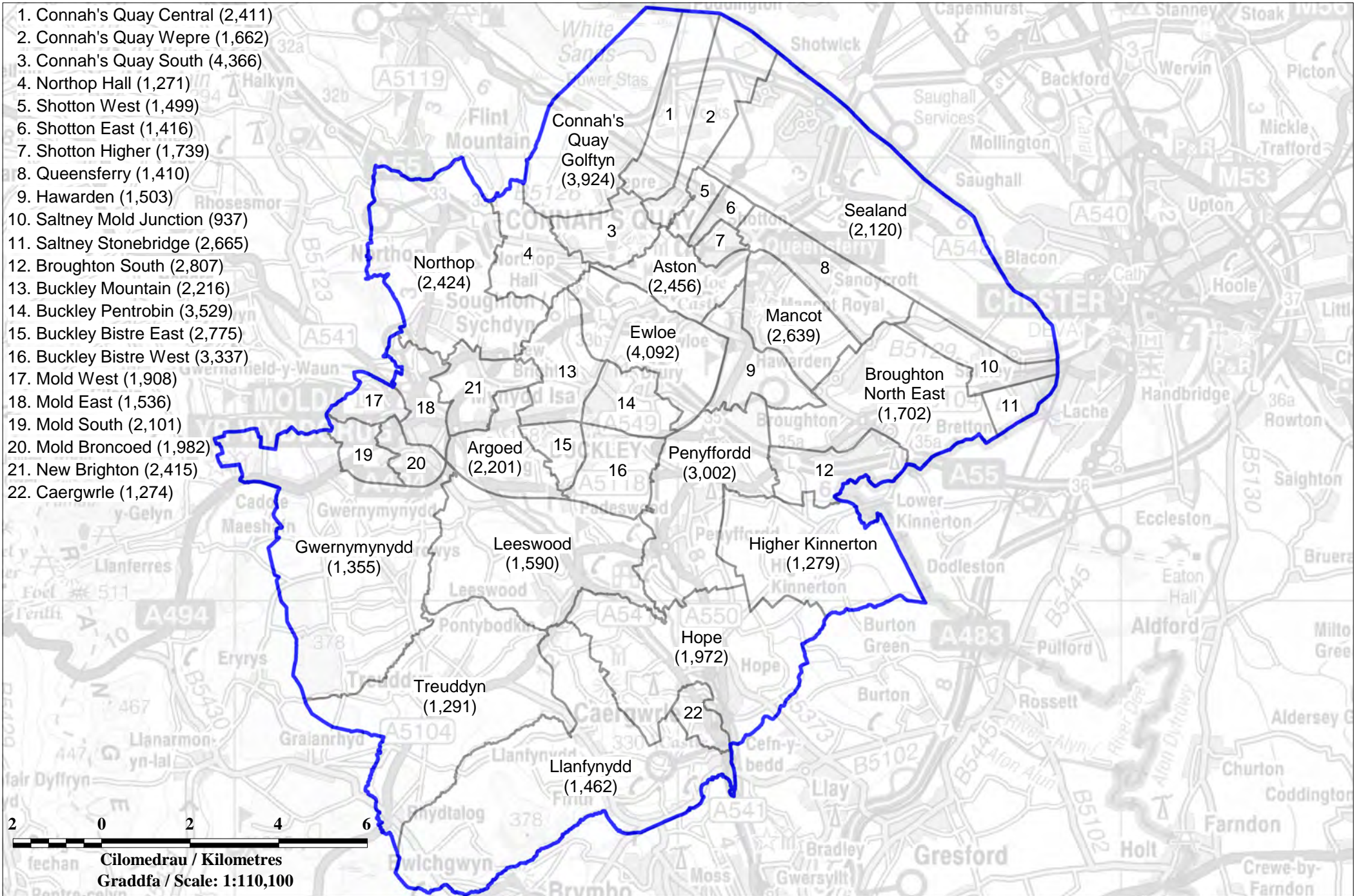
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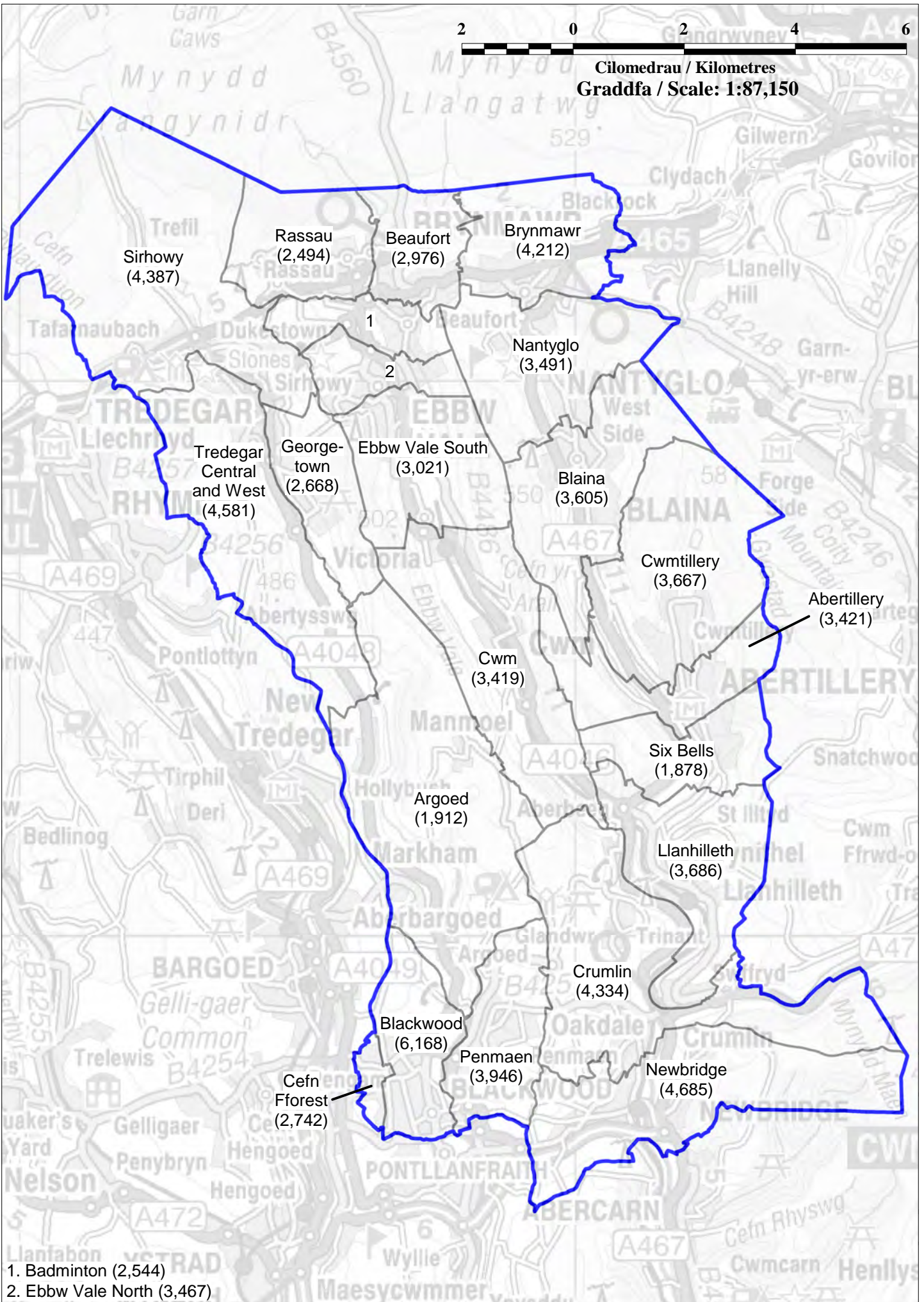
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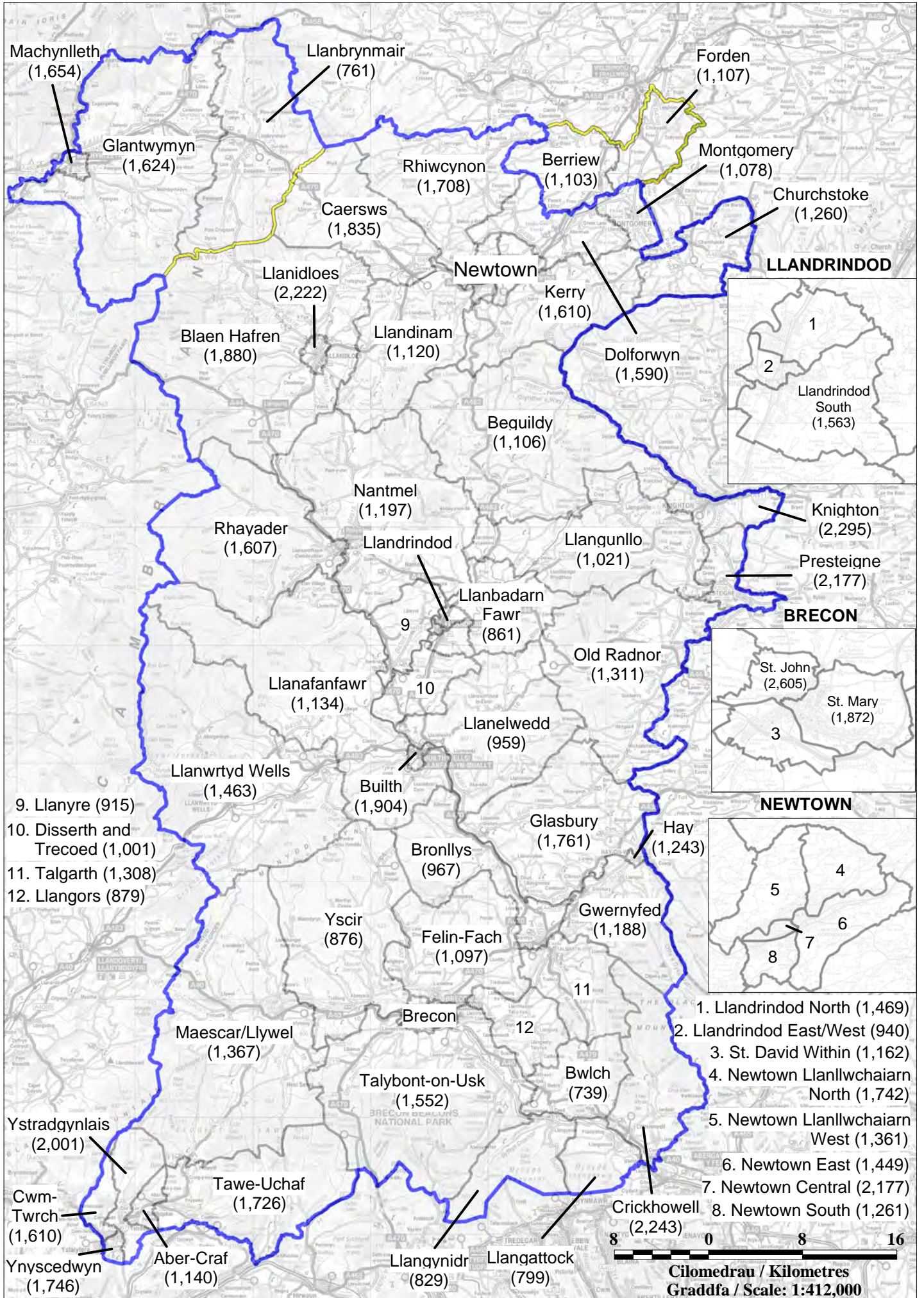
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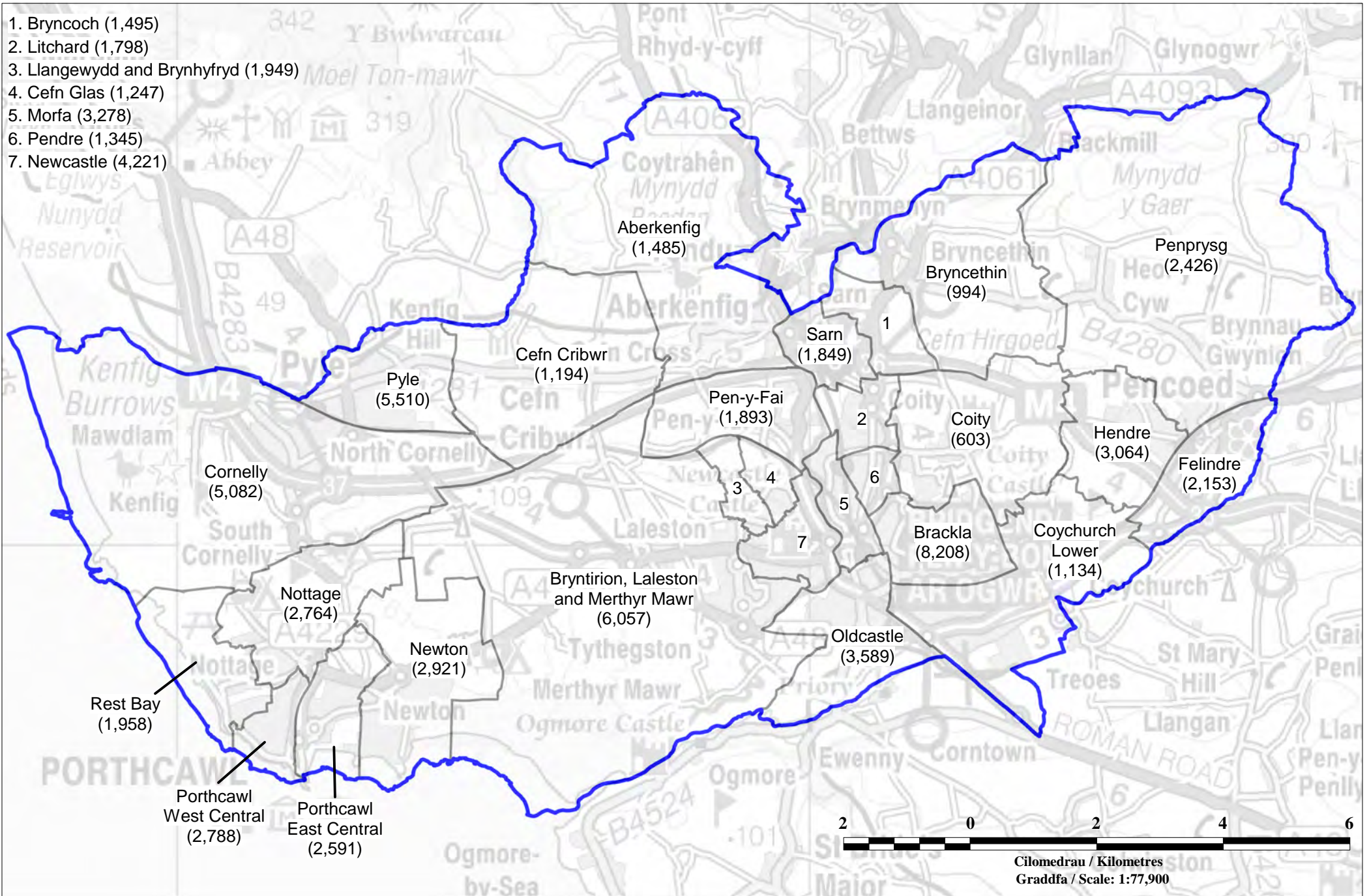
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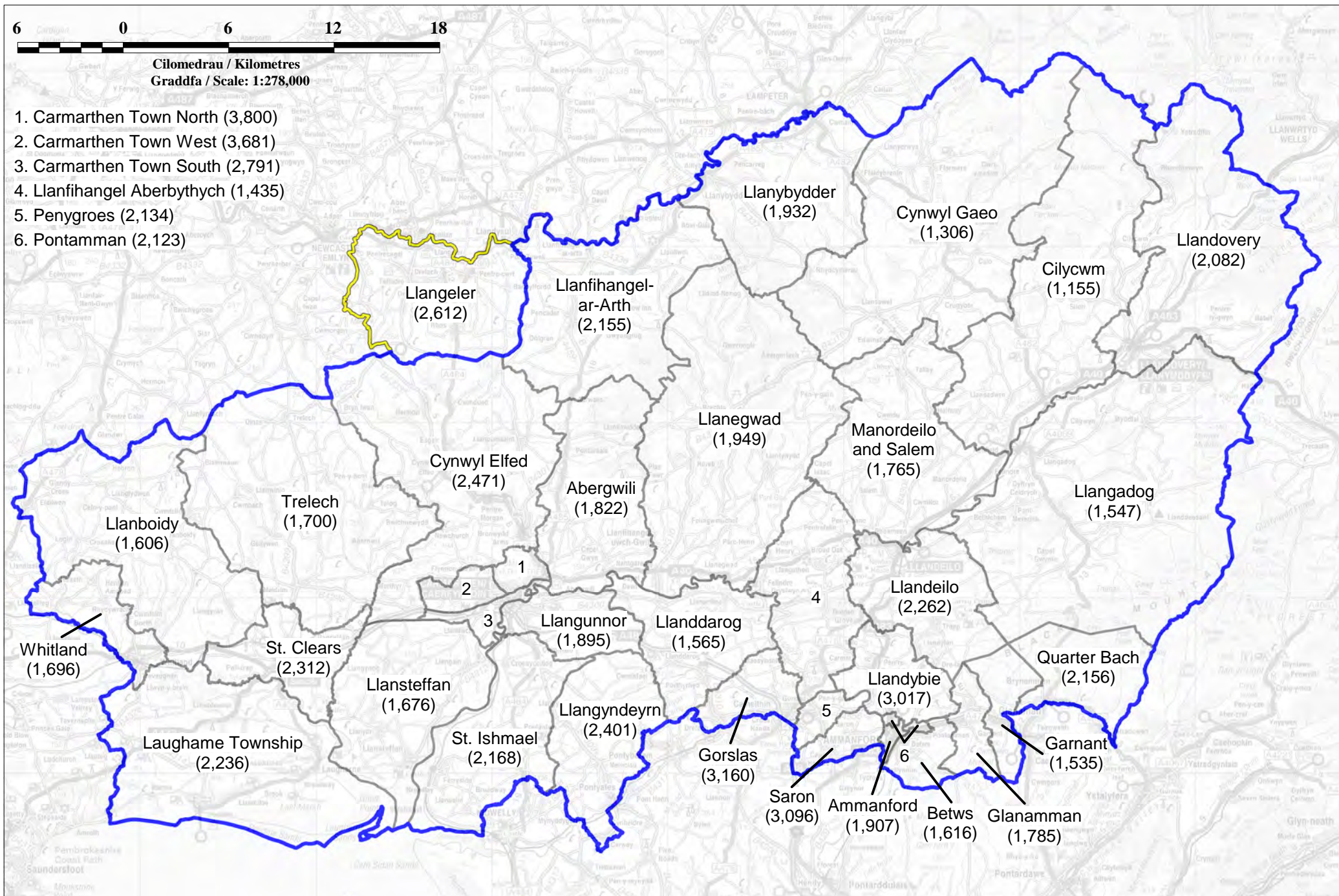




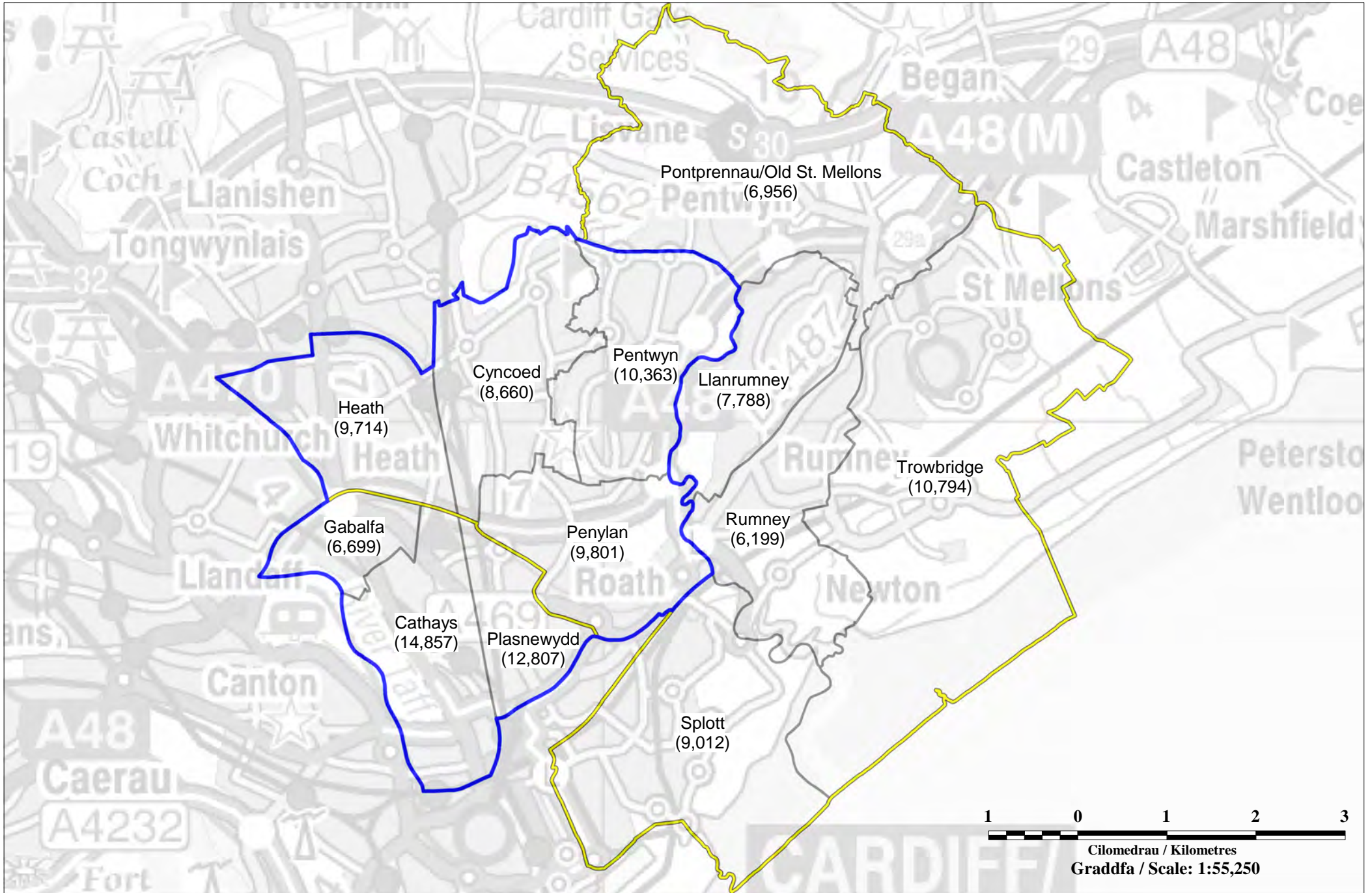


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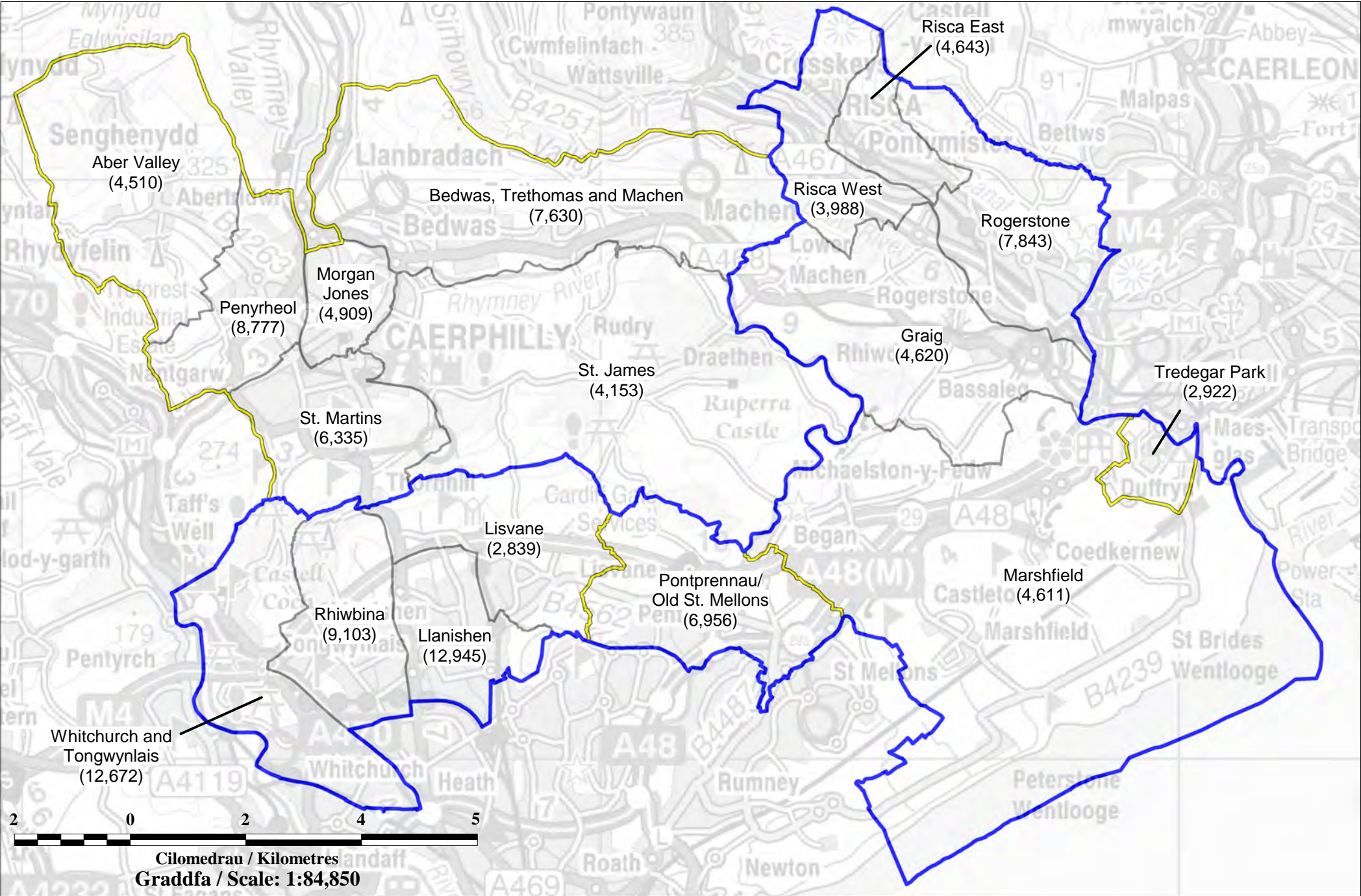




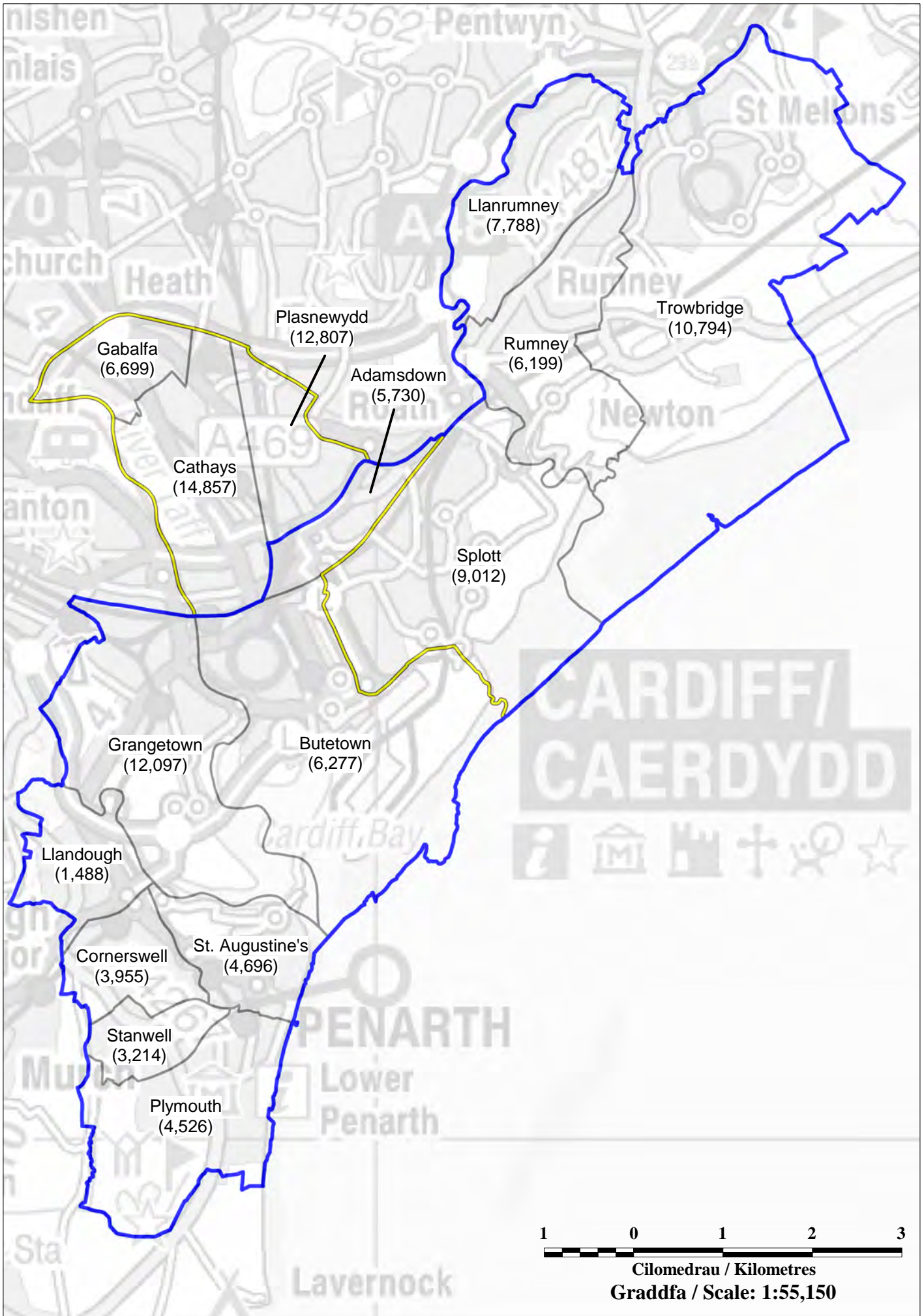
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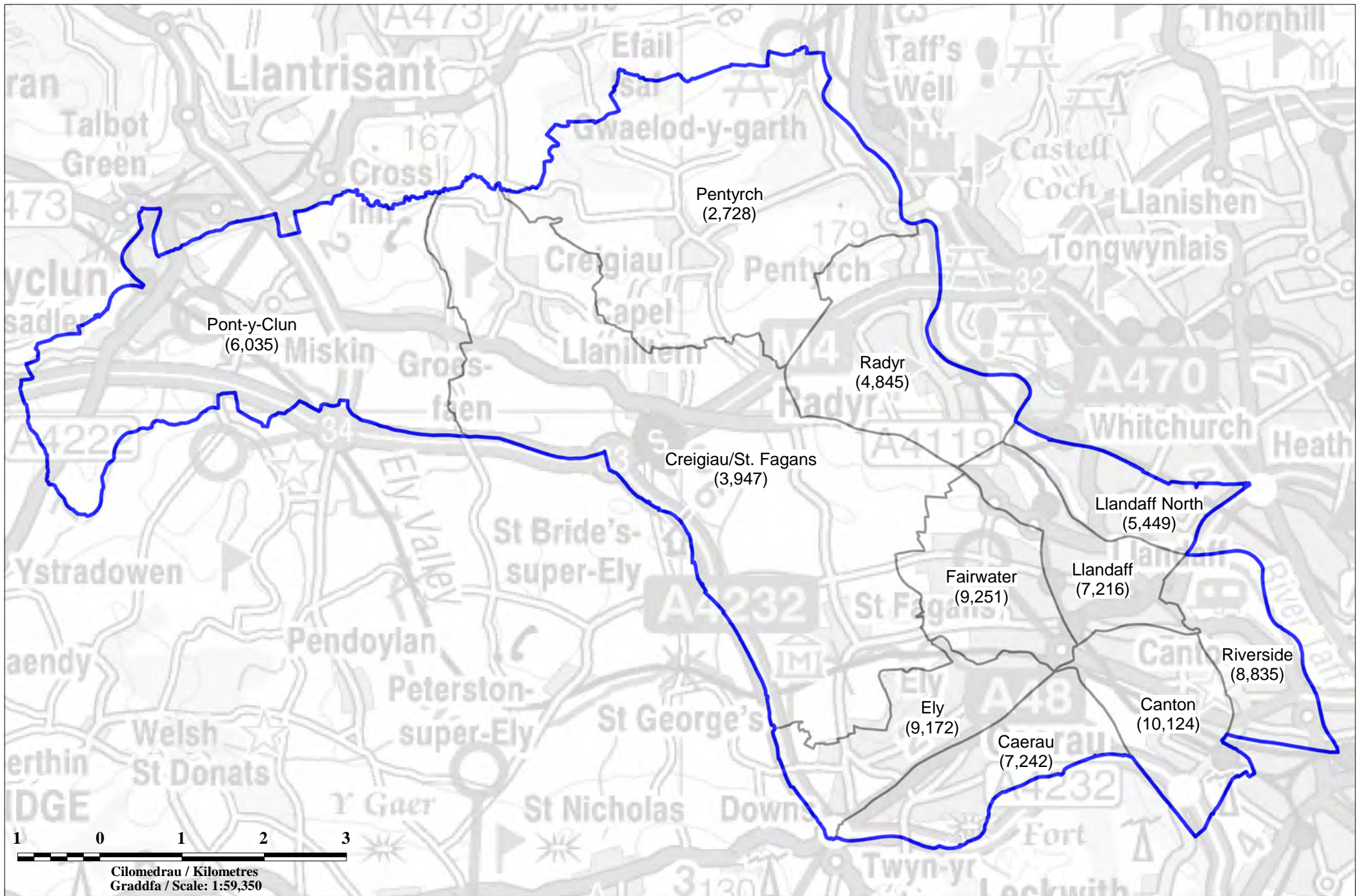
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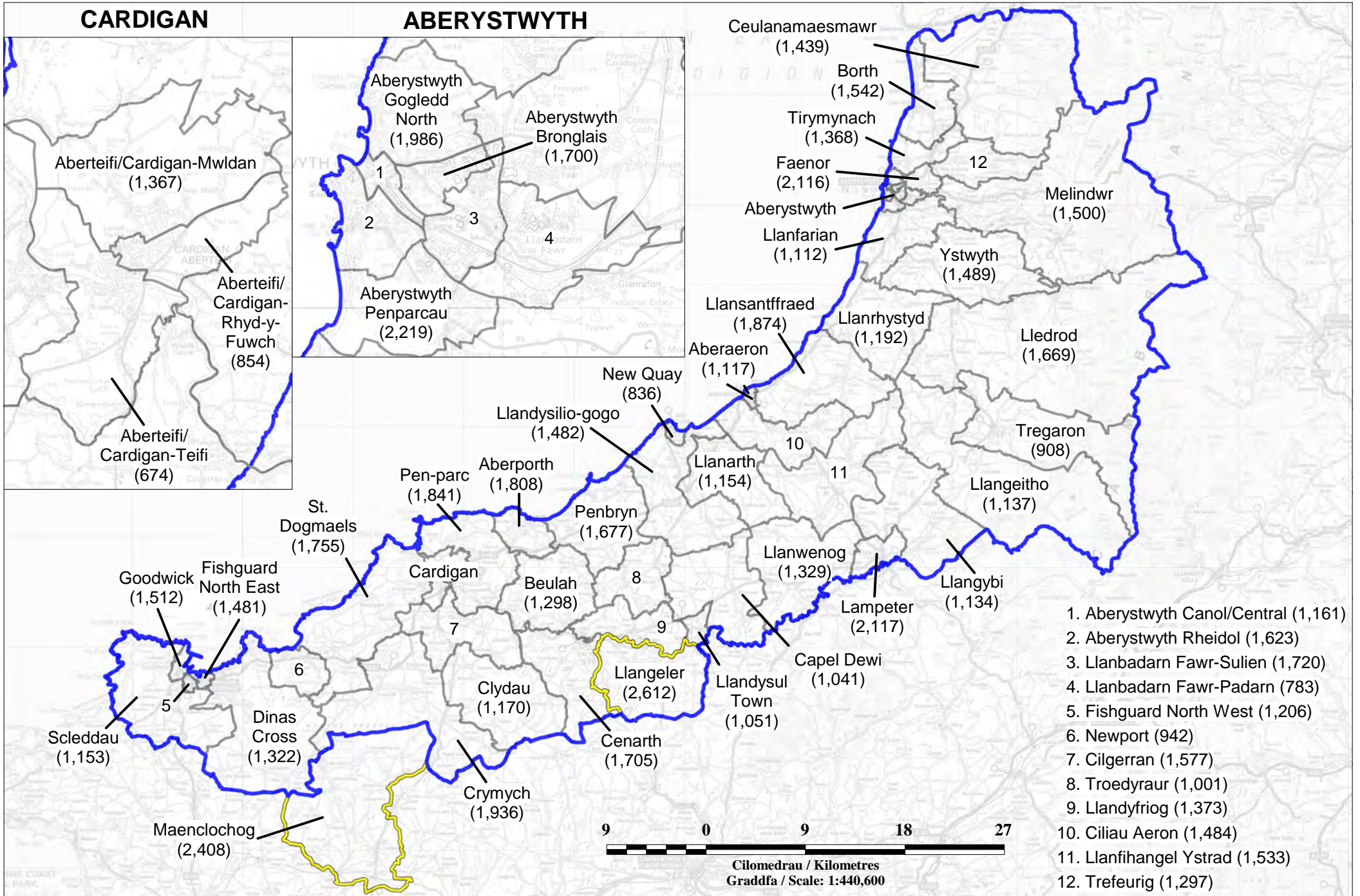
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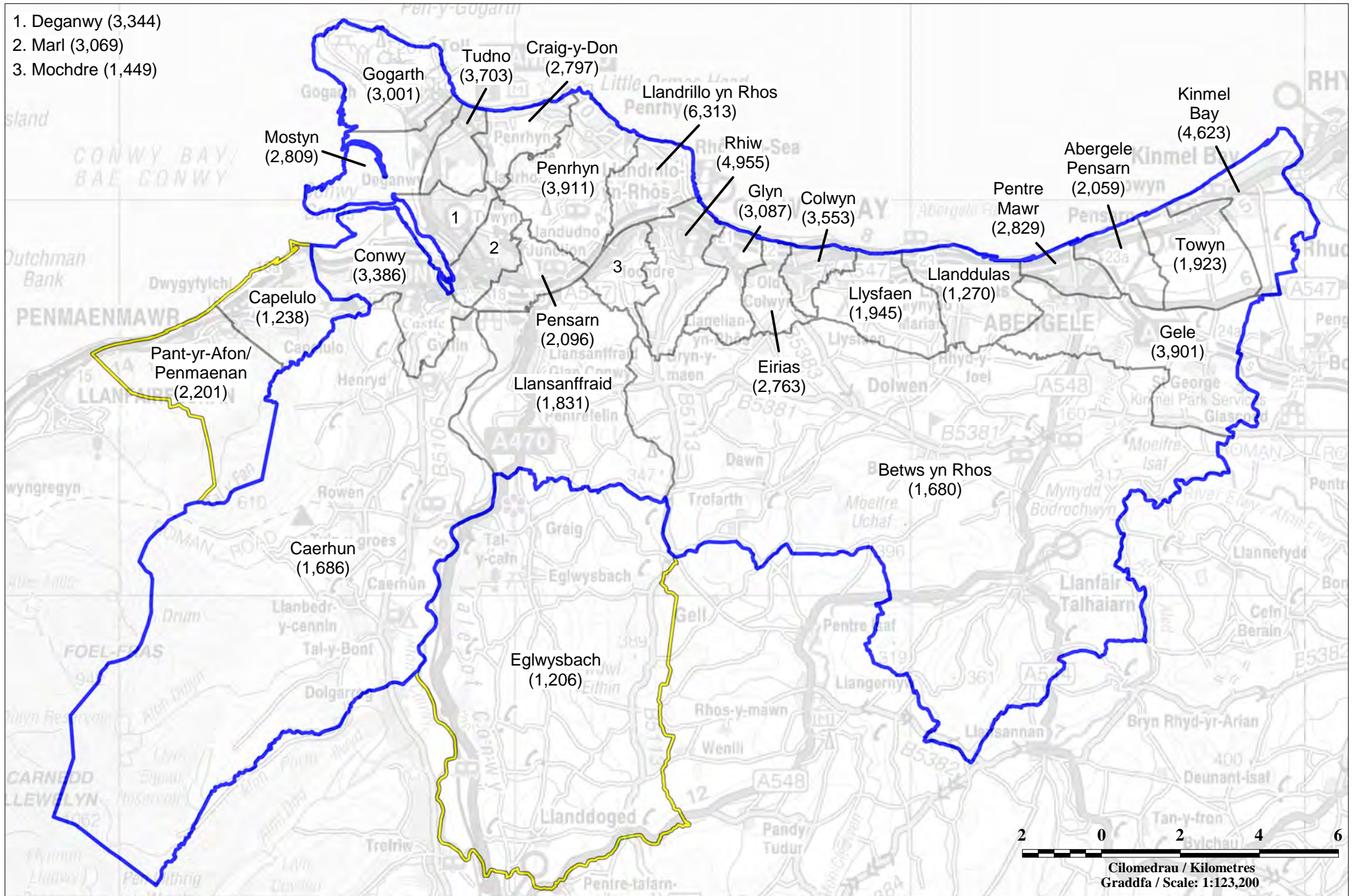


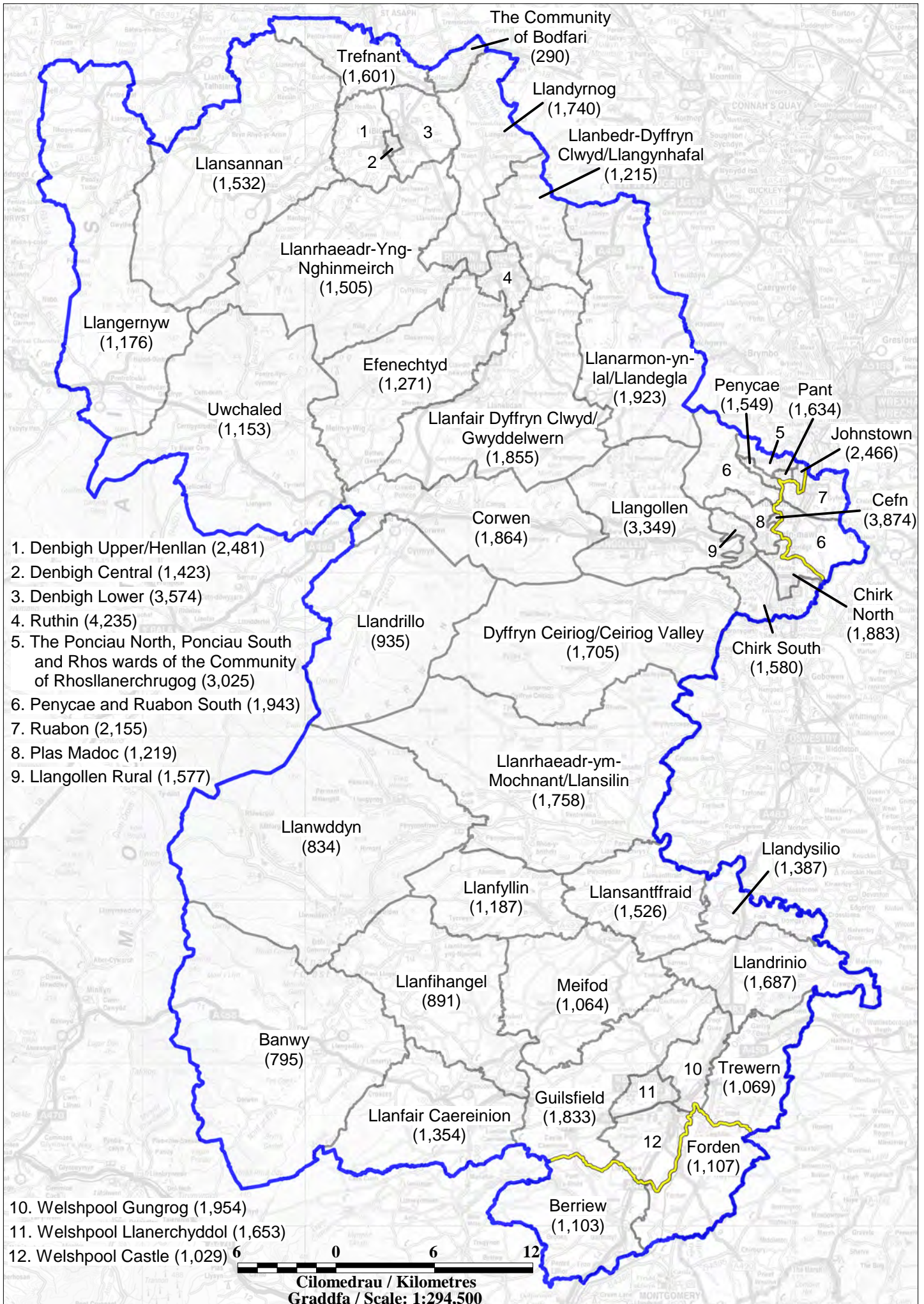
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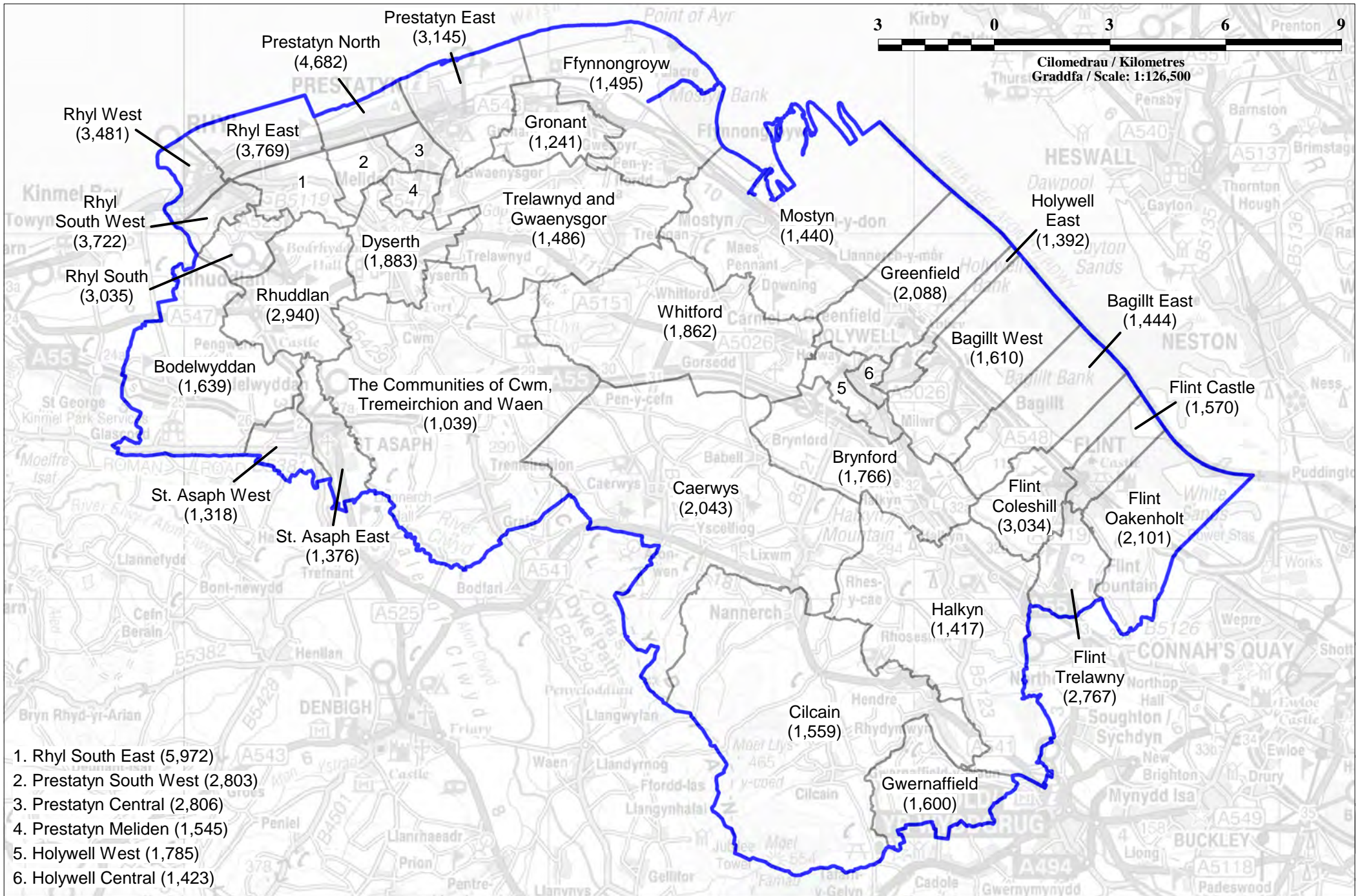
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2. Marl (3,069)
3. Mochdre (1,449)

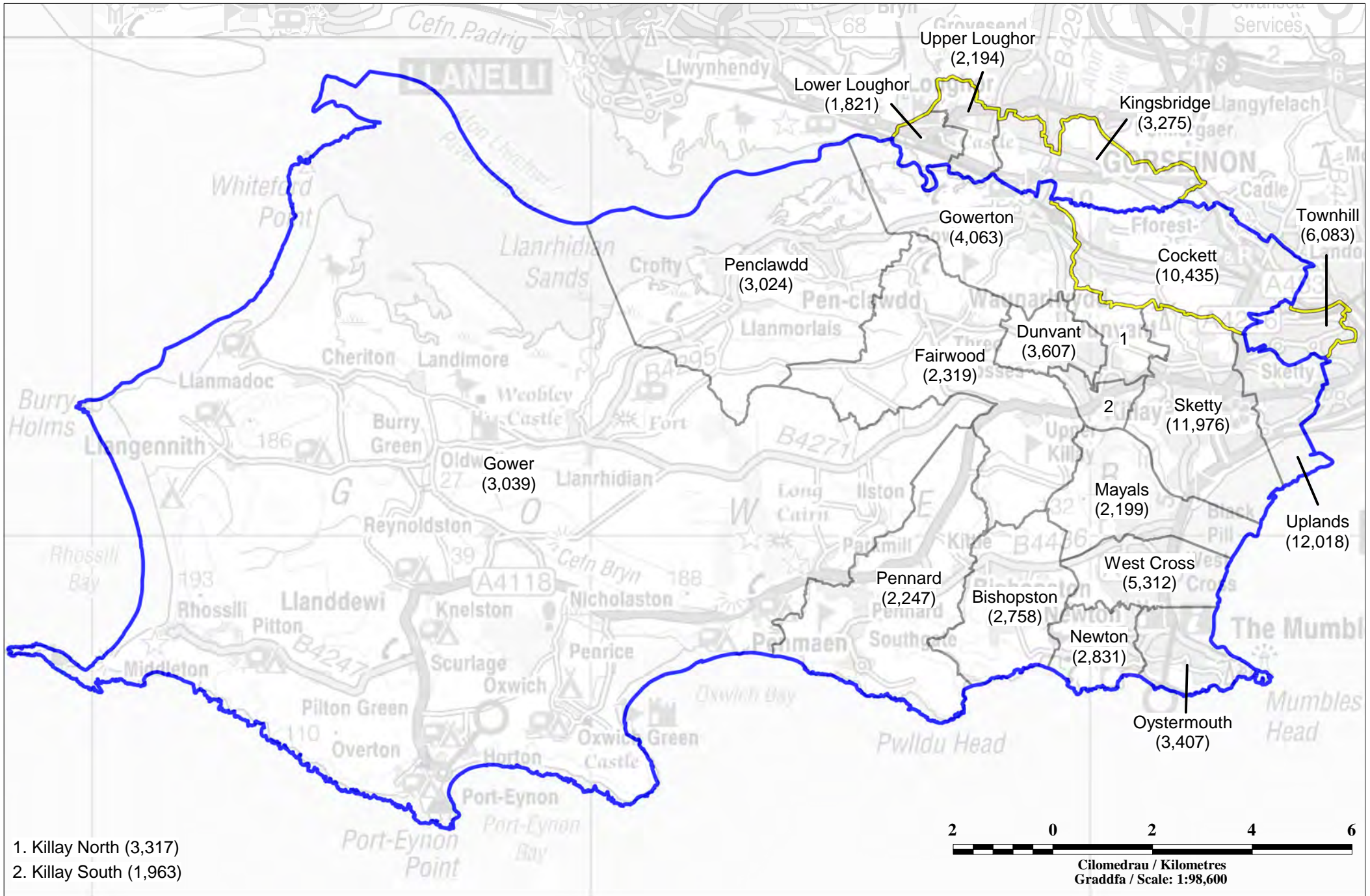




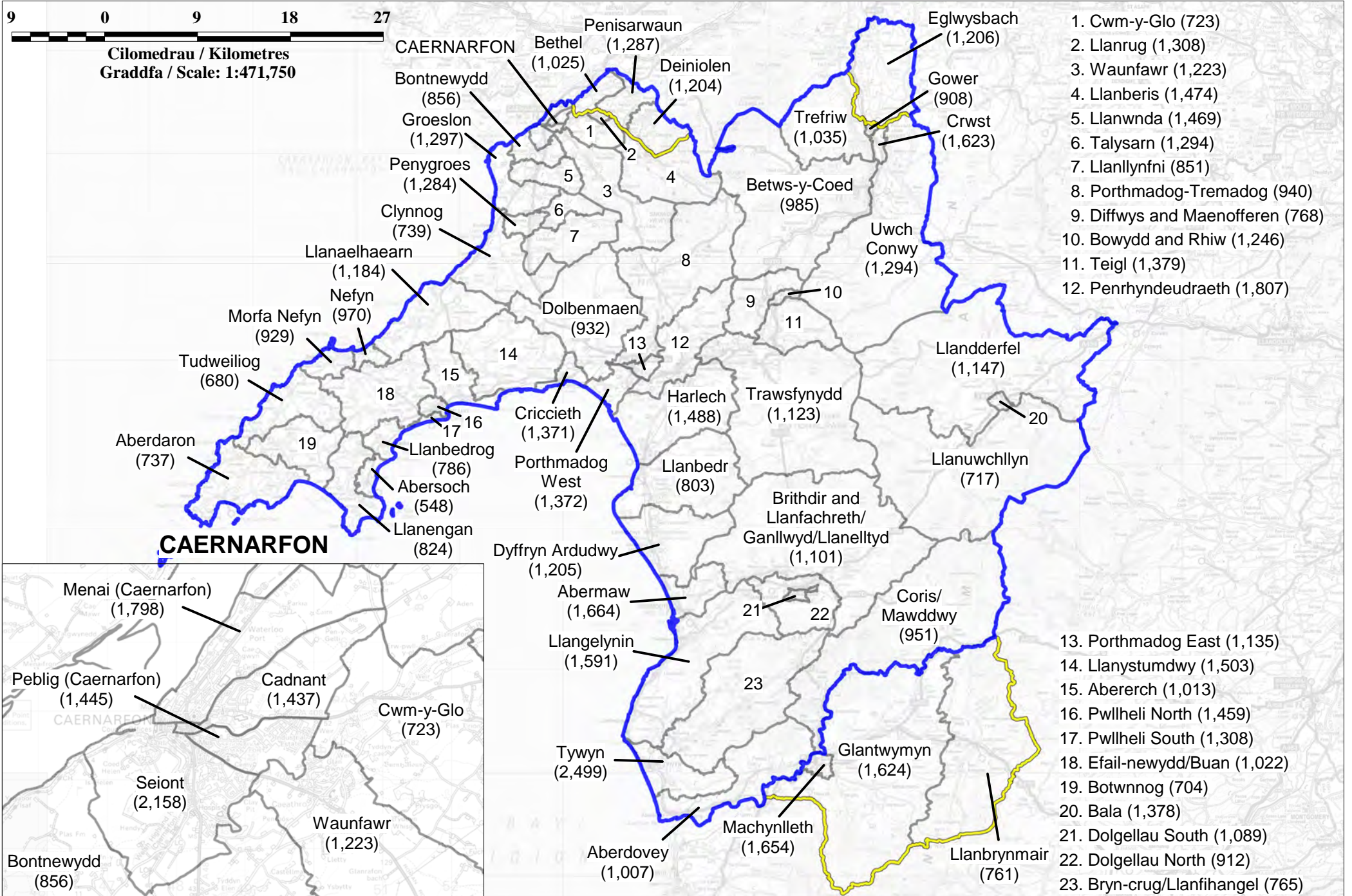
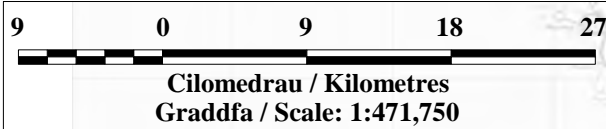
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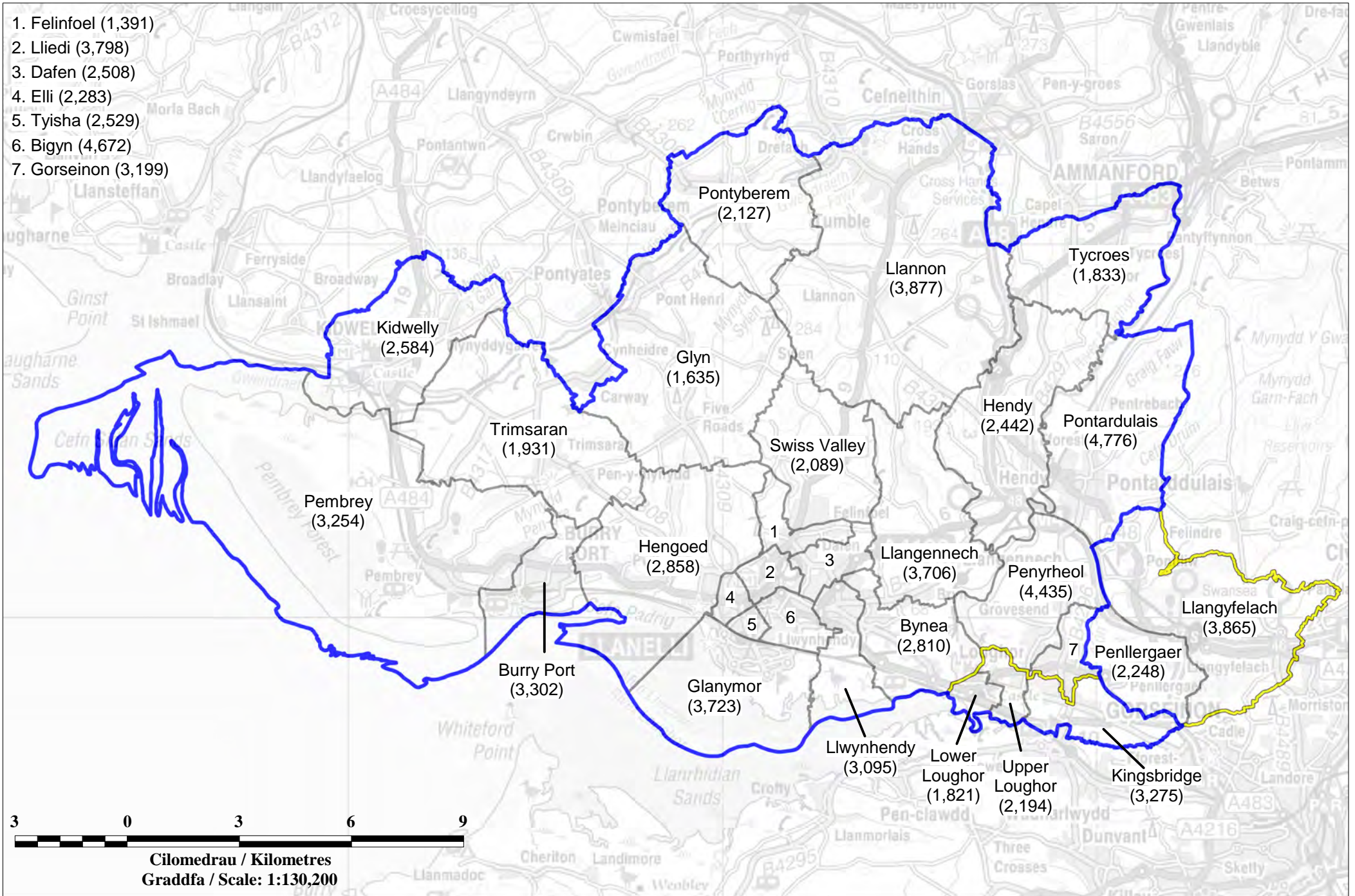
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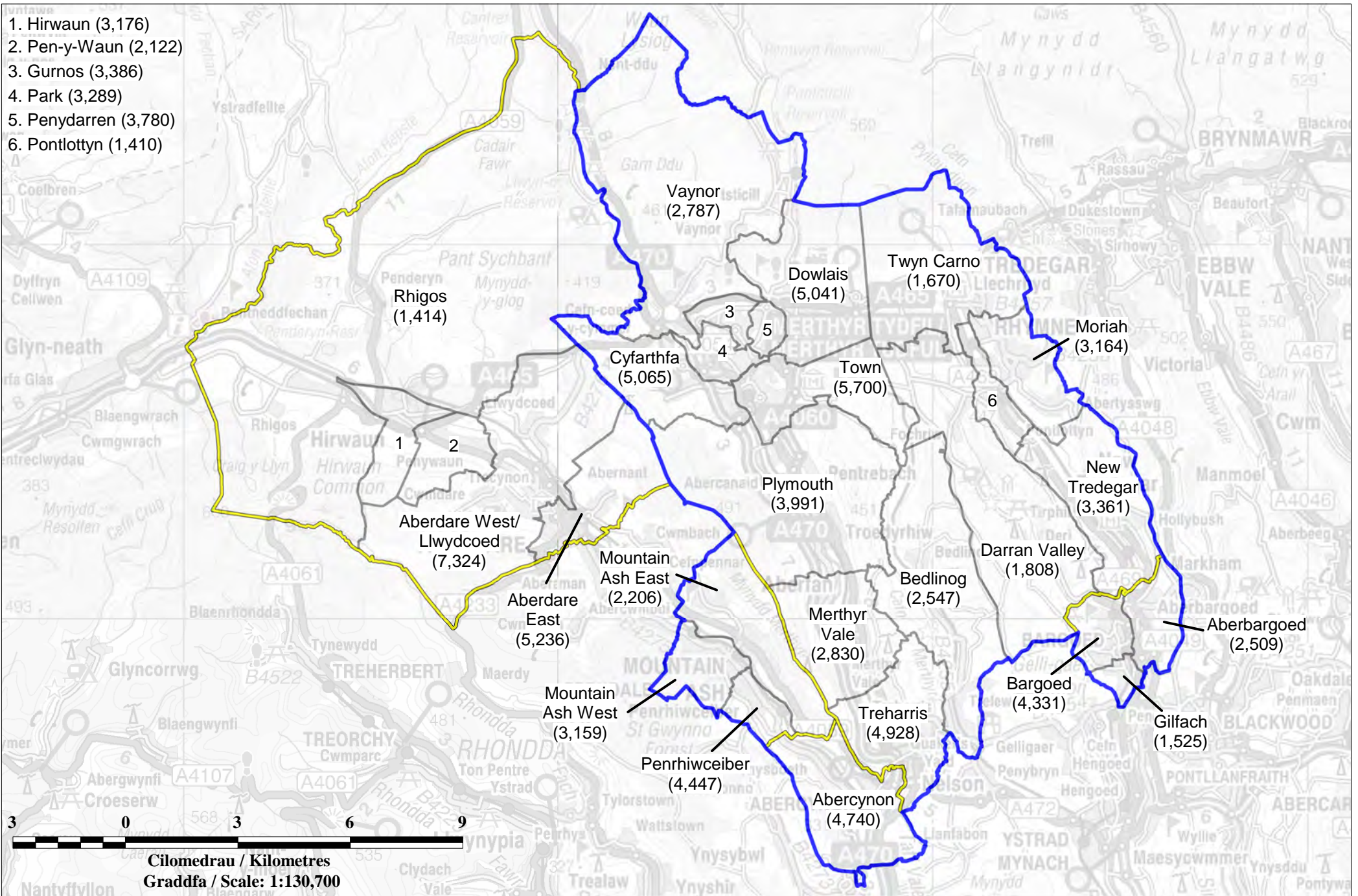
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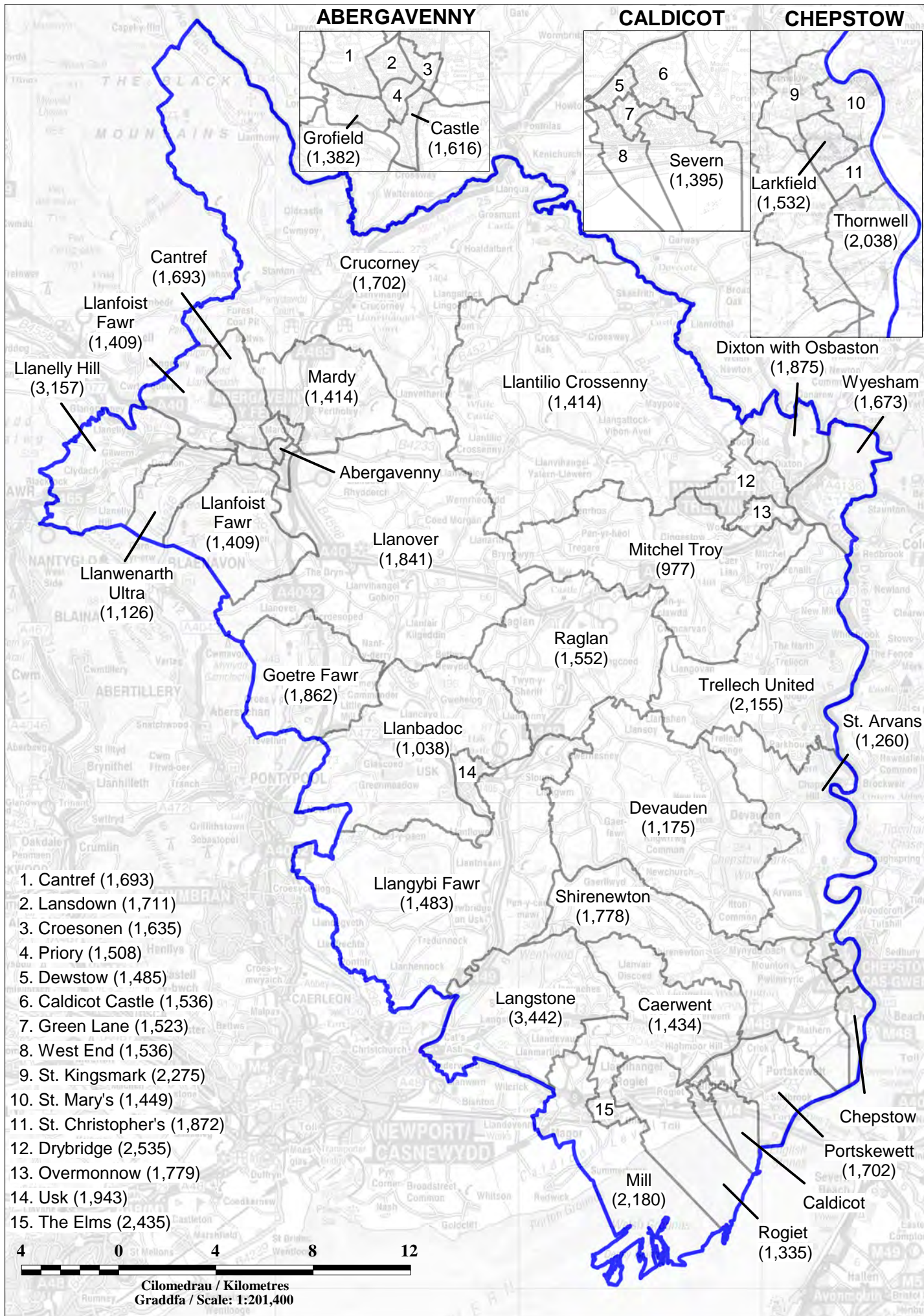


1. Felinfoel (1,391)
2. Lliedi (3,798)
3. Dafen (2,508)
4. Elli (2,283)
5. Tyisha (2,529)
6. Bigyn (4,672)
7. Gorseion (3,199)

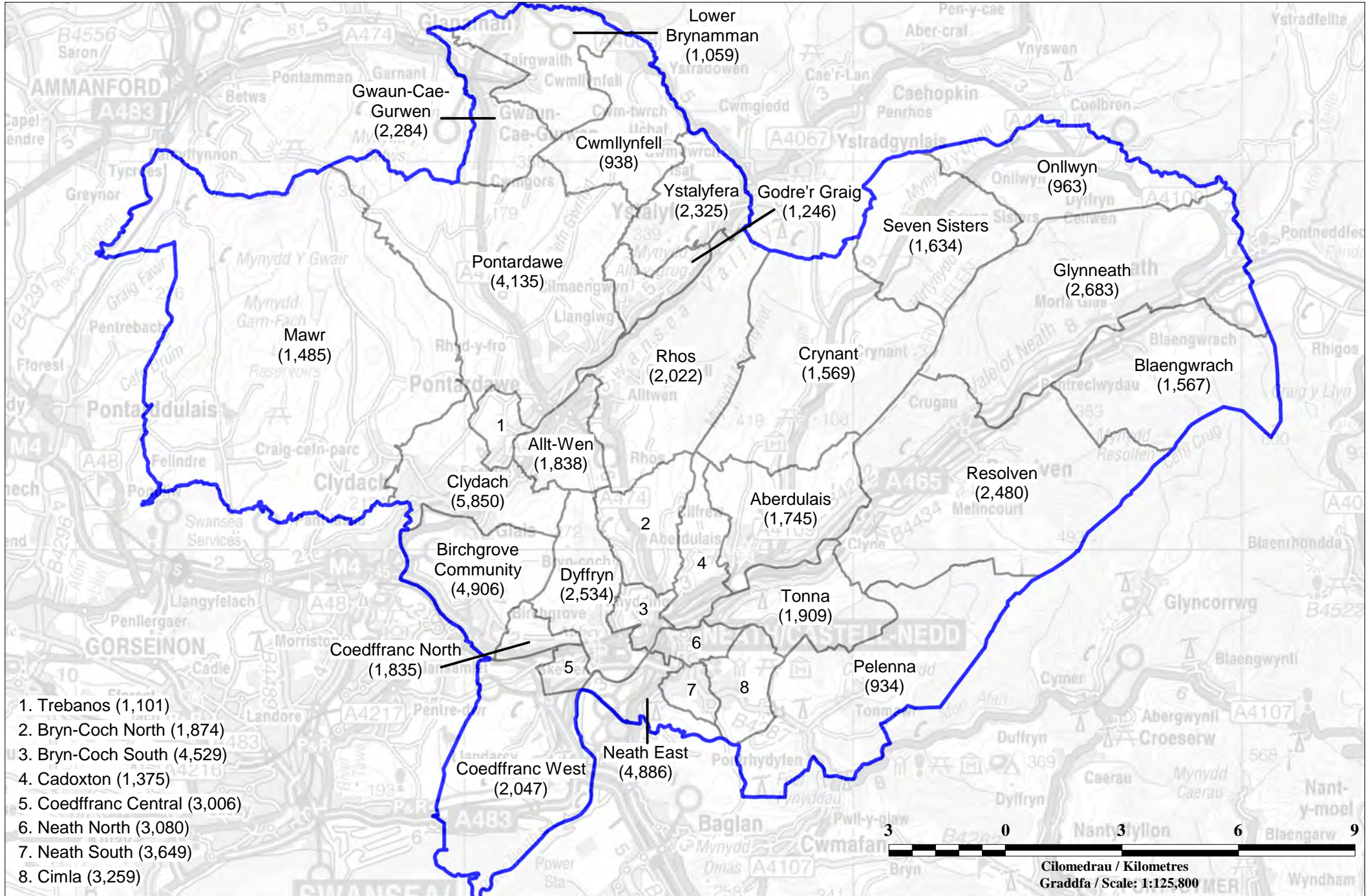


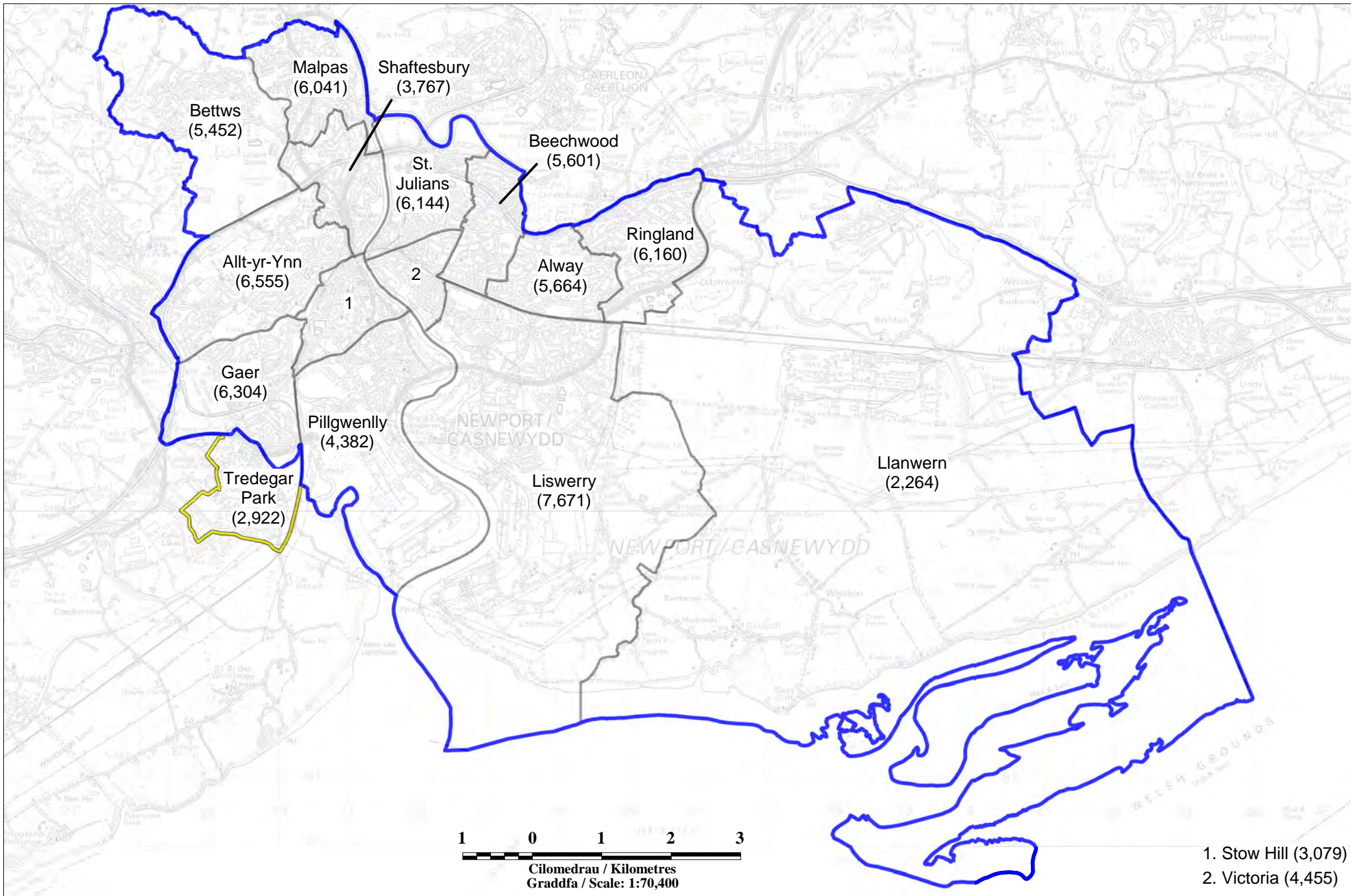
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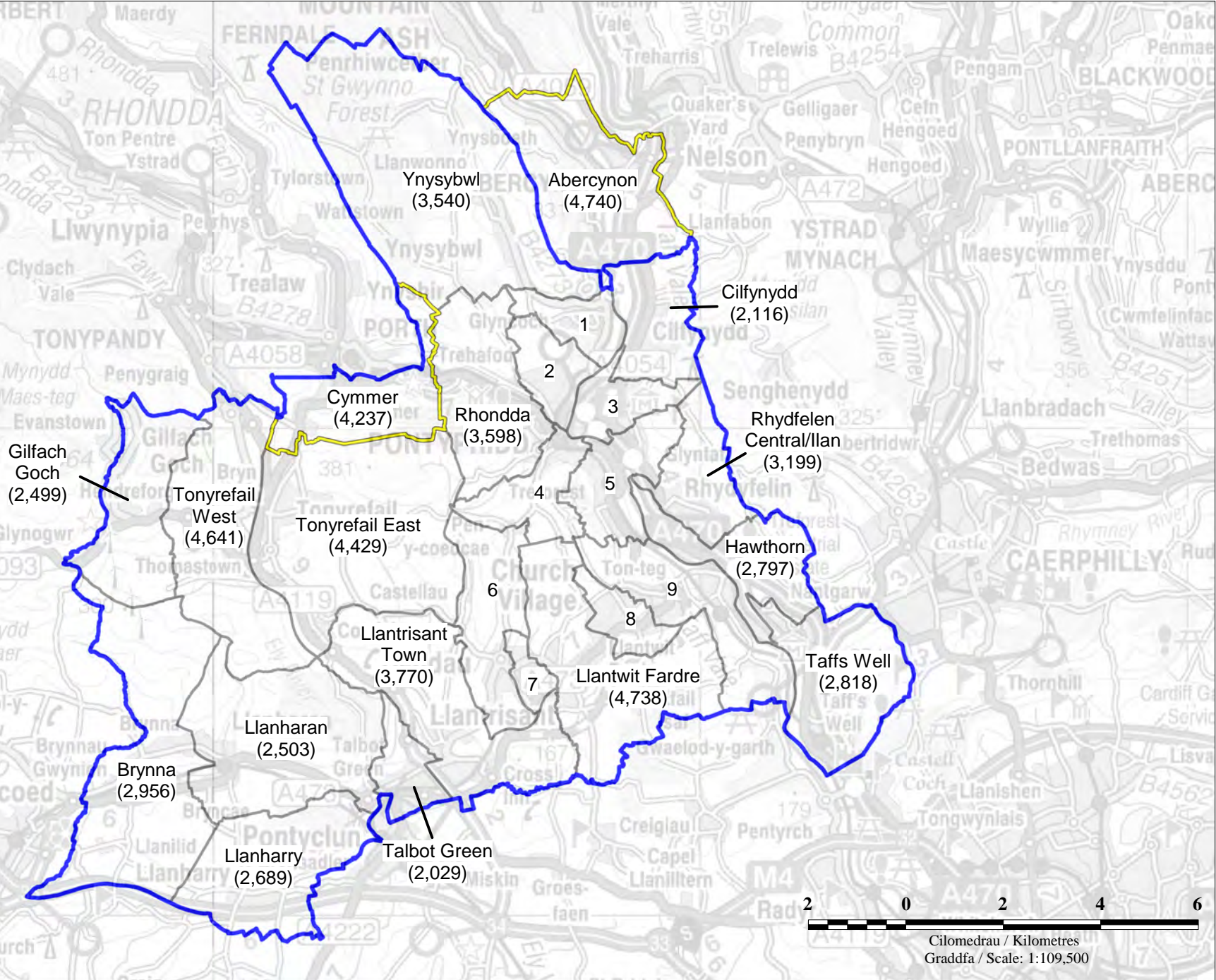
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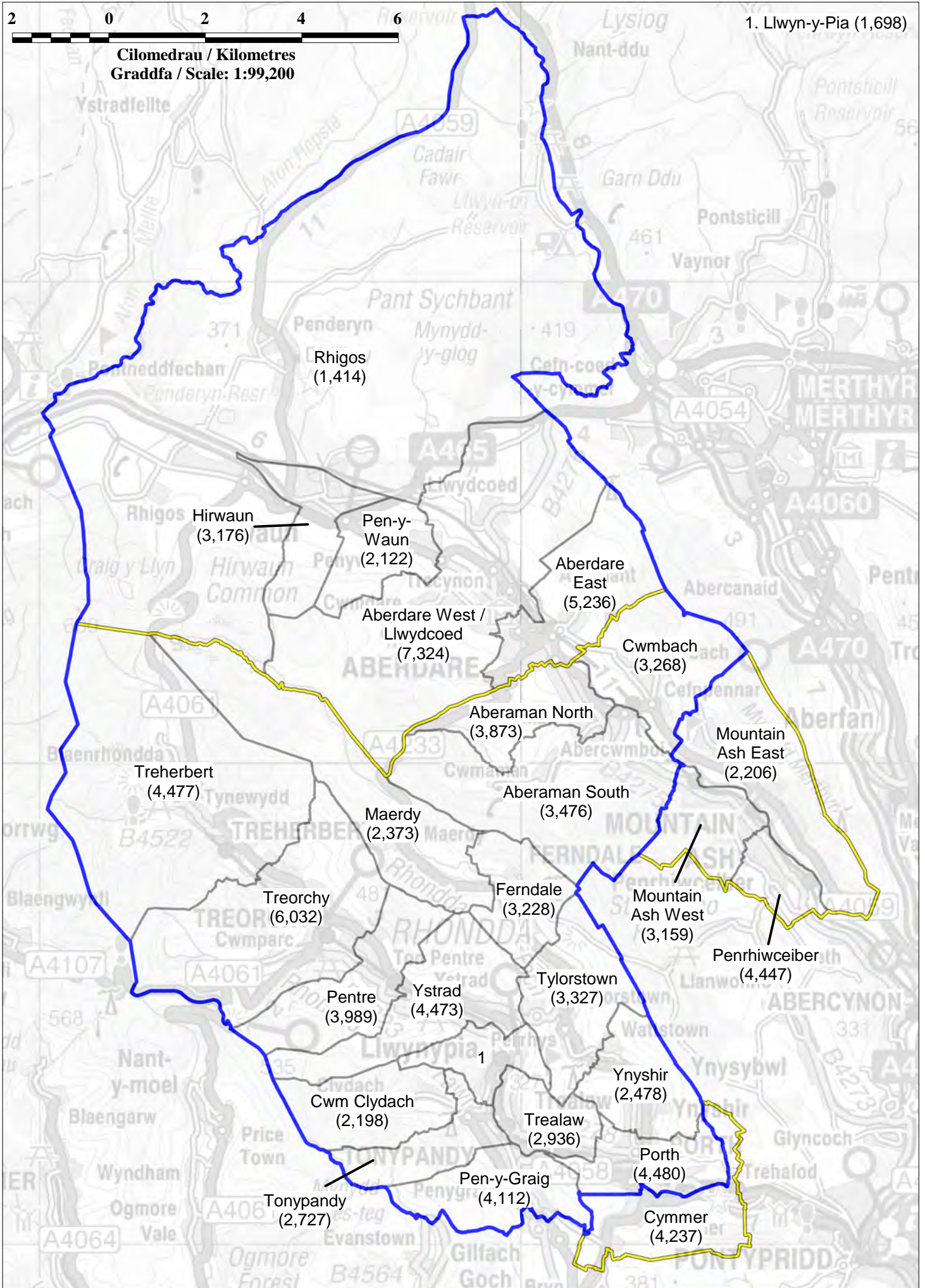




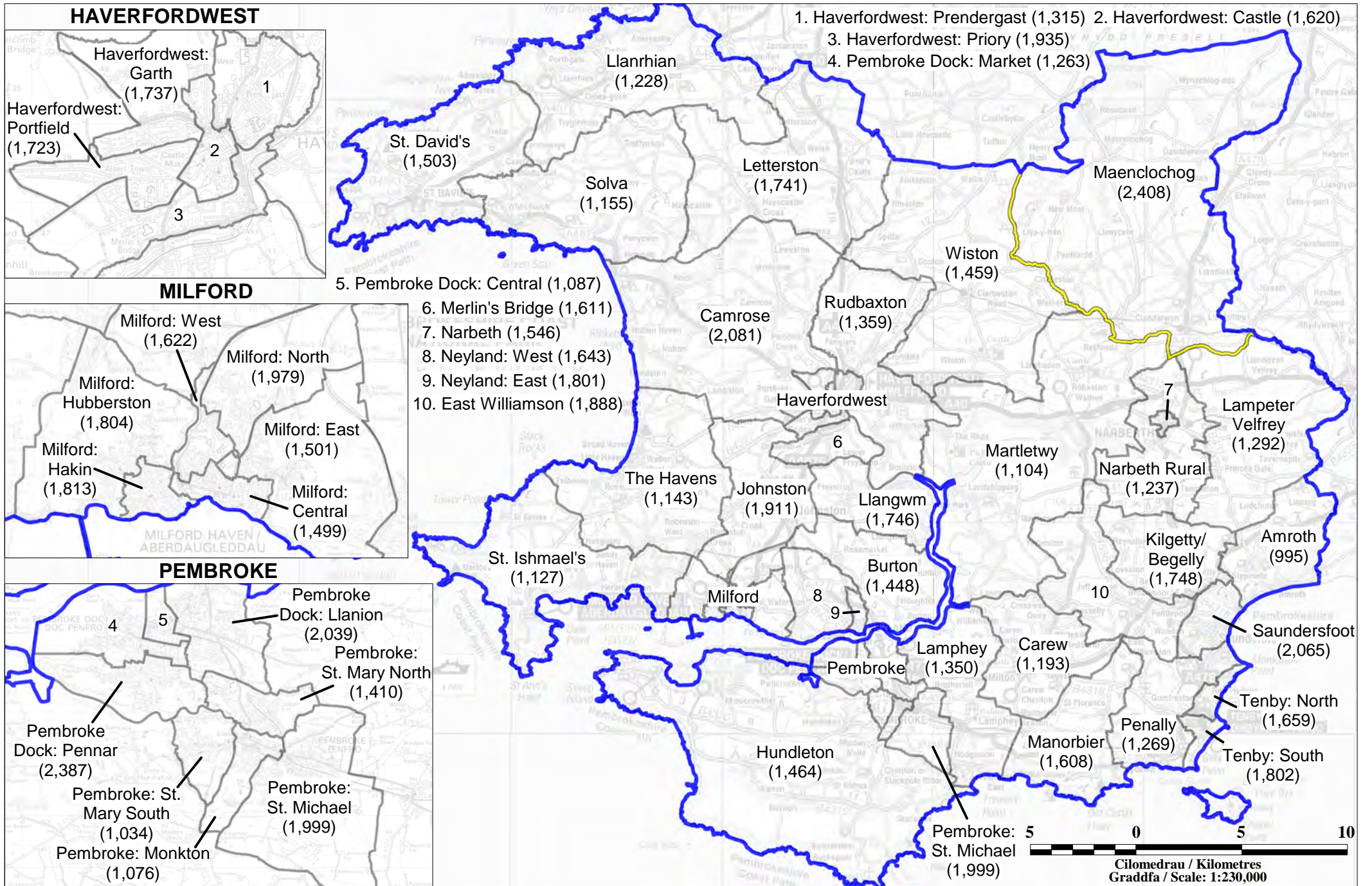
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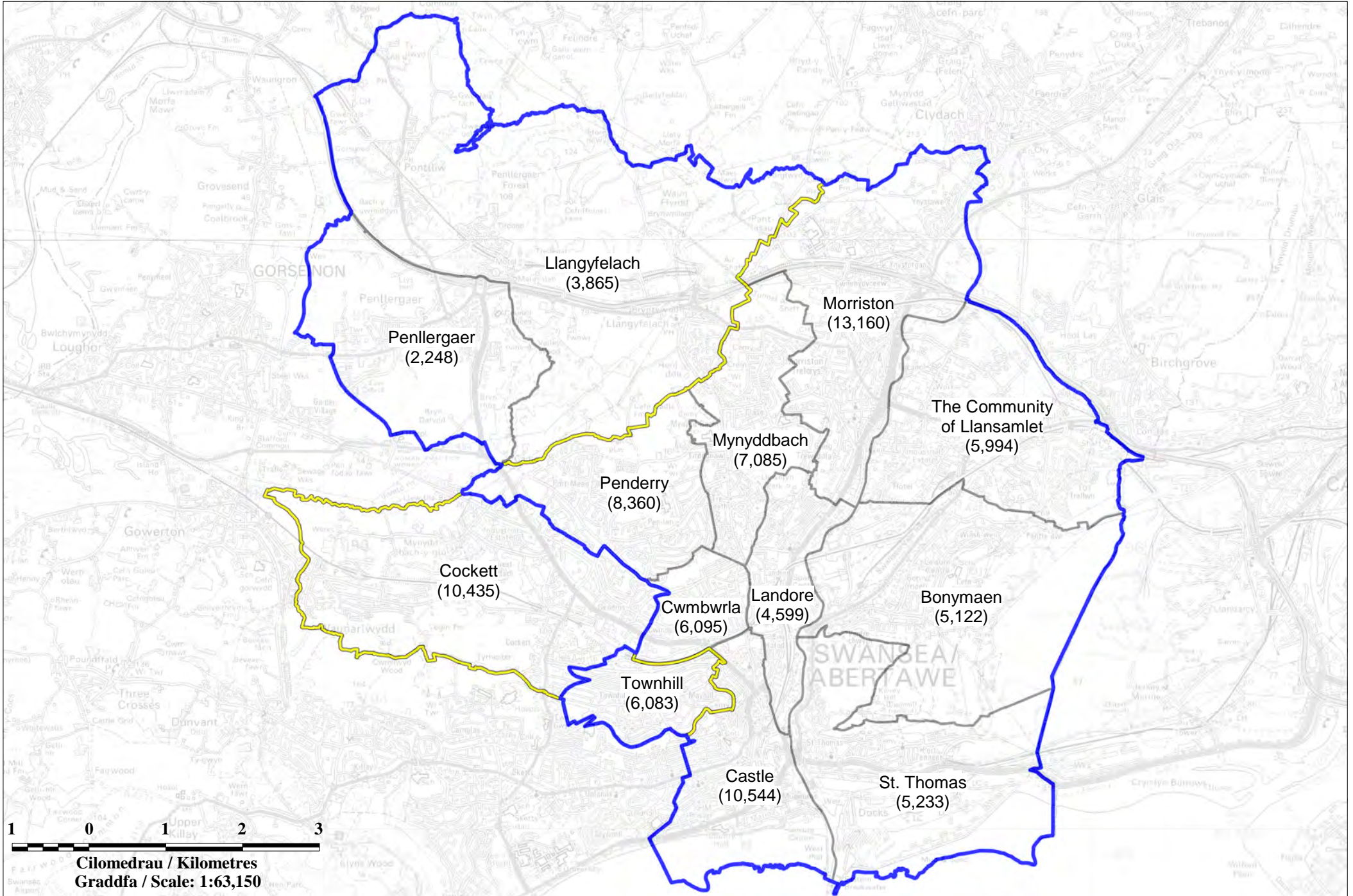
1. Glyncoch (2,119)
2. Pontypridd Town (2,252)
3. Trallwng (2,842)
4. Graig (1,757)
5. Treforest (3,066)
6. Beddau (3,208)
7. Tyn-y-Nant (2,567)
8. Church Village (3,530)
9. Ton-Teg (3,383)



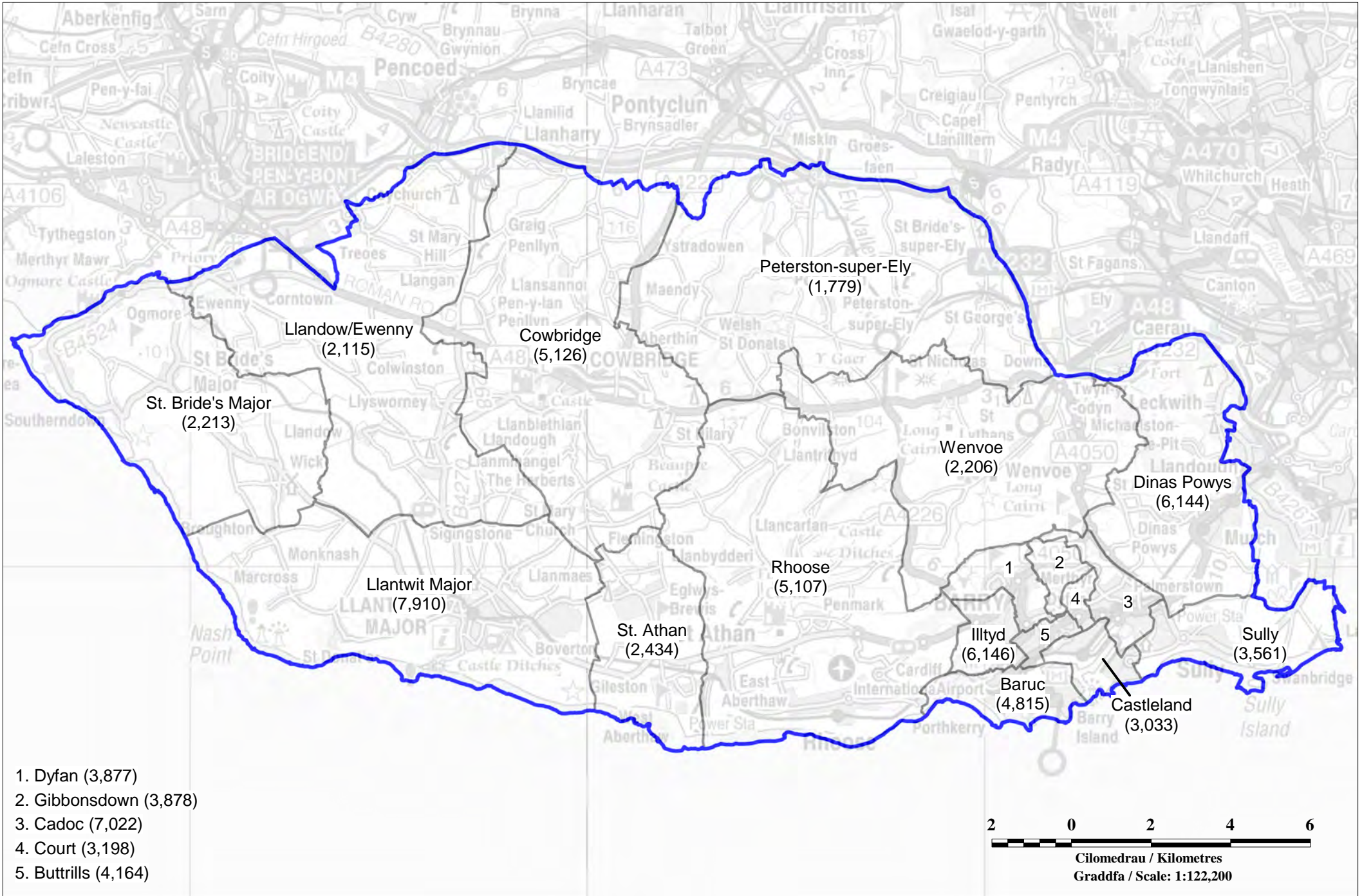


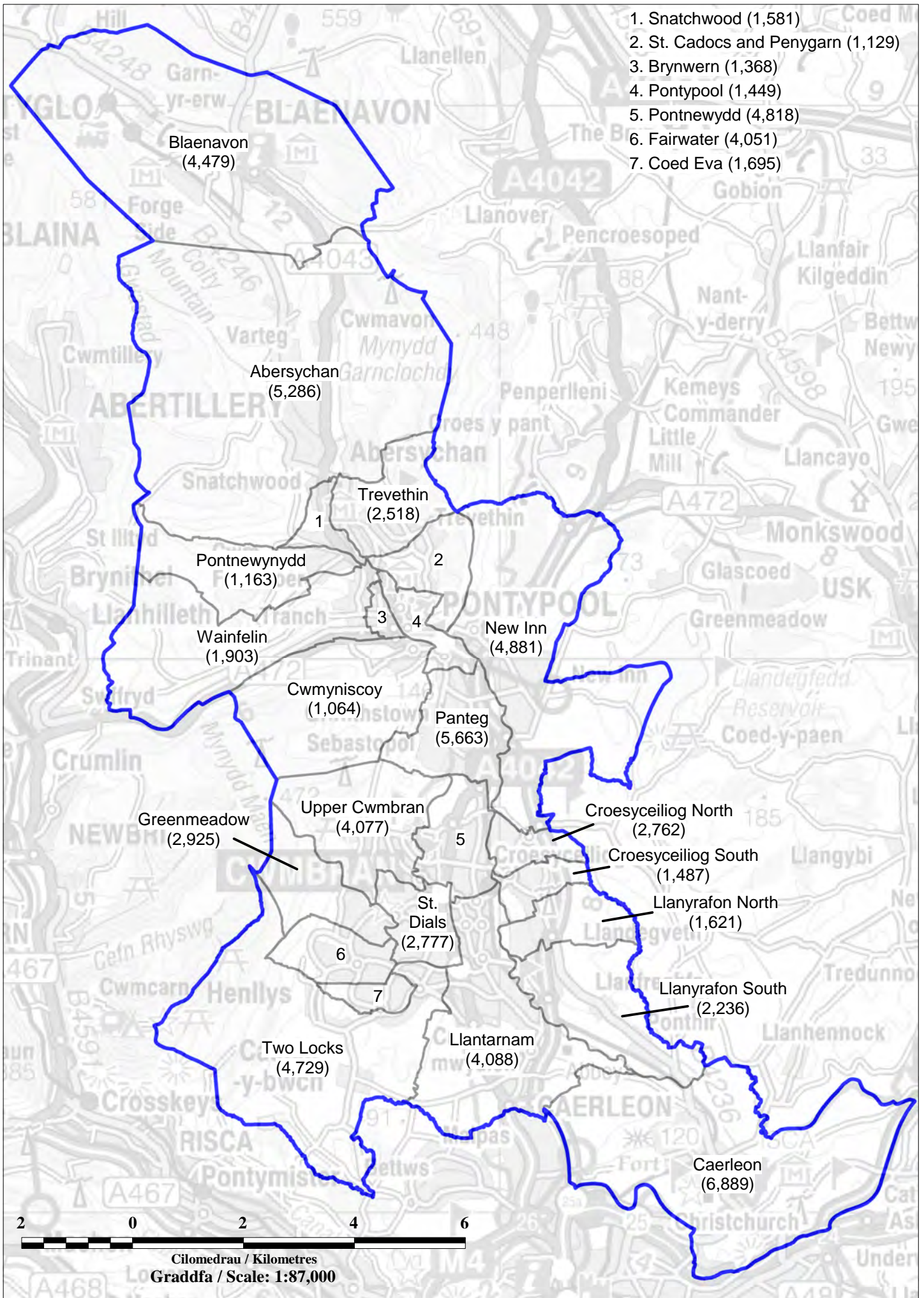
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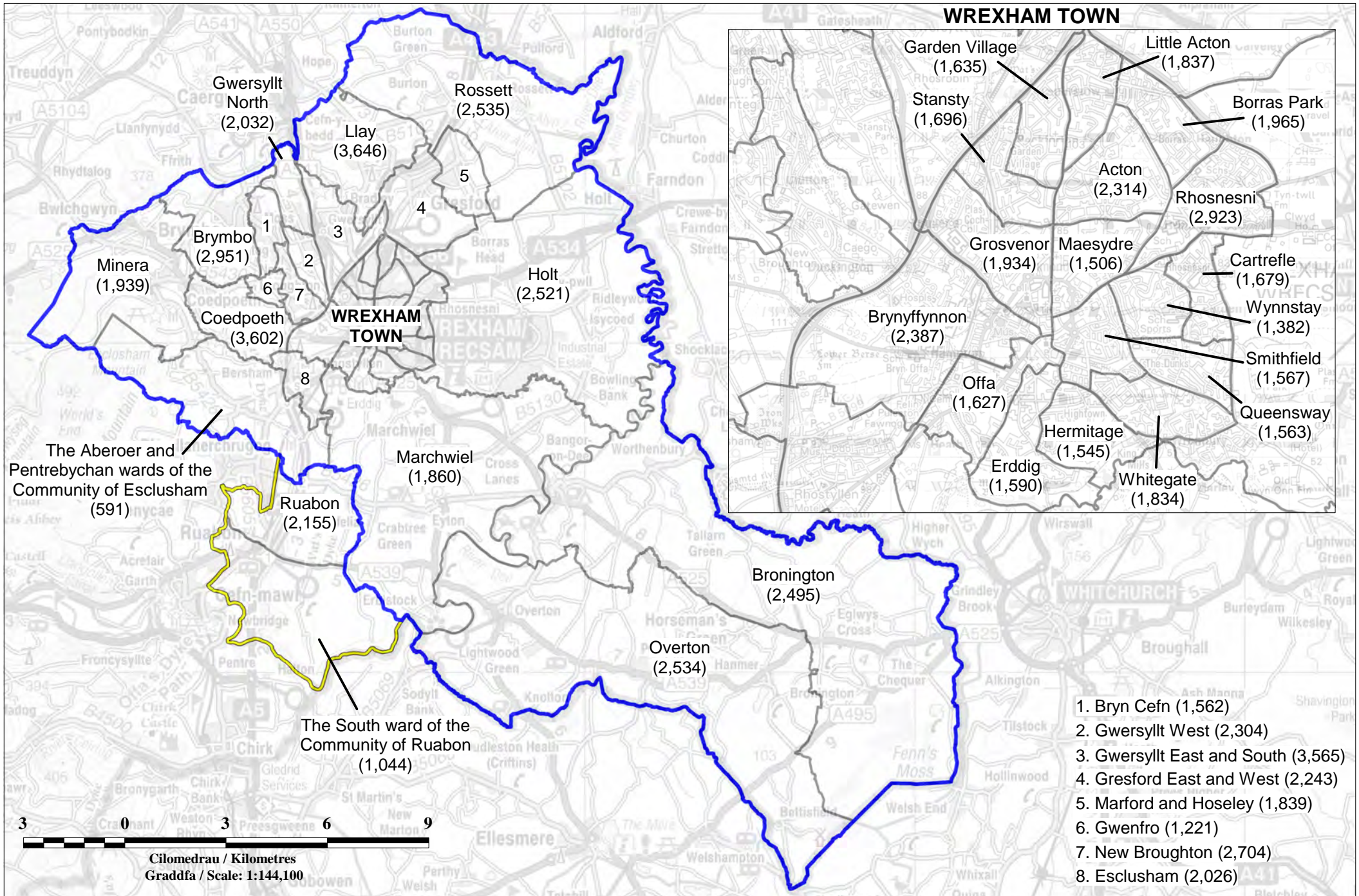




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