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BCW-8848/ [REDACTED] /Llanelli

This area is far too close to Carmarthen to be included in the Llanelli constituency. The people living here don't use the same services as the people in Llanelli and would consider themselves to be part of Carmarthen. The constituency boundary needs to be further away from Carmarthen for the constituency to make sense as a cohesive entity.

BCW-8849/ [REDACTED] / Bangor

the proposal to move Bangor into the Aberconwy constituency is detrimental to it's position with Gwynedd county, Bangor has stronger links and shared post industrial problems with Caernarfon than Aberconwy, the move would create problems in that the majority of constituents are in the Conwy council area and their needs are radically different to Arfon with major differences in industry, language, culture and heritage.

Bangor and Bethesda are post industrial communities and have little in common with the tourism centric areas of Aberconwy.

As a Bangor citizen, I object to be represented by an Aberconwy member of parliament regardless of their political persuasions.

BCW-8850/ [REDACTED] / Llanelli

The town of Ammanford should be included in the Llanelli constituency as opposed to the Caerfyrddin constituency as the people of Ammanford and Llanelli have far more in common than either of these towns has with Carmarthen.

Both of these town are post industrial towns the people living there would have similar concerns, whereas the caerfyrddin constituency is a more rural. Swapping the area around Carmarthen that is included in the Llanelli constituency for the area around Ammanford in the caerfyrddin constituency would result in more cohesive constituencies.

BCW-8851/ [REDACTED] / Glasgow

Please change the name to Swansea North & Central. It rolls off the tongue so much better.

BCW-8852/ [REDACTED] / Swansea

Pontardawe has absolutely no connection to Brecon and Radnorshire. It is a very poor fit. Brecon and Radnorshire is a very rural county and miles from the Pontardawe area whereas Neath is 5 miles away and Swansea 9 miles away. Consideration should be given to keep all the Swansea Valley areas together either in a Swansea Valley area or within part of Neath. Ystradgynlais could then be moved into this area together with Ystalyfera, Pontardawe and Clydach. Other areas that could be included are Morriston North and South and Birchgrove. Clase could also come into the valley and Morriston area and possibly Llansamlet or Dulais Valleys. All the valley communities Ystradgynlais, Ystalyfera, Pontardawe and Clydach are all in the Swansea Bay area to work rather than heading to Brecon and beyond.

This would keep or slightly extend local comprehensive school boundaries. The Dulais Valley would extend the pupils in Maesydderwen making that school more feasible. The distance to travel to school would be reduced for places like Crynant and Seven Sisters and keeping Birchgrove in the same area as Clydach would keep the same catchment area. Bringing in Clase and perhaps part of Llansamlet would keep the current catchment for Morriston.

The remaining areas in Neath could be looked at as an extended constituency together with Aberavon without adding Porthcawl in,

BCW-8853/ [REDACTED] / Swansea

Neath Port Talbot as part of Brecon and Radnor? You are attempting to mix rural with industrial, Tory with Labour. Someone will lose out, the farming community needs the self-serving Tories whose ethos is with the employers and money, the population densities of Neath Port Talbot need the understanding and compassion a Labour MP naturally has. I wonder if Gerrymandering is the ambition, water down the Labour strongholds.

BCW-8854/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff

Resident of Cardiff but born and raised outside Carmarthen.

It is evident that the town of Carmarthen has not been considered based on geography / identity, but has instead been used to shoehorn people into constituencies based solely on numbers. The fact that Pensarn, which anyone will tell you is a part of the town of Carmarthen, is within the Llanelli constituency is ridiculous. A number of Pensarn residents may never have set foot in Llanelli. How can they be given the same priority by an MP as someone from Llanelli town centre? Similar story at Nantycaws, where again residents identify with Carmarthen rather than Llanelli. How can Nantycaws be in Llanelli whilst Llanddarog and Porthyrhyd - further away from Carmarthen town - are in Carmarthen constituency? Some flexibility / discretion should be used in the boundaries at Carmarthen to ensure that areas are given appropriate coverage in an appropriate constituency. At the moment this plan for Carmarthen and surrounding areas is absurd.

BCW-8855/ [REDACTED] / Carmarthen

Llangunnor, Nantycaws residents would describe themselves as being in Caerfyrddin/Carmarthen and wouldn't identify with Llanelli. Whilst it is to be commended that Caerfyrddin is now a seat I think it's really important such an integral part of the community of Carmarthen is not placed in the Llanelli constituency.

BCW-8856/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff

I do not agree that the areas of Gwaun-cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynamman should be placed within the Brecon and Radnor constituency. Unlike much of B&R, these are not rural areas; they are post-industrial, straddling the cusp between rural Wales and industrial Wales. It strikes me, having grown up in this area, that the concerns of people in Gwaun-cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynamman will be markedly different to those of people living in Brecon, or Rhayader, for example.

My other pressing concern is around the Welsh language. Gwaun-cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynamman are strongholds of the language, whereas much of B&R is not. The language is part of the culture and identity of Gwaun-cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynamman, where in much of B&R it is not. I fear that placing them in a constituency where the language is less of a concern will mean a risk to the language and to the culture and identity of the area.

I have similar concerns for the areas of Pontardawe, Cwmllynfell, and Ystalyfera - essentially the whole section of B&R which appears to be some kind of panhandle surrounded by Caerfyrddin, Swansea Central and North, and Swansea East and Neath. It strikes me as odd, when many of these areas think of themselves as being in the upper Swansea valley, that they should be removed of their connection to Swansea and placed instead in a constituency whose principal areas are some distance away (with very limited transport infrastructure).

I would suggest and recommend further consideration be given to how this area should be treated. As a starting point, I would suggest that Gwaun-cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynamman (and arguably Cwmllynfell) be made part of Caerfyrddin; and the areas of Pontardawe and Trebanos be made part of Swansea Central and North; the areas of Allt-wen, Rhos, Godre'r Graig, and Ystalyfera be made part of Swansea East and Neath.

BCW-8857/ [REDACTED] Penybont

Less elected MPs equals less representation for all of Wales. This is repression of Wales from Westminster, and will surely stoke the fire of independence? Treating Wales as less important than England is going to make the system that already feels skewed against the 'lesser partners' a cast iron reality.

BCW-8858 / [REDACTED] / Rhuthun

Rhuthun is in the Vale of Clwyd, geographically, socially, culturally and historically connected with the rest of the vale. It is separated from communities to the East by the Clwydian Hills.

Putting Rhuthun in Delyn seems bizarre to say the least, showing a lack of understanding and appreciation of the local community.

Why not simply keep the Vale of Clwyd together? The resulting constituencies would be of slightly different sizes, but at least they would make sense geographically, socially, culturally and historically.

BCW-8859 / [REDACTED] / Merthyr Tydfil

Aberdare and Merthyr have deep socioeconomic problems that requires individual attention. One size fits all approach will not help to solve these problems. The Cynon valley requires its own constituency.

BCW-8860 / [REDACTED] / Port Talbot

Confused behind the reasoning for splitting the small village Pontrhydyfen between two constituencies. Would it really make that huge a difference in population to have the whole village within one constituency or the other?

Also, the name "Aberafan and Porthcawl" is sloppy.

BCW-8861 / [REDACTED] / Nantgaredig

Just doing the Tories work for them ,a method that will ensure Labour voters will be reduced and Tory votes enhanced. Time to disband this Tory supporting cabal.

BCW-8862 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

I completely object to these changes. Reducing the number of Welsh MPs reduces our voice in Westminster and means that we will not have a level playing field nor an opportunity to voice our opinions.

I am also disappointed to see that my postcode will be in Alyn and Deeside, as I live closer to the town of Wrexham, pay taxes to Wrexham Council, and use facilities in Wrexham. Alyn and Deeside has no relevance at all to mine or my family's life.

BCW-8863/ [REDACTED] / Penmaenmawr

Putting Bangor into Aberconwy mixes two very different constituencies. I see what you're doing - gerrymandering against young Welsh-speaking working class voters, to mix them in with the older English-speaking second home owners, diluting one with the other, to the latter's gain.

But then Westminster never was going to let Plaid Cymru keep its seats for long. This is still imperialism, and Wales is still a colony of England.

BCW-8864 / [REDACTED] / Mountain Ash

This is not a fair representation of the people of Mountain Ash and other areas. We are not part of Pontypridd. They are not even in the same valley. Mountain Ash would be better placed in the Cynon Valley and if needed to be placed with somewhere else, Merthyr Tydfil as we already share lots together.

BCW-8865 / [REDACTED] / Newtown

I agree with the proposals to retain the name of Montgomeryshire.

BCW-8866 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I live in Bangor and can see no justification for the city being split in half which will inevitably mean it ends up underrepresented with Conwy based representation having very different priorities as it has very different position on tourism/ welsh speaking.

Compare this to the position on Ynys Mon - which despite being much smaller, gets full protection. Why don't the population of Bangor deserve the same respect.

BCW-8867 / [REDACTED] / Caldicot

I welcome the change in the boundary of the constituency in which I live from Newport East to Monmouthshire.

BCW-8868 / [REDACTED] / Caldicot

Great news if Caldicot constituency moves from Newport East to Monmouthshire as this is the county Caldicot is in.

Newport East has no connection with Monmouthshire and it feels like a loss of identity I welcome the change, And look forward to it being approved, Goodbye to Newport East.

BCW-8869 / [REDACTED] / Newport

I resent the idea that these significant changes are being made from somebody sitting in an office and drawing lines on a map.

Changes of this kind would dramatically alter the lives of thousands of people.- not necessarily for the better. Furthermore, these proposals come at a time when many people want the reassurance of stability in their lives.

I SAY NO!

BCW-8870 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

The Exclusion of Brymbo, Minera, Tanyfron and Bwlchgwyn from the proposed Wrexham constituency (instead being included in Alyn and Deeside) makes very little sense and breaks up communities with for no apparent reason;

-Coedpoeth is connected to Minera and they are a part of the same urban area (<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/localarea?compare=W37000356>)

-Brymbo and Tanyfron are closely tied to Southsea which finds itself in the Wrexham constituency

-Each of these villages are administered by WCBC, not Flintshire CC

- A majority of infrastructure in these villages was made to facilitate transport into and out of Wrexham and for transport between each other; not into Deeside and the Flintshire area

BCW-8871 / [REDACTED] / Haverfordwest

Putting Solva and St David's in a Ceredigion Preseli ward will limit our influence on local matters, it will cause a significant disconnect from centralized local government and also isolate our communities. I would argue that the mid and south Pembrokeshire boundary should include the peninsula region.

BCW-8872/ [REDACTED] Denbigh

Bore da,

I am disappointed to see yet again the lack of consideration being given to *types* of communities that MPs are supposed to be representing as part of this boundary commission review.

I am unhappy with the idea that all constituencies must be of equal size in terms of number of constituents per constituency. Whilst I accept this may bring fairer representation in urban areas, rural areas both within Wales but also as evidenced in Scotland and non-urban areas in England stand to lose out significantly.

I do accept that the consultation may be beyond the point where constituent quotients can be argued, however I would like to make the case for parliamentary boundaries to be split in a different way.

Yet again in North Wales we see several constituencies which encompass quite large geographic areas each and it is my opinion that these do not give due consideration to the needs of residents (and therefore the effectiveness of the MP to adequately represent them).

My personal view is there should be two or three narrow constituencies north of the A55 corridor which gives MPs the option to specialise in tackling issues such as ageing well in Wales, County Lines drug issues and urban poverty - these issues affect all of the biggest towns from the border with England as far as Bangor (well, and Holyhead, but that's a protected constituency).

Having one or two much larger constituencies covering rural Wrexham, Flintshire and Denbighshire and rural Conwy and all of Gwynedd apart from Bangor would ensure that MPs in that area are better equipped to understand issues relating to agriculture, rural poverty, rural infrastructure and transport concerns and the Welsh Language - which is at risk of getting steamrollered when lumped in with predominantly anglicised coastal communities where there is little understanding of and even less appetite to learn the Welsh language. Time and again we see MPs with little or no Welsh ability and evidenced of little or no time spent learning Welsh, elected from coastal towns and as a result of this, rural Welsh-speaking communities struggle to identify with their local representative (and likewise, MPs cannot be expected to fully grasp issues in an area they have no experience of living in).

Even 5 miles south of the A55 can, in places, be like living in a completely different world.

From Flint to Conwy is almost one continuous urban development. Certainly between Prestatyn and Pensarn only signage demarcates that you have crossed

town and county boundaries.

Rural towns and villages are separated by literal miles of largely unoccupied land, including agricultural land, mountains, moorlands and other hills like the Clwydian Range. As evidenced by the "stay local" lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic, rural communities experienced significantly different challenges to those who lived in the coastal towns and had good access to a range of goods and services.

Expecting three or four MPs to specialise in such a vast range of issues, for the sake of drawing the boundaries a slightly different way and supporting MPs to have a much narrower focus would in my view allow MPs to serve their constituents better and in turn would give constituents more confidence to vote because manifestos for these communities would be more likely to reference specific concerns.

Please, please consider the types of communities in your proposed constituencies and group communities together so that they can be better represented.

BCW-8873 / [REDACTED] / Newport

This constituency makes much more sense from a regional planning perspective. Aberdare and Merthyr are in the same health board and police force. This will make regional working easier to undertake for the benefit of all constituents

BCW-8874 / [REDACTED] / Merthyr Tydfil

I support the proposal to align Merthyr and Aberdare as a single constituency. This makes sense on geographical and political lines.

BCW-8875 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I believe that the interests of my community, that is the streets of Coed Mieri, Llyn On, Meadow Way, Meadow Drive and Meadow View within the CF72 postcode would be best served being part of the Cardiff West consistency rather than Rhondda as these draft plans show.

This is because the village of Pontyclun falls within Cardiff West and as an estate Pontyclun is the village we are attached to and use the facilities of. Our kids go to Pontyclun Primary/Y Pant, we use Pontyclun train station, we shop and socialise on Pontyclun high street... in short our lives are attached to Pontyclun and we all say that we live in Pontyclun.

So being in a separate constituency to our main village reduces our representation on issues affecting Pontyclun continuing to create a detrimental effect on us residents in the above listed streets.

This change has already been proposed as part of the Local Boundary Review.

Please could this be reconsidered.

BCW-8876 / [REDACTED] / Presteigne

I support proposed boundary changes.

I do feel that there is an unjust balance between the predominantly large valley representation to that of Mid Wales.

That is also apparent in General Elections and those for Welsh Assembly

BCW-8877 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

The proposed boundary changes and reduction of Welsh MPs by nearly a quarter is extremely concerning to me, a Welsh citizen.

Already under represented in Westminster, Wales will now be almost completely silent and will not have a sufficient number of MPs to represent the population of Wales.

Regardless of the movement of boundaries, the removal of Welsh MPs from Westminster is completely shocking to me, who already feels completely disconnected and voiceless in Westminster.

It is completely undemocratic to make such a severe removal of Welsh MPs. Wales already largely votes against Westminster trends and often ends up with a Westminster government that was not voted for by the Welsh people. The removal of Welsh MPs will make this even more severe.

It is such a danger that I believe democracy will be almost, if not completely voided in my country

BCW-8878 / [REDACTED] / Newport

I think the river makes a better boundary, but with much stricter requirements now in place I fully accept being transferred from one Newport constituency to the other. My issues are more about the lack of connection to the Senedd's established political regions as many of the proposed constituencies now cross those boundaries.

BCW-8879 / [REDACTED] / Ruthin

The boundary between Delyn and Clwyd is completely arbitrary and splits residents of the Denbighshire in half. The Clwydian range forms a natural boundary which should be followed. There are strong links between Ruthin and Denbigh - these, along with the other communities in the Vale of Clwyd should not be split. It is completely unreasonable to separate Ruthin from Pwll Glas, Clocaenog, and Graig fechan. It is also unreasonable to separate Denbigh from Llandyrnog and Bodfari. These boundaries are completely artificial and disregard the communities in the Vale of Clwyd, the principal council border between Denbighshire and Flintshire, local transport links, as well as the natural Geography of the area. The proposed boundary can only be described as explicit gerrymandering. Splitting Denbighshire completely in half will materially impact local communities, the provision of local services, and transport links.

BCW-8880/ [REDACTED] / Pontypool

I note your comment 'the constituencies in Wales must reduce from 40 to 32'. Why 'must'? Supposedly, so that constituencies are equal and votes count the same. But this is palpably not so! Votes do not count the same under our present voting system. The boundary changes do not solve the problem of votes being unequal. Only proportional representation can do that. If we had PR then we wouldn't need to tinker with boundaries and all votes would count equally.

BCW-8881 / [REDACTED] / Undy, Caldicot

I do not believe that the redrawn constituency that removes Magor/Undy/Rogiet and Caldicot from the Newport East area into the Monmouthshire area is beneficial to the electorate, and those areas should remain within Newport East.

Magor/Undy, Rogiet and Caldicot are all on the M4 corridor and the needs for infrastructure transportation along that route, either by road or rail, are conducive to the needs of all areas along the east-west M4 corridor, and not as directly linked to the needs of those across the north-south transit area across the wider Monmouthshire constituency.

Might I be so bold to suggest a certain aspect of gerrymandering is occurring here, to reduce the majority in long held Labour seat of Newport East, with the predominately Conservative held Monmouthshire, which is in no way in the best interest of the people.

BCW-8882/ [REDACTED] / Bwlchgwyn

You claim to give regard to local ties and local Government boundaries yet Brymbo, Coedpoeth, Bwlchgwyn and other villages within Wrexham County Council are excluded from the Wrexham constituency. We are also with 5 miles of Wrexham. Under your proposals we are in Alyn and Deeside. I feel no connection to Buckley or Shotton. I feel more connection (although a low level) to Llandegla. Your proposals make no sense.

BCW-8883 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon

It is unthinkable that the city of Bangor is going to be separated out into two separate Constituencies. The city including Penrhosgarnedd should have one MP. To split it would mean two MPs representing the same city resulting in unnecessary confusion and duplication. It would be less disruptive and more logical for it to go to Dwyfor Meirionnydd

as it contains the Police HQ, Courts, Hospital, and all the other public services used by residents for which they would want to address issues with their MP. By separating it out as proposed no thought has gone into geography, adjacent wards, communities and services or otherwise too much common sense has been sacrificed to fit in with the voter's headcount in which case consideration should be made to areas such as Towyn and Bala moving into Southern constituencies given Towyn's proximity to Aberystwyth etc.

BCW-8884/ [REDACTED] Unknown

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 September 2021 13:29
To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
Subject: Reducing MPs

Dear sir

The very idea of reducing the numbers of MPs representing Wales is of grave concern to me. Wales voice in Westminster is already a very weak one. Wales is treated with a complete lack of respect. By reducing the numbers of MPs things will only get worse for Wales if this happens.

If these plans are implemented then I think you will see a greater voice for Welsh independence.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

BCW-8885 / [REDACTED] / Llanbradach

The already meagre voice of the Welsh electorate is being effectively silenced in favour of the English majority - this they've (the English parliament) made a law to ensure happens.

The boundary change moving Llanbradach, located 2 miles from the centre of Caerffili is a joke. The County Borough we live in is Caerffili, but now that's being hived off to become part of Newport.

I object to both the boundary change and the removal of 8 Welsh MPs (whether their party mouthpieces who aren't worth their expenses, never mind their salary or not). The voice of Wales is effectively being silenced.

BCW-8886 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

I live 5 miles from the centre of Wrexham.

I pay my rent and Council Tax to Wrexham County Borough Council, yet this proposal aligns a sizeable chunk of SW Wrexham with Newtown in Powys, 45 miles away. Logic and fairness dictates that the proposed Wrexham constituency encompasses the whole of Wrexham County Borough.

The communities of Pen-y-Cae. Ruabon, Cefn Mawr etc deserve better. Please reconsider.

BCW-8887 / [REDACTED] / Brynaman

How can Cwmgors, GCG, Lower Brynaman, and Tai'rgwaith be associated with Powys? There is no link to these areas, if anything there is more association with Carmarthenshire. To go into Powys, constituents of the above localities would have to travel through Carmarthenshire, then again NPT, then Carmarthenshire and then into Powys. So would feel quite disjointed from a new Powys constituency. Our postal address is Ammanford.

BCW-8890 / [REDACTED] / Ruthin

It doesn't really make sense for Ruthin, geographically located in the Vale of Clwyd, to be grouped with a constituency that is mostly located outside of the Vale of Clwyd and dominated by post-industrial coastal towns.

Our economics are fundamentally different to those of post-industrial towns which require a completely different strategy and far more public investment. Grouping our representation with places such as Mold, Deeside and Prestatyn all but guarantees that their investment priorities will be placed above ours, and those priorities are not at all similar. Our representation in Cardiff and Westminster would be dismal.

We are a rural town, and our demographics and priorities are more similar to places like Denbigh, Llangollen and Corwen; surely it makes more sense to be represented in the same constituency as these? That way we will actually have meaningful representation at the national level, rather than playing second fiddle to towns and communities that bear little resemblance to ours

BCW-8891 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

We've known for a long time that Cardiff was creeping Westward but the general local consensus was that it would stop at the A4119. Brynsadler and Pontyclun have been Mid Glamorgan/ Rhondda Cynon Taf and this change cuts up the unitary authority area with even the local comprehensive Y Pant being split off. It would make more sense to have Brynsadler and Pontyclun remain with Talbot Green (shares Y Pant school) in the Pontypridd (or even the Rhondda constituency with Llanharry and Llanharan). The urban sprawl of Cardiff West is out of control and needs to have a line drawn along the A4119. It shouldn't be making its way further Westward than M4 J34. Likewise south of the M4 in our area has generally been felt as the Vale of Glamorgan as it now is. They would make good boundaries for a parliamentary constituency in our area.

BCW-8892 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

As a lifelong resident of Bangor I find the proposal to carve my home city of Bangor in half absolutely ludicrous. How on earth do you expect this city to function if it is part of two separate local authorities with different rules, policies.

Bangor must be kept as a whole in either one county or the other. You cannot allow this madness to happen

BCW-8893 / [REDACTED] / Llangollen

It makes very little sense to me to have Llangollen in the same constituency as Welshpool and Newtown, given how difficult it is to travel between them, especially if you don't have a car.

Even with a car, it's quicker to go through England!

I worry it will lead to Llangollen (and environs) being disregarded or poorly represented at the Westminster parliamentary level.

BCW-8894 / [REDACTED] / Llangollen

Splitting the city of Bangor like this is so colossally short-sighted I can't even think of a polite way of describing it. What on earth?

Coupled with the inclusion of this Plaid/Labour supporting city in the safe Conservative seat of Aberconwy, it just looks like blatant gerrymandering to me.

I strongly urge the Commission to reconsider this decision.

BCW-8895 / [REDACTED] / Magor

As a resident of the rural village of Magor, Monmouthshire, I fully support the realignment of the constituency of Monmouthshire to include Magor.

I truly believe that I will be better represented in Parliament by the Monmouthshire MP, rather the MP for the urban area of Newport East

BCW-8896 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

Keeping this area (south of the railway line) as part of Rumney and not adding it to the South Cardiff and Penarth constituency has a problem.

As mentioned on page 6 of the initial proposals report, constituencies should not have "detached parts".

Based on the map on page 45, I challenge the Boundary Commission to walk from Trowbridge to the rest of the constituency without entering Rumney and without getting wet.

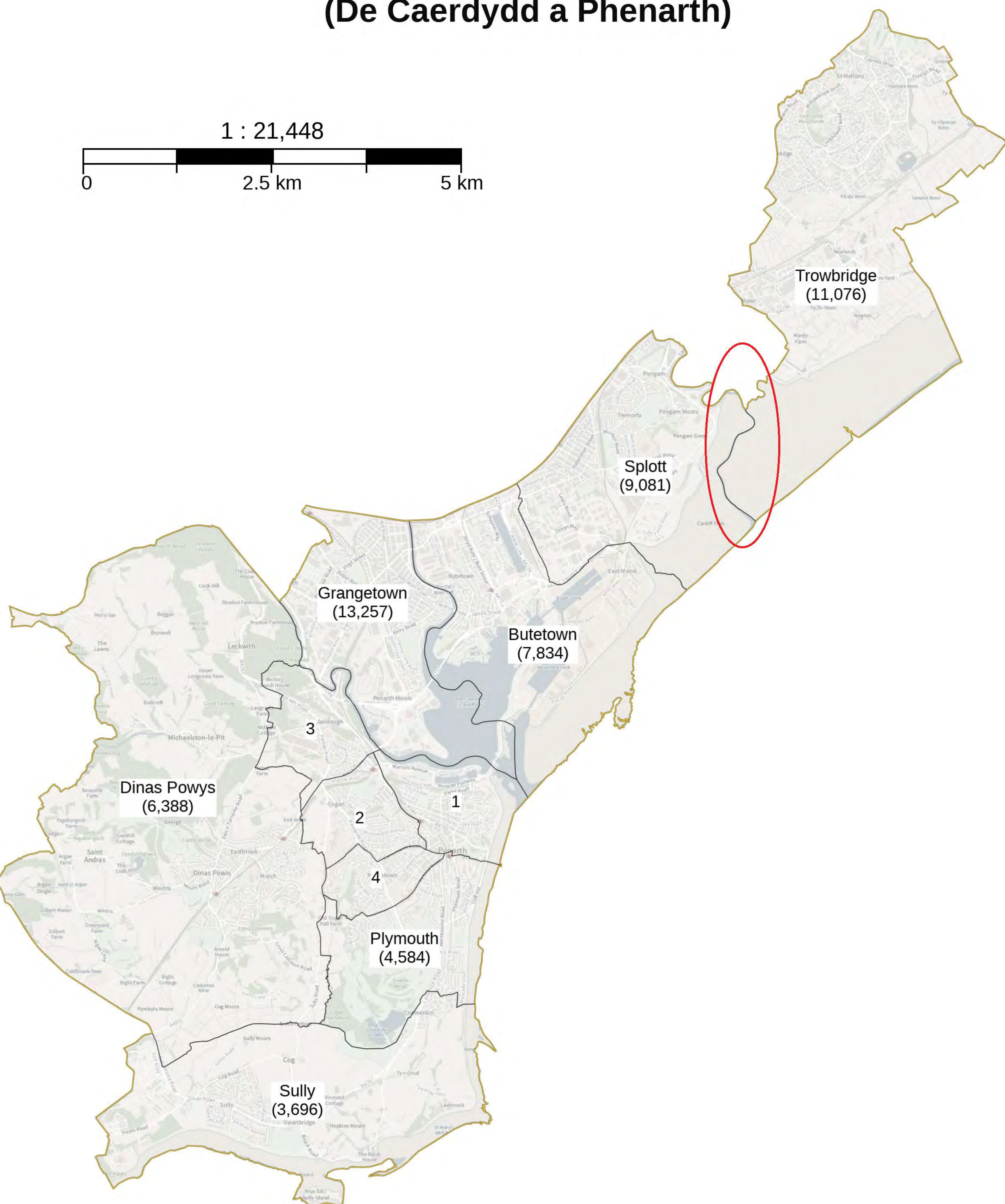
The Trowbridge community is effectively an island away from Splott, as the only shared border is the Bristol Channel. (see attached image with this boundary highlighted in red.)

The area in question is primarily industrial and would make little impact on the numbers of voters within the two directly impacted constituencies.

The industrial park is already split with part of it in Rumney and part in Trowbridge

Cardiff South and Penarth (De Caerdydd a Phenarth)

1 : 21,448



- 1 - St. Augustine's (5,318)
- 2 - Cornerswell (4,069)
- 3 - Llandough (1,578)
- 4 - Stanwell (3,365)



BCW-8897 / [REDACTED] / Penarth

Could we please be re-joined with our county, the Vale of Glamorgan. Penarth has very little in common with the distant and far eastern reaches of Cardiff, almost into Newport. We would like to be represented in common with our near neighbouring county town of Barry. The Western Vale could then be placed into the Bridgend constituencies reflecting the closer cultural and economic ties that exist in the Western Vale.

By grouping the Central and Eastern Vale together the correct number of voters issue is addressed with 4 settlements (Barry, Penarth, Dinas Powys and Sully- circa 100,000 residents) included in the same constituency and under the same county council. These town/villages are barely two miles from each other at the extreme with bordering boundaries.

BCW-8898 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

This is considered locally to be lisvane cardiff, not lisvane Caerphilly.

Not many know that lisvane is actually across two constituencies, and was only figured out when researched.

The boundaries used to be different and there is historic information and geographic boundaries around this area. If visited, you will realise that lisvane Caerphilly only looks out over lisvane and cardiff , not Caerphilly. Major road links are from cardiff not Caerphilly (only country roads from Caerphilly).

Historically, The local community hall was gifted to the lisvane cardiff community by the occupants of the mount rudry road, whose outbuildings has now been split into multiple residences. All of which was considered cardiff historically.

Please review this decision and possibly change the boundaries to include the houses along rudry road, which is less then 10 houses, having minimal impact but a considerate local impact.

BCW-8899 / [REDACTED] / Porthcawl

Please label the area including Porthcawl as South Glamorgan, or something classy, not Aberavon Porthcawl which is so unattractive a name and terribly unimaginative.

BCW-8900 / [REDACTED] / Newport

This is a stupid idea and politically motivated. If you want everyone's vote to mean the same then you need to reform the system, abolish first past the post and implement some form of Proportional Representation. Wales' voice is already overshadowed by the larger voice of England and having less seats will only make this worse. This proposal is all about merging existing Labour seats for less MP's. What would have been 4 seats in Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Merthyr, and Newport East (all Labour) become 3.

At this moment in time I vote in an area predominantly Labour, it doesn't matter if I decided to vote for anyone else because where I live will always be Labour. Therefore my vote means nothing. It is the same across the whole UK, unless you live in a swing constituency your vote means absolutely nothing if it goes against the majority in your area. PR or AR at least means my vote is considered and everyone's vote is of the same value regardless of where they live. This is just an exercise in maintaining the status quo for those in power and making it harder for anyone else to get them out of government.

The proposal for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney is particularly stupid. The constituency is nearly split in 2 by Islywn, what effects Blaenau Gwent doesn't effect Rhymney. It's a completely different valley. At no point do I visit Rhymney or New Tredegar, and I doubt very much that people there visit Abertillery or Blaina. All you have done is taken the poorer areas of what is currently Caerphilly and merged them with Wales' poorest area in Blaenau Gwent.

BCW-8901 / [REDACTED] / Montgomery

To whom it may concern,

As someone that grew up in the local area, and someone that went to secondary school in both Ruthin and Denbigh, I find the idea that they will be in different constituencies problematic, and a poor representation of day to day life in the area.

A considerable number of people travel between the two towns every day due to their proximity, and the local area's share many amenities between each other (there is a Tesco in Ruthin, but Denbigh has the Morrisons). Similarly, most of the roads in the area travel north/south, so things that happen in either Ruthin, Denbigh, or further north in St Asaph tend to affect each of the other towns (they share the same road, river and in the distant past, railway), so are frequently affected by the same flooding or congestion.

Even ignoring the economic arguments, the Vale of Clwyd itself is geographically bounded by the North/South running ranges of hills on its East and West flanks. Because of this, most people living in the vale conduct the majority of their day to day lives in the vale itself, as it avoids having to cross the hills in places such as Clwyd Gate.

It thus makes geographic sense to have Mold, being in a different valley, not in the same constituency as Ruthin, and instead would make much more sense to see Ruthin in the same constituency as Denbigh and St Asaph.

I should note this North/West divide doesn't really hold up on the coast though. This is primarily due to the A55 and old coast road, which has seen the coastal towns of the Denbighshire and Flintshire tend to be much better connected with each other East/West (though this highlights the fact that Prestatyn is in a different constituency from Rhyl and Rhuddlan as a bit odd as well).

I do understand that it is a very difficult task to separate these rural area's roughly equally by population, but to someone living in the upper Clwyd valley, it would make a lot more sense to talk to one single MP about jobs and grievances, rather than split such a connected valley in two.

Instead, if I could be so bold, it may make more sense to include Ruthin, and all the upper Clwyd valley in the new Clwyd constituency (places like Bodfari, Gellifor and Llandyrnog), instead swapping them with Delyn for places to the north of the A55 (such as Rhyl and Rhuddlan). This way the new border between Clwyd and Delyn would follow the local geography considerably better, and likely considerably more intuitive for those actually living in the Vale of Clwyd, who under the current proposals would not actually be within the constituency of Clwyd.

Many thanks.

BCW-8902 / [REDACTED] / Porthcawl

Excellent idea. Will be good to be in a constituency with an extensive seaside attachment instead of being tied to the valleys . Porthcawl may now get the attention it deserves as a seaside town.

BCW-8903 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

This village has been very well served by RCT in the past and I don't believe that Cardiff West control will bring any benefits.

One example: RCT waste collection is vastly superior to that of Cardiff

BCW-8904 / [REDACTED] / CARDIFF

I live in the Maindy area of Cardiff, which is the southern-most part of Cardiff North according to the current and new boundaries

I find it slightly odd that we aren't part of Cardiff Central, because there are a lot of people around me who are either students or who walk into the city centre. My nearest train station is Cathays, and I have far more shared interests with people across the border into Cathays than the north of the constituency, given needs for active travel, prosperity of the university and city centre, etc.

I'd suggest having more, smaller, Cardiff Central equivalents, rather than putting my in a constituency that also includes the eastern bit of Taff's Well, which is over three hours walk away, which is quite odd for an urban seat.

BCW-8905 / [REDACTED] / Neath

I believe this to be a very sensible change to the boundary of the Neath constituency.

BCW-8906 / [REDACTED] / Cwmbran

I am glad that our constituency will become part of Torfaen for two reasons.. Monmouth has more voters than Torfaen, and having a part of Cwmbran outside Torfaen is an anomaly.

BCW-8907 / [REDACTED] Bangor

Dreadful changes which tear up the communities of Bangor

BCW-8908 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

Moving Dyffryn Ogwen into a constituency that will probably administered from Llandudno or Colwyn Bay is crazy. The last reorganisation, where we moved into Arfon works well and is logical geographically.

BCW-8909 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I object to this boundary as it severs the penrhosgarnedd area from the rest of Bangor, although these community's are administered separately at a local government level the cultural ties between them and close alignment on issues of political concern make the purposed boundary change a sharp dividing line between two communities that ought to be kept whole

BCW-8910 / [REDACTED] / CARDIFF

One of the primary aims of this review was to ensure a proportionate reduction in the volume of MPs in Westminster, reducing the associated costs. Under these proposals, the net total MPs remains the same with a redistributed number of MPs across the nations. Wales and Scotland see a reduction in the number of MPs representing them whereas England sees an increase. This dilutes the voices of the nations within Westminster further increasing the democratic deficiency. The HoC already attracts criticisms for being English centric and not addressing the needs of the nations (and to similar extent outside of the M25). This proposal increases those criticisms further. The Westminster Parliament model requires holistic restructuring, not a simple redistribution exercise to ensure genuine representation of each of the nations (and similarly the English regions) and to ensure that the Government (whichever - I say this from a non-political perspective) can truly be held to account. There is a fundamental democratic deficiency in this proposal which necessitates further consideration.

BCW-8911 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

Waste of time and money. What till this move achieve? And more importantly how much is in going to cost me in a rise in my council tax?!?

BCW-8912 / [REDACTED] / Prestatyn

I want to congratulate everyone who developed this proposal. I played around with the numbers myself and know how difficult it is to come up with something workable within the parameters given.

Of course, it is not ideal but there are no ideal options, and every other option I have heard about or come up with myself are worse

BCW-8913 / [REDACTED] / Nelson

The proposed change to constituencies in my area neglects local peoples and organisations relationships and histories with surrounding areas and completely disregards what schools the local people attend and the different people from these schools they interact with that strengthen the ties between towns and villages

BCW-8914 / [REDACTED] / Hengoed

This is a disgrace. A way to reduce the number of Labour MP's in Parliament. I totally disagree with the proposal.

BCW-8915 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

I think the proposal for the new Glyndwr and Montgomery seat is deeply flawed.

Firstly the geographical region is too large. People will not feel effectively represented by one person trying to cover such a large area. With Parliament sitting four days a week that leaves precious little time for one person to get round an area that is large and does not have good transport links.

I also feel the comments that these areas share the same rural characteristics is not entirely true. Settlements such as Penrycae, Ruabon, Cefn Mawr, Acrefair and Chirk are more urban than rural in nature and often join up with each other to create town size settlements. I think these communities have been simply bolted on to get the numbers up to make this new seat work on paper. These villages are part of the Wrexham area and should be included in that constituency.

Voter turnout is already declining in this country, redrawing boundaries in such an unfathomable mathematical driven exercise will only disenfranchise and confuse people.

BCW-8916 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

I do not wish for Maesycwmmmer to return to Islwyn constituency. We have done far better, with better resource and representation as part of Caerphilly. We were largely ignored as part of Islwyn. These boundary remappings seem half baked at best, and only consider number of voters, not area and diversity of people etc. Also seems designed to create further voting bias to prevent change.

BCW-8917 / [REDACTED] / Porthcawl

I fully support this move - it represents many of the concerns that people have had about disparities between the two counties and the preference to be in one rather than the other

BCW-8918 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

It is absolutely ridiculous to propose that Swansea Valley join Brecon and Radnorshire - they are completely different areas and it does not make sense that areas of NPT join a Powys constituency.

BCW-8919 / [REDACTED] / Mountain Ash

I strongly object to the proposals for the lower half of the Cynon Valley to be separated from the upper half and merged with Pontypridd, a constituency it has little in common with, and I object to the loss of the Cynon Valley as a community (which by definition starts at Abercynon with the confluence of the Cynon River and the Taff, extending up to Hirwaun), Cynon having every bit as strong an identity as that of the Rhondda, however for some reason the Rhondda isn't proposed to be split up? I can understand the Taff Ely areas of RCT being reclassified as these don't have as strong an identity as the Cynon or Rhondda Valleys, but if the Rhondda is to remain, then so should the Cynon Valley.

The above having said, I agree with reincorporating Glyncoch and Cilfynydd back into Pontypridd constituency as these are strongly associated with the town of Pontypridd itself, likewise reincorporation of Ynysybwl and Coed y Cwm also makes sense given its geography which is separate from the Cynon Valley, however I see no synergy between Abercynon, Mountain Ash or Aberaman with Pontypridd, and would worry that these being amongst some of the poorest communities of South Wales, our voices would be lost amongst the more affluent communities south, in particular Church Village, Llantrisant, Llantwit Fardre, Ton-teg and Talbot Green etc. I would see more synergy in incorporating the lower communities of the Rhondda such as Cymmer, Trehafod and Trebannog etc. into Pontypridd rather than splitting the Cynon Valley, as Porth is widely considered the gateway to the Rhondda, so would be quite legitimate to incorporate anything south of this into Pontypridd.

The lower Cynon Valley is both geographically and politically remote from Pontypridd. If the Cynon Valley has to be split, then it would make more sense to also split Merthyr and merge Aberdare with Merthyr Tydfil town and northern wards, and to merge the lower Cynon Valley with lower Merthyr (Merthyr Vale, Bedlinog, Treharris, Nelson etc.), as this area doesn't have particularly close ties with the town of Merthyr itself, and are fairly close in geography and character to the lower Cynon Valley, with significant travel between the two areas.

BCW-8920 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

the entire Trowbridge ward of Cardiff South and Penarth is geographically isolated from the rest of the constituency by the Rumney ward of Cardiff Central. this obviously disenfranchises residents of the Trowbridge ward

BCW-8921 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

How on earth can you justify splitting Bangor in two? We are one city, and a small one at that! How can we have the boundary lines splitting us in half? The needs of Bangor citizens are regularly ignored and the problems we have here are rarely addressed. Put the whole of Bangor in one or the other please. Its just

Common sense!

BCW-8922 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

I personally believe that the name Dwyfor Meirionydd, is a little misleading and perhaps this constituency should be known simply as Gwynedd as it contains nearly the entire county of Gwynedd

BCW-8923 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

the name Brecon and Radnor is misleading, especially as Brecon and Radnor are not the largest towns in this constituency. A better name would be Brecknockshire, Radnorshire and Cwmtawe as it includes the entire constituency in the name for the first time.

BCW-8924 / [REDACTED] / Llangollen

The proposed constituency is far too large to be represented by one Mp. From the top corner in which I reside to the bottom, it would take more than 1 hr 30 to travel due to the poor infrastructure within Wales. In this instance how would the MP remain accessible for their constituents?

BCW-8925 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS including Porthcawl, Pyle, Kentish Hill etcetera in with Aberavon ABSOLUTELY no historical or social links boundaries should remain with Bridgend as that is where the ties are

BCW-8926 / [REDACTED] / Pontypridd

The proposed Pontypridd Constituency seems to stretch all the way from the northern edge of Cardiff to halfway up the Cynon Valley, meaning that the Lower Cynon Valley is cut off from the Upper, even though this is one valley, and logically, one constituency. It appears that the aim in Wales, is to reduce the number of traditional Labour held seats, thus helping the incumbent Conservative Government to stay in power. Little point in saying more, since we all know it's going to happen, whatever people think. Democracy at work! (This is irony, by the way).

BCW-8927 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

I cannot believe that anyone can say that Minera and Brymbo (Bwlchgwyn) have been suggested to be realigned with Alyn and Deeside. The Commission has said that they are well connected with transport links and similar in character, whoever this was has obviously not visited the area. There are no public transport links with any of the other constituencies within the proposed Alyn and Deeside, certainly no public transport and there are only B roads to get to that area. There are no community connections either church or Schools, primary or secondary. They are in a different County and the main towns of Saltney and Connahs Quay are in no way similar to the mainly more affluent rural communities within Minera and Brymbo. An MP representing the main towns of Connahs Quay will not have any time to represent the needs of Minera And Brymbo communities, the village of Brymbo is very different and should not be confused with the rest of the Brymbo constituency.

BCW-8928 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

I am shocked and bewildered by the change of boundary for my local area. This comment is being made quickly and I may comment further when I have had more time to think about. In relation to our community ties we have always been living within the city of Swansea; our children go to a primary and secondary school and the feeder schools are within Swansea so this would impact their choice of schools when the boundary changes. I'm addition our son has played football since he was 5 years olds and plays for a football team which will be out of the boundary which will mean he will no longer be able to play for that team because he will be outside of the Swansea area. Our son has anxiety and change has a huge detrimental impact on him and I know 100% he would no longer play football because he would find it too difficult to adjust to a new team. We also have social care services which would have to change from Swansea to Neath port Talbot which again would have a huge impact on services. We are entrenched within the local history of Swansea area and moving the boundary will negatively impact so many residents. Please please reconsider this proposal.

BCW-8929 / [REDACTED] / Llandysul

There are many inhabitants of Carmarthen town who will not be in the new Carmarthenshire constituency.

This does not make sense.

BCW-8930/ [REDACTED] Newport

The new proposal for the reduction and combination of constituencies in Wales is disastrous. It is unfair to the people of Wales to reduce the voice we have in Westminster from 40 down to 32. I feel that this will have a negative impact on decisions made in Westminster that could affect Wales. Wales deserves better!

BCW-8931/ [REDACTED] Bangor

I am not happy for this change.

I believe strongly that we in the whole of the city of Bangor should remain a part of arfon, and not Aberconwy. And should most certainly not be split by electoral counties. BANGOR is part of Gwynedd and Gwynedd County Council and should remain in all capacities.

The boundary should only start as it is currently, at Llanfairfechan.

BCW-8932/ [REDACTED] Swansea

Incorporating Eastside including St Thomas into Neath will denigrate the history of the area which is part of the Copper industry of Swansea. This history forms an intrinsic part of Swansea's major redevelopment 'Copr bay' and our area falls into the SA1 area. This will affect education, house prices and identity. I am Swansea born and bred not Neath and I am unhappy for my home to be displaced into a Neath constituency as it will have a major affect on the culture of our area. It will also increase Council Tax prices. I completely object to this.

BCW-8933/ [REDACTED] Bangor

The proposed changes are a shameless display of gerrymandering

BCW-8934/ [REDACTED] Wrexham

This shows a total lack of awareness of community identity by the boundary commission. Ponciau, penycae, acrefair, rhosllanerchrugog and Ruabon should all be in the same voting district.

BCW-8935/ [REDACTED] / Swansea

This is ridiculous and such a waste of funds,

Also as a adoptive mum I find this upsetting I'm in the process of adopting a 2nd child who can't be adopted in [REDACTED] if my LA Is change I will NOT be able to adopt my new daughter so you need to think about the impact this is having!

Absolutely disgusting and thought up by a bunch of people who have no idea the impact this will cause!!!

BCW-8936/ [REDACTED] Mountain Ash

I am concerned about the split of Aberdare from the rest of the Cynon Valley. There are no services, for example, Leisure, between Abercynon and Aberdare and the biggest town in the area is Aberdare.

The vast majority of people living in Mountain Ash utilise Aberdare as their predominant town. This is the same for those anywhere North of Mountain Ash.

If there were issues with for example, Leisure facilities in Aberdare there would be an extremely convoluted process of raising these as we would not have an MP in the area who is accountable to us for these.

Also, I am very concerned about the impact of this split and it crossing local council boundaries. Both councils are operated in completely different ways and have entirely different cultures. This would be a very difficult job for all MP's. As someone living in Mountain Ash but working in Merthyr these differences are very stark.

Finally, if the proposals are agreed I feel strongly that the names need to be assessed. Mountain Ash is not Pontypridd and I find this quite offensive. Names should be neutral and not attached to any particular electoral ward or town.

BCW-8937/ [REDACTED] Bangor

Penrhosgarnedd has, over recent years become increasingly sub-urban in nature. It looks, and feels like a part of the wider spread of Bangor. I understand that the current proposals for reorganisation of local government boundaries suggest including Penrhosgarnedd in a realigned Bangor ward. It would seem sensible for the Parliamentary boundary to echo this change. I would suggest that the edge of the proposed new constituency follow the line of the A55, west of Penrhosgarnedd, to include it - along with the rest of Bangor - in Aberconwy, should the proposed changes go ahead.

BCW-8938/ [REDACTED] Swansea

The proposal to include Swansea East in with Neath makes absolutely no sense at all, I understand the need to balance numbers of constituents but Swansea East has a huge link to Swansea Central, the rich history of the area including the docks, Kilvey hill and surrounding areas would be far better served with Swansea Central who have a far more direct relationship with us. To simply have used the river as the boundary is incredibly poor when we look at it and it feels like we are a little add on to the Neath constituency when we are so far removed from it. We would end up being a poor relation and an afterthought in the constituency. It doesn't look right. It doesn't feel right. It doesn't appear to have had any thought in it beyond an easy carve up to balance the numbers.

BCW- 8939/ [REDACTED] Bridgend

I am writing to strongly object to the proposal to take Bryntirion, Broadlands and Laleston ward out of Bridgend constituency.

We are part of Bridgend town, with strong links to the Bridgend constituency, whilst being a separate ward we are intrinsically linked through schools, work and recreation.

It is absolutely absurd that a suburb of Bridgend is moved to an alternative parliamentary constituency yet separate towns which have more historical and community links with Aberavon remain within the Bridgend constituency.

I would strongly urge you to reconsider whether it would be more appropriate to consider moving maesteg into aberavon, and leaving Bridgend town as a whole entity within the changed Bridgend constituency.

BCW-8940/ [REDACTED] Bridgend

Is this the Welsh government? Keep Bridgend separated

BCW-8941/ [REDACTED] Bridgend

How can you split up the area covering broadlands and laleston? Don't agree with this carving up of a county at all!

BCW-8942/ [REDACTED] Bridgend

Broadlands, Porthcawl and laleston are part of Bridgend, services are provided in Bridgend. Stupid to move them over to another area. All of Bridgend boundaries should remain together.

BCW-8943/ [REDACTED] / Corwen

The proposed constituency is completely ridiculous from the perspective of the wards of Corwen and Llandrillo. These areas have no geographical or historical connection with the towns in Montgomeryshire or Wrexham's industrial villages.

Children in the area attend secondary school in Bala (and some in Llangollen) and compete against and socialise with children from schools in Meirionnydd. We spend our leisure time in Penllyn, Ardudwy or the Llŷn Peninsula. Historically, the area is part of the old county of Meirionnydd.

Dwyfor Meirionnydd would be a much more natural home for the Cynwyd, Llandrillo and Corwen area. That is our historical area. That is where many of our children are educated. That is where the roads and public transport go. The TrawsCymru T3 bus travels through Bala to Dolgellau and Barmouth. We do not have the same connections with Montgomeryshire!

BCW-8944/ [REDACTED] / Hengoed

It seems as though Westminster are once again trying to reduce Welsh say as much as possible. I couldn't imagine not having Caerphilly as my own constituency. Is there any benefit from this for us? It doesn't seem as though it ever is at all for Wales.

BCW-8945/ [REDACTED] Pontardawe

I live half a mile from Swansea County border, on the very edge of Neath Port Talbot, under the Neath constituency.

Under this proposal my MP will be the same one that covers all of mid Wales, as far up as Rhayader!

The people in my area do not share the same concerns as the rural communities of mid Wales. The population is not evenly distributed and the economic needs of either end of the proposed constituency are polar opposites. Culturally they are different, this is a traditional, Welsh speaking area, the same cannot be said of the rest of the proposed constituency.

I'd like to know the justification for drawing up this particular boundary, it's bizarre.

Also, south Wales is known as a strong Labour supporting area, under these proposals the party would lose parliamentary seats. Very convenient for the current ruling party...

Surely the most obvious changes would be to combine Swansea East and West, and combine the numerous valley seats such as Cynon, Islwyn etc? I understand it's to do with numbers but other factors must be considered.

I live 8 miles from Swansea but I'll be end up with the MP for Brecon, Radnor and Montgomeryshire?? No thanks.

BCW-8946/ [REDACTED] Bridgend

I believe that dividing Bridgend in half like this will only serve to disillusion more people from the local politics. It has always been commendable that Bridgend was the same seat boundaries for the Senedd and the parliamentary constituency. By changing the name of the seat newly registered voters will be confused by the different name and to divide such a close knit community down the middle will only lead to greater voter apathy amongst young people especially in areas such as Broadlands, Cefn Glas and Laleston whose communities have no association to Porthcawl or Aberafan. I believe this is a negative move and if an arrangement that didn't involve splitting Bridgend in half would be a far better solution for ensuring voter turnout continues to remain at 65-70%.

Thank you for reading this, [REDACTED]

BCW-8947/ [REDACTED] / Wrexham

When will you stop messing about with peoples location identities? While living in our local area we have been in Denbighshire and Clwyd South, how many more changes will there be? STOP WASTING OUR MONEY THAT CAN BE MUCH BETTER SPENT ELSEWHERE! Haven't you heard about the Health and Social Care crisis, with nowhere near enough doctors, nurses, ambulances etc.etc. Wake up, before it's too late you imbeciles!

BCW-8948/ [REDACTED] Bangor

At the very least constituencies should be based on actual population size NOT registered voters (aka electors as they are cryptically called in your description). This is nothing more than gerrymandering.

BCW-8949/ [REDACTED] Unknown

If Arfon and Dwyfor Meirionydd must be amalgamated then fair enough, however to shave off Bangor/Bethesda is an absolute scandal.

This proposal goes against every single point of consideration you claim to have taken into account. Geographically, historically and economically Bangor is tied to the old slate quarrying towns of Arfon, far more than the South East of Meirionydd, which has much closer ties to Denbighshire.

I can't comprehend how this committee came to the conclusion that it was acceptable to merge two already geographically enormous rural constituencies, whilst donating their two largest employers (Bangor University and Ysbyty Gwynedd) to a neighbouring constituency.

BCW-8950/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff

I was alarmed to learn of the proposal to reduce the number of Welsh parliamentary constituencies to 32. We need more MPs and Senedd members and not fewer. If there are only 32 MPs, people will feel even more remote from their MPs than many of them feel they are now. And I will sympathise with any MP who complains that a larger constituency will place an unacceptable burden of work upon him (or her).

It is not as though there will be multi-member constituencies elected by proportional representation. We will still have the old, undemocratic, first-past-the-post system with one MP per constituency.

In Sweden, with a population of about 10,400,000, there are 349 Riksdag members, i.e. one member for about every 29,800 citizens. In Finland, with a population of about 5,500,000, there are 200 Eduskunta members, i.e. one member for about every 27,500 citizens. In Denmark, with a population of about 5,800,000, there are 179 Folketing members, i.e. one member for about every 32,400 citizens. I could go on. In the House of Commons, there is one member for about every 102,000 citizens. Under your proposals, there will be one MP for about every 98,000 Welsh citizens. (In Germany, with a population of about 83,000,000, there are 709 Bundestag members, i.e. one member for about every 117,000 citizens. But in Germany there is strong regional government, which is represented nationally in the Bundesrat.) Admittedly I have counted all citizens in these figures, including children and others who are not electors. And electoral systems differ from country to country, with different voting systems, multi-member constituencies etc. And none of the foreign countries I have mentioned are burdened with an equivalent of an unelected House of Lords, which is numerically far larger than the House of Commons. But I see your hands are tied because you are unable to propose that constituencies have fewer than 69,724 electors. So my comments are probably a waste of time anyway.

As far as my own constituency, Cardiff West, is concerned, I fail to see how Pont-y-Clun can be considered to be a part of Cardiff West.

Your proposals are all of a piece with the Conservatives' attempt (producing ID cards at polling stations, weakening of the Electoral Commission, first-past-the-post to elect mayors and police commissioners, restrictions on the right to protest etc.) at a power-grab. They will make Wales and the United Kingdom less and not more democratic. Your website says the number of constituencies 'must' be reduced to 32. There is no 'must' about it at all. It is not some law of physics. It is hypocritical and undemocratic to invite comments on something which is going to happen anyway.

I have copied the text of this letter to my MP, Mr Kevin Brennan.

BCW-8951/ [REDACTED] / Penarth

The proposed new constituency of Cardiff South and Penarth contains far too much of the population centres of the Vale of Glamorgan.

Namely, Penarth, Dinas Powys and Sully.

The Vale of Glamorgan is a separate Council area to Cardiff and does not even share post codes or dialing codes.

Penarth, Dinas Powys and Sully has nothing in common with the southern areas of Cardiff other than a coastline.

The shape of the proposed new constituency is convoluted in the extreme, the eastern boundary is nearly in Newport.

I live in the Vale of Glamorgan and I am proud of that fact, I want a Vale of Glamorgan MP not a Cardiff MP.

BCW-8952 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

This boundary line is impractical and will split neighbouring streets into those who can access Bridgend only services and those who can't by yards. Bryntirion is geographically within Bridgend and it make no sense to designate it otherwise.

BCW-8953/ [REDACTED] / Unknown

From: [REDACTED] >
 Sent: 09 September 2021 09:57
 To: Enquiries <enquiries@boundaries.wales>
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: Objection

Objection

Can someone remind the Boundary Commissioner there is a clear boundary line between the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff

Penarth Llandough Dinas and Sully sit within the Vale Boundary???? And we would like to keep it that way

[REDACTED]

REGARDS

[REDACTED]

BCW-8954 / [REDACTED] / Cardigan

I believe that the proposed Ceredigion preseli constituency is far too geographically large. It would be better to include communities along the teifi valley which are in Carmarthenshire such as Newcastle emlyn, llanybydder etc in with their neighbours over the river in Ceredigion. I would not object to a smaller area or north east Pembrokeshire also being included in this Ceredigion++ constituency.

BCW-8955/ [REDACTED] Penarth

I support Penarth remaining part of the South Cardiff constituency.
 The town has far more in common with Cardiff than with large parts of the Vale Of Glamorgan. Much of the county is rural and sparsely populated, while Penarth is essentially an urban suburb of the capital city.

BCW-8956/ [REDACTED] / Unknown

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 September 2021 12:31
To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
Subject: Names of constituencies

As the Meirionnydd -Dwyfor Constituency will contain a large part of Arfon , a new name will have to be found for it.

[REDACTED]

BCW-8957 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon

I'm all for reducing the number of MPs (and paying them more, incidentally) but I am very uncomfortable about the proposed boundary changes for a variety of reasons:

- 1) Impacts significantly on devolved nations of UK, reducing their representation in HoC. Wales is very materially hit.
- 2) The proposal is driven by the fundamentally flawed concept that, to be more democratically fair, constituencies should broadly have the same size of Electorate. In fact, this distorts democracy & risks damaging it as it artificially crams into single constituencies a wide range of socio-economic demographics with wildly disparate sets of priorities. The most obvious example is that the 'rural voice' will be diluted, whereas urban voices will be made louder.
- 3) It would have been better to base constituencies on 'communities of interest', so that their representative in HoC could be a strong, clear voice for the distinct & specific issues common across their 'patch'. In such a scenario, it is possible that cities might have less MPs, as the issues are more likely to be consistent / common in type, if not at a detailed level.
- 4) The interplay between central & local government (who owns what activities, who funds etc) is something that needs sorting, I would argue, more urgently than boundary changes. Under the local government umbrella across the UK, there is a plethora of bodies & I wonder how much duplication / treading on toes happens.
- 5) I think more thought needs to be put into what MPs are actually there to do and what we, as the Electorate, have a right to expect from them. There isn't a set Job Description, a set requirement to perform to a certain level &, with FPTP & candidate selection processes, there is little point in arguing that the Electorate can 'vote with its feet', come election time.
- 6) Personally, I would have preferred the focus to be on reform of the House of Lords & our archaic electoral system but that is a discussion for another day & another Government.

BCW-8958 / [REDACTED] / Pencoed

It is only the dual carriageway that separates where I live to the Vale of Glamorgan. My property is almost situated in the river Ewenny that is how close I am. I think I would be far better off coming under Vale if Glamorgan Council than continuing to come under Bridgend.

BCW-8959 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

It is clear to see that the proposals seek to combine Preseli - a traditionally conservative seat with Ceredigion - a Plaid Cymru strong hold.

It is clear from looking at the most recent election results that voters in Ceredigion would be significantly outnumbered by those in Preseli resulting in a loss of a Plaid Cymru seat. Not only does that seem to be a cynical, political tactic but it will also mean that a constituency that goes back to before 1600 (with a brief hiatus) will not be properly represented.

Combining this constituency has been attempted before in the 1983, only to be restored in 1997. It obviously didn't work then - it's not going to work now.

Ceredigion has a low population density, but that doesn't mean that we don't count. We are a unique county - with 2 seats of higher education and a distinguished library, and a far higher than average graduate population. We are also in the heart of Wales which is reflected in the vibrant culture and commitment to the Welsh language.

We need to be represented and we have chosen to be represented by Ben Lake - who puts our needs (which are different from those in suburban and urban areas, and those of the English) first. He speaks for us - as an MP is supposed to.

To collapse our constituency and combine it with Preseli would effectively disenfranchise the voters of Ceredigion and take our situation back to the days before parliamentary reform.

BCW-8960 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I feel it being absolutely ridiculous for the City of Bangor to be split into two constituencies with two different MP's. At a time Bangor is attempting to re-grow after a shut down due to the Corvid situation, we do NOT need it splitting up in any way. This is just another knock to Bangor by the biased political group in Caernarfon diluting our city once again. Please DO NOT ALLOW /ACCEPT this proposal.

[REDACTED]

BCW-8961 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

I do not agree with Broadlands and Laleston being moved into the Aberavon constituency instead of Bridgend.

This seems a ludicrous idea as residents of Broadlands' addresses actually include the word "Bridgend" and should therefore remain in Bridgend.

Half of the Broadlands estate would be in Bridgend and the other half in Aberavon. How ridiculous!

BCW-8963 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I moved from Ynys Mon to Bangor two years ago and have had nothing but praise for my MP. I thus avoided being represented by an MP without links to the area on YM who only echoes the government in Westminster.

Because of the very different demographics, joining Bangor to Conwy, Llandudno and Betwys-y-C risks changing the political hue toward the Tories in such a way that Bangor's interests will no longer be represented. I also fear that the decision has been made without taking Bangor's particular situation into account, in that the number of registered voters does not represent the number of residents, which includes a large number of students who may not register locally, or do so late in the day.

It is difficult to accept that this decision has been made without political bias in order to consolidate a Westminster Tory power grab, and this in addition to an Electoral Bill which will disenfranchise many poorer voters. These are more likely to be found in Bangor and Arfon than in the Conwy and Llandudno areas.

BCW-8964 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I would like to object to the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries of Arfon. Abolishing this constituency is completely unacceptable, as it splits the most Welsh city in Wales in two, with Penrhosgarnedd joining Caernarfon, and the rest of the city becoming a part of Aberconwy.

Bangor has much more in common in terms of culture, population and use of the Welsh language, than with the coastal areas in Aberconwy e.g., Llandudno, and I believe that Bangor will be forgotten in a constituency that already deals with a wide range of areas, from rural Llanrwst to Llandudno, with its older and more English population.

I do not believe that it makes any sense at all to split a city as small as Bangor in half – this will create glaring difficulties in terms of addressing the city's problems, including the development of the Welsh language, urban regeneration, planning issues and commercial developments.

The proposed change will mean that one of the city's schools will be in a different constituency to the others – there is no way that Ysgol y Faenor, Bangor has more in common with schools in Tywyn, Meirionnydd, 75 miles away, than with Ysgol y Garnedd, which is less than half a mile down the road but in a different constituency.

Also, how on earth is one Member of Parliament expected to give fair attention and representation to residents in Bangor and Aberdovey, which are 75 miles and more than a two-hour journey away from each other? This is also the case for the proposed Ceredigion Preseli constituency – 80 miles from one end of the constituency to the other, and that, as in Gwynedd, along unwieldy, rural roads.

I believe that Wales' rural communities deserve more consideration than they are being given through this proposed new system, and that changes based on population numbers should be disregarded. Communities and landscape should be taken into consideration, rather than elector numbers, when considering this change.

BCW-8965/ [REDACTED] / Penarth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: September 2021 14:50
To: Enquiries <enquiries@boundaries.wales>
Subject: Cardiff West Boundary & :Penarth

Glad to see the boundaries are being changed and we re ditching some MPs. Not a moment to soon.

Can we change the CardiffNale boundary regarding Penarth.

Penarth residents pay Council Tax to the Vale Council but come under Cardiff. We are subject to Council taxation by the Vale but have no representation.

We must be the only area in Britain this applies to.

Regarding the planning of an unwanted building development at Cosmeston, Lower Penarth, thousands of objections were made to our MP Gethin to no avail as he represents Cardiff.

If we had an MP who represents the Vale of Glamorgan we would have a voice in this matter.

There should be no taxation without representation.

I hope you can put Penarth back in the Vale where it belongs and the natural boundary the River Ely is reinstated as the official boundary between the Vale and Cardiff

[REDACTED]

BCW-8966 / [REDACTED] / Porthcawl

None of this will make any difference to the political map of Wales although I do agree that the number of MPs should be reduced dramatically in the UK. 400 would be more than enough.

My second point is that Devolution, combined with Brexit, have ruined the UK by introducing an increasing number of layers of (useless purpose) government. Local authorities, old-style, performed a perfectly acceptable way to run the UK.

Re-arranging Parliamentary Boundaries is only tinkering. Follow the French example with mayoral powers at local level, fund them appropriately.

We must move back to a United Kingdom, back to Edward 1 if you please,

BCW-8967 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

The proposal to merge Ceredigion and the northern portion of Pembrokeshire does not cohere to your stated aim of deference to local ties.

Due to the geography of Ceredigion, through the centralisation of healthcare, education, and commerce in Aberystwyth, the town acts as a hub for a very wide catchment area. I had many a classmate from as far as Tywyn in the North, and Cardigan in the South.

Northern Pembrokeshire does not, however, fall into this catchment area. Cardies, I feel, are kindred far more with Machynlleth and the Dyfi estuary than with Northern Pembrokeshire. Culturally, Pembrokeshire is a very different place, possessing a like departure from Ceredigion in their political culture. I have no animus toward the people of Pembrokeshire; I merely feel that it is mutually detrimental for us to share a comically over-extended parliamentary constituency, in which it would be impossible to campaign for any party, and which extends so far beyond the reasonable geographic extent within which one can feel represented.

I understand that the commission's hands are tied because of the stipulations laid out in law. However, in order to make up the necessary electorate population, my solemn suggestion is that Ceredigion - if its boundaries must be changed - have the settlements of Machynlleth, Aberdyfi, and Tywyn merged with it. This is for the aforementioned reasons.

BCW-8968 / [REDACTED] / Altrincham

The proposed constituency of Llanelli includes the wards of Llangunnor, Llangyndeyrn and St.Ishmael which are currently in Carmarthen East and Dinefwr. These wards, especially Llangunnor, are much more closely linked to the town of Carmarthen than the town of Llanelli. I therefore propose that they are included in the proposed constituency of Carmarthen. To compensate, I propose that the wards of Penygroes and Saron are included in Llanelli, rather than Carmarthen.

BCW-8969 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I live in Bangor and feel that as Bangor is a cosmopolitan, university city it would be more appropriate for the proposed change to go ahead so that Bangor is aligned with Conwy and Llandudno. Arfon is too small to stand as its own constituency. Caernarfon and Bangor have little in common and so can easily be split apart. Caernarfon relies on the tourist industry. Bangor is a leading, academic city with links to the rest of the UK and the world and is located on the A55 with excellent links to North-East Wales.

BCW-8971 / [REDACTED] / Altrincham

I propose that the ward of Sketty is included in the proposed Swansea Central and North constituency, rather than Swansea West and Gower. This provides a natural border between the two constituencies along the Clyne River and through woodland. To compensate, I propose that the four northern wards of Llangyfelach, Mawr, Penllergaer and Pontardulais are included in Swansea West and Gower. Consequently, Swansea Central and North can be renamed Swansea Central. This configuration results in less disruption to the current electorate and improves the make-up of the two constituencies.

BCW-8972 / [REDACTED] / Altrincham

Further to the transfer of the wards of Llanrumney and Rumney to Cardiff Central, the ward of Trowbridge is effectively detached from the rest of the proposed constituency of Cardiff South and Penarth, as the boundary with the neighbouring ward of Splott is along the foreshore. Without making substantial changes to the rest of the Cardiff constituencies, the only solution to this is to include Trowbridge in Cardiff Central and move the ward of Cathays to Cardiff South and Penarth. This entails changing the names of the two constituencies to Cardiff East, and Cardiff Central and Penarth, respectively.

BCW-8973 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

I am of the view that Broadlands and Laleston should be included in the Bridgend boundary as the services, school etc are all part of the bridgend constituency and an MP covering this area will be more interested in delivering a good service to the people of Bridgend. Aberafan is not a natural connector with Broadlands

BCW-8974 [REDACTED] / Bridgend

This is absolutely ridiculous and should not be set and the proposed boundaries. Broadlands is less than a mile from Bridgend town centre when some towns within Bridgend borough are up to 9 miles from the town centre! Do not let this happen.

BCW-8975 / [REDACTED] / Llanelli

The proposed new constituency area includes areas over 20 miles away from Llanelli, including areas that could not reasonably think of themselves as being Llanelli, therefore the constituency name is no longer appropriate. A more appropriate name would be South Carmarthenshire as the area is fully within the county of Carmarthenshire, and covers the southern part of the county.

BCW-8976 / [REDACTED] / Llanelli

The proposed area has been allocated the constituency name of "Caerfyrddin" however the constituency includes areas 35 miles away from Carmarthen, whilst excluding areas routinely considered as Carmarthen including the town's railway station, and everything south and east of it. As a result, it seems strange to call it "Caerfyrddin".

North East and West Carmarthenshire would be more appropriate.

If you want to keep it Welsh to further the remit of the Welsh Nationalists, then you may wish to consider Sir Gâr, which is used to describe the area by the council and colleges.



BCW-8977 / [REDACTED] / Penarth

Penarth is part of the Vale of Glamorgan. It's residents and their views are more closely aligned with other people in that county rather than Cardiff.

An MP elected for the Vale is more likely to represent my views in the UK parliament more effectively than an MP for Cardiff South.

An MP elected for the Vale would be faced different pressures and issues than those found in Cardiff South.

The net effect is to dilute the vote of all people living in this part of the Vale with those of Cardiff South and disenfranchise them from the political process.

BCW-8978 / [REDACTED] / Llanelli

The proposals place the ward of Llangunnor (2,077 Parliamentary electors) into the Llanelli constituency, and not into the Carmarthen constituency.

Llangunnor is described online as "a southern suburb of Carmarthen town" and includes Carmarthen's only railway station, as well as a large number of the town's retail commercial and industrial buildings, and more importantly, over 2,000 electors who see themselves as part of Carmarthen, and not Llanelli.

The current proposals see Carmarthen segregated into two constituencies, one using the name of the town even though not including the whole town! I propose that Llangunnor is moved from the Llanelli constituency to the Carmarthen constituency. By doing this, the number of electors in the Llanelli constituency will reduce by 2,077 to 69,895 and the number of electors in the Carmarthen constituency will increase by 2,077 to 72,683. Both these revised numbers meet the requirement to have no less than 69,724 Parliamentary electors and no more than 77,062 Parliamentary electors.

BCW-8979 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

By including Overton, Penley and surrounding area in a large Wrexham ward I feel you are eroding our rural identity.

BCW-8980 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

The consultation map names the constituency “Ynys Mon”, without the circumflex above the ‘o’. It should be ensured that the name of the constituency is spelled correctly – “Ynys Môn”.

BCW-8981 / [REDACTED] / Rhos on Sea

Splitting Rhos on Sea from Colwyn Bay makes no sense. Issues in both areas will be similar and will now require the attention of x2 MPs (not that they'd be interested). Also, why is Bangor included in Aberconwy? It is bizarre. And why does Anglesey have special status? Its a barren wasteland. Amalgamate it with the current Arfon constituency.

BCW-8982 / [REDACTED] / Y Felinheli

The boundaries in northwest Wales look like a case of gerrymandering!

There is little social/cultural connection between the industrial towns in northwest Gwynedd (Blaenau Ffestiniog, Porthmadog, Pwllheli, Bangor, Caernarfon, Bethesda) and the rural, agricultural towns in south Meirionnydd (Bala, Dolgellau).

Similarly, the agricultural towns in the south of the former county of Clwyd (Ruthin, Denbigh, Corwen, Llangollen, Llanrwst) are very similar socially, but are divided between a variety of seats that are dominated by large coastal towns.

Suggestion: move Bethesda and Bangor to a north Gwynedd seat. Move south Meirionnydd to a rural, agricultural seat which includes Ruthin, Denbigh, Corwen, Llangollen, Llanrwst, and create more coastal seats – Llandudno, Conwy and Colwyn Bay, Rhyl and Prestatyn, Flint, Connah's Quay and Holywell.

This would be a much better reflection of social and cultural patterns.

BCW-8983 / [REDACTED] / Treharris

Not at all happy with being shipped off to Merthyr borough council , I am nearly 62 with health issues , my local council offices at present is literally down the road from me , so big changes like this makes me so anxious, as I suffer with anxiety and chronic depression as it is , as I am waiting to be rehoused in more suitable accommodation under cwrphilly borough to be closer to my family who also reside in the caerphilly borough, three years I've waited and worried what will now happen, hearing this as made my anxiety go through the roof today .

NOT HAPPY ABOUT THIS AT ALL , leave nelson under caerphilly Borough.

BCW-8984 / [REDACTED] Pontypridd

Hello, just thought I'd share a comment about naming constituencies. I think that there could be an issue where the same name is used for a UK parliamentary constituency as is used for a Senedd constituency or local authority *if* the footprint is different.

For example, if Torfaen exists with exactly the same boundaries as a local authority and UK constituency there ought not be a problem.

But, in Pontypridd, you could have a Senedd Pontypridd constituency and a UK constituency with different footprints but the same name. This obvs could cause confusion for the public.

Other than keeping separate names for constituencies, you could look at a prefix (UK - Pontypridd) or maybe, and bear with me, how about using a numbering system like the US House (Wales - 30, Wales - 22),. That's a very neutral and precise solution.

BCW-8985 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

I have recently bought my first house in Nelson BECAUSE it's outside of the Merthyr borough so would be very unhappy if my postcode came under the Merthyr borough. I have lived in Merthyr all my life and have found the council services to be disorganised and unhelpful, plus my council tax would go up considerably if this change was to occur. The Caerphilly constituency has been brilliant since moving. We have no issues with bin collection or contacting the council for any other reason and the council seems to be more proactive, unlike Merthyr Council.

BCW-8986 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

This proposal is absolutely ludicrous. If this boundary change was to go ahead my son's school would be in a different constituency to our home despite it being his local primary school. So our MP wouldn't represent the same constituency as the local education provider. My doctors surgery would be in a different constituency. Our local leisure centre - in fact the leisure centre for all of Bridgend would be in Aberavon. In what world does it make sense that the Ogmore Valleys (20 minutes away from Bridgend town centre) would be joined to Bridgend town but Broadlands (five minutes) wouldn't be. My parents live on Broadlands and 100% see themselves as Bridgend residents with no connection to Porthcawl and even less to Aberavon. They shop in Bridgend and conduct their day to day lives in Bridgend. They have no connection to issues impacting Neath / Port Talbot / Aberavon. The MP for Bridgend needs to represent everyone that pays council tax in Bridgend.

BCW-8987 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

Absolutely ridiculous to move us under aberconwy. Our identity, culture and language is nothing like Aber Conway constituency. Never mind things like schools - surely the boundary should be the line between Gwynedd and Conwy

BCW-8988 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

Broadlands is very much part of Bridgend and the Bridgend community, as is Porthcawl. Throwing us in with Aberafan will do nothing to help ensure representation of the constituents. They are two very different communities with very different needs (and as a result would both vote in very different candidates to represent them). One or more communities within this newly proposed constituency would always be unhappy with the choice of representation. Don't split Bridgend up!

BCW-8989 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

In the proposals, I would become part of the Porthcawl and Aberafan constituency. My address is literally 1 mile from the centre of Bridgend town centre, but over 5 miles from Porthcawl (further from Aberafan). Cefn Glas (my area) has nothing in common with Porthcawl or Aberafan. How will an MP understand our needs, or know anything about us? We are in the heart of Bridgend, not Aberafan etc. The community of Bridgend risks being torn apart here, with no voice to represent us.

BCW-8990 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

It is absolutely ridiculous to place broadlands and laleston into aberavon constituency. Broadlands is bridgend and should be kept that way. Are you going to reduce our council tax if you move us into that constituency? No didn't think so. Ridiculous plan yet again.

BCW-8991 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare

Whoever drew up these plans can't have visited the area..how can the villages of Cwmaman and Aberaman be joined to Pontypridd?? It takes twice as long to drive to Pontypridd than Merthyr a start..or 2 buses as opposed to 1 bus. This proposal completely destroys the Cynon Valley.

It's one thing to divide areas by looking at a flat map..it's another to visit and take into account the geographical features. Under these new proposals, the Cynon Valley communities will be severed..absolute madness.

The cost of new logos..new offices etc., etc. will also add to the financial burden..just as it did when Glamorgan was split into 3 authorities and again when R.C.T. was formed...

Stop this ridiculous plan and think about the communities involved as opposed to ticking the numbers box!

BCW-8992 / [REDACTED] / Laleston

I fail to understand the benefit of moving the boundary through the middle of Bridgend.

Without an explanation of the reasoning behind this proposal I will not be supporting it.

Is there a resource available to explain the reasons for the boundary move please ?

BCW-8993 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

It is absolutely genuinely ridiculous that Bridgend be split between two MPs.

Why would any area of the town of Bridgend not sit within the electoral boundary for the MP for BRIDGEND???

This is quite possibly the most ill conceived farcical plan I've heard of for quite some time.

ALL of Bridgend must be represented by the MP for Bridgend. Broadlands, and Laleston must be within the proposed "Bridgend" MP boundary.

These boundaries must be reconsidered and redrawn.

BCW-8994 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

The proposal to move the Minera, Bwlchgwyn ward from Clwyd South to Alyn and Deeside is ridiculous. The Bwlchgwyn, Minera area is five miles from Wrexham and connected by the A525 main road. This is the main bus route that connects Bwlchgwyn and Minera to Wrexham. Alyn and Deeside is remote in terms of public transport and economical and political activity. Matters that are important to the inhabitants of Bwlchgwyn and Wrexham happen in Wrexham not in Alyn and Deeside. By and large the people of Bwlchgwyn and Minera, work, shop, send their children to school and spend their leisure time in Wrexham. We have little or no interaction with Alyn and Deeside.

BCW-8995 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I don't agree with the proposed change to scrap Arfon and merge my area into Aberconwy - this is a very separate region which usually votes very differently from Aberconwy and this opportunity to have local votes expressed as an outcome will be lost.

BCW-8996 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

Why are reducing our number of seats? This is just a ploy to reduce Wales voting ability. Which is added to by the way your are changing the borders very conveniently to get particular parties more votes and is disgusting. Do we live in America now? Leave them as they are stop trying to change things to further people's agendas, Bangor and the surrounding is not Aberconwy and never will be. There are no community ties and voting from previous years show there is no similarities between the two places. You are just doing your utmost to extend the tory reach and are area has made it clear we are Plaid or Labour - NOT CONSERVATIVE. So yes to make it clear no community ties leave the boarders as they are. Welsh culture and language is much stronger this side because you reduced the number of Welsh schools in Conwy which has made a massive difference, and you know it. So it makes no sense to move the boarder and reduce the number of our seats. So don't.

BCW-8997 / [REDACTED] Bangor

I do not agree that constituencies should straddle across local authority boundaries

BCW-8998 / Cllr Nathan Adams / Bridgend

I am a community councillor on Laleston Community Council and the people in my ward who I have spoken too are against this proposal. To have the communities of Laleston, Bryntirion and Broadlands moved to the Aberavon constituency is madness. I can walk from my home in the Ward to Bridgend town centre in 10 minutes, I've barely been to Port Talbot in my life.

The community we are a part of is integral to the wider Bridgend community and we share so much with each other.

We run the very real risk of being forgotten about by an MP who will be occupied dealing with his traditional and long standing support. The people of Broadlands, Laleston and Bryntirion will be isolated. This review proposal has many flaws and will divide communities across Wales.

BCW-8999 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

disagree with bridgend being split up into or linking with other towns or villages bridgend should stay as it is not being divided north/ south or whatever is being proposed its just irrelevant and not beneficial to any residences in the area. We as a town and community have little voice already so to take that away from people is wrong we have a standing and do not want to be spilt bridgend is one town with many area's covered but the proposal would mean bridgend is the insignificant and become a small fry part of a much bigger area, spread further and the peoples opinion is no longer valued or respected

BCW-9000/ Cllr Jonathan Bishop/ Nantgarw

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 September 2021 15:40
To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
Subject: Response to Boundary Consultation

Dear Sirs,

I am the community councillor for Nantgarw, near Pontypridd.

I welcome the reintroduction of Cilfynydd and Glyncoch into the constituency.

also think Tonyrefail, Gilfach Goch and Pentyrch should be reintroduced.

Taff's Well and Nantgarw should remain in the constituency.

Aberaman South, Aberaman North, Penrhiwceiber can go into neighbouring constituencies.

The boundary would then match that of Taff Ely Primary Care Cluster allowing better integration of the NHS with the new constituency. It would also be close to the Taf part of Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC, albeit missing important parts like Llanharry, Pontyclun and Llanharan. Perhaps these could be added in in place of the Mountain Ash wards.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Jonathan Bishop

BCW-9001 / [REDACTED] / Machynlleth

If this has to happen then this area would be better represented by being part of the Ceredigion constituency, there is no connection with Glyndwr, people here work, shop and have a better connection with Ceredigion, this is a Mid Wales, West Wales area. The natural flow of things is south not to an area we have very little to do with. Listen to what the people say.

BCW-9002 / [REDACTED] / Altrincham

The proposed constituency of Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr is flawed as there are no direct transport links between the part in Powys (the existing constituency of Montgomeryshire) and the part in Wrexham council (part of the existing constituency of Clwyd South). To correct this, I propose that Montgomeryshire is combined with Meirionnydd (part of the existing constituency of Dwyfor Meirionnydd) and "Glyndwr" is added to the Wrexham constituency. This results in significant changes to the other proposed constituencies in North Wales.

Replacing the Commission's proposed constituencies of Aberconwy, Alyn and Deeside, Clwyd, Delyn, Dwyfor Meirionnydd, Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr, and Wrexham, I propose the following:

1. Aberconwy - comprising the whole of the County Borough of Conwy, excluding the wards of Bryn, Capelulo, Pandy and Pant-yr-afon/Penmaenan in the north west of the borough, and the wards of Kinmel Bay, Llansannan and Towyn in the east of the borough.

The expanded constituency remains wholly within the County Borough of Conwy.

2. Alyn - comprising:

(i) the following County of Flintshire wards currently in the constituency of Alyn and Deeside: Broughton (2 wards), Buckley (4 wards), Pentrobin, Caergwrle, Higher Kinnerton, Hope, Llanfynydd, Penyffordd and Treuddyn;

(ii) the following County of Flintshire wards currently in the constituency of Delyn: Argoed, Gwernaffield, Gwernymynydd, Leeswood, Mold (4 wards) and New Brighton;

(iii) the following County Borough of Wrexham wards currently in the constituency of Wrexham: Gwersyllt (3 wards), Llay and Rossett; and

(iv) the following County Borough of Wrexham wards currently in the constituency of Clwyd South: Brymbo, Bryn Cefn, Coedpoeth, Gwenfro, Minera and New Broughton.

This constituency incorporates a much greater length of the River Alyn than the existing and proposed constituencies of Alyn and Deeside.

3. Delyn and Deeside - comprising those wards in the County of Flintshire not included in the proposed constituency of Alyn.

This brings the whole of "Deeside" within one constituency.

4. Dwyfor Arfon - comprising:

(i) the following County of Gwynedd wards currently in the constituency of Dwyfor Meirionnydd: Aberdaron, Abererch, Abersoch, Botwnnog, Clynog, Criccieth, Dolbenmaen, Efail-newydd/Buan, Llanaelhaearn, Llanbedrog, Llanengan, Llanystumdwy, Morfa Nefyn, Nefyn, Penrhyndeudraeth, Porthmadog (3 wards), Pwllheli (2 wards) and Tudweiliog;

(ii) those County of Gwynedd wards comprising the whole of the current constituency of Arfon; and

(iii) the County Borough of Conwy wards of Bryn, Capelulo, Pandy and Pant-yr-afon/Penmaenan.

This newly configured constituency primarily comprises the areas covered by the former local authority districts of Dwyfor and Arfon.

5. Montgomeryshire and Meirionnydd - comprising:

(i) those County of Powys wards comprising the whole of the current constituency of Montgomeryshire; and

(ii) the County of Gwynedd wards not included in the proposed constituency of Dwyfor, Arfon and Conwy.

This combines the historic counties of Montgomeryshire and Merionethshire, with good road links between the two constituent parts.

6. Vale of Clwyd - comprising:

(i) the whole of the County of Denbighshire, excluding the wards of Corwen, Llandrillo and Llangollen; and

(ii) the County Borough of Conwy wards of Kinmel Bay, Llansannan and Towyn.

This is an extension of the existing Vale of Clwyd constituency.

7. Wrexham and Glyndwr - comprising:

(i) those County Borough of Wrexham wards not included in the proposed constituency of Alyn; and

(ii) the County of Denbighshire wards of Corwen, Llandrillo and Llangollen.

This links the town of Wrexham with the area of "Glyndwr", which the Commission proposes is included with Montgomeryshire. My proposal provides much better transport links between the two major towns of Wrexham and Llangollen.

I believe that my proposals provide an improved configuration of constituencies in North Wales, compared to the Commission's proposals.

I attach a spreadsheet showing my proposals for constituencies in the North Wales, including wards and electorates.

<u>Constituency</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Local authority</u>	<u>Electorate</u>
Aberconwy CC			76,277
	Abergele Pensarn	Conwy	1,959
	Betws yn Rhos	Conwy	1,623
	Betws-y-Coed	Conwy	967
	Caerhun	Conwy	1,677
	Colwyn	Conwy	3,373
	Conwy	Conwy	3,295
	Craig-y-Don	Conwy	2,685
	Crwst	Conwy	1,581
	Deganwy	Conwy	3,289
	Eglwysbach	Conwy	1,257
	Eirias	Conwy	2,800
	Gele	Conwy	3,997
	Glyn	Conwy	3,088
	Gogarth	Conwy	2,795
	Gower	Conwy	850
	Llanddulas	Conwy	1,353
	Llandrillo yn Rhos	Conwy	6,110
	Llangernyw	Conwy	1,104
	Llansanffraid	Conwy	1,814
	Llysfaen	Conwy	1,906
	Marl	Conwy	3,539
	Mochdre	Conwy	1,425
	Mostyn	Conwy	2,758
	Penrhyn	Conwy	3,874
	Pensarn	Conwy	2,274
	Pentre Mawr	Conwy	2,861
	Rhiw	Conwy	4,991
	Trefriw	Conwy	1,026
	Tudno	Conwy	3,591
	Uwch Conwy	Conwy	1,276
	Uwchaled	Conwy	1,139
Alyn CC			73,721
	Argoed	Flintshire	2,167
	Broughton North East	Flintshire	1,723
	Broughton South	Flintshire	3,325
	Buckley Bistre East	Flintshire	2,653
	Buckley Bistre West	Flintshire	3,182
	Buckley Mountain	Flintshire	2,555
	Buckley Pentrobin	Flintshire	4,181
	Caergwrle	Flintshire	1,225
	Gwernaffield	Flintshire	1,646
	Gwernymynydd	Flintshire	1,399
	Higher Kinnerton	Flintshire	1,373
	Hope	Flintshire	2,042

Leeswood	Flintshire	1,627
Llanfynydd	Flintshire	1,483
Mold Broncoed	Flintshire	2,134
Mold East	Flintshire	1,556
Mold South	Flintshire	2,201
Mold West	Flintshire	1,956
New Brighton	Flintshire	2,414
Penyffordd	Flintshire	3,543
Treuddyn	Flintshire	1,346
Brymbo	Wrexham	3,021
Bryn Cefn	Wrexham	1,543
Coedpoeth	Wrexham	3,482
Gwenfro	Wrexham	1,217
Gwersyllt East and South	Wrexham	3,601
Gwersyllt North	Wrexham	1,995
Gwersyllt West	Wrexham	2,263
Llay	Wrexham	3,513
Minera	Wrexham	1,870
New Broughton	Wrexham	2,842
Rossett	Wrexham	2,643
Delyn and Deeside CC		72,032
Aston	Flintshire	2,508
Bagillt East	Flintshire	1,413
Bagillt West	Flintshire	1,625
Brynford	Flintshire	1,789
Caerwys	Flintshire	2,050
Cilcain	Flintshire	1,519
Connah's Quay Central	Flintshire	2,213
Connah's Quay Golftyn	Flintshire	3,688
Connah's Quay South	Flintshire	4,494
Connah's Quay Wepre	Flintshire	1,647
Ewloe	Flintshire	4,327
Ffynnongroyw	Flintshire	1,474
Flint Castle	Flintshire	1,426
Flint Coleshill	Flintshire	2,938
Flint Oakenholt	Flintshire	2,538
Flint Trelawny	Flintshire	2,710
Greenfield	Flintshire	1,983
Gronant	Flintshire	1,257
Halkyn	Flintshire	1,427
Hawarden	Flintshire	1,623
Holywell Central	Flintshire	1,465
Holywell East	Flintshire	1,383
Holywell West	Flintshire	1,762
Mancot	Flintshire	2,516
Mostyn	Flintshire	1,458

Northop	Flintshire	2,596
Northop Hall	Flintshire	1,398
Queensferry	Flintshire	1,248
Saltney Mold Junction	Flintshire	1,100
Saltney Stonebridge	Flintshire	2,672
Sealand	Flintshire	2,026
Shotton East	Flintshire	1,219
Shotton Higher	Flintshire	1,669
Shotton West	Flintshire	1,464
Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor	Flintshire	1,496
Whitford	Flintshire	1,911
Dwyfor Arfon CC		70,850
Bryn	Conwy	1,390
Capelulo	Conwy	1,284
Pandy	Conwy	1,463
Pant-yr-afon/Penmaenan	Conwy	2,167
Aberdaron	Gwynedd	698
Abererch	Gwynedd	986
Abersoch	Gwynedd	519
Arllechwedd	Gwynedd	1,091
Bethel	Gwynedd	1,025
Bontnewydd	Gwynedd	865
Botwnnog	Gwynedd	734
Cadnant	Gwynedd	1,514
Clynnog	Gwynedd	736
Criccieth	Gwynedd	1,280
Cwm-y-Glo	Gwynedd	753
Deiniol	Gwynedd	920
Deiniolen	Gwynedd	1,463
Dewi	Gwynedd	1,301
Dolbenmaen	Gwynedd	900
Efail-newydd/Buan	Gwynedd	1,026
Garth	Gwynedd	556
Gerlan	Gwynedd	1,696
Glyder	Gwynedd	1,257
Groeslon	Gwynedd	1,374
Hendre	Gwynedd	940
Hirael	Gwynedd	1,066
Llanaelhaearn	Gwynedd	1,187
Llanbedrog	Gwynedd	709
Llanberis	Gwynedd	1,613
Llanengan	Gwynedd	847
Llanllyfni	Gwynedd	915
Llanrug	Gwynedd	1,396
Llanwnda	Gwynedd	1,507
Llanystumdwy	Gwynedd	1,547

Marchog	Gwynedd	1,579
Menai (Bangor)	Gwynedd	1,548
Menai (Caernarfon)	Gwynedd	1,724
Morfa Nefyn	Gwynedd	945
Nefyn	Gwynedd	1,003
Ogwen	Gwynedd	1,697
Peblig (Caernarfon)	Gwynedd	1,603
Penisarwaun	Gwynedd	1,365
Pentir	Gwynedd	2,159
Penygroes	Gwynedd	1,369
Penrhyndeudraeth	Gwynedd	1,826
Porthmadog East	Gwynedd	1,178
Porthmadog West	Gwynedd	1,329
Porthmadog-Tremadog	Gwynedd	933
Pwllheli North	Gwynedd	1,528
Pwllheli South	Gwynedd	1,310
Seiont	Gwynedd	2,233
Talysarn	Gwynedd	1,399
Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygai	Gwynedd	1,628
Tudweiliog	Gwynedd	668
Waunfawr	Gwynedd	1,298
Y Felinheli	Gwynedd	1,803
Montgomery and Meirionnydd CC		71,795
Aberdovey	Gwynedd	907
Abermaw	Gwynedd	1,591
Bala	Gwynedd	1,413
Bowydd & Rhiw	Gwynedd	1,235
Brithdir & Llanfachreth/Ganllwyd/Llanelltyd	Gwynedd	1,132
Bryn-crug/Llanfihangel	Gwynedd	772
Corris/Mawddwy	Gwynedd	1,023
Diffwys & Maenofferen	Gwynedd	779
Dolgellau North	Gwynedd	953
Dolgellau South	Gwynedd	1,072
Dyffryn Ardudwy	Gwynedd	1,169
Harlech	Gwynedd	1,516
Llanbedr	Gwynedd	768
Llandderfel	Gwynedd	1,135
Llangelynin	Gwynedd	1,625
Llanuwchllyn	Gwynedd	686
Teigl	Gwynedd	1,355
Trawsfynydd	Gwynedd	1,088
Tywyn	Gwynedd	2,476
Banwy	Powys	847
Berriew	Powys	1,102
Blaen Hafren	Powys	1,876
Caersws	Powys	1,831

Churchstoke	Powys	1,292
Dolforwyn	Powys	1,652
Forden	Powys	1,215
Glantwymyn	Powys	1,701
Guilsfield	Powys	1,827
Kerry	Powys	1,607
Llanbrynmair	Powys	798
Llandinam	Powys	1,155
Llandrinio	Powys	1,763
Llandysilio	Powys	1,441
Llanfair Caereinion	Powys	1,301
Llanfihangel	Powys	895
Llanfyllin	Powys	1,217
Llanidloes	Powys	2,149
Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant/Llansilin	Powys	1,815
Llansantffraid	Powys	1,563
Llanwddyn	Powys	846
Machynlleth	Powys	1,701
Meifod	Powys	1,069
Montgomery	Powys	1,107
Newtown Central	Powys	2,122
Newtown East	Powys	1,401
Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North	Powys	1,796
Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West	Powys	1,447
Newtown South	Powys	1,215
Rhiwcynon	Powys	1,724
Trewern	Powys	1,066
Welshpool Castle	Powys	962
Welshpool Gungrog	Powys	1,995
Welshpool Llanerchuddol	Powys	1,602
Vale of Clwyd CC		75,993
Kinmel Bay	Conwy	4,607
Llansannan	Conwy	1,495
Towyn	Conwy	1,845
Bodelwyddan	Denbighshire	1,612
Denbigh Central	Denbighshire	1,462
Denbigh Lower	Denbighshire	3,483
Denbigh Upper/Henllan	Denbighshire	2,265
Dyserth	Denbighshire	1,882
Efenechtyd	Denbighshire	1,321
Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla	Denbighshire	2,033
Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal	Denbighshire	1,170
Llandyrnog	Denbighshire	1,765
Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern	Denbighshire	1,830
Llanrhaeadr-yng-Nghinmeirch	Denbighshire	1,496
Prestatyn Central	Denbighshire	2,829
Prestatyn East	Denbighshire	3,162

Prestatyn Meliden	Denbighshire	1,529
Prestatyn North	Denbighshire	4,729
Prestatyn South West	Denbighshire	2,861
Rhuddlan	Denbighshire	2,913
Rhyl East	Denbighshire	3,693
Rhyl South	Denbighshire	2,874
Rhyl South East	Denbighshire	6,253
Rhyl South West	Denbighshire	3,732
Rhyl West	Denbighshire	3,283
Ruthin	Denbighshire	4,260
St.Asaph East	Denbighshire	1,472
St.Asaph West	Denbighshire	1,290
Trefnant	Denbighshire	1,503
Tremeirchion	Denbighshire	1,344
Wrexham and Glyndwr CC		75,760
Corwen	Denbighshire	1,799
Llandrillo	Denbighshire	931
Llangollen	Denbighshire	3,302
Acton	Wrexham	2,177
Borras Park	Wrexham	1,968
Bronington	Wrexham	2,620
Brynyffynnon	Wrexham	2,477
Cartrefle	Wrexham	1,545
Cefn	Wrexham	3,768
Chirk North	Wrexham	1,846
Chirk South	Wrexham	1,503
Dyffryn Ceiriog/Ceiriog Valley	Wrexham	1,685
Erddig	Wrexham	1,444
Esclusham	Wrexham	2,013
Garden Village	Wrexham	1,656
Gresford East and West	Wrexham	2,337
Grosvenor	Wrexham	1,698
Hermitage	Wrexham	1,544
Holt	Wrexham	2,479
Johnstown	Wrexham	2,461
Little Acton	Wrexham	1,843
Llangollen Rural	Wrexham	1,631
Maesydre	Wrexham	1,420
Marchwiell	Wrexham	1,830
Marford and Hoseley	Wrexham	1,824
Offa	Wrexham	1,428
Overton	Wrexham	2,710
Pant	Wrexham	1,528
Penycae	Wrexham	1,525
Penycae and Ruabon South	Wrexham	2,026
Plas Madoc	Wrexham	1,169

Ponciau	Wrexham	3,521
Queensway	Wrexham	1,377
Rhosnesni	Wrexham	2,827
Ruabon	Wrexham	2,078
Smithfield	Wrexham	1,376
Stansty	Wrexham	1,641
Whitegate	Wrexham	1,594
Wynnstay	Wrexham	1,159
Ynys Môn CC		52,415
Aethwy	Isle of Anglesey	5,175
Bro Aberffraw	Isle of Anglesey	3,023
Bro Rhosyr	Isle of Anglesey	3,919
Caergybi	Isle of Anglesey	5,504
Canolbarth Mon	Isle of Anglesey	6,537
Llifon	Isle of Anglesey	4,104
Lligwy	Isle of Anglesey	4,810
Seiriol	Isle of Anglesey	4,650
Talybolion	Isle of Anglesey	4,762
Twrcelyn	Isle of Anglesey	5,497
Ynys Gybi	Isle of Anglesey	4,434

BCW-9003 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon

The three deep parallel vertical strips in the north east prevent the Welsh speaking heartlands from ever being fairly represented in terms of their historical, social, and cultural make up. Why can't there be horizontal coastal constituencies so as to fairly represent all? According to the Guardian report on your proposals it is said that cultural, historical, affinities etc, were to be considered. I can't see how the proposals for the north east really reflect this promise. Why can't Upper Aled, Hiraethog, etc, be allowed some hope of being represented by more familiar elected members and their backgrounds?

Diolch yn fawr,
[REDACTED]

BCW-9004 / [REDACTED] / Newport

The proposed constituency of West Newport and Caerphilly is not at all sensible. These two areas have very few social and economic links.

Instead, I suggest that the Islwyn boundary be extended southwards to include Rogerstone, Bassaleg, etc. This would recognise the strong north-south linkages which exist.

In order to balance numbers for a Caerphilly constituency, the areas of Llanbradach, Ystrad Mynach, Gelligaer, Hengoed, etc should be transferred from Islwyn.

BCW-9005 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

This is a deliberate plot by the conservatives to remove Plaid Cymru

BCW-9006 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

Living in Broadlands myself I do not want to be moved into the Aberavon constituency.

It would make more sense if Maesteg was put into the Aberavon parliamentary constituency than Broadlands and Bryntirion - a mere walk away from town!

BCW-9007 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

I support the change, and I live in Aberkenfig and am represented by the Ogmore constituency. This doesn't seem right, because we have nothing to do with that Valley, and everything to do with Bridgend.

However, I don't see the reason why Porthcawl would change to Porthcawl and Aberavon.

BCW-9008/ [REDACTED] Mynydd Llandegai

The proposal to bering Bethesda and Dyffryn Ogwen into an Aberconwy constituency beggars belief. These are two VERY different parts of North West Wales, with significantly different cultures.

Bethesda, Mynydd Llandegai, and the surrounding villages identify strongly westwards: towards Caernarfon.

The existing Arfon constituency resonates. It makes cultural and linguistic sense.

The proposed change will serve the unionists well, by hugely diluting the Nationalist vote.

BCW-9009 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

I think a better name for this constituency would be Maldwyn and Glyndwr as Maldwyn is a common name for the area in both Welsh and English and Montgomeryshire is a long name

BCW-9010 / [REDACTED] / Denbigh

Llansannan is situated in a Welsh-speaking area that is incredibly proud of its roots. This is the birthplace of Tudur Aled, one of the greatest poets of the 16th century, and William Salesbury, who translated the New Testament into Welsh, to name but two.

There are lifelong ties between Uwchaled (Llangwm), Bro Aled (Llansannan) and Bro Cernyw (Llangernyw). These are historical, agricultural, geographical, linguistic, and cultural ties. All three areas have been part of the social fabric since before the modern boundaries were drawn.

These three areas are the 'backbone' of the county of Conwy.

Unfortunately, your initial recommendations disrupt this historic tradition by placing Llansannan in the Clwyd constituency, and Uwchaled in the Aberconwy constituency.

It is completely reasonable for Llansannan to be in the same constituency as Llangernyw, as there are less than 4 miles between us.

The Welsh-speaking area of Bro Aled (Llansannan) has much more in common with areas in the new Aberconwy constituency, than with several areas to the north in the Clwyd constituency.

Adding the 1485 electors from Llansannan to the Aberconwy constituency would help to redress the elector average between Aberconwy and Clwyd.

I hope that you will give these comments the attention they deserve. Maintaining our traditions and heritage in rural Wales is a battle, and your recommendations, as they stand, could undermine an entity that has existed for centuries.

Community is much more important than lines on a map.

BCW-9011/ [REDACTED] / Bridgend

Why is Bridgend being split in two if the purpose is to reduce the number of areas?

What impact will splitting Bridgend from the coast have on the economy- tourism is a massive part of the economic health of the borough

BCW-9012/ [REDACTED] / Aberdare

Another boundary map drawn up by the flat earth society. The proposed changes to the existing Cynon Valley constituency do not have any merit. You are trying to link communities which are physically separated by geographical features. The existing county boundaries are being ignored or disregarded and the proposals show a complete lack of respect to the local populations. A London centric proposal with no merit.

I object to your proposals and they should be discarded until such time that they accurately reflect the reality of the local circumstances.

BCW-9014 [REDACTED] / Bridgend

This is the most ridiculous thing I have ever seen in my life. Half of Cefn Glas in one area and the other half in another. We are on the outskirts of Bridgend town, we are Bridgend not Aberafon, which is a completely different county. It makes absolutely no sense!

BCW- 9015 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

Anything West of the Tawe in the Clydach area of Swansea should move into Swansea from Neath and Swansea East. The river forms a natural barrier.

The local authority ward now actually includes Craig Cefn Parc after changes coming into effect this year.

Also Neath and Swansea East is a terrible idea as there is no local link between the two, both historically have been separate entities.

There is a greater link between areas in the Swansea Valley and Amman Valley than there has between those areas and Neath, whereas Briton Ferry and Baglan have more ties to Neath than Aberavon and Porthcawl.

BCW-9016/ [REDACTED] / Bridgend

We are 10 mins walking distance from Bridgend town centre and actively use all the local facilities. I work in Princess of Wales which is the local hospital . We belong to the Bridgend community . They children also go to the local schools . We have had a recent health board boundary change and worked very hard with integration between Health and LA. This change will negate all the hard work over the last 2 years . Broadlands is part of Bridgend and should NOT move to the proposed constituency .

BCW-9017/ [REDACTED] / Bridgend

From reading the full details of the boundary review process I can see that the fundamental principle is to make each constituency between 69,724 and 77,062.

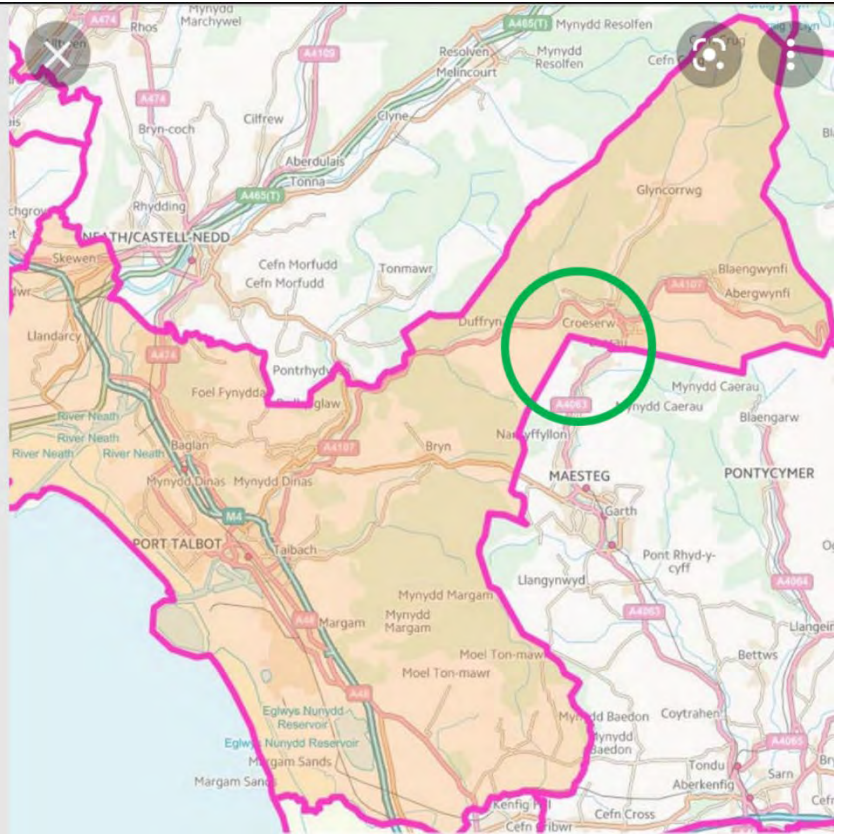
The proposed changes to merge Ogmore/Aberavon and Bridgend constituencies into 2, in my view do not take account of the fact that the ward of Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr contains 2 of Bridgend's largest suburbs as well which are located at the right hand side of the ward boundary, whilst the ward is of large size, the population is intrinsically linked with the Bridgend constituency being part of the town.

In my view the opportunity to move Caerau ward, to Aberafan Porthcawl, where is is geographically on the current Aberavon constituency border and serves population links with the it's neighbouring community on the north west side of the current constituency of Croes Erw and surround villages including Blaengwnfi.

By switching Caerau (7,709) and Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr (9,334) both Bridgend and Aberafan/Porthcawl would become closer to the median number.

The following attachments show why Caerau would be better served. I would also suggest the boundary commission look at the physical maps of the ward rather than the boundary of Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr to better understand the illogical choice of removing this ward from Bridgend constituency.

Look at the current Aberavon constituency boundary and consider which community is better placed in the new boundary?



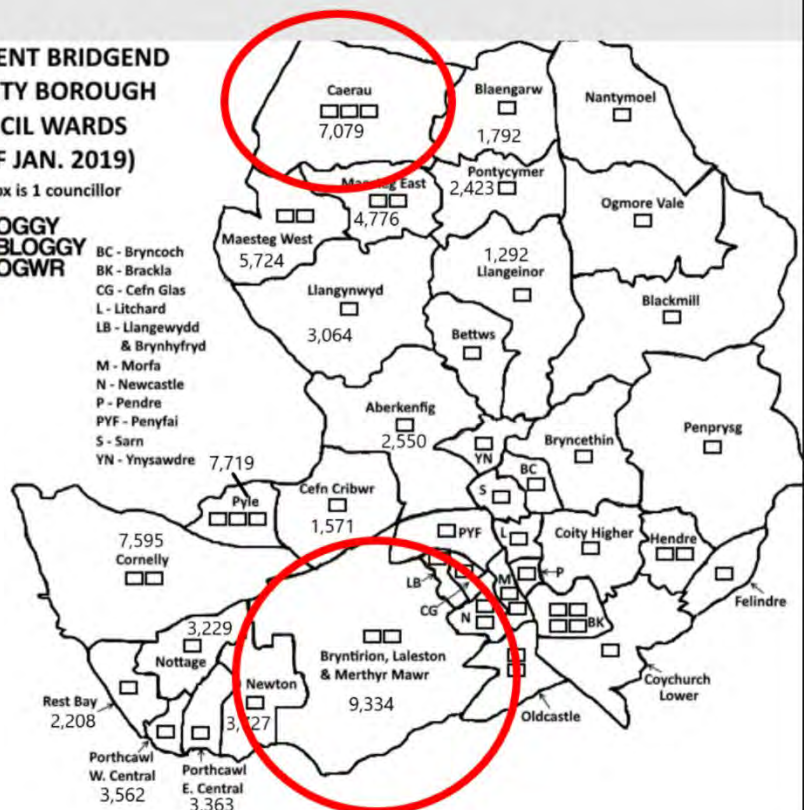
Estimated population by Ward

CURRENT BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL WARDS (AS OF JAN. 2019)

* Each box is 1 councillor



BC - Bryncoch
BK - Brackla
CG - Cefn Glas
L - Litchard
LB - Llangewydd & Brynhyfryd
M - Morfa
N - Newcastle
P - Pendre
PYF - Penyfai
S - Sarn
YN - Ynysawdre



Rather than slicing Bridgend suburbs out of Bridgend placing Caerau into the new constituency would in fact balance both constituencies better within the average

Aberafan/Porthcawl – 74,537 (from 76,792)
Bridgend – 76,643 (from 74,388)

BCW-9018 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare

Including the communities of Glynhafod, Cwmaman, Godreaman and Aberaman in the Pontypridd constituency is a total nonsense.

These communities have been integral parts of Aberdare for decades and have no particular connection with Pontypridd.

People there would feel totally alienated from an MP representing Pontypridd.

My view is that the Cynon Valley from Mountain Ash south should be merged with Pontypridd, with everything north of Mountain Ash merging with Merthyr.

People will be sorry to see the name Cynon Valley disappear in parliamentary terms, but I feel people in general would find my suggestion a more palatable option.

BCW-9019 / [REDACTED] / Dinas Powys

As a resident of Dinas Powys, Vale of Glamorgan, I am very concerned that the new boundary will place this area in Cardiff. Dinas Powys, Sully and, to an extent, Penarth, are rural areas. If the administrative civic office is in Cardiff it will be more inaccessible and psychologically remote. I worry that future planning decisions made in Cardiff will result in our rural green spaces disappearing and our community identities disappearing with them. Cardiff is a large city, the Vale of Glamorgan is a rural area. Let's keep them as they are.

BCW-9020 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

I live in [REDACTED] the current Bridgend constituency. Moving our large estate into Aberavon Porthcawl would split our community in an unacceptable and incomprehensible way. My local town centre, local council, [REDACTED] and MS would all be in a different constituency. I wish to be represented in a way that connects me to my own community.

Retain the current constituency boundary. Please do not divide us in this illogical way.

BCW-9021 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

I do not want to be moved to Aberafan. Leave us in Bridgend

BCW-9022 / [REDACTED] / Ruthin

Ruthin should be in Clwyd

BCW-9023 / [REDACTED] / Cefn Mawr

Why?

BCW-9024 / [REDACTED] / Newport

Will this mean iswlyn will be left behind as caerphilly council does no work in our area now if thy in a different constituency I can only see this getting worse or will iswlyn be getting it own council

BCW-9025 [REDACTED] / Bridgend

Broadlands needs to stay in Bridgend constituency... we live and work in Bridgend and wish to be governed by Bridgend MP.

BCW-9026 / [REDACTED] / Cwmbrân

Rwy'n credu ei fod yn syniad da dod â Chroesyceiliog, lle'r rwy'n byw, i mewn i Dorfaen yn hytrach na Mynwy. Mae popeth rwyf i'n ymdrin ag ef o ran cyngor lleol yn ymwneud â Chyngor Torfaen eisoes

BCW-9027 / [REDACTED] / Porthcawl

The proposed constituency does not consider Porthcawl as a major tourist destination, as such the coastal tourist location has far more in common with the Vale of Glamorgan than Aberavon. If the present plans are accepted, the need for Porthcawl to strengthen and develop will not be best served.

BCW-9028 / [REDACTED] / Ogmore Vale

I do not think moving Porthcawl out of the BCBC area is a good idea.

Instead, why don't you split aberavon and give half to bridgend and half to port Talbot.

BCW-9029 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

I strongly object to the loss of 8 seats. This gives Wales as a nation less say and less representation over the things that happen. I object to Ceredigion being lumped in with Preselli. We face very different economic and lifestyle issues. This is disgraceful gerrymandering. It is undemocratic.

BCW-9030 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

Blatant Gerrymandering, move a proportion of the majority Labour areas out of Conservative Gower to gain a seat. Also Wales is under-represented and ignored in Westminster as it is, removing a third of it's MPs will make that worse and make the calls for Independence stronger.

BCW-9031/ [REDACTED] Pontypool

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 September 2021 16:29
To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
Subject: Boundary Changes

Fully concur with proposed Parliamentary constituency boundary changes,

Wales already suffers from an excessive bureaucracy due to layers of representation.

MP's MS's and County Borough Councillors.

Similar size constituencies will go some way to equalise representation.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BCW- 9032 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

I believe that Ceredigion-Preseli is too large and too long. I have fears that it will make it harder for my MP to represent me in the United Kingdom Parliament. I was wondering if it is possible to make up the electors by pushing up to the north or eastwards into Breacon and Radnor or/and Montgomeryshire and Gwlyndwr. However I am happy with the naming.

BCW-9033 / [REDACTED] / Neath

Including the eastern Swansea area in the Neath constituency will present a marked change in the character of the constituency.

The Member of Parliament will be faced with a significant additional caseload from diverse new additions such as the Swansea university waterfront campus, & areas like Port Tennant & Bon y Maen which will require a lot of attention, inevitably taking away from the focus that the MP can give to the core Neath community that has traditionally been the heart of his or her work. As a Neath valley constituent I have little day to day interaction with Swansea East, but far more with the western fringes of Port Talbot & the Afan Valley. Even the school catchments tend to be between Neath & Afan rather than Neath & Tawe valleys. If boundary is to change, I'd prefer to see a Neath/Afan alignment to a Neath/Tawe one.

BCW-9034 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I find it astounding that Bangor, which we all know is in Gwynedd, could be placed in the AberConwy constituency. Or is the ultimate aim to move Bangor and the small proposed section of Gwynedd in to Conwy County?

BCW-9035 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon

While I do not object to moving the town of Caernarfon to the Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency, I do object to the name.

The name Dwyfor Meirionnydd ignores Caernarfon's status of historical importance and ignores the fact that the Caernarfon/Arfon constituency has existed for many decades. It also ignores the fact that an extensive part of the constituency is in the old county of Caernarfon. Dwyfor only represents the Llŷn Peninsula.

In my opinion, better options would be:

Caernarfon Meirionnydd

Arfon, Dwyfor and Meirionnydd

Gwynedd

BCW-9036 / [REDACTED] / Newport

To link newport West and cearphilly would be poor newport West and Risca please.

Newport West and cearphilly have two different identity and differing ruling politics. To merge cearphilly and newport would be unmanageable for one elected member.

BCW-9037/ [REDACTED] / Caldicot

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 September 2021 11:08
To: Enquiries <enquiries@boundaries.wales>
Subject: Wales Parliamentary Boundary Review Comment.

Dear Sirs,

I could not find any on line way to respond to the proposals for Welsh constituencies so I am using this route.

I read with interest the proposed changes to the NEWPORT EAST parliamentary constituency. May I say first that I live in Caldicot that is on the east of Newport city and south in the county of Monmouthshire. Living where I am my links are with Newport (and to a lesser extent Cardiff) I hardly ever travel north of Chepstow so my links are definitely with Newport. If Caldicot were to become part of the new Monmouthshire constituency then I would feel remote from it. I appreciate Monmouthshire is a convenient boundary to use but those of us in the south have little/no connection with the major part of it.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

BCW-9038 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

I fail to see how Rumney which is 4 miles east of the centre of Cardiff can be considered to be part of Cardiff central. It has only the ward of Trowbridge to the east of it and nothing to the south of it so fits correctly as part of Cardiff South and Penarth. Formally it was not even in Cardiff and the River Rhymney forms a sensible divide between Cardiff Central and Cardiff South.

BCW-9039 / [REDACTED] / Dinas Powys

I would like to document my dissatisfaction with the removed of Dinas Powys from the Vale of Glamorgan constituency and into the Cardiff South and Penarth. I think this will be a real loss to the community as the Conservative councillors have a huge impact in the community.

BCW-9040 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

As a resident and on the Electoral List for the Constituency of ARFON, I am lost for words at the proposal to divide the Constituency and at the stroke of a pen; remove ARFON from the Political map of Wales.

* The history of the name and area of ARFON goes back over a 1,000 years, its history as the mediaeval Welsh Cantref of Arfon was the core of the Kingdom of Gwynedd. Later it was included in the new county of Caernarfonshire under the terms of the Statute of Ruddlan in 1284.

* As the name suggests, Arfon faces the island of Anglesey (Ynys Mon) across the Menai.

* ARFON is part of the history of Wales, it's got a tradition, its referred to in mythology and it is respected.

Whilst recognising there will be a new constituency; I would propose that the new constituency, whilst incorporating 14 wards from ABERCONWY and inclusive of all 31 of the wards in ARFON be names as follows -

"ARFON with CONWY" alternatively " ARFON with ABERCONWY"

Proposed Constituency of 'ARFON with CONWY'

TOTAL ELECTORATE BASED ON 46 WARDS

69,532

CONSTITUENCY WARDS IN ARFON & CONWY ELECTORATE

WARD'S total 31 (based on Arfon Constituency)

GROESION	1,374
PENYGROES	1,369
LLANLLYFNI	915
TALYSARN	1,399
LLANWMDA	1,507
BONTNEWYDD	865
SEIONT	2,233
PEBLIG	1,603
CADNANT	1,514
MENAI (CAERNAFON)	1,724
WAUNFAWR	1,298
CWM - Y - GLO	753
LLANBERIS	1,613
Y FELINHELI	1,803
BETHEL	1,025
LLANRUG	1,396
DENIOLEN	1,463
PENISARWAUN	1,365
PENTIR	2,159
TREGARTH & MYNYDD LLANDYGAI	1,628
OGWEN	1,697
GERLAN	1,696
ARLLECHWEDD	1,091
DEWI	1,301
HENDRE	940
GLYDER	1,257
MARCHOG	1,579
DENIOLEN	920
MENAI (BANGOR)	1,548
GARTH	556
HIRAEL	1,066
Total	42,657

Note: Boundry Commission for Wales;

details the ELECTORATE for ARFON as 43,125

just under a 10% increase on its Ward ELECTORATE total.

WARD'S total 15 (based on Conwy Constituency)

BRYN	1390
PANDY	1463
PANT- YR-AFON (PENMAENAN)	2167
CAPELULO	1284
CONWY	3295
DEGANWY	3289
MARL	3539
CEARHUN	1677
LLANSANFFRAID	1814
EGLWYSBACH	1257
TREFRIW	1026
BETWS-YCOED	967
GOWER	850
CRWST	1581
LLWCH CONWY	1276
Total	26875

BCW-9041/ [REDACTED] / Boncath

I welcome these changes, as our area in northern Pembrokeshire is closer to Ceredigion culturally and linguistically. BUT... I am concerned about the Maenclochog ward, as it has been lumped in with the south of the county, which is far from being close linguistically/culturally. Perhaps it would be better to include Maenclochog in the Ceredigion Preseli constituency and include a ward from the St David's area in the south. If the boundary stays like this, there is the potential to create huge community divisions.

BCW-9042/ [REDACTED] / St Asaph

I find your proposals for north Wales a lot more sensible than those of the last boundary commission a few years ago. There is a respect for which communities have a similar outlook, and contacting rural communities to larger towns rather than creating vast rural areas.

BCW-9043/ [REDACTED] / Mountain Ash

Mountain ash and Pontypridd are not the same, they are two completely areas with different areas. Cynon valleys and Merthyr should join

BCW-9044 / [REDACTED] / Neath

The new constituency areas will not conform with local council constituency areas.

This is likely to cause confusion for many residents in the new areas and disrupt the local services that some Members of Parliament provide for them.

BCW-9045/ [REDACTED] / Bangor

There was some development in Penrhosgarnedd in the 1970s, but Bangor has expanded into the area since the building of the hospital and the by-pass in the 80s. From polling data I estimate that there are now between 1,500 and 1,700 people living in the Penrhosgarnedd area between the Bangor boundary and the by-pass. That is more than 10% of the electorate of Bangor, and it would seem logical to include this area within the city and the constituency. Something that the imminent changes to the county ward boundaries has failed to recognise. This would add up to 1,700 electors to the Aberconwy constituency, which is very close to the minimum number permitted and 2,053 smaller than the Dwyfor Meirionydd constituency. Dwyfor Meirionydd would then be just over 70,000 electorate, but a much larger area.

The by-pass would also make a more obvious boundary than the current poorly defined boundary.

BCW-9046/ [REDACTED] Llanelli

The ward is called Llanelli, yet covers parts of Carmarthen! Which means that Carmarthen itself is split into 2 mps! Surely the Carmarthen mp should look after Carmarthen. Perhaps include Llandeilo instead of the Carmarthen wards? This would be geographically better, and the road links between are direct.

BCW-9047/ [REDACTED] / Pontypridd

Expanding the Pontypridd area to the mid Cynon valley is ridiculous. This makes the political representation more difficult as they've got way too big an area to cover. They won't fully understand the needs of the mid Cynon valley as it's out of their area and is nothing more than a political game so that Labour get more votes in as Plaid Cymru are getting more support from traditional Labour heartlands now because of their ineptness so rather than sort their [REDACTED] out, they're adapting the boundaries to maintain seats at a cost to us the tax payer as there'll be new stationery, branding etc needed.

Shameless and shameful behaviour!

BCW-9048/ [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

The proposed Caerphilly/Newport West constituency is a ridiculous suggestion. The combined areas have never been linked in previous counties or districts and have no commonality of population, geography or purpose. Constituencies need to be meaningful to the population or the numbers who vote will plummet. Wales is being disenfranchised in UK politics and our county will suffer as a result. I am a Caerphilly Basin resident and we have nothing in common with Newport. We would be better linked to Cardiff North.

It would be better to ignore the numbers and set constituencies to county boundaries. Why is Caerphilly being split and Torfaen not?

BCW-9049/ [REDACTED] / Llandysul

It no longer makes any sense for Wales to have Members of Parliament at Westminster.

Westminster constituencies in Wales should be abolished and the House of Lords replaced with an elected upper chamber to decide on British-level issues such as taxation, defence, and international affairs.

BCW-9050 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

I live in an estate in Bridgend town [REDACTED], part of the Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr ward proposed to be in the new Aberafan and Porthcawl. Along with the Cefn glas and llangewydd/Brynhyfryd wards, these 3 wards have been sliced off from Bridgend town but seems a very awkward slice?

May I suggest that these 3 wards need to be included in the proposed Bridgend constituency as they are a long standing and vital part of the town and would feel alienated at elections.

To adjust for this can I suggest the Maesteg area be given to the proposed Aberafan/Porthcawl constituency as the town of Maesteg is 9 miles from Bridgend and while there are many links to Bridgend town, these are nothing compared to actual parts of the the town of Bridgend itself.

Perhaps the wards of Caerau, Maesteg east, Maesteg west and Llangynwyd could be included? These are already next to similar wards in Aberafan/Porthcawl such as Gwynfi and Cymmer.

Cheers

BCW-9051/ [REDACTED] Beddau

I think it's ridiculous that Pontyclun is becoming part of Cardiff when it's closer to Llantrisant/Bridgend so where is the sense in this decision. It should be left as it is. Cardiff is a big enough area without adding more to it.

The only reason that Wales is being divided is to make more seats for the Conservative party

Leaves Wales alone the sooner we are independant of England the better

BCW-9052/ [REDACTED] / Wrexham

Whilst I do agree with the aim of creating constituencies with approximately equal population I do not agree with the changes for the following reason

Reduced parliamentary representation of Wales at Westminster.

BCW-9053 / [REDACTED] / Y Felinheli

The proposed name is not appropriate since a significant part of the constituency is not located in Dwyfor or Meirionnydd.

In terms of transport, commercial and employment links, the area that is currently part of the Arfon constituency leans towards the east and north, along the A55 and the North Wales Coast railway line.

BCW-9054 / [REDACTED] / Gaerwen

Anglesey is treated perfectly in my opinion. The island is a unique historic unit and the commission/government acknowledge this. Well done, totally agree.

BCW-9055 / [REDACTED] / Llanelli

Why does Llanelli have to have an MP when they don't have a hospital?

BCW-9056 / [REDACTED] / Caldicot

The removal of 8 parliamentary constituencies from Wales and 2 from Scotland, while adding 10 in England, seems very much like gerrymandering. The voice of the people of Wales and Scotland will be diminished further, in what is already an England-centric institution.

Moving my own town, Caldicot from Newport East, into Monmouthshire seems a pointless exercise, with no obvious merit.

BCW-9057 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

The Bridgend map should be Bridgend & Porthcawl mixed with Ogmore. We should not be split. The east of Bridgend County has nothing to do with Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend Town should not be mixed with other places in RCT. If you made the two constituencies within Bridgend County as one that would be a better fit. You would still lose one MP.

BCW-9058 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I have lived in Bangor for 6 years and feel a strong connection with Arfon and the rest of Gwynedd. So putting Bangor city centre in the same constituency as Llandudno, Llanrwst and Betws-y-Coed makes no sense because the demographics are completely different and traditionally they are politically different. This suggestion would make the constituency extremely difficult to be represented by a single party.

Also I do not feel that creating a divide within the city and community of Bangor is helpful for 'cohesion' throughout the community, since clear divisions already exist in the community and dividing these wards between 2 different constituencies would only highlight these divisions.

It also makes a lot more sense to create a new constituency in one local authority rather than create a constituency that includes 95% of the county and placing the other 5% in a constituency in a different county.

I therefore suggest that Gwynedd remains a single complete constituency that includes the communities of Bangor and Bethesda. And that the Aberconwy constituency begins at the border between the local authorities of Gwynedd and Conwy

BCW-9059 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon

I don't believe making large constituencies even larger is going to help.

Many people believe politicians are out of touch with their constituencies so making one larger is just going to make the issue worse.

If anything thus constituency should shrink somewhat with a proportionate growth elsewhere to accommodate the guidance on sizes.

Equally sized areas would provide a better opportunity for better quality politics at ground level

BCW-9060 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

How can it be valid to propose any changes or indeed to seek comments when nowhere attached to these wonderful maps can I find the justification or reasoning behind any of the changes. If it is to reduce Welsh representation in Westminster then the changes should ensure that they do not alter the voting proportions for each party in each area. If they do not do this and are therefore likely to give favour to or are perceived to give an advantage to any one party, then the changes, though not illegal, demonstrate a totally undemocratic or fair system. If that is the case then the boundary commission for Wales is clearly just a puppet of the Westminster government and should be investigated fully and its members be banned from any public office until such matters have been resolved. If that is not the case then I hope that the historic and projected voting demographics can be published for all to see before any changes are considered further. We the public, who you are servile to, deserve and should have fully transparent information regarding anything which effects the very democracy that previous generations fought for.

BCW-9061 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe

Pontardawe has substantially closer economic, educational and social connections with Swansea, Neath and Clydach, than it does with Brecon.

BCW-9062 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

Absolutely appalling idea, splitting up long established communities. The area is far too large for there to be adequate representation. This must not go ahead. I feel totally disenfranchised by this change of constituency boundary. Dreadful.

BCW-9063 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

I cannot understand how Alltwen and Pontardawe can possibly be moved to the Brecon constituency. It is totally different in local ties and geographics as stated in your case as reasons for moving the area. We have an industrial heritage and are geographically and economically different to Brecon and Radnorshire. To move Alltwen and Pontardawe to such an area is not in anybody's best interests and the reasons given (quoted below) need to be readdressed in a logistics and sensible manner. I would like a response to this objection with supporting reasons. Thank you.

"As far as possible, we try to have regard to local ties, geographic factors, local government boundaries (as they were known at 1 December 2020), existing constituencies, and minimising disruption caused by proposed changes".

BCW-9064 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

Dividing Bangor between two constituencies is ridiculous to say the least. It would create unnecessary disruption and confusion.

There is no need to change the constituency and it should remain as it is.

BCW-9065 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

Sounds good to me, but then anything sounds better than being in NPT who take an extortionate amount of council tax and give nothing back. Pontardawe should have stayed under Swansea at the last change, it's not called Swansea Valley for nothing.

BCW-9066 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe

Moving Pontardawe and the surrounding villages to Brecon and Radnor makes no sense and shows little regard for the local ties to Neath and the surrounding valley. Pontardawe is a former industrial town, with strong industrial links to both the lower Swansea valley and Neath. Grouping Pontardawe with a predominately rural, farming area is nonsensical. Geographically and historically there are no similarities or links to villages in Brecon and neither are there similarities in regards to traditional voting opinions. Pontardawe has traditionally been a Labour strong hold, as has a number of surrounding villages - due in large part to the industrial working class demographic - this does not align with the proposed new boundaries' tradition.

BCW-9067 / [REDACTED] / Bala

This latest attempt at cooking voting demographics and marginalising the civic nationalist vote in West Wales is transparent and disgusting.

We will resist, in every possible peaceful means. And, further, the Scots can look on with great interest at what 'political union' actually spells for them, 30-years hence.

BCW-9068 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Absolutely ridiculous to have Pontyclun and surrounding villages 'bundled' into Cardiff West. I don't understand the logic in this whatsoever and feel aggrieved that we will not be looked after and will always play second fiddle to the capital Cardiff.

Yours disappointingly

[REDACTED]

BCW-9069 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Pontyclun and Miskin should not come under Cardiff West. It's an insult the local community be honest.

BCW-9070 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

This boundary is absolutely ridiculous. Llanharry is nowhere near the Rhondda. Our needs and concerns are very different and so we will not be properly represented by this constituency boundary change.

BCW-9071 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

How utterly ridiculous to place our property which is in Rhondda Cynon Taf in CARDIFF West. I do not feel we will be properly represented on issues affecting us with a complete lack of understanding of life in the valleys and outside of the city. This needs to be reconsidered

BCW-9072 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

It is my opinion that talbot green should remain grouped with pontyclun.

We are neighbors connected by a shared school. I can walk to pontyclun train station within ten minutes. However pontypridd is a 25 minute drive.

I believe you are going to upset a shared dynamic, a community spirit that has taken years to create, would be washed away by this change. I understand that things need to be amended. However, I would ask that you look at and do what makes sense.

Miskin, pontyclun, talbot green and llantrisant, would be better served remaining together under the move. It is my belief that from beddau onwards makes sense to go under pontypridd. As geographically speaking that makes Sense, and won't upset a tight knit community.

BCW-9073 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Miskin / Pontyclun cannot fall under Cardiff West, it's not even remotely close

BCW-9074/ [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

We cannot be grouped away from our local secondary school being Y Pant. We must remain with this. It's not logical that there are non catchment areas to the school that remain with it based on the new map but we lose it. Please reconsider this. We are no where near Cardiff to be called Cardiff.

BCW-9075 / [REDACTED] / Talbot Green

We are a tight-knit community in Llantrisant, Talbot Green, Pontyclun and the surrounding areas. We were already split into two constituencies and the proposed plans see our area now split into three. This is divisive and means that the political representation in our area is difficult, and will now get worse. E.g. [REDACTED] 10mins walk away, which is in a different constituency. I volunteer with a nearby group and we have accessed the MP for that constituency, but she is not my MP as I am just within Ogmore. MPs are only meant to support people within their constituency -

The perspectives of people living in Pontyclun will not be prioritised by an MP in Cardiff West - Pontyclun is not in Cardiff.

It seems unbelievable that our area will be carved up like this. Please reconsider the impact this will have on our area and our representation.

BCW-9076 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I live in Pontyclun which is proposed to move into the Cardiff West constituency. Pontyclun is in RCT and not Cardiff - so please align the Cardiff West boundary with the county border, as otherwise Pontyclun will not be headed or cared for by any Cardiff based MP

BCW-9077 / [REDACTED] / Denbigh

Changing the boundaries will only consolidate power in the hands of those in power. The only way for effective change is to make every individual vote count, bring in PR as soon as possible.

BCW-9078 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Pontyclun should be part of Pontypridd or Rhonda. We are not Cardiff and have different issues than Cardiff. We are physically separated from Cardiff. Our local amenities are separated from Cardiff. We do not want to be paying more council tax and receive less provision. We don't want to become another area thought to be Cardiff as has Penarth who face issues regarding public transport and local GP.

BCW-9079 / [REDACTED] / Cardigan

I would like to voice my dismay about your proposal to change boundaries. I cannot see how this will improve services which are already struggling.

More importantly, the cost will be huge with all the rebranding required, this is not a priority at the present time particularly as we are still reeling from the effects of the pandemic. IT IS A COMPLETE WASTE OF MONEY!!!

Furthermore, I believe it will cause great confusion changing areas that have historically come under Pembrokeshire and putting them in Ceredigion!!!

BCW-9080 / [REDACTED] / Pembrokeshire

Pembrokeshire is unique and known all over the world as a holiday destination, to change this is folly and will cost an enormous amount of money for no clear end.

BCW-9081 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

It seems very strange that our MP is proposed to be Cardiff West yet we do have RCT Councillors... will that not mean that our voices are less heard....? The border areas are often least visited, attended, canvassed and as such their population become the unheard and the ignored....

BCW-9082 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I am extremely concerned that the number of MPs representing Wales is being reduced by 20%, it does not feel fair in comparison with other parts of the UK.

Looking at the forthcoming changes it seems that Bangor will be divided between two constituencies. Is this a usual occurrence? Are towns such as Conwy, Wrexham, Cardiff, Swansea, Aberystwyth placed into single constituencies or are they divided between two or three?

BCW-9083 / [REDACTED] / Tredegar

As these changes are being mandated by London could this be the opportunity for us in Wales to review the amount of councils we have, I live in Bleanau Gwent one of the poorest parts of the UK and yet we have to pay one of or perhaps even the highest council tax in the UK, now if that equates to fairness I am at a loss to how it can be explained. So before the new boundaries are set could you consider getting rid of Bleanau Gwent as a council area amalgamate with the surrounding councils and save everyone a fortune and that includes the Welsh Assembly.

BCW-9084 / [REDACTED] / Dyfed

I would like to know what NHS Health Board we would be with. Would the Council House's, Council tax and all Council Service's come under Ceredigion and not Pembrokeshire.

BCW-9085 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

How will this affect the catchment area for Y Pant secondary school? Having this local area divided into 3 constituencies is concerning.

BCW-9086 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Sorry I think this is totally wrong & people should be notified by post to have their change to vote against or for this
I do not believe that putting Talbot green village in to Cardiff west is the best thing to do
Let the people who this affects have a vote on it

BCW-9087 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I don't understand how Pontyclun can be joined with St Fagans and Ely, as Cardiff West. We are under a separate local authority and, therefore, have separate council tax bands and rightly so. All the other areas under this proposition are within the Cardiff local authority and so their rates are higher because of this. If rates are calculated based on these new areas, then I'm angry that we in Pontyclun/Miskin will end up with the same rates but none of the same benefits. Reason being, local authorities manage their own budgets and what they offer to residents.

Also, I used to live in the Cardiff West area, I. E. Ely, before moving out to Miskin. I moved because I wanted to get away from the area and its associations, but now I'm being forced under this new proposition to go back. This is an outrage!

BCW-9088 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I approve of the re-allocation of the pontyclun and Miskin area from Pontypridd to Cardiff West. I feel this better represents the local ties the community has. Although this means the constituency is misaligned with the local authority boundaries. The area of Miskin and pontyclun I feel is in a position that is lost on isolated periphery of RCT and as such many residents feel that it should be moved to the Cardiff or Vale of Glamorgan local authority area in any case as better represent their ties and local activity.

BCW-9089 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

Am unclear as to why these changes are being made - why the threshold of number of constituents has been raised - and applies to both England and Wales, where the overall population sizes are vastly different.

It seems a deliberate move to reduce the number of MPs in Wales and to quieten our voice in Westminster. I cannot see another reason as to why this has been mandated.

BCW-9090 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

My local GP surgery is Llanharan. They also have a sister surgery in Pencoed medical centre.

If this proposal goes ahead what happens to the surgeries. As Pencoed sister surgery does things that are not available on Llanharan due to specialist medical services and also due to Covid your went to a specific surgery atm.

I am disabled and chronically ill. I am at the doctors at least twice a month and on the phone to them weekly. Its going to put extra pressure on hospitals and A&E and AMBU if this proposal goes ahead. There at breaking point as it is.

I had to travel to Prince Charles hospital merthyr as out of hours emergency this week as specialist service not available at RGH Llantrisant. They are at breaking point too. Waiting times are up to 10 hours for emergency. And local surgery isn't equipped for influx on capacity.

BCW-9091 / [REDACTED] / Llanharry

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to comment. As a resident in Llanharry, I don't feel the interests of Rhondda, the constituency we'd be moved to, are shared by us in the same way as those in The Vale, or Cardiff West, or Pontypridd. We are on the border of the four constituencies and, as a village directly on the M4, we would have different priorities and issues to those in the Rhondda itself. Perhaps, for example, where we are likely to look to our MP for support with over development, traffic, and are able to easily access hospitals in Cardiff and Bridgend, those living even a little further North are likely to have more concern over lack of access to Cardiff and the facilities we already have along with greater concern regarding under development. Any MP would, I believe, find our issues more closely aligned to those across their area if we shifted into a different neighbouring constituency.

BCW-9092 / [REDACTED] / Cardigan

I disagree with this proposal. The new Ceredigion Preseli constituency is far too big and diverse. I fear that all funding will be swallowed up by Aberystwyth. A large town far far away from where I live.

I can't see any benefit only lots of disadvantages.

Please leave Pembrokeshire as it is.

BCW-9093 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I think it is ridiculous that my area is classed within the Cardiff West constituency and served by a different MP when I live [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which will remain in the Pontypridd constituency.

If in future these boundaries are used for catchment areas for schools then the children living in Pant y Dderwen, Pontyclun would fall outside the catchment area for Y Pant even though they are the children living the closest!

Given the community around me will be served by a different MP this could mean that my vote may not count in my local area as the MP elected in my constituency may differ substantially to that of the area around me.

The shopping area I use most and walk to is Talbot Green and this too would fall in a different constituency, I feel that my vote will now have less impact on the area around me and believe that the constituency change proposed may discourage people from voting. Trying to increase the turnout of voters is something that has been forefront over recent years, particularly reducing the voting age to encourage this, I feel that this proposed change would have a detrimental impact on the turnout of voters in this area.

These proposed changes also mean we will have an MS constituency of Pontypridd therefore we'll have RCT, MS Pontypridd and a Cardiff West MP for my local area and I believe that this mix will have a detrimental impact on our mean representation and services.

I think the proposed changes will mean my area and will fall through the cracks as an area in between nowhere in particular at all.

It would be a more fitting boundary to use the A4119 road as the actual boundary and leave Miskin, Pontyclun and Brynsadler within the Pontypridd constituency.

BCW-9094 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

NO! What a joke, how on Earth is Pontyclun Part of Cardiff!

This is English oppression at its finest, reducing our voice! Nothing but modern age [REDACTED] against the welsh!

BCW-9095 / [REDACTED] / Neath

This is absolutely ridiculous, originally we were in Neath, then it was switched to aberavon, now we are joined with Porthcawl. I have no wish to be part of aberavon/Porthcawl and would like to be part of the boundary covering Neath itself.

BCW-9096 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I can't believe you. Pontyclun has never associated itself with cardiff or cardiff west! You're destroying Wales, Welsh communities and it's people - shame on you!

BCW-9097/ [REDACTED] Tenby

From: [REDACTED] >
 Sent: 16 September 2021 10:45
 To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
 Subject: Proposed changes in electoral boundaries: Pembrokeshire

I would like to add my support to the proposed electoral boundary changes that will affect Pembrokeshire. I feel that the creation of the proposed new Mid and South Pembrokeshire constituency makes sense. Removing Carmarthen West would be a good move. It would allow the MP to focus on a more compact area and perhaps be more effective all round.

[REDACTED]
 Tenby

BCW-9098 / [REDACTED] / Bethesda

I am a native of Bethesda, I work in Carnarfon, I do most of my shopping in Bangor (where I was born), all in the current Arfon constituency. Though I feel a connection with the Welsh speaking rural areas to the south and east (in the Conwy and Lledr valleys, which my community would join in the new constituency of Aberconwy) I feel much more connected to the former slate mining areas to the West (they are my people, I'm from Arfon not Aberconwy).

I have no real affinity with the coastal conurbation to the north-east of the new constituency, namely Llandudno, Llandudno Junction etc. These places, though not foreign to me, make me feel foreign when visiting them. There, I struggle to hear and speak my native language on the streets and in the shops. The conversations I hear there are not concerned with my experiences and the issues that affect me. I feel the purpose of these places is not for my benefit, but for the benefit of English tourists, retirees and those who serve them. Yet, the concentration of population in the north-east corner of "Aberconwy" will ensure that it is the views of THESE people and the issues affecting THIS area that will dominate the outcome of elections.

The issues I point out here also easily apply to people throughout the rural hinterland of the North Wales coastal strip. The way the constituencies are marked out with a populous Anglo-centric north dominating a more sparsely populated rural Welsh speaking south, is frankly a missed opportunity to better enfranchise and represent the different communities hereabouts.

A fairer and more imaginative reorganisation could easily have been devised if the axis of the communities was west to east (horizontal) rather than north to south (vertical). Thus, the communities of the coastal strip from Llandudno through to Prestatyn, having much in common, would be fairly represented. Also the rural interior respectively, with its market towns like Conwy, Llanrwst, Rhuddlan, Denbigh, Ruthin, Corwen etc, and their associated surrounding villages and farming communities would be enfranchised in a way that more accurately reflects their nature.

The way these proposed boundary changes have been drawn is in my opinion lazy and unimaginative, and serves only to criminally perpetuate the disenfranchisement of a vast tract of rural north Wales for the benefit of an element that seeks to marginalise it, and to minimise the cultural distinctiveness of its people.

Please, for the good of democracy, reconsider.

BCW-9099 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

Leave constituencies as they are. It's not that long since this area changed from Clwyd to Wreccsam, and some people/companies still refer to it as such. Why should Wales have reduced numbers of MPs, and England gain in numbers, making it even more difficult for Wales to have a voice in Westminster, and mixing areas where Tory voters are more prominent with labour areas. As if it's not obvious what is happening!!! Stop confusing and blurring the lines, carry on and Westminster will reduce Wales'voice so much we will be heading back to the middle ages!!!

BCW-9100 / [REDACTED] / Dyffryn Ardudwy

I consider that Dwyfor Meirionydd, already a large constituency physically, would be deeply damaged by being even larger. The physical size and nature of the constituency - Snowdonia not being noted for easy access or concentrations of population - already make life difficult. Increasing its size would only magnify the issues.

Our current MP, Liz Savile Roberts, manages to hold surgeries and have her feet on the ground just about enough as it is. These specific changes (which in my view almost amount to gerrymandering, given that they are likely to reduce the number of opposition Plaid Cymru MPs by one at Westminster) might work in an area of high population density, but here ... no.

BCW-9101 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Please do not lump Pontyclun in with Cardiff. We are Rhondda Cynon Taff and should be represented by an MP with a Rhondda Cynon Taff constituency.

Is this is an idiotic attempt to begin the process of expanding the Cardiff boundary in to Rhondda Cynon Taff?

Please don't do it!

BCW-9102/ [REDACTED] / Pembrokeshire

From: [REDACTED] >
 Sent: 16 September 2021 13:40
 To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
 Subject: Pembrokeshire

I am protesting about the changes to the boundaries in Wales. I really dont see the need, I moved back to Pembrokeshire from Cardigan because its my home county, we really need to keep boundaries as they are, think of the millions its going to cost, it could be spent on homes education the elderly anything rather than rebranding.

Please keep them as they are its not worth the money.

Your sincerely

[REDACTED]
 Pembs householder

BCW-9103 / [REDACTED] / Llanbryn-mair

Creating a constituency that stretches from Machynlleth to the outskirts of Wrexham is completely inappropriate. These areas have nothing in common and you must travel through England to get from one part of the constituency to the other.

It would be much more fitting to consider creating a Powys constituency and to place areas such as the Dyfi Valley with Ceredigion, some of the communities in the Crickhowell area with Monmouth, and the Ystradgynlais area with the Swansea Valley, in order to achieve the relevant population threshold. That would at least be appropriate for the County and would allow communities on the margins to unite with similar neighbouring constituencies

BCW-9104 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

If you merged Bridgend & Porthcawl with Ogmore that would make more sense as the area is all in Bridgend County. The split shown here is breaking areas away from the borough and will be very confusing

BCW-9105 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

Ridiculous. We're miles from Montgomery and can walk to Wrexham. More [REDACTED] from the increasingly pointless senedd!

BCW-9106 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

These boundaries are ridiculous. As someone who lives in Tyla Garw (part of Pontyclun) it is very silly that Tyla Garw will be part of the Rhonda constituency. Tyla Garw residents' town centre is that of Pontyclun, closely followed by that of Talbot Green and definitely is not that of Tonyrefail or Tonypany which are significantly further afield. I feel that the proposed changes mean that residents of Tyla Garw will not have a say on local issues as Pontyclun is in a different constituency despite being less than 500 metres away. The same can be said for the new boundary separating Pontyclun and Talbot Green.

BCW-9107 / [REDACTED] Pontyclun

I feel the council taxation differences for local business could cripple many established in the local area. A lower valleys town being assumed to be a part of the capitol city, despite being 12 miles out and in a semi rural location is a contradiction.

BCW-9108 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Pontyclun has closer ties with RCT and Pontypridd rather than with Cardiff. It is wrong to separate us from our local areas.

BCW-9109 / [REDACTED] / Clunderwen

St David's and the rest of North Pembrokeshire being part of the same area as Aberystwyth is ridiculous. Living in Maenclochog we have much more in common with north Pembrokeshire than south and it seems obvious we should be part of the same area.

BCW-9110 / [REDACTED] / Haverfordwest

Gerrymandering at it's finest. I do not agree with this change. Wales is already underrepresented and will be even more so now.

BCW-9111 / [REDACTED] Pontyclun

Talgarn, Llanharry, Brynsadler, Pontyclun, Miskin, Talbot Green & Llantrisant are very much one of the same community. This is felt throughout all these villages/towns, and the people that live there are so tightly knit. Splitting them up into different constituencies does not make sense as they may be called different names but, as mentioned before, they are the same community all tied together and really could just be known by one name.

BCW-9112/ [REDACTED] Carmarthen

I understand that the areas are clustered by local councillor election areas, and I think this makes sense.

But one thing seems peculiar to me. Llangunnor Nantycaws etc counts itself in the people of Carmarthen. However they are in the Llanelli area in the order of the election? Is it possible either

1. Move areas for people to identify with others (calling parts of rural Carmarthen that see the town through its windows in Llanelli makes common sense). In my opinion an area of some miles around Carmarthen town should be part of the town election.

2. Another option would be to rename the 2 areas as 'North Carmarthenshire' and 'South Carmarthenshire'

As one who currently lives west of the town and in the Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire constituency, it is with great joy that we now belong to Carmarthenshire once again!

BCW-9113 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

I believe the Bridgend constituency should follow closely with road and geographical features and encapsulate the entirety of Bridgend town, ending at the roundabout going towards Porthcawl and Pyle.

BCW-9114/ [REDACTED] / Port Talbot

Trying to ignore the fact that this is an obvious power grab, reducing the number of Welsh voices in parliament and therefore reducing the number of MPs who are not Conservative.

It's absolutely insane to be that my postal address is 'Neath Port Talbot', my hospital Trust is Swansea Bay and yet my new voting boundary would separate Port Talbot from both Neath and Swansea.

BCW-9115 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare

Who ever outlined these boundaries obviously does not know the demography of our valley. How can you put Cwmaman, Aberaman in the same area as Beddau and Rhondda? The top end of our valley has now become Merthyr! Someone has done an extremely good job at wiping the Cynon Valley off the map completely. First of all we went from Mid Glamorgan to RCT and now it's just going to be RT. YET AGAIN THE CYNON VALLEY LOOSED OUT TO RHONDDA, PONTY AND MERTHYR

THANKS FOR THAT!

BCW-9116 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

I understand that constituency boundaries are reviewed to ensure that the workload for any given MP is not too onerous, however, on the face of it, these boundaries look as gerrymandered as Republican Districts in America frequently are.

What assurances can you give that the constituencies are not only numerically similar but also still represent voting patterns of the electorate in each of them?

BCW-9117 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

I do not think it is right that Bridgend should be split, part of the County Borough being part of Aberavon. Bridgend and its constituent wards should be represented by one MP.

BCW-9118 / [REDACTED] / Llandudno

I am a constituent in Aberconwy and am extremely concerned about the long-term impact of these boundary changes. The decision is short-sighted and not welcome here in Wales. We are already short of representation within the Union - history has shown that using population alone as the sole criteria for representation is misled. If the aim of the UK government is to build trust with the Welsh people, taking away 8 MPs would only be justifiable with the devolution of further powers to the Welsh Government, including policing and broadcasting, as recommended years ago by the Silk Commission and every single independent study on Devolution since its inception. The UK Government's continued wilful ignorance of these recommendations and consistent misinterpretation of the political environment here in Wales keeps undermining their position. The current changes are widely seen as anti-democratic, regressive and undermine the integrity of the union. This will only rally the already substantial independence movement and serve to further fray the already-strained relations between Westminster and the Welsh Government.

BCW-9119 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

I would like to register my opposition to the proposed amalgamation of Alltwn into the Brecon and Radnor constituency.

Accessibility to Constituency Office

Brecon and Radnor constituency is already a large rural constituency and my Ward is not rural but post Industrial in character. Alltwn is approximately four miles from Neath town centre and I have always looked to Neath as the focus of my community. There is a regular bus service and cycle track to Neath where my current MP's Constituency office is based. All of my past MPs' offices have been based in Neath. To access the proposed MP's Constituency office in Brecon would mean a minimum of one hour's drive across the Beacons which in winter can be daunting due to the high altitude of the Beacons and inclement weather. Bus travel takes a minimum of 1hr 20 minutes from Neath to Brecon. Poorer families, young adults or elderly people might not have a car and therefore access to a MP and democracy would be drastically diminished.

Global warning

With global warning the distances involved in travelling across an enormous area of Wales- Brecon and Radnor constituency for meetings with the MP if needed, will lead to a greater increase in carbon emissions.

Constituency events

Constituency events in the proposed new Constituency would be difficult to attend since a car journey of 2.5 hours would be required one way to attend an event in the northernmost part of the Constituency. In Neath, all constituency events can be accessed by a maximum of 1/2 hour travel. Younger voters are encouraged to participate in these events yet travelling greater distances to events would put younger people off. Many young voters do not possess cars or cannot afford the fuel to run them for long distances .

River Boundaries

The boundaries, it is claimed have been influenced by rivers. The river Tawe, flows through Pontardawe, and the Alltwen ward is on the east (Neath) side of the river. There are very few houses on the east (Neath) side of the river in the Swansea Valley apart from the neighbouring village of Rhos in the new proposed constituency.

Church and Spiritual life

I play an active part in Church life in Alltwen which is in the parish of Cilybebyll. My parish is at the furthest most point of the Llandaff Diocese and the demarcation point is the Tawe river. Pontardawe is within the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon.

With the introduction of Ministry Areas in January 2022 , my Ministry Area team leader will be based in St Catwg's Church, Cadoxton, Neath, my Rural Dean will be based in St John's Church, Skewen, Neath.

With the introduction of the proposed new boundaries if there are queries with my Church I will need to visit my MP in Brecon, out of our Diocese. My current MP regularly attends Church services weekly in Neath; with the distances involved in covering the proposed new constituency, the MP in Brecon will have vast distances to cover and will probably never attend a service or a Church event in my small village . It will be impossible for her to have a grasp of the spiritual life of my small community. In the past, our MPs have attended our Church's Christmas Fayres and other events. This provided a good opportunity for both the MP and the constituents of Neath to meet.

Community spirit

There will no longer be a community spirit linked to our MP since she will live and work miles away. I didn't choose to live in a rural constituency when we purchased our house.

There is an inherent post industrial urban Welsh culture in our village of Alltwen which will be lost with the amalgamation into the vast rural constituency of Brecon and Radnor which is dominated by farming.

Soroptimist International

I have been a member of Soroptimist International Neath for over twenty five years and we meet, as a Club, every two weeks on a Monday night in Neath. We are asked to lobby regularly our MP on matters pertaining to women. With several of the forty members living out of the new proposed constituency of Swansea East and Neath, the close contact and relationship with our MP will be diminished.

Trustee of the Friends of Neath Abbey Iron Company

I am a Trustee of the Friends of Neath Abbey Iron Company and volunteer at the Neath Abbey Ironworks site every Sunday afternoon. When applying for grants, in the past, we have contacted the MP and she has supported our grant applications. She has visited the site regularly to support us. This will be more difficult since the Neath Abbey Ironworks site will be in Swansea East and Neath and I as a trustee will be resident in Brecon and Radnor constituency.

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It has recently been made clear on Face Book , under Local Neath matters, that our MP will only represent the constituents living in her constituency so rather than travelling four miles to Neath we will have to travel to Brecon to the constituency

office or depending on the urgency of the matter, the next constituency surgery which could be up to two and a half hours drive away.

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BCW-9120 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

Proposals for boundary changes in Wales

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BCW-9121 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I have read the proposed boundary changes for [REDACTED] y I am represented in. for the Westminster

I have lived in my house since 1981. I have been part of the community even longer. Throughout this time, Brynsadler has been on the margins. Sometimes I am in one place and sometimes somewhere else but I haven't moved. The proposed boundary changes would mean I am in Rhondda-Cynon-Taff unitary authority, in the Senedd constituency of Pontypridd, and under the proposal I would be on the fringes of Cardiff West.

This proposal ensures my area will be on the margins. Cardiff West expands to Ely and elsewhere, which have their own issues and with more people it seems likely my area wouldn't get the voice like others as we are split in different directions.

We have a close connection to Talbot Green and Llantrisant, more than Ely. I understand the need for change but not at all costs. My area of Brynsadler and Pontyclun can remain together within the new limits under the Pontypridd constituency. It would mean we're represented at the Senedd and Westminster in the same area. More boundaries means it is difficult to know who is doing what for who for my area. It makes more sense, and within the brief, for this to happen on a tangible basis.

Now, I have little to no affinity to Cardiff West. I do go to town for shopping occasionally but that's about it. I doubt the Cardiff West MP would care about my area as we're right on the edge and have little in common with the rest of Cardiff West. Cardiff is not where we are. Pontypridd may not be on my doorstep but it has similar issues as is much closer. It would make more sense to remain in the Pontypridd constituency.

I am concerned that it makes voting too complicated and thus will mean fewer people voting which is a problem. People's voices need to be heard and this seems likely to make this less achievable.

I would urge a rethink because it makes sense to me and if you talk to others in the community it will likely wield a similar reply that Pontyclun and Brynsadler remain in the Pontypridd constituency and not be part of some experiment for people far away. Our votes matter and this proposal erodes our voice.

BCW-9122 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I proudly live in RCT which is not and never will be a part of Cardiff. I can walk to Talbot Green and Llantrisant but cannot walk to Cardiff - I've never heard of such a ridiculous notion.

BCW-9123 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Putting Pontyclun in the Cardiff West constituency does not make sense, it does not tie in with the local government boundary in any way or County geography. It would be a very difficult for one representative to have an impact across such a mixed up area and make sense of liaison arrangements with other authorities on the area.

BCW-9124 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Its totally rediculas that potyclun is going to cardiff. Just leave us as we are.

BCW-9125 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Absolutely ridiculous recommendation.

BCW-9126 / [REDACTED] / Penarth

Yep!...I would wish for fairness with a more similar number of constituents per constituency...ie. Midpoint of 69,000 and 77,000 with a smaller tolerance...maybe the smaller numbers being in cities and centres of population, the larger number of constituents being rural constituents ...and the same for England.

The fact that wales has a coalition based on their own algorithm means there will always be a coalition government....please can we have that in England too....

Actually, I'm not worried how you change the boundaries..... until a coalition is not formed ... then what?

BCW-9127 / [REDACTED] / Goodwick

I am very much against this change to the constituency boundaries. It would be too large and area for 1 mp to cover and pembrokehire already struggles to get heard never mind if it also covers Ceredigion.

BCW-9128 / [REDACTED] / Haverfordwest

The proposed area is too large to be effectively represented.
Should this proposal go through then the number of MS (Welsh assembly members) should be reflected with an increase in number to effectively represent the public.

BCW-9129 / [REDACTED] / Holywell

Why are we wasting money on re drawing boundaries. More important things to spend money on. Saving the world would be a good start. Kee9 the U .C uplift so people are not plunged into poverty. Making roads safer. Sorting out the diabolical state of the NHS and social care would be another good idea.

I feel through my personal experience that always the elderly sick and disabled are left suffering. In a society that treats people who have committed crimes or have made illegal settlement in this country are treated much better than the old and disabled. If everyone was treated as equal you would gain more votes. If any money left encourage business to use the high street. Holywell has gone from a thriving market town to a ghost town in less than 30 years no one is bothered all mold .flint and connah's quay.

BCW-9130/ [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

What an absolute joke! The boundaries do not need to change. What a waste of time and money, and all to give Wales less of a say in Westminster. This makes our constituency enormous. The geographical area is huge. How could a representative truly know the area which such a large constituency?

BCW-9131 / [REDACTED] / Llandysul

It is completely unacceptable to have one single MP covering such a wide area. Wales currently has no voice in Westminster and this makes the situation worse.

BCW-9132/ [REDACTED] / Bwlchgwyn

Hello, why is my home in a very rural area being linked as having similar a environment to shotwick?

There are no public transport links for constituents to visit their proposed local office. How many buses from Bwlchgwyn to Wrexham then Wrexham to queensferry? Could you even do that journey in a day let alone return journey?

BCW-9133/ [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

This change divides the wider area of Llantrisant/Pontyclun which is one community into 4. Miskin is not part of Cardiff, and has never been considered part of it. Including it in Cardiff West will be to the detriment of people in this community who will be represented by an MP largely focused on a city area

BCW-9134 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Talbot Green = pontypridd
 Pontyclun = Cardiff West
 Llanharan Rhondda..

These boundaries seem very silly and for someone who has lived in Brynsadler her entire life it is disappointing to see that we are being considered as Cardiff West. This takes away the history and the link to RCT, Rhondda. Will it increase costs if included as Cardiff.

BCW-9135 / [REDACTED] / Newport

Seems like a good idea to even out the size of each area.

BCW-9136 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

It seems impractical that Miskin will be part of Cardiff West. We are part of Pontyclun yet will be in a completely different constituency. How on earth will this work when we want to contact our MS about wider community issues. Do we have to complain to two? Or to an MS that is not our representative? Keep Talbot Green, Pontyclun, Miskin and Llantrisant as the same constituency. Separating them is impractical and confusing.

BCW-9137 / [REDACTED] / Neath

An absolute waste of time, money and resources; particularly whilst still in the biggest pandemic in modern history. Just so the Tories can fudge the boundaries, scrimp on council budgets and stack future general elections in their favour. And we are just going to sit here and accept it? We need consultations for Welsh independence immediately. A 20% reduction in Welsh representation in the halls of Westminster does not bode well for Wales' future autonomy within the archaic Kingdom of England and Neighbouring Occupied Territories.

Not to mention that it is ridiculous that it is proposed that the town in which I live in a suburb of will now be in a totally separate constituency to the suburb in which I live. Whoever thought this up clearly has no interest in the future of Wales.

BCW-9138 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

I object to the proposed change to include Broadlands as part of Abrabon constituency. I have a [REDACTED] postcode and as such consider myself resident of Bridgend town.

This division does not make sense geographically to me.

The cynic in me believes this is a deliberate conservative ploy to attempt to sway Aberavon from staunchly labour to conservative by including broadlands.

BCW-9139 / [REDACTED] / Miskin

Wales is a minority country and it needs representation to continue with 40 not 32 MPs. To do anything to decrease representation within Wales is undemocratic and discriminatory.

BCW-9140 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I moved out of Cardiff when I had children it was a conscious decision. I know as a teacher that places for schools are hard to come by and I wanted a smaller community that offered facilities for example buses for welsh school. The history of the area is very much linked with Rhondda and the hospital in Llantrisant serves this community so we are potentially going to fill in places in the Heath or Cardiff overfilled hospitals ? Llantrisant is so linked with pontyclun in Hospital's culture education and sport. What would happen to the welsh school in Llanharry for example the primary school on Miskin ? The rubbish system is far superior in R C T and managed well what would happen on bin days recycling and the local tip in Llantrisant non of this would've available not to mention the mess to education and social services here with Cardiff's system? What would happen to our surgeries our transport are not geared for links with Cardiff as they stand look and consider the geographic area. The history the links the area is too far from hospitals in Cardiff's already too full hospitals and then Llantrisant hospital would be empty. I use the sports leisure centre ponty lido I can't go swimming in Cardiff ? This is I'll thought out and culturally so different then do not identify with coming from Cardiff neither do my children. Pant is in pontyclun too so how would that work how would services like school matches links sharing if buses work ? How would library work the links that had as well as old peoples homes people from R C T ? How would this benefit the area in anyway ? The infrastructure is not geared towards Cardiff . From having lived in Cardiff this area is separate I'm so many ways it does not belong to a city.

BCW-9141 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

To propose that we are put in the same constituency as Alyn and Deeside is absolutely ludicrous. This is a rural area and has absolutely nothing in common with Alyn and Deeside. We are neglected enough being on the edge of both Wrexham and Denbighshire but to put us into the proposed new constituency reveals a total lack of knowledge and understanding about the area. We should be associated with either Clwyd South, as we are, or with Wrexham.

BCW-9142 / [REDACTED] / Pembrokeshire

DONT YOU DARE PUT CILGERRAN INTO MONEY GRABBING RATES WASTING CEREDIGION COUNCIL. We don't want to be in their highest rate paying area just because we have the castle and wildlife park which they have been trying to steal from pembrokeshire for years . How Very Dare You trying to go via the back door absolutely Disgusting

BCW-9143/ [REDACTED] / Hengoed

I would like to object to the proposed new constituencies. You have somehow managed to break up the Rhymney Valley - an area stretching approximately 15 miles - in to four separate constituencies. That is staggering. Our valley has proudly had its own identity for many years. As with most of the south Wales valleys, both the geography (river Rhymney) and transport links (train line and A469) of the valley run north to south, not east and west. Yet these proposals stretch in to areas that are greatly outside our historical boundaries.

As with the Rhondda Fach and Rhondda Fawr, to give two examples, we are a valley in our own right. Islwyn is also a separate, stand-alone valley, Although neighbouring, it is a different area with different social and geographic characteristics. The extremes of your proposals are so out-of-touch with historical, cultural and social factors. well aware to us who have spent our lives living here, but evidently not to those undertaking this work. Ystrad Mynach and Nelson effectively abutt each other - via Parc Penallta - yet Ystrad Mynach is in the same constituency as Risca, with Nelson in the same constituency as Rhigos. I urge you to please look again at the proposals concerning the Rhymney Valley.

I can accept proposals that maybe split the valley into north and south (with Llandbradach as the cutoff) but cannot see any logic or local empathy with breaking the valley up in to four separate areas, none of which acknowledge the existence of the Rhymney Valley.

BCW-9144 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

The annexing of Broadlands from Bridgend into Aberafan is ridiculous. It makes zero sense geographically when they is a very clear boundary at the end of the estate.

I object to being represented by an Aberafan politician who would have no interest in our area, represents an area with a completely different demographic and where I don't access any services within that area. My transport, healthcare and recreation is all provided in Bridgend town, I pay tax to BCBC and can walk to the very centre of this constituency in 10 mins.

I think the hand of whoever drew these lines must have slipped as I cannot fathom, unless you had never been to the area, why you would think Broadlands should be anything other than Bridgend as a constituency.

BCW-9145/ [REDACTED] / Pembrokeshire

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 September 2021 14:53

To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>

Subject: Boundaries we in Pembrokeshire have been through this many times , same thing north of Letterston goes to Ceredigion , south of that mostly English speakers goes to Pembs south ! Not for me thank you very happy with the status quo !

BCW-9146/ [REDACTED] / Miskin

How can pontyclun be put in a constituency with the west of Cardiff? Pontyclun, port Talbot and Llantrisant are the same community, and the boundary splits pontyclun from those places, along with the secondary school, which is just outside the village. This makes no sense.

BCW-9147 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I live in Llantrisant and believe Llantrisant and Talbot green should remain in the same constituency as Pontyclun and Miskin.

They utilise the same retail parks, the same school up until recently, (which again I do not agree with) the same train station (Pontyclun) as it's within walking distance

Where as from beddau on, people use treforest train station, treforest retail park, and therefore from beddau on it makes sense to put under pontypridd, and keep Llantrisant and Talbot green with Pontyclun and Miskin.

I believe this is what makes geographic sense. As you have to actually go through Talbot green to get to certain areas of Pontyclun, it is just off junction 34 and makes sense to be part of Cardiff west.

It is actually easier to get to Cardiff from Talbot green than pontypridd, so I ask that you do what makes sense.

BCW-9148 [REDACTED] / Porthcawl

The boundaries are too elongated, along the coast then up the Afan Valley. We haveno ties or links with these constituencies.

I fear that as with Bridgend BC we will be used to subsidise the valley constituency. I cannot see that the councillors of Neath and Port Talbot behaving any differently from Bridgend councillors.

Our town could be attractive to tourists with the right investments in infrastructure and facilities.

We have more links with the Vale of Glamorgan and their vision for the development of a coastal town resort.

BCW-9149 [REDACTED] / Wrexham

I think it would be very unfortunate and unhelpful for the essentially semi-urban, ex-industrial "villages" of the Rhos/Ruabon/Cefn area to be divorced politically from the Wrexham area of which they are physically and culturally part and become part of a sprawling rural constituency which will inevitably forever be a farming-Conservative constituency with zero chance of change of representation through the ballot-box. It amounts to disenfranchisement. The current Clwyd South constituency has a fair balance of likely potential electoral outcomes. The proposed new constituency would not be at all balanced. That is a form of gerrymandering and is grossly undemocratic. Creating patently obviously "safe seats" is not a morally acceptable outcome of this in any case politically dubious (not to say devious) review.

BCW-9150 / [REDACTED] / Rhyl

I think that splitting prestatyn and Rhyl is a bad move Delyn seems a massive area, I think this is all political,y motivated by a Labour government, of coarse Alyn Deeside has stayed smallish area Labour controlled and they mean to keep it that way, I'm at a loss as to these proposed area changes, Dyserth has always been with clwyd then denbighshire, again this is political rather than fair. So I think its will be a farce.

BCW-9151 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Under no circumstances do we wish to be under the Cardiff West classification. We moved out of Cardiff for many reasons and have been in RCT for 21 years. We are a semi rural area and believe that our needs are far different from those living in a city. Our child attends [REDACTED] school which will under a different MP and may be a conflict of interest.

We do not wish any increase in our Community Charge and will oppose this fiercely.

We will take any change into account when voting and any party that supported this change will not have our backing.

BCW-9152 / [REDACTED] / Llantrisant

Please don't separate Pontyclun from Talbot Green & Llantrisant - they are one area. Talbot Green is nearer to Cardiff than Pontyclun is so all should be included in the Cardiff West constituency with the boundary line being on the edge of Llantrisant (Brynteg), between Llantrisant and Beddau
Pontyclun Talbot Green and Llantrisant are one community and should not be diced up

BCW-9153 / [REDACTED] Crymych

Firstly, there is no option to respond as an individual, I am not a local councillor but there was no option that said resident in the proposed new constituency.
Secondly, my home has been moved from Pembrokeshire, still my County Council and predominantly Conservative, to Ceredigion, predominantly Plaid Cymru. Is this change to try and load the electoral roll towards a Conservative constituency in the future? Otherwise, I think it's a logical change that will better represent the needs of our rural community

BCW-9154 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

I think it is a massive disappointment that this change has even been suggested let alone got to this position. The people of Wales deserve for there voices to be heard just as much as any other person in the United Kingdom and this move puts us at a worse disadvantage than we already are. The split of MPs needs to be fair and equal without marginalising out communities. Reducing the number of Welsh MPs will make a for a growing support of Welsh independence.

BCW-9155 / [REDACTED] / Powys

We have far too many MPs or AMs I would like to see them reduced further than suggested.

BCW-9156 / [REDACTED] Bangor

Strongly disagree with Bangor being split between two constituencies, one of which covering a vast geographical area.

BCW-9157 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

This is a bad idea, it reduces the representation of wales and matters of importance to the people of wales in the parliament of the (UK). Any reduction of our say in how Policies effect wales is a bad thing.

BCW-9158 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare

Comisiwn Ffiniau i Gymru - Boundary Commission for Wales this is nothing more than gerrymandering and an assault on Wales and our democratic voice. The Tories are rigging the game in their favour and you're aiding them.

BCW-9159 / [REDACTED] / Lampeter

One MP covering a long linear county and Pembrokeshire is not going to be able to connect with constituents. There is not even a train line, and it would take 3 hours to drive top to bottom, Borth to St Davids - let alone any incursions inland.

BCW-9160 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

I do not believe that the Ceredigion - Preseli constituency will be a fair representation of Ceredigion's communities or those proposed to be merged into it. The demographics of the areas are significantly distinct, once you look beyond the superficial of rural and visual. There are different challenges faced by communities, such as housing, poverty, opportunities for education. The difference in Welsh speak on mg communities between these two areas is of an importance that cannot be stressed enough. Not only would the geography of the proposed new constituency make it difficult for an elected representative be exceedingly challenging; so would the competing challenges within the widened community.

BCW-9161 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

Seems a strange way to split Swansea, particularly for me living in St Thomas. I would be in a constituency with Neath, which is a different local authority. To me it would make more sense to maintain constituencies within local authority boundaries as far as possible, for example by combining Neath with areas towards Port Talbot, and keeping Swansea constituencies covering predominantly Swansea itself

BCW-9162 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

I am not happy with the proposal of joining with Pembrokeshire to create a larger constituent. I remember the last time we joined up with North Pembs and that did not get us very far!

If Ceredigion has to be joined up with part of Pembs then I would prefer it to be called 'Ceredigion and Preseli' and not 'Ceredigion Preseli' as proposed, this would distinguish both counties and retain their identities.

BCW-9163 / [REDACTED] / Neath

Totally disagree with the proposal to alter boundaries, this is a Conservative government way of changing the way the results of the voting process. Coming under Swansea will also increase our rates in Neath to pay for a council that will do nothing for Neath.

BCW-9164 / [REDACTED] / Ferryside

I have lived the greatest majority of my life in the village of Ferryside. My eldest son also lives in the village at our house. I was born in Carmarthen. Three of my four sons were born in Carmarthen when we lived in Ferryside. I completed my education in a Carmarthen secondary school as did my mother, her sister, my relatives and my peers.. I have always shopped in Carmarthen. I am surprised that a village with such long established links with the market town of Carmarthen as our closest town and has long come under the Carmarthen constituency should now be placed in Llanelli. It is far more aligned with the political values of Carmarthen. It should therefore stay in the Carmarthen east and Dinefwr constituency that it has long been part of.

BCW-9165 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I would be more than happy with the proposed change to Cardiff West

BCW-9166/ [REDACTED] / Bangor

Bangor is not in "Clwyd West", it is in Arfon. This is gerrymandering, this is ridiculous, and a blatant attempt by the Conservative government to rig things in their favour. I am strongly against these boundary changes.

BCW-9167 / [REDACTED] / Denbigh

The Clwyd constituency is missing a major town and a large portion of the vale of Clwyd. In general the constituencies on the North Wales Coast are not homogeneous combining areas that have little in common culturally, economically or socially. The insistence on constituencies that run north to south is wrong and seems solely based on historical prejudice.

BCW-9169 / [REDACTED] / Pembroke

Anything that focuses efforts rather than just adding politicians to fill seats and collect a cheque is a step in the right direction.

This should be applied to the senedd also, or better still scrap that waste of money, reform county councils and have closer ties with a reformed Westminster and Lords.

BCW-9170 / [REDACTED] Prestatyn

There is absolutely no need to do this its a tory ploy the give them more MPs at the next election.
And it needs to be stopped.

BCW-9171 / [REDACTED] / Miskin

Miskin and Pontyclun are part of the South Wales valleys and not a Suburb of Cardiff. The demographic and local understanding are very different. The proposal reflects a complete lack of understanding of local history and communities. Pontyclun and Miskin are better represented by a MP from the Rhondda valley than Cardiff.

BCW-9172 / [REDACTED] / Carmarthen

Leave the boundaries be. We want to remain part of Carmarthenshire. There is a village Facebook group. There is an overwhelming support to remain. It is our history, do not change it

BCW-9173 / [REDACTED] / Porthcawl

Colocating Porthcawl with Port Talbot/ Aberavon/ Baglan does not make cultural sense. The local ties are towards the East - for example Bridgend. Services for Porthcawl are provided by Bridgend county council , and local amenities, such as shopping, are sought from Bridgend area. Our local hospital is in Bridgend, so a link with parliamentary representation more sensibly lies with the area that provides local services.

The proposed new constituency makes no sense for those living in Porthcawl

BCW-9174 / [REDACTED] / Mountain Ash

I do not believe putting Penrhiwceiber into Pontypridd area is the logical answer to the reduction of MP's in Wales
We will have an MP in one constituency and a SM in the other
This will just add to the confusion with who to seek help from if needed

BCW-9175 / [REDACTED] Pontyclun

Don't agree with the boundary for Miskin being moved to Cardiff West from Pontypridd and isolated from local area.

BCW-9176 / [REDACTED] / Neath

The Neath Constituency should all be joined with Brecon & Radnor not just the upper Swansea Valley. It would be a disgrace and a disaster for Neath to be merged with more down and out areas of Swansea. At least if we were joined with a nice Constituency like that of Brecon & Radnor we might have a chance for positive changes in the Neath areas, but being lumped with even more Labour areas full of crime and decline will lead to nothing but ruin for our communities.

Going with Brecon and Radnor would be an opportunity for positive changes, and much needed political change as well. If Neath isn't to stand on it's own in Westminster it should at least be given the decency of being joined with a Constituency that is respectable, and that Constituency is Brecon & Radnor.

Swansea Constituencies should be merged with other Swansea areas, Neath should be kept separate of them.

BCW-9178 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

Caerphilly constituency has been a Labour seat since it's creation. This attempt to merge it with a Newport district is a blatant example of Tory gerrymandering.

Right now, there are 650 seats in the House of Commons - 533 are English constituencies. A ratio of 41 seats for English MPs to 9 for all of the other UK nations. England is the de facto ruler of the UK. Those 533 MPs are only interested in serving the interests of their English constituents (and rightly so).

Reducing Wales' seats in the HOC reduces Wales voice in the HOC and Wales' standing in the 'Union'.

BCW-9179 / [REDACTED] / Pwllheli

I get that population comes into it, but this is a HUGE geographical area!

BCW-9180 / [REDACTED] / Port Talbot

Porthcawl and Port Talbot have differing community needs. The socioeconomic mix is also different and the demand are different. Therefore they can not be one constituency as an MP will have more work to do to balance these differences.

BCW-9181/ [REDACTED] / Neath

Including Pontardawe and Ystyfera in Brecon and Radnor makes no historical or logistical sense. Historically Breconshire included Merthyr. That at least has some dubious historical merit. A reduction to 32 MP's makes Wales' influence on what little democracy there is, so marginal there may as well be no Welsh MP's at all. Better to give the Welsh Government full democratic control with PR and shunt Westminster and the House of Lords into history.

BCW-9182 / [REDACTED] / Haverfordwest

Dear Stephen Crabb,

The Boundaries Commission, in collusion with the Westminster Government, is deliberately trying to undermine democracy and Wales' voice in Parliament.

We all know too well that Wales will foot the bill, as it does already, for English-centric projects that the people of Wales will not reap any benefits from. With that, the reduction of Welsh representatives will ensure that its democratic voice will be hindered in perpetuity.

While I am not a Conservative voter, nor ever will be, you still represent my county as does your colleague, Simon Hart.

If you are to keep the UK from falling apart, which arguably will be better for each of the constituent nations- then Wales, just as Scotland and the North of Ireland needs to have equal say and partnership.

The Westminster Government is already trying to undermine devolution, something we- the Welsh Public- had voted for and continue to do so, hence why I am asking you to speak on behalf of your constituents that this rolling back of Welsh Representatives is not only wrong, but a blatant slap in the face for voters.

BCW-9183 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

If Wales has fewer MPs equating to less representation at Westminster. Then surely the Welsh government should have more powers devolved to it.

BCW-9184 / [REDACTED] / Mold

Awful idea to simply reduce the voice of Wales in parliament and give the Tories a greater voice. Awful

BCW-9185 / [REDACTED] / Mold

this is a massive reduction in my area's democratic rights. Why is it i have to be informed of this via a friend on Facebook?. With Brexit the Tories spent millions on sending details to each household to REMAIN But the campaign was such a pig's ear, are you afraid to do the same with this farce as well.?

BCW-9186 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

It makes absolutely no sense to group pontyclun into Cardiff west. We have very little in common with the other conurbations in that constituency. It would be far to join us to any on the other neighbouring constituencies, which we have far more in common with at a local level. Stretching Cardiff west that far west looks contrived and artificial

BCW-9187 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

I object to the proposal and the inclusion of Broadlands Laleston and Porthcawl with Port Talbot / Neath does not fit with our geographic and community boundaries. Broadlands Laleston and Porthcawl should remain within the Bridgend area. It seems someone has drawn the proposed boundaries without understanding that a resident in Bridgend west area has absolutely no link with west Glamorgan and the proposals make no sense whatsoever.

BCW-9188 / [REDACTED] / Rhyl

This is a naked grab for power by a shameful Conservative government. A marginal Labour seat has been cut up, and Welsh power in the Westminster parliament is eroded so that devolution can likewise be eroded no doubt. The new boundary makes no sense as it cuts across the county of Denbighshire, thus making it much more difficult to campaign on local issues. Rhyl is a deprived community which is struggling to build itself up in a hostile economic environment and it is shameful that it is being used as a political football like this, being linked with other communities with which it has no historic ties.

BCW-9189 / [REDACTED] / Cowbridge

It's ridiculous that Barry is in the Vale. Barry should be with Cardiff

BCW-9190 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare

I am 55 and have lived in the Cynon Valley all my life. It was bad enough that the local Cynon Valley local council was linked with Rhondda and Taff councils as RCTCBC only care for Pontypridd and don't do enough for the rest of the borough. Now to hear that you are going to split Cynon Valley in two constituencies for Parliament is not on. Not only is this going to be all about Merthyr Tydfil or Pontypridd respectively totally erasing Cynon Valley entirely but you have the audacity to split a community in two, namely the village of Aberaman. What have the people of Cynon Valley ever done to justify losing their own seat. It's just not on. The only thing that needs to be done in Wales is to lose the idiocratic waste of taxpayers money that is The Senydd as they don't have the people of Wales's best interest at heart and are only looking out for themselves

BCW-9191 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

This does not look like democracy to me. How can a reduced number of MP's possibly give good service to the people they represent?

BCW-9192 / [REDACTED] / Burry Port

This boundary effectively cuts a county town in half. Surely that isn't a good idea?

BCW-9193/ [REDACTED] / Newport

This is a disgusting power grab. Gerrymandering is meant to be disallowed in the UK, not encouraged by moves like this.

BCW-9194 / [REDACTED] / Newport

I strongly object to the fusion of Caerphilly town and Newport West. Caerphilly town and its immediately adjacent wards is an entirely distinct community from Newport; there are no good direct transport links between Newport and Caerphilly town, and Caerphilly is not part of historic Gwent. Caerphilly is not an area often frequented by Newport commuters, shoppers or tradesmen or vice versa. Caerphilly is much more naturally connected to areas to the West, South and North of Caerphilly town, in the Rhymney valley, considering the roughly North/South axial alignment of the Welsh valleys. An Eastward connection is very strange, historically unprecedented and artificially contrived ignoring all sense of place, and local attachments.

There is on the other hand a good case for adding the wards containing Risca, Cross Keys, Cwmcarn and Abercarn, heading north as far as Newbridge to Newport West. The lower Sirhowy and Ebbw valleys, and their transport links naturally lead to Newport.

The commission seems ignorant of the topography of South Wales. I'd ask the commission to consider the way particular valleys terminate in each of the three great port cities respectively, and align boundaries accordingly.

BCW-9195/ [REDACTED] / Bridgend

I am against the proposed boundary changes

BCW-9196/ [REDACTED] / Wales

A: Stop trying to limit the impact that the Welsh citizens can have on our UNITED kingdom! Our voice and opinions are often already belittled or outright ignored, and now you are trying to not-so-subtly reduce our in-parliament representation too!

P: Anti-democratic imperialism again from the Saes. Absolutely disgusting. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Saxon heel, yet again, trying to silence us. London can [REDACTED] off and [REDACTED] can [REDACTED]. Cymru am byth.

BCW-9197 / [REDACTED] / Abertillery

I work at management level for the public sector in Gwent and I am involved in Gwent-wide commissioning. Having 5 boroughs already makes it a really difficult task to get a consensus across the county so, increasing this to 6, seems nonsensical. In particular, splitting the city of Newport seems completely unworkable. I do agree that the merger of the existing Blaenau Gwent and North Caerphilly areas makes sense but the rest of the plan for Gwent will probably make matters worse rather than improve things.

BCW-9198 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

Why would the areas of Broadlands [REDACTED] and Laleston [REDACTED] be grouped with two seaside towns far west of us. The majority of Broadlands residents work, socialise and shop in Bridgend and will be greatly affected by what goes on there, yet will not be represented by someone who has an interest in that area.

Aberavan and Porthcawl have very different priorities to Bridgend and this area would be so geographically dispersed. It does not make any sense.

BCW-9199 / [REDACTED] / Newport

First and foremost I would like to say that this must be a difficult decision to make and my respect goes to those having to make it.

I believe it would make more sense for Sofrydd to sit under Islwyn to make it a clearer boundary line.

Currently there is an argument over the maintenance of an essential footpath between Sofrydd and Crumlin. It is disputed between Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly who carries out work to the footpath. Due to ongoing arguments whereby each council says it's the others responsibility, and visa versa, the path remains to be in a sorry state and a risk to the public. This path is in desperate need of repair works.

Sofrydd technically comes under Crumlin, and Crumlin underneath the Caerphilly borough. Residents sometimes receive newsletters from the Caerphilly borough but we don't from Blaenau Gwent.

The technicality caused confusion last year with the Covid-19 local lockdowns when residents of Caerphilly initially was told to stay home. South Wales Argus listed the areas that fell under Caerphilly and reported that residents in Crumlin needed to stay home. Despite Sofrydd falling under Crumlin, we followed the guidance for the Blaenau Gwent borough.

I conclude it would make far more sense for Sofrydd to come under Islwyn.

BCW-9200 / [REDACTED] / Rhyl

RHYL has always been associated with PRESTATYN geographically and also a working relationship with DCC. It is ridiculous that Rhyl is being attached to Conwy where we have never had any dealings. The blue bridge (river elwy) has always been the boundary. Keeping a working relationship with Denbighshire county council seems to be the more sensible option !! Rhyl should be included in DELYN !

BCW-9201 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

Leave well alone.

BCW-9202 / [REDACTED] Wrexham

It would seem to me that the proposed constituency changes for my area are absurd and totally disregard the needs of the local population in my area, i live in Ponciau near wrexham and it is very much the case that the communities of Johnstown, Ponciau, Rhos and Pen-y-cae function as a single community since they share so many of the local facilities such as a secondary school, doctors, taxi company, and the main retail high street in rhos to name but a few and yet despite this integration these changes propose that pen-y-cae be cut off from the other communities of which it is a part by virtue of representation by a different MP i would urge a change to these proposals so that these very interlinked communities might be represented by a single MP

BCW-9203/ [REDACTED] / Pembroke Dock

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 September 2021 19:59
To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
Subject: Pembrokeshire Boundary Changes.

Hello

I believe that these changes are an excellent idea. Pembroke Dock and Carmarthen, for many reasons, should never be in the same constituency.

I hope that these new boundary changes are implemented as soon as possible.

Regards

[REDACTED]
 Pembroke Dock

BCW-9204 / [REDACTED] / Caerleon

Caerleon has much more in common with small towns in Monmouthshire. The border is just yards down the Road from here. I don't feel grouping us in with Newport is representative of Caerleon's current or historical character. It's bad enough being lumped in with Newport Council for local government purposes.

BCW-9205 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

The proposal to include Brynsadler and Pontyclun in Cardiff West is ludicrous as there is no connection between our communities and 'Cardiff West'. The proposal is all the more illogical because our secondary school Y Pant would not be part of Cardiff West.

BCW-9206 / [REDACTED] / Merthyr Tydfil

Mountain Ash should be included in Merthyr and Aberdare

BCW-9208 / [REDACTED] / Mountain Ash

Mountain ash and Aberdare to be split is an uneducated idea made by Westminster who have no clue about local geography. Makes more sense for Pontypridd constituency to include Abercynon, but Penrhiwceiber and Mountain Ash should remain in the same constituency as Aberdare. Also, Merthyr is a separate valley and local council and so does not belong in the same constituency as Aberdare and other Cynon Valley towns and villages. Poor planning by Westminster has resulted in splitting long standing local ties which belong for a reason. Stop letting England decide what happens in Wales!

BCW-9209 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

Seems odd that Coedpoeth as a village will be split between two constituencies because part of the village lies within the ward of Minera. Coedpoeth and Minera have very strong ties, with each village being dependent on the other for services. Would be better to see them both, along with Bwlchgwyn, which is similarly interdependent with Coedpoeth and Minera for services remain in the same constituency in order to ensure there is no confusion as to who represents each area at government level.

BCW-9210 / [REDACTED] / Ferryside

We are as a community a lot closer to Carmarthen than Llanelli. Carmarthen is "OUR TOWN", (when we say we're going to town.) Why waste MORE money. by change? which in time will most probably be reinverted again. Would this include a change of constituency voting for the Senedd as well? We need more say on our lives and government, not less, which if this is passed will make us less say in our lives. PLEASE STOP DESTROYING OUR COMMUNITIES, TRADITIONS, CULTURE AND LANGUAGE.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 October 2021 07:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: BCW-9210-Senedd Constituency

So senseless, will cause much confusion when it comes to voting, in one constituency for Senedd elections and in another for parliamentary elections. Why not return to Dyfed and elect up to 5 MPs on a proportional representation vote? Then we will not be denied a FULL representative say in OUR lives.

Diolch yn fawr. [REDACTED]

BCW-9211 / [REDACTED] / Newtown

I understand the argument about population size. However, these proposals do not take into account the geographical area an MP will have to cover.

In a city such an area might be just a few square miles, and the ability of the MP to regularly visit various parts of their constituency, on those days they are not in Parliament, presents no real issue.

In a rural constituency though, this becomes a real concern.

In my proposed constituency, which features mountains, rivers and relatively few main roads, our new MP would have an area it takes at least two hours to drive across.

Given also the paucity of public transport, it will make our new MP all but inaccessible to many of their rural constituents.

The government also proposes to reduce the representation in Parliament of our country by 20%. We are under-represented as it is given that many of our constituencies are rural rather than urban.

We have a representative democracy and these proposals reduce representation in a practical sense, not improve it.

BCW-9212 / [REDACTED] / Llanelli

The general public has not asked for this change, it is being done to benefit the appalling Tory government!!!
Shameful and should never be approved!!!!

BCW-9213 / [REDACTED] / Flint

Changes to Constituencies are of no benefit to Democracy without Proportional Representation.
So called Safe Seats are an insult to the entire Democratic system.

BCW-9214 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

I disagree with the proposed changes. The community is more aligned with that of Neath and Swansea than to Brecon. With similar social and employment issues. There is also demarcation at Ystradgynlais where the boundary of adjoining police forces merge. If residents of Trebanos, Pontardawe become constituents of Brecon and pay council tax to Brecon, we would pay the police precept to Brecon too. Would we then be policed by Dyfed Powys Police?

BCW-9215 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I do not agree with the boundaries for the Penrhosgarnedd/Bangor area. Penrhosgarnedd is a part of Bangor since most of the residents in Penrhosgarnedd shop and have all their facilities in Bangor. Bangor's permanent population is low and there are many students who have little or no opinion on what happens to the City in the long term. The population of Penrhosgarnedd is much more stable and it is important that these people are able to have an opinion and influence regarding what happens in their City so that it is not left to deteriorate further by a Council that cares nothing for the place.

The idea of having boundaries for the parliamentary constituency which differ from those of Gwynedd/Conwy Local Councils is also complete nonsense.

BCW-9216 / [REDACTED] / Abercarn

leave things as they are, to make changes will cost the electorate money which no one can afford at this time. Obviously someone in a government department has too much time on their hands to come up with this so proves another position that's not needed. It would save the cost of carrying this out and a salary of someone with all this time on their hands.

BCW-9217 / [REDACTED] / Caldicot

I would add Redwick to the Monmouth constituency -as a village it relates to Magor/Undy far more than Newport. Monmouth is a predominantly rural area and Redwick relates to that much more than to Newport as a City.
I worked for both Councils over many years -totally different needs and priorities.

BCW-9218 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

How can 1 person represent such a large area. Just because it isn't as densely populated doesn't mean we don't have huge diverse problems unique to the countryside and urban areas. We feel unrepresented and forgotten as it is.

BCW-9219 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

The way that the community of Pontyclun has been split across three constituencies is nonsensical. The village has little affinity with Cardiff West and it should remain part of Pontypridd. Pontyclun has greater ties with the communities of Llanharan, Llanharry, Llantrisant, Talbot Green and ideally the new boundaries should reflect this.

BCW-9220 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

although we have been a part of the old conwy constituency in the past i think it fair to say that we have more links with caernarfon our nearest neighbour than distant llandudno,we have no cultural links with the llandudno area whatsover,if we have to lose the old arfon seat then it makes more sense for Bangor and Bethesda to be placed in with ynys mon.

BCW-9221 / [REDACTED] / Porthcawl

The boundary changes do not take into account working relationships and partnerships between Local Authorities a Health Authorities. Government policy is forever stating the importance of both authorities working together to meet the needs of children, vulnerable people and those with disabilities and special needs. The changes in boundaries will make this more difficult for professionals to work together especially when they may have to liaise with several colleagues working in different areas with different policies. It makes life more complicated and difficult when it comes to discharging people from hospital in order to prevent bed blocking. What happened to aligning health and local authorities to enable the smooth transition of care from hospital to the community?
It's more about saving money than caring for people. Fewer politicians on the expenses trail would help.

BCW-9222 / [REDACTED] / Barmouth

I think the number of constituencies should be reduced. It should be a fair number of voters per constituency. This is more democratic. And is how the country should be voting. 40 is way to many. Reducing down to 32 will reduce costs. these savings can go towards the housing crisis in each area. Rather than penalizing Self catering Holiday Let Businesses. 2023 is too far away in my opinion.

BCW-9223 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

I think it is a disgrace that the representation of the welsh people are being reduced by 8 .

I disagree with the principle behind the change. I believe this change with encourage the YES movement and future devolution of Wales into a independant country.

Shame!!

BCW-9224 / [REDACTED] / Carmarthen

This process to provide fairness by creating new boundaries with voter numbers within the set parameters will level the current imbalance where Welsh voters are over represented in Parliament. I accept that changes will have to happen and the proposed boundary change to create the new Carmarthen constituency looks like a reasonable proposal. Currently Carmarthen is split between two constituencies and the new boundary will place the town in just one.

BCW-9225 / [REDACTED] / Port Talbot

I note that areas with community connections, such as Tonmawr and Efail Isaf, have been excluded from the constituency. The town of Maesteg is more similar in its background and population to Port Talbot than Porthcawl.

BCW-9226 / [REDACTED] / Ferryside

About time good news!!

BCW-9227 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

Thank you for asking my opinion. I feel that the proposals to place Bangor and Bethesda in the Aberconwy constituency are clumsy and do not reflect the social and geographical dynamics of the population.

I am not a member of any political party, nor do I tend to support any one specific party. I prefer to weigh up the options and vote accordingly. But I feel very sad to think that I would, in the wake of this proposed change, live in a Conservative constituency. I feel in fact that the change could undermine my identity – I feel no connection to Aberconwy, and I certainly do not agree politically with the majority of the residents of Aberconwy in its current form.

BCW-9228 / [REDACTED] / Newport

Ponthir is a misnomer. Due to its close locality to Caerleon it has always felt part of the Caerleon/Newport community and not Cwmbran. In fact part of Ponthir is in Newport area currently. This causes significant issues for residents as Children attend school in Caerleon but the recent boundary changes for school catchment have made this difficult now. It's becoming a divided community and ponthir residents should reside within Newport. Historically it's come under TORFAEN council, they vote for a Monmouthshire MP but children attend school in Newport. Please resolve this for residents so that Ponthir remains part of the Caerleon community.

BCW-9229 / [REDACTED] / Machynlleth

We need our representatives to remain as they are or our voices will be lost. We are as important as the rest in Westminster and need our voices to be heard regardless of our population.

Better still Wales should govern itself entirely. England has no relevance to us.

BCW-9230 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

The split in Swansea appears arbitrary and does not seem to reflect the areas its defining. The fact that Swansea Central and North doesn't seem to have much of the... Central area included, more of the city centre appears to be in the East and Neath area

BCW-9231 / [REDACTED] / Abergele

Prestatyn has closer links to the towns and villages within the proposed Clwyd constituency e.g. Rhyl, Dyserth, Meliden, Rhuddlan etc. A lot of collaboration goes on within those areas in schools and businesses. A lot of Primary schools in the proposed Clwyd constituency fall under the Prestatyn High School catchment. It doesn't make sense to separate Prestatyn from the towns and villages that have close ties with it, to lump it in with Delyn and towns which have very little to do with Prestatyn.

BCW-9232 / [REDACTED] / Machynlleth

This proposal is ludicrous. I don't see the point in enforcing average constituency size like this, when it makes such a mess of the geography. My home near Machynlleth has no tie with Wreccsam whatsoever, so how can we possibly be represented effectively by on MP.

If the aim of the exercise is proportional representation, then electoral reform is the way forward, not a self serving, English-first boundary change.

BCW-9233/ [REDACTED] / Pembrokeshire

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED] ep em er 2021 18:51
To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
Subject: Proposed new boundaries.

Dear Sirs,
I support these changes.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BCW-9234 / [REDACTED] / Ferryside

Please advise how these changes will fit with SOA and LOSA data from past and future data?

In reducing the number of parliamentary ward will the constituency have less representation?

BCW-9235 / [REDACTED] / Penrhyndeudraeth

Having one parliamentary constituency extending from Caernarfon down to Aberdyfi is total lunacy. Plaid Cymru would lose a Member of Parliament – which is exactly what the Tories in Westminster want. This is a plot under the guise of democracy. It is not democratic to do away with 8 Welsh MPs while England sees an increase in their numbers. Wales suffers from a democratic deficit, and this should happen.

BCW-9236 / [REDACTED] / Cwmparc

I personally find it ridiculous that the plans involve cutting the Cynon Valley in half - giving half to Pontypridd, and half to Merthyr. Ignoring that this now means the newly proposed Aberdare & Merthyr Constituency now straddles two unitary authorities. The earlier proposals from the 2018 review to abandon Pontypridd and split that between the Rhondda and Cynon was more straightforward, as it at least left us with constituencies that followed the borders of the county borough.

There are added problems with the newly revised Pontypridd constituency, in that it removes both Taffs Well & Pontyclun and merges them with Cardiff constituencies. This once more ignores the layout of the county borough, in the same way as with the Cynon.

My opinion is that a better solution is to simply split the Pontypridd Constituency, and give the Ely Valley portions over to the Rhondda & the Taff Valley portions over to the Cynon - thus reducing the number of MPs in RCT to two, while still respecting the borders of the county borough.

BCW-9237 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

I am a strong supporter of democracy but refuse to accept the necessity for Welsh MP's when there is another layer of Government in Cardiff bay.

Either reduce the Welsh MP's to two or three or remove the Senedd.

BCW-9238 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I live in Brynsadler, I don't feel that this area is attached to Cardiff. I feel more attached here to Llantrisant. Historically we would have been in mid Glamorgan, how about looking at those historical counties? I know there is a very complicated set of rules to follow to get this right, but to link us to Cardiff is a mistake. You need to look back to the history of the area, not because we want to stay the same, but because this beautiful country has definite historical links. The areas definitely need sorting out, I hope you manage to get to a point where most people are happy about the changes- good luck!

BCW-9239 / [REDACTED] / Machynlleth

It's too large – what we have already is sufficient. The needs of the areas as they stand are already widely different.

17/9/21

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUENCIES WALES

GOOD MORNING.

Thank you for forwarding on to my above home address the suggested proposals for Wales. Unfortunately we shall be losing 8 MEMBERS of Parliament. But I welcome the proposed changes to my area. At present the area to which I live is not a suitable political situation. Our current Member of Parliament serves almost a different Council area, being BRIDGEND. Under the new proposed areas in our area, we shall be in

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the RHODDA CYMRU TAF Council area. I personally
welcome that proposed solution to this report.

Hopefully as the Report is more widely
reported to our Electorate, more people
should make their views known to your
Commission Members to view.

Thank You
J. J. WILLIAMS

CLLR

LANHARN WARD) COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

BCW-9241/ [REDACTED] / Aberbargoed

I am aware of the proposed boundary changes but I personally feel that the new Rhymney Blaenau area is a composite of the more deprived areas of the upper valleys which will potentially lead to further deprivation for an already aging and lower educational achievement population.

This potentially would only work if there was significant immediate investment in infrastructure and education

BCW-9242/ [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

I am in favour of the boundary change for Ceredigion Preseli, especially as it echoes former ties to the Deheubarth lands in bringing Saint David's and North Ceredigion back together. Also, in bringing together the full Cardigan coast.

BCW-9243/ [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

Caerphilly is ten minutes drive from Cardiff. It's far more connected to Cardiff than it is Newport which is a thirty minute drive. I think Caerphilly would be better served by being part of Cardiff North or Islwyn than part of Newport West. Valley constituencies should go up not across. Cwmbran is far more connected to Newport than Caerphilly is.

Caerphilly and Islwyn and Newport West and Torfaen would be far better combinations.

BCW-9244 / [REDACTED] / Pontypool

I was hoping that the new constituency boundaries would do away with Torfaen. I used to be in Gwent and wished to return to that name. People outside Wales have no idea how to pronounce it. Bring back Gwent or better still Monmouthshire which is what it was even further back in time.

BCW-9245 / [REDACTED] / Ammanford

I fully agree with the proposal to reduce the numbers.
It does not make sense to have so representatives in such a small area.

I have lived in the town all my life and have never once had any representative come around asking for local views and neither do we have any representation from them for us.

All is seen is a photo in the paper.

With ongoing increased costs of living and council tax bills it makes sense to also make other savings such as these

BCW-9246 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

I am curious as to why Cardiff central is not bounded to the north by the A48 near Maindy - it would seem more natural to not have a change between near-neighbouring streets here.

BCW-9247 / [REDACTED] / Llandudno

An amalgamation between aberconwy and clwyd west as they currently are seems to make more sense than dragging parts of Gwynedd into the aberconwy district. As the votes from these two constituencies are counted together anyway. The proposed extension of the aberconwy constituency makes no sense to me. Purely from a vote count point of view it seems rather thrown together and nonsensical.

BCW-9248 / [REDACTED] / Llanharry

Move Llanharry back into the vale.

BCW-9249 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

I strongly oppose the reduction of constituencies for Wales. Population sizes should be adjusted by nation and take account of economic, cultural variations and population density, not applied equally across the U.K.
If anything Welsh representation in the U.K. parliament should increase not be reduced.

BCW-9250 / [REDACTED] / Glasbury

This constituency has been put together to get the right number of voters regardless of the terrain and the lifestyles of the people within the boundaries.

The Brecon Beacons create a boundary between the area south of Crai reservoir and the area North.

People living south of the reservoir look to Swansea as their shopping centre. The land is poorer agriculturally, the tradition is coal mining and there is a high level of Welsh speakers.

North of Crai the land becomes high quality agricultural land and commons. The old Radnorshire is almost entirely agricultural with tough farming conditions.

The needs of the agricultural community will be lost with these boundary changes.

BCW-9252 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

Any redrawing of boundaries should not give any political party an advantage in elections.

BCW-9253 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe

The communities of Pontardawe area do not have many community ties with the proposed Brecon constituency. Rather the ties (from Ystradgynlais south) are with the wider Swansea and Swansea Valley areas and into the valleys east and west. I.e. NOT North.

The settlements in the South of the proposed constituency are distinct from the more dispersed rural settlements; with different socio-economic needs.

The population will be better served by being part of a constituency of the southern valley areas.

BCW-9254 / [REDACTED] / Denbigh

This change will have no effect on us in the Vale of Clwyd, or in the Conwy Valley areas. Once again, the map has been drawn so that politicians will favour the populous coastal areas with their incomers, rather than the native Welsh living in the more sparsely populated areas

Our voices are being drowned out under a massive coastal wave. I am aware that each constituency has to have a certain number of electors, but once again we have had a bad deal. Why on earth could you have not created constituencies which cut across rural areas, so that towns and areas with similar needs and problems are grouped together? For instance, Llanrwst, Betws y Coed, Denbigh, Ruthin, Corwen etc. could be in the same constituency, with the coastal towns whose needs and problems are different from these areas could be grouped together. Although this would create a geographically large constituency, this is accepted as the norm in Gwynedd and Powys. I believe that Colwyn Bay, Rhyl and Prestatyn have more in common with each other than do Rhyl and Peniel, Prion and Saron. Do please think again.

BCW-9255 / [REDACTED] / Abergele

Appalling diminution of Wales' powers for having the affrontery to

BCW-9256 / [REDACTED] / Abertillery

While considering the combination of other boroughs has been taken it looks as though the merger Blaenau Gwent and Rhumney Valleys is combining some of the most economically and socially deprived areas and putting shoving them together. It's almost as if the Cream of the adjoining areas of both Rhumney and Blaenau Gwent have been hoovered up by larger more "successful" councils and what's left has been bundled together to be labelled as BG&R.

These areas have some of the highest unemployment, sickness and overall poverty. In BGCBC case especially some of the highest council tax rates nationally with the lowest services delivered (3 weekly refuse collections, no public toilets, council run gyms that are more expensive than premium city centre gyms.....). The boundaries over all make very little sense geographically with regard to the Abertillery area especially as communities like Christchurch above Aberbeeg will be in a different council even though they will access doctors etc in Aberbeeg which is only 1/3 of a mile away. When the boundary considerations were made it would have made sense to have amalgamated BGCBC east into Islwy and BGCBC West into a council west of it. It makes no sense in keeping a council that has historically failed and continues to fail it's residents and in fact bring in another economically challenged area to further strain the councils already strained finances. It is worth noting that BGCBC has no housing stock at all and works with housing associations, currently they have access to 1 emergency housing hostel that has 1 family room that is 2 bedroom so is suitable for 1 family with 1 child then it becomes overcrowded. This is

wholly inadequate and if the council expanded this would only be made worse by an increase in demand. I have personal experience of this system and the lack of support for disabled people with families who've become homeless and the council's eagerness to discharge they're obligations under section 73 of the housing act. Overall by combining the Blaenau Gwent and Rhumney Valleys you are creating an area that is a focus of social and economic deprive and lack of social mobility. They also lack good and affordable links to long term gainful employment. The other areas seem to assimilated other gainful and productive areas Blaenau Gwent and Rhumney seem to be the area that no other council's wanted so they set up on they're own at the cost of the residents.

BCW-9257 / [REDACTED] / Llanfairfechan

It doesn't feel like a natural split to split up Bangor between Gwynedd & Aberconwy. There is a more natural affinity between Aberconwy & Clwyd & Delyn for example. How people feel about an area matters too.

I also appreciate that you're not considering voting & how this will affect elections, but it is a concern for the public even if it is not a concern for this report. Some areas have a huge sense of identity based on which party they choose to represent them.

So my comments are about how people feel about their area & their sense of identity. Please make sure this is considered in your work. You could do an online survey to ask residents about their regional identity & how they feel about belonging to a certain town or constituency for example.

BCW-9258 / [REDACTED] / Llangynnwr

I totally oppose – the requirements of the people of Carmarthen town are totally unlike the requirements and needs of the people of Llanelli town. The two areas are completely different and they should definitely not be in the same constituency. The idea is ludicrous.

Completely against this ridiculous suggestion- the residents of these areas have entirely different needs and it is completely irresponsible to expect them to be served by a single constituency.

Reducing the numbers of constiencies in Wales is a farce- it is an attack on Wales and its people.

BCW-9259 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon

The name of the constituency seems rather problematic to me. While Dwyfor and Meirionnydd are represented in the name, a (substantial!) part of the constituency is excluded from the name. I would presume that the Dwyfor area extends as far as, say, Abererch. In my opinion, the constituency could not be attached to the area further up, that of Arfon with the same name as the Abersoch/Aberdaron area.

I accept that 'Dwyfor, Arfon, Meirionnydd' is hardly a catchy name. But I know that it would be difficult for any political campaigner to convince voters in Rhiwlas or Penrhosgarnedd that they would be electing an MP for 'Dwyfor Meirionnydd!'

BCW-9260/ The Monmouthshire Association/ Newport



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2023 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES

RESPONSE TO INITIAL PROPOSALS

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Introduction

The Association's area of interest is the historic county of Monmouth, but we are also proposing slight changes of name for other proposed constituencies suggested in the Commission's Initial Proposals.

We took part in the consultation for the 2013 proposals and are pleased to see that the 2023 proposals are much more suitable than either the 2013 or 2018 proposals.

Analysis of Commission's Initial Proposals

Monmouthshire

While we support the use of historic county names in the naming of constituencies, this needs to be done appropriately. The proposed 'Monmouthshire' constituency only covers 60% of the historic county, and would better be named 'East Monmouthshire'.

The proposed constituency is 95% the same as the existing 'Monmouth' constituency. The Commission's policy on the naming of constituencies is that, if constituencies remain largely unchanged, the existing constituency name should usually be retained. We therefore suggest that either 'East Monmouthshire' or the present 'Monmouth' would be more suitable.

Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney

This proposed constituency is significantly different from the existing 'Blaenau Gwent' constituency, comprising parts of four existing constituencies. We recommend that the historic constituency name of Ebbw Vale be revived for this proposal, either alone or as 'Ebbw Vale and Rhymney'.

Aberafan Porthcawl

This proposed constituency comprises the majority of Aberavon with the addition of Porthcawl from the existing Bridgend constituency. The logical name therefore is 'Aberavon and Porthcawl'.

Brecon and Radnor

This proposed constituency should retain the existing name 'Brecon and Radnorshire'. The entirety of Radnorshire is contained within the proposed constituency, just as it is in the present constituency. Therefore there is no compelling reason to remove it from the name.

Carmarthen

It is unclear from the Initial Proposals if this proposed constituency is to be titled 'Carmarthen', as shown in the electorate spreadsheet, or 'Caerfyrddin', as shown in the maps (with the 'alternative' name 'Carmarthen'). We recommend 'Carmarthen' for consistency with other English-language names.

Ceredigion Preseli

This proposed constituency would be better named as 'Cardiganshire and North Pembrokeshire', or 'Cardigan and North Pembrokeshire'. Previous reviews that have suggested adding northern Pembrokeshire to Cardiganshire (2013, 2018) have used the name 'North Pembrokeshire' rather than 'Preseli'. Given the geographical scope of this proposal, a less cumbersome name we would support is 'Cardigan Bay'.

BCW-9261/ [REDACTED] / Colwyn Bay

It is totally inappropriate for Bangor and surrounding areas to be added to the existing Aberconwy electorate. There is very little similarity between the areas or populations. I heard one so-called expert say that a major reason for the proposal was due to the cultural affinity between the populations. Obviously this expert has no knowledge or insight of the people of Aberconwy who are mainly English from a tourism/holiday area and Bangor which is a University City within a Welsh speaking agricultural area. The whole proposal is bonkers Aberconwy from the Conwy River eastwards should be aligned with Denbighshire. Both already having strong cultural, political, business and community links.

BCW-9262/ [REDACTED] / Gerlan

I do not agree with the proposed changes and do not feel they represent the culture, traditional political alliance, or voice of the people in my local area. As a result of the proposed changes our issues will be ignored and our voices will go unheard

BCW-9263/ [REDACTED] / Bangor

I strongly oppose this change as it proposes to include areas of completely different historical and societal into one, which will no doubt be swallowed up by a Conservative majority. This area is largely Welsh speaking, with strong traditional industrial ties, and quite different to that of other areas located more towards the East.

To incorporate this area into Aberconwy would be a travesty.

BCW-9264/ [REDACTED] / Bethesda

Local resident of Bethesda, fairly recently moved from another nearby town that will be under a different constituency.

Bethesda has a close historical tie to the Bangor and further slate communities going back hundreds of years.

Although admittedly close to Conwy and at the edge of Gwynedd I believe the line would be much better suited at the Aberfalls through to Ogwen.

BCW-9265/ [REDACTED] / Bethesda

I am extremely disappointed to learn that Bethesda will be part of the Aberconwy constituency.

The town of Bethesda differs tremendously culturally and socially to the majority of Aberconwy. I'm concerned that Bethesda will not have a fair voice within the constituency.

For an area that has voted Plaid Cymru for years it's highly likely we will be faced with a tory MP which will not be a fair representation for the area.

I truly hope the decision to change the electoral commission boundaries will be reconsidered.

BCW-9266/ [REDACTED] / Prestatyn

I am at a loss as the logical reason for making this change. At a time when the economy is struggling they are considering making unnecessary changes which will cost a fortune, to me that is just totally irresponsible. Finances aside, it is hard to hide the fact that these changes will reduce the size of Welsh Representation in Westminster and increased English Representation. I can't think of a better reason to vote Independence for Wales.

BCW-9267/ [REDACTED] / Bethesda

I'm not happy that my area, Bethesda, is being included with the anglicised areas of Aberconwy. Bethesda has nothing in common with these areas which are full of colonisers from over the border. Who will look after Welsh speakers in my area after this change? Hywel Williams has been an excellent MP who represents my area and its people well, who understands the constituency and understands its history and culture. This will be lost if the Bethesda area is separated from the other strongholds of the Welsh language. I have more in common with the people of Caernarfon than with those of Conwy and Llandudno. This division does not make sense, linguistically or culturally. Once again, this is another example of oppressing a working class, deprived, Welsh-speaking area.

BCW-9268/ [REDACTED] / Clyro

We need less constituencies in the south Wales valleys. There's too much power in a very small area of the country.

BCW-9269/ [REDACTED] / Bethesda

I strongly object to the proposal of Bethesda and other predominately Welsh speaking communities being in the Aberconwy electorate boundary. It's a blatant attempt to suppress the Plaid Cymru majority and the views of their voters. Typical Tory underhanded and shameless tactic. Gwarthus

BCW-9270/ [REDACTED] / Bethesda

Pointless... Why change something that doesn't need changing? Waste of money when could be spent on more important things rather than a political maneuver. Now that Bethesda has a UNESCO world heritage status you would be protecting and promoting its history. By simply moving it to Conwy you are taking away a culture a way of life from Gwynedd and giving it to conwy. Silly idea that's not been thought through properly very disappointed but it's what we've grown to expect from politicians.

Also wouldnt the conservative party get more votes if they lessend the competition?!! Funny that's it is them proposing the change and not any other party.

BCW-9271/ [REDACTED] / Bangor

I disagree wholeheartedly with this proposed border change, mainly because it sees Wales lose 8 MPs thus becoming even less represented at Westminster. As well as this it sees my area of Bethesda in Arfon effectively join Aberconwy, the cultural differences between many communities in Arfon and those in places like Llandudno and Colwyn Bay etc are stark. Arfon is also largely Welsh speaking whereas the more populated seaside towns of Aberconwy are not.

This appears (to no surprise) to be a move in order to dilute a pro Wales Plaid Cymru constituency by attaching it to a constituency with a conservative (pro England and anti Wales) majority.

Whilst the ultimate answer in my eyes is independence for Wales like any other normal nation, in the meantime I will object this proposal fully.

BCW-9272/ [REDACTED] / Aberdare

Why are Aberaman, Cwmaman and Godreaman not being included in Aberdare. We are traditionally from that area. I don't agree that the boundary should exclude us from our traditional town. The border has always been at Abercwmboi splitting Aberdare and Mountain Ash and I feel that's how it should remain.

BCW-9273/ [REDACTED] / Port Talbot

Porthcawl and Aberavon are very different areas. Porthcawl is far more affluent. Port Talbot is already under funded and poorly represented.

BCW-9274/ [REDACTED] / Bethesda

Bethesda should not be joined with Aberconwy. We have been governed by Plaid Cymru for years and our welsh heritige has been protected by this our schools in addition. My stepchildren reside in Aberconwy governed by a conservative and they are being taught in english no welsh heritige.
You should make bethesda part of south gwynedd not conwy.

BCW-9275/ [REDACTED] / Whitland

There is no longer any need for any mps in Wales as we now have our own assembly.
Make Wales independent and Westminster should be for English only mps.
Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales should all be independent.
There is no need for any Welsh mps.
Diolch

BCW-9276/ [REDACTED] / Bethesda

I am absolutely appalled that Bethesda is being considered to be a part of aberconwy. Everything is different and we as a small welsh community Will be absolutely swamped by the views and wishes of an area absolutely paradox to us. Bethesda is on of very few remaining mining, welsh communities with a strong sense of community. This is not a democracy!

BCW-9277/ [REDACTED] / Bethesda

I am opposed to this boundary change, as I do not feel that a Welsh-speaking village like Bethesda has much in common with Conwy. This is an attempt to weaken the voice of Welsh speakers. Disgraceful.

BCW-9278/ [REDACTED] / Dyffryn Ogwen

I am desolate and horrified that my village community in Dyffryn Ogwen is proposed to be merged with Aberconwy. As my mother lived, and many friends live in the Conwy valley, i am acutely aware of the enormous cultural differences in our areas. I understand Wales is over represented by MP's in population terms. However, I believe that the Dyffryn Ogwen area should remain part of the Arfon and Meirionnydd area, with which it shares far more cultural and geographical ties.

BCW-9279/ [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 September 2021 17:41

To: Enquiries <enquiries@boundaries.wales>

Subject: Proposed reorganisation of Parliamentary Boundaries

Dear sirs,

I write to express my disappointment with the review that will now place a major County town of Caerffili that has its own elected MP in its own right since the early 1900s.

Traditionally an area that was Glamorgan County Council to be included under Mid Glam following that reorganisation. We are now to be annexed to a City that has very little traditional connection as a Town /City in Monmouthshire County Council then Gwent.

The city and peoples of Newport will have little affiliation to our town.

Traditionally in the valleys we have always travelled and been administered North to South and NEVER EVER East to West.

Most people tend to work in in Cardiff, most Caerffili people will shop and socialise in Cardiff.

It is only the Gwent valleys that traditionally have associated themselves with Newport.

It would have made more sense to incorporate the history of the old administration of Rhymney valley District Council that would have taken the figures to 77,000 electorate and people have been used to that since 1974. Indeed the old Caerffili constituency did include much of that area as well. So there is already a tradition, that this proposal will now lose. People will not be happy in both Newport and Caerffili.

I cannot seriously believe that people will feel that we are voting for a Newport MP to represent this the major town in the County Borough that is the 415th largest, depending on who you believe.

Caerffili deserves a Member of parliament in its own right.

Traditionally Mining has been foremost in our representatives. Miners agents. Conscientious objectors who had full backing of all the old NUM lodges. This has been swept away by the stroke of a pen by people who with respect have absolutely no idea of our traditions and history.

I have contested this seat at the last 9 general elections and know what I am talking about when I inform you that people will feel disenfranchised and will protest and fail to vote. Is this what democracy needs? I think not

The last General Election saw the turn out fall to 66% ,the lowest in history and this will do little to encourage voting if the vast majority of this new constituency and I sincerely and strongly urge you to please rethink this again please.

I should be more than happy to offer my services as a former member of RVDC, MGCC Penyrheol cc and finally CCBC as well as Senedd member. 45 years as a serving councillor. My services are of course free.

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BCW-9280/ [REDACTED] / Penarth

Penarth should be part of the Vale of Glamorgan, NOT Cardiff South!

BCW-9281/ [REDACTED] / Maesteg

This is nothing short of gerrymandering to suit the conservative party government in Westminster. Wales is already unheard in Wales. In what way is it justifiably democratic to decrease our voice further by depriving us of 8 MPs? We have a brilliant local MP in Chris Elmore in Ogmore. In no way should the boundaries be changed from their current state except if it were to increase constituencies in Wales so that we have a fair and equal voice in parliament, rather than being drowned out by overwhelming numbers of English MPs to the detriment of Wales' voice in the union and to devolution which the current government in Westminster has already made efforts to claw back via stealth.

BCW-9282/ [REDACTED] / Denbigh

The A55 corridor should be a separate constituency. These large towns have different needs. All the money already flows into them leaving the rural areas underfunded. Use this opportunity to make a real difference.

BCW-9283 / [REDACTED] / Cowbridge

I agree with the changes proposed. Wales has far too many MP's for our population.

BCW-9284 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I disagree with Bethesda becoming part of the Conwy constituency. Bethesda is a rural, Welsh-speaking area, with more in common with the west of Wales rather than the east. As part of the Bethesda community, I identify much more with the Arfon area, rather than Conwy. Also, the fact that Wales is losing constituencies is an insult to us as a nation. Our voice in Westminster is small enough as it is, without its being reduced even more. I strongly disagree with the proposal.

BCW-9285 / [REDACTED] / Kidwelly

I find it unreasonable that a section of a predominantly rural - and predominantly Welsh-speaking - part of what is currently Carmarthen East & Dinefwr is potentially joining the comparatively urban area of Llanelli, where the once significant Welsh-speaking population has been substantially diluted by people of Polish or Romanian descent.

It ought to be clear to everyone that the wants and the needs of the electorate of rural Carmarthenshire are significantly different to the wants and the needs of the electorate that dwells within the urban population of today's Llanelli.

I would strongly oppose such a boundary change; whoever wins the 'new' seat will totally alienate one section of his/her electorate or the other.

BCW-9286 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

Groes Faen is where I spent every Saturday and other days my mother was working. It is a small place but linked to Creigiau and Pentyrch because of the Church in Wales at root. It is not a religious thing but proximity. Making these distinctions doesn't make sense. The divide line is the A4119. I hope some sense will come of this, otherwise we'll see a continued decline in participation in MP elections as they become more and more irrelevant. I hope the people reading these comments take these views into consideration.

BCW-9287 / [REDACTED] / Pwllheli

Geographically, this constituency is HUGE! How this is fair on the electorate, God only knows! I also sympathise very much with any Member elected – this makes no sense at all.

BCW-9288/ [REDACTED] / Wrexham

There appear to be some strange and unnatural boundary divisions:

Penycae / Afon Eitha (essentially one entity) are intrinsically linked with Rhosllannerchrugog and the inclusion of Penycae within the Wrexham constituency is a more natural fit.

A similar situation exists in the division of Brymbo / Tanyfron from Moss /Brynteg.

The boundary placing a small section of Coedpoeth in a separate constituency makes no sense.

Sydallt sits naturally with Cefn-y-bedd.

Including Burton / Rossett in Alyn & Deeside would be a more natural fit than the above omissions – a similar case could be made for the incorporation of Eyton / Erbistock / Overton within Montgomeryshire & Glyndwr.

BCW-9289/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff

Radyr and Morganstown should be placed in Cardiff north. It is more accurate of the demographic.

BCW-9290/ [REDACTED] / Bangor

Gwarthus!!!! Despicable!!!! Bethesda has a totally different culture, landscape, people, language to Conwy, nothing is on par. This is a plan to stop independence and fill Westminster with Tory.

BCW-9291/ [REDACTED] / St. Asaph

The proposed boundary changes are not needed! Why change something that's worked just fine for years. All these changes serve to do is to give unfair advantage to the corrupt immoral Tories who's sole aim is to destroy the Welsh Government

BCW-9292/ [REDACTED] / Bangor

Splitting a city as small as Bangor in half and locating the halves in different constituencies denies it an identity. This is undemocratic and must be reconsidered

BCW-9293/ [REDACTED] / Llanllechid

Not in support. At all.

BCW-9294/ [REDACTED] / New Tredegar

Absolutely crazy idea, this valley has no connection to Blaenau Gwent. My council tax is paid to Caerphilly my MS is based around Merthyr, whoever cobbled the idea of pairing these two areas has no idea of the area and has merely based the changes on numbers.

BCW-9295/ [REDACTED] / Cwmbran

I am delighted about the proposal to move Croesyceiliog into Torfaen. I have always felt alien in Monmouth, and found it difficult to attract interest in local issues.

BCW-9296/ [REDACTED] / Port Talbot

This is an absurd decision. My own 'proposed' constituency, Aberavon and Porthcawl, is a prime example.

The socio-economic make up of those two areas is vastly different. Porthcawl is a largely affluent area that has traditionally voted Conservative.

Port talbot, on the other hand, has a larger percentage of working class constituents that typically vote labour.

How can a single MP represent the interests of both these areas? They have vastly different concerns and problems.

This decision is being made by people who don't live in Wales and don't understand the social and political make up.

The only reason this is happening is so that the Tories can try and grab more areas of Wales by breaking up traditionally Labour seats. It is appalling.

BCW-9297/ [REDACTED] / Newport

I don't understand why you have combined Newport West with Caerphilly rather than Newport East. Would it not make more sense to simply have Newport.

Newport is a city whereas Caerphilly largely consists of many small villages and some towns. There is potentially an incompatibility issues between the needs of two distinctively different places. Also considering the disdain, people in villages in Caerphilly have for 'townies', I don't see Newport west and Caerphilly valley community interests blending all too well.

I spent several months staying in Caerphilly during the pandemic and it seems more logical to just have Newport. I see more compatibility between Newport East and West than Newport West and Caerphilly.

BCW-9298/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff

Wales should not be forced into less representatives at Westminster. This website is hard to use on mobile devices

BCW-9299/ [REDACTED] / Bangor

The boundaries should be left as they are.

The proposed changes are an underhanded way of ensuring that Wales has less voice and input in Parliament.

The proposed areas are simply geographically too large and diverse.

The current boundaries work very well indeed. Therefore they should stay as they are. Why waste money in a time of financial uncertainty. Money proposed for this could be better spent elsewhere, the NHS or Education.

BCW-9300/ [REDACTED] / Bethesda

This is an undemocratic land grab by the Tories designed to disenfranchise local people in Gwynedd, and it flies in the face of history and tradition. I am by far not the only person in Bethesda who is appalled to be shoehorned into a traditionally Tory seat. Stop this madness. I'm not Welsh by heritage but I will vote for independence given the games that Westminster Tories are playing.

BCW-9301/ [REDACTED] / Bangor

I am a native of Rachub, I work in Bangor, I do most of my shopping in Bangor all in the current Arfon constituency. Though I feel a connection with the Welsh speaking rural areas to the south and east (in the Conwy and Lledr valleys, which my community would join in the new constituency of Aberconwy) I feel much more connected to the former slate mining areas to the West (they are my people, I'm from Arfon not Aberconwy).

I have no real affinity with the coastal conurbation to the north-east of the new constituency, namely Llandudno, Llandudno Junction etc. These places, though not foreign to me, make me feel foreign when visiting them. There, I struggle to hear and speak my native language on the streets and in the shops. The conversations I hear there are not concerned with my experiences and the issues that affect me. I feel the purpose of these places is not for my benefit, but for the benefit of English tourists, retirees and those who serve them. Yet, the concentration of population in the north-east corner of "Aberconwy" will ensure that it is the views of THESE people and the issues affecting THIS area that will dominate the outcome of elections.

The issues I point out here also easily apply to people throughout the rural hinterland of the North Wales coastal strip. The way the constituencies are marked out with a populous Anglo-centric north dominating a more sparsely populated rural Welsh speaking south, is frankly a missed opportunity to better enfranchise and represent the different communities hereabouts.

A fairer and more imaginative reorganisation could easily have been devised if the axis of the communities was west to east (horizontal) rather than north to south (vertical). Thus, the communities of the coastal strip from Llandudno through to Prestatyn, having much in common, would be fairly represented. Also the rural interior respectively, with its market towns like Conwy, Llanrwst, Rhuddlan, Denbigh, Ruthin, Corwen etc, and their associated surrounding villages and farming communities would be enfranchised in a way that more accurately reflects their nature.

The way these proposed boundary changes have been drawn is in my opinion lazy and unimaginative, and serves only to criminally perpetuate the disenfranchisement of a vast tract of rural north Wales for the benefit of an element that seeks to marginalise it, and to minimise the cultural distinctiveness of its people.

Please, for the good of democracy, reconsider.

BCW-9302/ [REDACTED] / Tenby

Proportional Representation is the
Only real democratic way. Stop prolonging this horrendous outdated way that Britain does politics, and give the people real choice. Embarrassed to be British!!!!

BCW-9303/ [REDACTED] / Neath

Why are you putting Swansea East with Neath, and separately putting Port Talbot with Porthcawl, when you could just put Neath and Port Talbot together as they share the same local authority? Surely it makes sense to make Swansea bigger, by adding Swansea east to Swansea central and joining Porthcawl to Bridgend. Although I'm not sure how the population numbers would work.

BCW-9304/ [REDACTED] / Bangor

Hi,

I don't think it's correct that our post code will move to "Aberconwy" area for future voting under the proposed change.

Our post code is in Gwynedd so it would make more common sense to have our post included in the Gwynedd area. Also it seems that your prospective change will split the city of Bangor (some in Gwynedd and other in Aberconwy).

It would make more sense to have area by county borders and if that area was too large then split up within that county rather than your current proposal.

Thanks

BCW-9305/ [REDACTED] / Machynlleth

The Dyfi Valley and Machynlleth lie in a predominantly Welsh-speaking upland farming area which bears little resemblance to the lowland farming of much of Powys. People in the area feel very distanced from, and ill-served by, the Powys local authority. Machynlleth would be much better served by being either in Ceredigion or Gwynedd. I personally feel that we should be part of Ceredigion as Aberystwyth is the nearest town. Ceredigion CC would serve us much better as we are more within their geographical, cultural and economic sphere than Powys CC which is based in Llandrindod.

BCW-9306/ [REDACTED] / Ebbw Vale

Compared to other areas of the UK we still seem to have very small counties particularly Blaenau Gwent. Wouldn't it be an advantage to split this county up and add it to surrounding ones to cut the number further.

BCW-9307/ [REDACTED] / Neath

How much is this going to cost?

List the benefits in layman's term please.

BCW-9308/ [REDACTED] / Porthcawl

I am against this proposal.

Mixing a Porthcawl with Aberafan is not suitable.

We are merged with counties East for our health board. Etc.

And being merged West is not acceptable.

We should be moved to Join the East counties where we access our local services.

Our MP would have to fight our cases along 2 different local authorities which isn't practical.

If our services are provided by cwm taff then our boundaries should stay within the Cwm taff area.

BCW-9309 / [REDACTED] / Gilwern

It seems like a done deal so not sure what commenting will achieve. Of course I am furious, Wales now has even less say than it did before. It seems Wales is constantly undermined by Westminster which makes the case for Independence increasingly strong.

BCW-9310/ [REDACTED] / Holywell

People move around quite often, so ok to alter boundaries to suit. Think we have enough politicians elected already, so a few less won't affect local democracy. Think maybe Anglesey could cover say the Lleyn and up to Caernarfon and Bangor.

BCW-9311/ [REDACTED] / Wrexham

The relocation of the boundaries based on population takes away from the areas the knowledge and culture of that area. This is just a ploy by Labour . Parts of Wrexham put in the proposed new area is absolutely ridiculous and shows that those concerned in redistributing boundaries have very little knowledge of Wales.

BCW-9312/ [REDACTED] / Unknown

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 24 September 2021 16:47

To: Enquiries <enquiries@boundaries.wales>

Subject: 2021 proposals for new Westminster seats in Wales

It is suggested here that the Pentir Community Council area (especially the Penrhosgarnedd area of Bangor) should be included in the new Aberconwy constituency (in the same way as the remainder of Bangor and Dyffryn Ogwen) , rather than being included in the new Meirionydd- Dwyfor constituency [REDACTED]

BCW-9313/ [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

I strongly object to the new map boundaries for Caerphilly, being lumped in with parts of Newport is ridiculous! Caerphilly is part of a valley, buses and trains run up and down the valley, not across to Newport. Just leave things as they are and stop wasting time and money doing this stupid re-jig of the boundaries. There are so many things that need money right now, this is just a waste. Leave the boundaries as they are, I can't imagine the confusion it would cause to the public doing this! Ridiculous! Utterly stupid waste of time and taxpayers money!

Boundary Commission For Wales,
Hastings House,
Fitzalan Court,
Cardiff, CF24 0BL.

23rd September, 2021.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Proposed Parliamentary Boundary Changes
Present Cynon Valley Parliamentary Constituency.

I wish to object in the strongest terms to your proposals for the existing Cynon Valley Constituency which once again has been singled out by yourselves to be dismembered and eliminated from the political map.

It is proposed that the northern half of the Cynon Valley where we live is to be lived off to join with the Merthyr Tydfil constituency.

To add insult to injury the new proposed constituency is to be given the name Merthyr Tydfil and Aberdare immediately making the latter a very junior partner with all attendant disadvantages.

A comes before M in the alphabet so why does Merthyr come first in the new name? The answer to this is your usual bias towards Merthyr at the expense of all other areas. The term "friends at court" very much applies here.

Quite frankly we are not second class citizens in Aberdare and the Cynon Valley yet we seem to be regarded as such by yourselves.

Another pertinent point you fail to realise is that there is a mountain between Aberdare and Merthyr and this effectively cuts off the two areas both politically and geographically making them incompatible as a single constituency.

Yet another factor is that on a Local Authority basis the Cynon Valley is part of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

CONTINUED.

Your proposed boundary changes will have an adverse effect on the connection of the Cynon Valley with R.C.T. and it may well be that Aberdare will in the future be forced to join with Merthyr on a Local Authority basis.

This is the last thing we need. I am very happy with RCT CBC which is a well run and efficient Local Authority. The same cannot be said about Merthyr which appears to have more than its fair share of problems. This is not surprising since everyone thought when it was created that it was far too small to function as a Local Authority in its own right. This is another example of the preferential treatment given to Merthyr.

In conclusion we are all fed up with your attitude to the Cynon Valley merely regarding it as an area to be carved up to suit your ill-advised plans.

I would be most grateful if you can acknowledge receipt of this objection.

Yours faithfuller



BCW-9315 / [REDACTED] / Ruthin

The inclusion of Ruthin within the proposed Delyn constituency does not make any sense. Residents do not relate or have much to do with places in the proposed area which has towns/villages mainly in Flintshire.

Ruthin should most definitely be within the proposed Clwyd constituency area - indeed the River Clwyd runs through the town and is situated in what is known as the Vale of Clwyd. I wonder if anyone involved in the proposals is actually aware that constituency is named after the river that runs approximately 35 miles from the south of Ruthin to Rhyl

The Clwydian Range forms a physical boundary so the towns and villages to the west of the top of the Clwydian Range (highest point Moel Famau) should be included in the new constituency Clwyd.

The dividing line should at least be continued in the same continuous line of direction as it is from St Asaph to Bodfari (approximately South east) instead of kinking out to exclude Llandyrnog, Gellifor, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd and Ruthin - which are all places very much in the heart of the Vale of Clwyd. Rather strangely the proposed line of the Clwyd boundary then does change direction then to include Graigfechan. What makes most sense is have extend the present Vale of Clwyd constituency to include towns/villages to the south including Ruthin.

BCW-9316 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

The changes to my constituency will mean that even more of it is part of a different council. It also includes a larger part of west Cardiff which is by and large wealthier than Tremorfa where I live. Therefore I think that the changes to the constituency boundaries might have a negative effect on the services offered to the people of Tremorfa.

BCW-9317 / [REDACTED] / Llandudno Junction

I am not in agreement with the changes to the Welsh number of MP'S in the Westminster government. We in Wales are always let down by the Westminster government by not listening to our concerns and now they want to reduce our voice in Parliament. The Tory government has, I feel, decided that Wales should not be allowed a proper voice in the UK government.

BCW-9318 / [REDACTED] / Haverfordwest

Hello

I find it incomprehensible that the proposed boundaries would separate the constituency I live in from my nearest town, which is the county town and also therefore from my nearest hospital. How would I petition my mp about local services if the constituency did not cover them?

It also seems quite wrong to separate the city of St Davids, the very heart and soul of Pembrokeshire from its county named constituency and somehow make it an annex of Aberystwyth

I do hope you get plenty of comments and sensible suggestions or I fear this arbitrary, highlighter pen drawing could pass through on a simplistic and lazy whim to crunch numbers.

[REDACTED]

BCW-9319 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

Llanbradach is geographically much closer to Caerphilly than many, many areas of the proposed Caerphilly constituency. To link us to Islwyn is to link us to an area outside of the valley we live in and well away from the closest significant town that impacts on our daily lives which in turn risks us having our concerns drowned out by other more relevant and pertinent issues to the proposed constituency.

BCW-9320 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

I think that the proposed Cardiff West constituency is ridiculous and I strongly disagree. Pontyclun and Cardiff West have very little in common and Pontyclun needs to be able to remain as a resilient and strong community and isn't over powered areas in Cardiff!

BCW-9321 / [REDACTED] / Newtown

I am concerned that the needs of the more rural current Montgomeryshire constituency are very different to those of the areas much closer to Wrexham that it is proposed they will be merged with. I am also concerned that the sheer size of the area will make it difficult for an MP to be fully aware of and be able to adequately represent the area.

BCW-9322 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

Great. Let's reduce them all and be an independent Cymru! Away from the Westminster cabal and crooked Government! An extremely unfair and outdated structure of Governance!

BCW-9323 / [REDACTED] / Port Talbot

These proposals do nothing to enhance what we have already in place. Just more money putting toward something that isn't broken. What we have in place is what has served us well. I propose you scrap this in the interest of Wales and it's people

BCW-9324 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe

Ludicrous to place Pontardawe and surrounds in with Brecon and Powys, no links to the area and all it will do is mean a large number of traditional Labour voters will lose representation to a Tory. Never represented the area and I suspect never would under current boundaries.

BCW-9325 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

Re Cardiff West

The semi rural villages of Creigiau and Pentyrch have nothing to link them with the more populous Cardiff areas such as Canton and Ely and have been disadvantaged by the present constituency arrangement. Yet this is to continue
Now the areas of RTC such as Pontyclun are to be represented by a Cardiff m.p
What has the Pontyclun area in common with Cardiff West? There is no link at all
All of these areas - Pontyclun, Groesfaen, Creigiau, Pentyrch will be swallowed up by an ever expanding greater Cardiff

BCW-9326/ [REDACTED] / Mold

Gwernymynydd is not featured on this map of revised constituencies although the hamlet of Cadole is clearly visible. Who has drawn up these maps?

I think that, more thought should be given to the areas of urban and countryside. It is not practical for the two to be put together

BCW-9327/ [REDACTED] / Neath

This new constituency makes absolutely no sense. Cwm Tawe and the lower Amman Valley which have been part of Neath constituency for decades and Neath Port Talbot for 25 years are now lumped in with Rhaeadr and Bulith Wells. You say your commissioners have taken into account geographic factors, does the mountain range separating Cwm Tawe from the majority of Powys mean nothing, or have you simply drawn a few lines on a map and thought "That'll do!"? For years the boundary between Trebannws and Clydach has made no sense, but rather than get rid of a border that would make sense and include areas like Clydach, Birchgrove and Glais with the rest of the Swansea Valley, you've decided that they are best served in a constituency with Glynneath and Banwen. There are many well forged transport and work links between Neath and the Swansea and Amman valleys, not so much with Cwm Tawe and Brecon. The fact Briton Ferry is still in "Aberafan and Porthcawl" also makes no sense. These proposals are incredibly ill thought out and should be changed at the next stage of the review. Get commissioners who have a basic understanding of the geography and communities of Wales.

BCW-9328/ [REDACTED] / Wrexham

I have lived in Rhosllanerchrugog and Penycae for 75 years. They are essentially very closely linked and I do not think it is wise to put them in separate constituencies. They are parts of the same village.

BCW-9329/ [REDACTED] / Llanelli

I don't see why part of Carmarthen is being included in my area? It's a completely different community to the one I live in, people I know over there live life very differently, have different approaches to daily life and political views. Additionally their main concern would be with their connection with Carmarthen, not Llanelli, nor will they have a proper understanding of my connection with Llanelli. How would a Llanelli councillor take care of their political needs at all? Seems silly to me.

BCW-9330/ [REDACTED] / Prestatyn

This looks and feels, based on the way you've drawn the new constituency borders, to be more focussed on gerrymandering the constituencies of Swansea and Cardiff than anything else, and as usual the North of the country seems to be bearing the brunt of the burden when it comes to partitioning constituencies with historical and community ties. Separating the constituents of Rhyl and Rhuddlan from Prestatyn, Dyserth and Meliden seems particularly egregious given their longstanding community ties and connections.

BCW-9333/ [REDACTED] / Bridgend

It seems that geographical boundaries are second to the amount of electors within an area, some services would be better delivered on a geographical basis.

BCW-9334 / [REDACTED] / Lavernock

Penarth is the Vale of Glamorgan and should be returned to the Vale of Glamorgan. There is no desire to be part of the mess that is Cardiff.

When WAG forced local authorities to proposed mergers to save money the Vale or Glamorgan and County Borough of Bridgend proposed a merger it was refused because it wasn't what Labour wanted to hear.

Both Bridgend and the Vale wanted to protect their community identities and stop themselves from be swamped from the social problems of Swansea and Cardiff.

Yet the Welsh Assembly ignored everyone and keep working toward it through the back door through health boundaries, police boundaries and electoral wards. Even making them selves a Government without another referendum.

People don't want to see their well balanced communities become the extended social housing experiments for areas that lack community cohesion and have a disproportionate emphasis on diversity issues.

The only solution is to close the Welsh assembly via another referendum.

BCW-9335 / [REDACTED] / Merthyr Tydfil

I would just like to comment on the proposal. My view is its a shame these changes have to take place. The valleys are a unique place and the culture and needs are so different.

BCW-9336 / [REDACTED] / Welshpool

I am fully in support of the proposed boundary changes within the proposal for Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr.

Montgomeryshire has a lot of history and it would have been a travesty for it to be broken up and distributed to other areas. I am pleased Mid Wales is being recognised as a valuable area.

Thank you.

BCW-9337 / [REDACTED] / Llanelli

it would help if the map were to contain the present format only, with a second map alongside for comparison, of the respondent's choice. A single map, overlaid with multiple layouts is both confusing AND indecipherable !!!

BCW-9338 / [REDACTED] / Llanon

Knitting together a set unhomogeneous coastal communities without regard to hinterland inland .Crazy Horse .

BCW-9339 / [REDACTED] / Mountain Ash

Constituency name should be Pontypridd and Mountain Ash

BCW-9340 / [REDACTED] / Carmarthen

I live 1 mile from Carmarthen town centre yet my proposed new constituency will be Llanelli. I believe this is unacceptable as the remainder of the Llanelli constituency is a completely different demographic from the area in which I live, and so feel I would not be correctly represented.

BCW-9341 / [REDACTED] / Newtown

Powys already takes up half of Wales, struggling massively with poor infrastructure and the higher costs of service provision in a highly rural area, combined with chronic underfunding that does not take these issues into account. Adding another chunk at the top of the county would exacerbate those issues and potentially lower quality of life for those residents.

At this time, when there is a high level of poverty in Wales, it seems tone-deaf and wasteful to be considering zoning changes that will cost millions of pounds to implement and add further complications to statutory and other 'structures' already groaning under the stresses of the effects of Covid and Brexit. Personally, I would rather see investment into Health & Social Care, transport links and promoting businesses that pay a decent, living wage. In the current economic and social climate, I am distrustful of a plan that appears more of a political exercise, and less about the people that should be prioritised.

BCW-9342 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

Due to the administrative and cultural links between the villages south west of Wrexham, the are around Ruabon should be part of the Wrexham constituency.

BCW-9343 / [REDACTED] / Cydweli

How can you make the border of Carmarthenshire run almost through the town? Shouldn't the county's main town be in the middle of the constituency, not on its border?

What will be the situation of the Community and County Councils in this respect?

BCW-9344 / [REDACTED] / Welshpool

Montgomeryshire has no connection with Llangollen and Chirk. I understand the need to even up the number of electors but it would make much more sense if we were being merged with part of B&R, or even Gwynedd/Ceredigion. It also seems strange to take small parts of the Wrexham AND Denbighshire administrative areas into the proposed new Montgomeryshire & Glyndwr seat, when communities have natural ties to other towns in their counties/council areas, economically, socially and culturally. For example Chirk is part of Wrexham borough and to exclude it from Wrexham constituency seems unnatural.

BCW-9345 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

Firstly, It is inappropriate to have a constituency border running through the town of Bangor, splitting the area of Penrhosgarnedd in half and putting Ysbyty Gwynedd (which is, by any reasonable consideration, in Bangor) in a different constituency from the rest of the town. Ysbyty Gwynedd is an important part of this community, it employs many residents of Bangor as well as caring for the health of local people, and cutting the hospital off from its community in this way will make it impossible for local residents to have proper access to representation when it comes to matters affecting the hospital. Communication will be hampered and elected officials will not be as invested when issues are not within their own constituency, even if they are geographically less than a mile away.

Secondly, I am more broadly concerned by the splitting of the present Arfon constituency and relocating its boundary to be within Bangor, while the eastern boundary of what is presently Aberconwy remains near Colwyn Bay. This artificially forces two quite different areas together, notably areas which have quite different levels of Welsh spoken and whose residents do not focus on the same hinterland. The localised geographical sphere of a Bangor resident looks much more like that of a resident of Caernarfon or Dolgellau than that of a resident of Llandudno or Colwyn Bay, who are more likely to look further east than towards western or southern Gwynedd.

Considering the above, I believe that if the present Arfon constituency cannot be retained due to the need for constituencies with a similar number of electors, then the town of Bangor and its surrounding villages need to be wholly part of Dwyfor-Meirionydd, with the border no further east than Llanfairfechan.

BCW-9346 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

I am unhappy about the proposal to reduce the number of MPs in Wales, and have yet to see any reasonable argument for the move.

Wales already has insufficient voice in Parliament. If we aren't properly represented - if we are to be governed even more wholly by those self-aggrandising, corrupt, mercenary English Tories - then I think I'd like Wales to withdraw from the 'union'. It's not really a Union, is it? It's a hostile takeover.

And, I really DON'T agree to the Boundary Commission for Wales publishing my personal details, but apparently I have to consent to that before I can have my say.

BCW-9347 / [REDACTED] / Fishguard

There are many areas where public money needs to be spent and this is not one.

BCW-9348 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

I am very concerned that these boundary changes will favour the Conservative party in Wales. How will you ensure this does not happen?

Also the Ceredigion constituency reflects the culture and language of the area. To extend it further south will include geograoc and cultural areas which may be very different. How will the cultural integrity be maintained?

BCW-9349 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

I preferred it as it was. There doesn't seem much sense in poking Bangor into a far-flung corner of Aberconwy, when its natural links lie southwards and westwards.

BCW-9350 / [REDACTED] / Abergavenny

Overall I'm against reducing the number of Welsh MPs. It weakens our voice at Westminster. However if boundary changes are to be made regardless, I would like Gilwern [REDACTED] historically a part of Brecknockshire, to be added to the Brecon & Radnor constituency. At the moment the plan is to increase the size of Brecon & Radnor by adding Ystalyfera & Pontardawe, which are historically part of Glamorganshire. If the population of Brecon & Radnor has to be increased, please do it by adding areas that are part of historic Brecknockshire eg: Gilwern, Brynmawr, Cefn-Coed-y-Cymmer & Penderyn, rather than areas from Glamorganshire.

BCW-9351/ [REDACTED] / Monmouthshire

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: September 2021 17:34
To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
Subject: Boundary changes

Clearly these changes will be very significant for communities in Wales and incumbent politicians. I do, however, greatly support the reduction to bring all UK constituencies within a generally equal number. I do not think it will in any way de-stable democracy in Wales. The key issue is that Wales has the Senedd which is responsible for major devolved areas such as Health and Education and these are likely to expand. This inevitably reduces the workload of Westminster based MPs.



BCW-9352 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare

This proposed change is statistical in nature without respect for the terrain or links that make up the South Wales Valleys. For example there is very little in terms of services that anyone in Aberdare would use Merthyr for as it is not even in the same local council. There is the small matter of the two towns being separated by an actual mountain as well. Like the weather, the views of one valley can be very different to the valley over. I think this proposed boundary change would disenfranchise the more remote communities of Rhigos and Penderyn in particular as any representation would have to be split between 2 major towns and more people. You wouldn't merge an English/Welsh or English/Scottish constituency for these same points. Valleys have their own identity and cannot be split and cut up on a map by completely ignoring the geographic reality of the terrain and how the people interact within it.

BCW-9353/ [REDACTED] / Wrexham

Long overdue; it's been grossly unfair that some constituencies in England have had to represent larger populations than many of the existing Welsh constituencies, each Member of Parliament should represent a roughly equal number of members of the public.

Merging areas of Clywd south and Wrexham together better represents the people in the county of Wrexham as well, especially as Clywd as a county has not existed for over 20 years.

BCW-9354/ [REDACTED] / Brecon

if anything the areas need reducing in size, not enlarging. The public services in powys are failing wholesale. there is no medical care, we have no accessible GP, we have no A&E. The planners approve whatever takes their fancy and hang the community. our authority needs reigning in as it wants to spend everything on diversity welsh language and mental health, whilst basic services are perpetually being cut. We need MPs with greater interaction with their constituencies, not less. this is a step backwards and is not good news.

BCW-9355/ [REDACTED] / Carmarthen

The new proposed Llanelli constituency includes parts of what is quite clearly and historically Carmarthen town.

Llangunnor for example is regarded as part of Carmarthen as is Pensarn.

Even the towns railway station is due to be moved to the Llanelli constituency. Llanelli Town is 20 miles down the road.

Please take my views into account when deciding on approval for the proposed changes.

BCW-9356/ [REDACTED] / Bridgend

The proposal to separate Cefn Glas and Broadlands, two integral parts of Bridgend town out of the Bridgend constituency is illogical. The proposal will put people in these areas at a disadvantage as they are in now way related or linked to Port Talbot in any way. The illogical boundary has obviously been drawn up to tick boxes and with no consideration to the needs of local people.

BCW-9357/ [REDACTED] / Prestatyn

As regards creating new constituencies, I see splitting the Vale of Clwyd in half as totally wrong and unreasonable. It would break up areas and communities whose populations are connected – e.g., placing Rhyl and Prestatyn in different constituencies, when everyday life for the majority of the population involves crossing between the two (proposed) constituencies, thus placing them in a kind of no-man's land as regards responsibilities for services. It splits Denbighshire almost in half, making one part of the county the responsibility of one MP and the other of another MP – which makes no sense at all. For the above reasons, I strongly object to the proposals. Thank you.

BCW-9358/ [REDACTED] / Newbridge

I am happy with the proposed boundaries for Islwyn. Along with the surrounding constituencies this arrangement makes sense with similar communities being represented within the constituencies.

BCW-9359/ [REDACTED] / Carmarthenshire

I agree with the new proposal to unite Carmarthenshire as a whole constituency which will more effectively represent the communities.

BCW-9360/ [REDACTED] / Llanfairfechan

Why does Ynys Mon need to be a constituency on its own? If boundaries HAVE to change to reduce the number of constituencies, surely the rule of ynys mon having its own constituency could do too? I'm very concerned about the erosion of Welsh culture and language and retaining the rural economy of the area as well and about Westminster gerrymandering. I believe that Ynys mon, Bangor, and the rural part of Aberconwy, which was formerly Caernarfonshire should be one constituency with a name such as Menai. The population in the east of what is now aberconwy has much more in common, in terms of population characteristics, with the Flintshire, Denbighshire coastal strip and boundaries could be enlarged to accommodate the remaining part of Aberconwy.

BCW-9361/ [REDACTED] / Carmarthen

Bolahaul road, Cwmffrwd, which is within the Llandyfaelog Community Council area has no affinity or connection with the Llanelli area. Historically, culturally and economically it is an outreach of Carmarthen town and should remain so.

BCW-9362/ [REDACTED] / Carmarthen

I was born in Carmarthen and have lived in Llangunnor for most of my life, Llangunnor is a part of Carmarthen and has always been.

I have no wish to be part of a Llanelli constituency, the thought of this is ridiculous. Another instance going to prove of certain parties wanting to shift power to Llanelli.

Kerp Llangunnor in Carmarthen.

BCW-9363/ [REDACTED] / Caernarfon

There is a particularly strong social and geographical connection between the communities in the Arfon constituency. Moving Bethesda, Mynydd Llandegai, and the majority of Bangor etc. to the Aberconwy constituency, whilst balancing the numbers, would make little sense in practical terms. The primary geo/social divide is the clearly the Carneddau mountains.

BCW-9364/ [REDACTED] / Rhymney

Wouldn't it be better to have Rhymney and Islwyn together as they are both within Caerphilly County Borough Council. Put Blaenau Gwent in with Torfaen. It's bad enough the Post Office added Tredegar to the postal address. Rhymney is losing its identity from all sides.

BCW-9365/ [REDACTED] / Pontyclun

There is no way that Miskin and Pontyclun are part of Cardiff West. Both communities are inextricably linked to Llantrisant and Talbot Green. We are part of RCT and our electoral boundaries should reflect this.

BCW-9366/ [REDACTED] / Carmarthen

Llangynnor should not be apart of Llanelli. We are basically in Carmarthen town centre. It makes no logical sense at all.

BCW-9367/ [REDACTED] / Wrexham

It is absolutely ridiculous that you are proposing that Bwlchgwyn comes under Alyn and Deeside for Constituency purposes. We are closely linked to Wrexham, for Council Tax, transport, shopping everything in fact and now you have decided to include us in an area we have no links with at all. Utter madness, what gives you the right to make these mad decisions and split communities when you should be keeping them together. Do the right thing and leave us as we are for goodness sake

BCW-9368/ [REDACTED] / Ferryside

Dear Sir or Madam,

I live in Ferryside and would like to register an objection to the change of boundary that would see Ferryside fall within the Llanelli ward. We would never ever go to Llanelli for any purpose as all of our local amenities are in the town of Carmarthen. We live and work in this area and identify with Carmarthen as our hub and community. Our community is based around a shared sense of belonging which focuses on the town of Carmarthen. In Ferryside we are much more rural and in tune with the market town of Carmarthen rather than an industrial town like Llanelli. I think the decision to include Ferryside in the Llanelli boundary would be very damaging to our sense of place and community.

I would kindly ask that you consider including Ferryside within the Carmarthen boundary. Very many thanks.

Yours faithfully

BCW-9369/ [REDACTED] / Carmarthen

Llangunnor resident. We are a part of CARMARTHEN and nothing at all to do with Llanelli

BCW-9370/ [REDACTED] / Cwmbran

At the moment I am in the Monmouth constituency as I live in Llanyravon. I think I should be in the Torfaen constituency as this is our local council and Llanyravon has more in common with Torfaen than Monmouth. So I agree with the change. Also, I do not feel that our current MP represents our area as he is more concerned with rural Monmouthshire. I have never seen him in Cwmbran in the 20 years I have lived here, let alone canvassing our votes at election time. He obviously has no interest in this small pocket within his constituency. Therefore, I agree with the change.

BCW-9371/ [REDACTED] / Corwen

This feels like another paper exercise that is going to cost the tax payer money. Who says Wales has to reduce from 40 to 32 constituency's and why? This is going back to the 70's and 80's and then we reverted back to original county boundaries, so Clwyd went back to Denbighshire and Flintshire for example. What a waste of money. I also don't believe that anyone will be listened to. Why is this being done now, in the middle of a pandemic, with huge rises in the cost of living, fuel, gas, food, Council tax. The only thing that those of us get in rural areas for our extortionate Council Tax is refuse collection.

BCW-9372/ [REDACTED] Llanrhystud

There Dom of seem to be any other comments - ie no where to click to read them.
Can this be so?

BCW-9373/ [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

I think this is a great change. Caerphilly is a developing area and would do well to align with developing Newport. We could do so much more in Caerphilly to increase our connections broader than ourselves. Sounds good to me.

BCW-9374/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff

This is an absolutely disgusting, antidemocratic way to keep the conservative government in power. This is a disgrace to our already fragile democracy in the UK.

BCW-9375/ [REDACTED] / Wrexham

My area has always been under wrexham all 24 years I been around. Why should we change are area with it being so close to wrexham as a town.

Wrexham council represents the correct needs for our village and I would not like what happens to llangollen to happen to us. As there local council is a one close to a beach this means the council don't put much budget towards snow plows so they ended with snow filled roads.

BCW-9376/ [REDACTED] / Cardigan

I have two major concerns.

1. The reduction in the number of MPs for Wales will adversely affect the country's power in Central Government. Wales is a sparsely populated country, when compared to England, and its representation in Parliament should be based on land area and not population. The number of constituencies should remain unchanged.
2. Rolling North Pembrokeshire in to Ceredigion makes little geographic and social sense. North Pembrokeshire is richer and more heavily settled by incomers than Ceredigion, giving it different perspectives and priorities than Ceredigion. Ceredigion should continue to have its own representation in Westminster.

BCW-9377/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff

Reducing political representation at a time when the UK is in a governmental mess is idiocy. Westminster are trying to over ride devolved government, using all sorts of chicanery. The UK needs to plant its future, whether federal, devolved or, in my opinion, unlikely, as a united kingdom.

I also believe that the represented in the devolved assemblies should be bolstered to allow proper and effective answerability.

BCW-9378/ [REDACTED] / Burry Port

Having lived in Burry Port since 1985 I believe we have always been the forgotten part of the current constituency . With this in mind I would prefer to be part of the more rural area of Caerfyrddin.

BCW-9379/ [REDACTED] / Mountain Ash

I believe that splitting the Cynon Valley in half in the new boundary change is a terrible proposal. I do not understand why the proposed plans are to divide the valley and giving the upper Cynon Valley area (Aberdare) to Merthyr, and the lower Cynon Valley area to Pontypridd. The Cynon Valley should remain as a boundary of its own. The Cynon Valley has a rich history and should not be changed. People will lose a sense of identity and pride of being where they're from. I'm proud to have grown up in and to be a part of Cynon Valley.

BCW-9380/ [REDACTED] / Carmarthen

Pensarn and Tregynwr and the railway station area is an integral part of Carmarthen and shouldn't be in a separate constituency. Keep the whole of Carmarthen town in one constituency with one voice in parliament speaking for the whole town.

BCW-9381/ [REDACTED] / Bridgend

Being part of [REDACTED], Bridgend. I feel being taken out of the Bridgend Constituency is stupid as the changes that would most affect us would be in the Town of Bridgend which would be handled by another constituency and I would not be able to have my say on the issues that are raised.

BCW-9382/ [REDACTED] / Neath

I understand your desire to attempt to equalise the numbers of people in each Constituency but there are some glaring examples of where you have made exceptions. Ynys Mon seems to be a good example of that in Wales.

I'm worried that you have solely looked at this whole exercise in narrow statistical terms. You have shown little flexibility and certainly no imagination in reaching the conclusions that you have. Up to now the current Constituencies are by no means perfect but they do broadly reflect the concept of 'community' and a clear 'identity' of the areas covered within the Constituency.

I'm very disappointed with the outcomes you have arrived at. Many constituencies have no true identity or any reflection whatsoever of their history and heritage. What local people have achieved in building their local communities over Decades and more is totally and harshly ignored. Their pride in the communities they serve has been subject to total disdain and chilling indifference.

I do hope you will reconsider the decisions you have made please. I am a concerned Resident of the current Neath Constituency which will be merged with part of the City of Swansea. Writing that sentence demonstrates how ludicrous your proposals are. I say that with the greatest respect to the work you have carried out and the honourable manner in which you have acquitted yourselves.

BCW-9383/ [REDACTED] / Goodwick

It makes no cultural or economic sense to have the coastal areas of Pembrokeshire lumped in with Ceredigion. This part of Pembrokeshire should be with the Haverfordwest area.

BCW-9384/ [REDACTED] / Caernarfon

'No taxation without (proper) representation'. The reduction in the number of Welsh M.P.'s in the Commons will only serve to increase support for independence.

Is it significant that this area is coloured Plaid Green?

BCW-9385/ [REDACTED] / Llanharry

Please make Llanharry part of VoG! We are at the border and isolated from either county. Making Llanharry part of VoG will also me an immense help with school transport for children who are attending Cowbridge Comprehensive School. Current 'Welcome to Vale of Glamorgan' table is placed just after the Llanharry cemetery. Llanharry is separated from Llanharran with a long road and from Pontyclun/Brynsadler. Once exited Brynsadler would be a great border for VoG

BCW-9386/ [REDACTED] / Neath

Since Neath Port Talbot is a Unitary Authority, it would make more sense to have a Parliamentary constituency for the same area, rather than have Neath linked with a part of Swansea with which there is no historical connection.

Neath itself is a very old Borough and it should not be subsumed into an area which is part of a large city.

BCW-9387/ [REDACTED] / Wrexham

I see NO need to change the parliamentary election boundaries in Wales. As a nation we need a strong voice in Westminster.

These proposed boundary changes will give us less representation in parliament which will be detrimental to Wales.

Also, the proposal to include Minera in with Alyn and Deeside constituency is incomprehensible. Minera is so alligned with Coedpoeth as a community that it should be part of Wrexham constituency.

BCW-9388/ Cllr Richard John/ Monmouthshire

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED] 2021 21:53
To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
Subject: Response to initial proposals - Monmouthshire constituency

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to provide a formal response to the consultation on the initial proposals of the 2023 Parliamentary Review on behalf of the Conservative Group on Monmouthshire County Council. This response represents the views of 25 of the 43 elected county councillors in the Monmouthshire local authority. I wish to comment specifically on the proposals for a new 'Monmouthshire' parliamentary constituency.

Given that in Wales we have an additional tier of governance with the Welsh Parliament, I believe it is more important than ever that we take steps to improve public understanding of who represents them. Having a new constituency which is coterminous with the local authority makes perfect sense and will streamline decision-making and accountability. At the moment we liaise with two Members of Parliament, but neither fully represents our county, as the Monmouth constituency contains four electoral divisions from Torfaen (Llanyrafon East & Ponthir, Llanyrafon West, Croesyceiliog South and Croesyceiliog North) and the lion's share of the Newport East constituency is in the City of Newport. Both our Members of Parliament have to look both ways in engaging with two different local authorities. The initial proposals would enable the MPs for Monmouthshire, Torfaen and Newport East to engage with one local authority each. The local authorities of Torfaen and Monmouthshire would also be able to build up a close working relationship with a single member of parliament.

Given that parliamentary boundaries from 2023 are set to be different to those for the Welsh Parliament, maintaining some familiarity by following local authority boundaries where possible reduces public confusion and ensures greater accountability.

It has always seemed odd that the current Monmouth constituency contains some Severnside communities such as Portskewett, Sudbrook, Caerwent and Crick, but not Caldicot, Rogiet, Magor or Undy. These communities have far more in common with each other than the rest of the Monmouth constituency has with the areas of Llanyrafon and Croesyceiliog which have better transport and community links to Torfaen. Indeed the only major transport links between Llanyrafon and Croesyceiliog and the rest of the Monmouth constituency are the A472 to Usk and the A4042 to Abergavenny. The communities in Severnside are all joined up by the B4245 and the A48 and Caldicot is the nearest major town with community facilities, such as supermarkets, leisure centre, tourist attractions such as the castle and green open spaces. Caldicot is the catchment secondary school for the villages in Severnside. It also seems odd that Caldicot industrial estate is in the Monmouth constituency, but the town of Caldicot is in Newport East. Caldicot is clearly not in

Newport, but its place in a Newport East constituency is obviously confusing. These sensible proposals bring Monmouthshire back together in a single constituency.

The projected electorate for the new Monmouthshire constituency is 72,681 making it an ideal size for a constituency, well within the prescribed range of 69,724 to 77,062.

My group is wholly supportive of the initial proposals for the new parliamentary constituency of 'Monmouthshire'.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider our views.

Yours faithfully,

Richard

Richard John

Leader, Monmouthshire County Council
Councillor for Mitchel Troy

BCW-9389/ [REDACTED] /Aberdare

I am not happy with the boundary changes because I will have no say over the running of my area. The representation will be centered around Pontypridd . Aberdare is the main town in the Cynon valley and we are only a mile away but 14 from Pontypridd. I would be happier to do away with all our representation in Westminster and devolve more powers to the Senedd. This change shows an intent to reduce Welsh influence in Parliament.

BCW-9390/ [REDACTED] /Neath

This reduces Wales' voice and current constituents voice in the union. The consequence is that it will further the cause for Welsh Independence.

BCW-9391/ [REDACTED] /Bangor

Lumping Bangor in with the more rural areas to the east is blatant gerrymandering. This whole exercise has been engineered to ensure minority parties, ie Plaid, is swallowed up by dividing its electoral bases into adjoining constituencies.

BCW-9392/ David T.C. Davies MP/ Monmouthshire

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED] co er 2021 15:20
To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
Subject: PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES: Monmouthshire/Sir Fynwy constituency

Dear Commissioners,

I hope this finds you well.

I am writing in relation to the Boundary Proposals for the Monmouthshire constituency. Please find attached my comments on the proposal for the new Monmouthshire/Sir Fynwy constituency as outlined in the 2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review by the Boundary Commission for Wales.

I have also sent a copy by post.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

David TC Davies MP
Member for Monmouth

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DAVID TC DAVIES MP
Member for Monmouth

Please reply to:



Date: 5 October
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Dear Commissioners,

**PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES: MONMOUTHSHIRE/SIR FYNWY
CONSTITUENCY**

I am writing in relation to the Boundary Proposals for the Monmouthshire constituency.

As the sitting Member of Parliament for the Monmouth constituency, I have enjoyed representing the constituency since 1999, first as an Assembly Member in the National Assembly for Wales (now Welsh Parliament/Senedd) and then from 2005 as the Member of Parliament.

Although I believe that no MP likes losing a part of their existing constituency and by default losing constituents whom he or she has personally represented for a considerable amount of time, I do find that there is good reason for the Commission to make these changes at this present time. Therefore, I wish to confirm that I welcome the proposal on three grounds:

- 1) The new constituency would then form the same boundary as the existing local authority county of Monmouthshire.
- 2) The name of the constituency would reflect the area it covers - Monmouthshire - whereas at the moment the Monmouth constituency covers two counties, 33/42 of the existing Monmouthshire County Council wards and 4/24 of the Torfaen county borough wards. In short, the new name of Monmouthshire/Sir Fynwy constituency better reflects



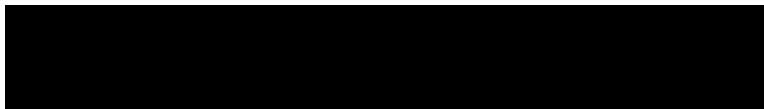
the geography of the seat, accountability and identity.

- 3) With the aim to make constituencies more equal in voter numbers and reflect population changes across the whole UK, each proposed constituency (apart from Ynys Mon) must have an electorate that is no less than 95% and no more than 105% of the UK electoral quota. Your estimated electorate for the new Monmouthshire constituency is 72,681 making it an ideal size for a constituency and well within the range of 69,724 to 77,062 that the Commission is trying to achieve.

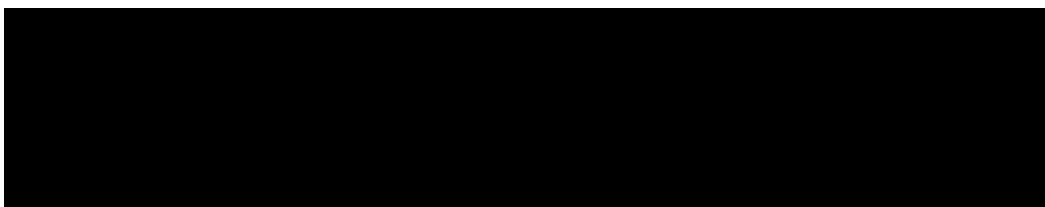
As the Member of Parliament for Monmouth, I have always found that the name of the current constituency often confuses residents who either live in the Torfaen part of the constituency (four wards) or those who live in parts of Monmouthshire, other than Monmouth. The new constituency of Monmouthshire would help with identity for residents and accountability for the new Member of Parliament, and assist overall with providing a sense of community within its existing local ties.

To close, I welcome the proposal for the new Monmouthshire/Sir Fynwy constituency as outlined in the 2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review by the Boundary Commission for Wales.

With best wishes,



David T C Davies



BCW-9393/ [REDACTED] / Wrexham

Absolute rubbish, Ruabon is part of Wrexham, not Powys, and should remain in the Wrexham constituency.

BCW-9394/ [REDACTED] Swansea

I totally disagree with Pontardawe forming part of Powys. Powys is already far too large with the administrative centre far removed from the south of the country. There are already significant problems with the Country not being representative of its southern boundary Towns.

The Town of Pontardawe also has far more in common with other post industrial Towns in the Neath Valley than the predominantly rural area of Powys.

This seems a number crunching exercise, rather than a considered review, that takes into account what is genuinely required by the area.

BCW-9395/ [REDACTED] / Swansea

Looks good and a far more sensible ' Gower ' constituency than the current one however god knows what Gendros and some of Townhill are doing in this ward. The boundary should go up the A4216 and should take a left down carmarthen road so that Gendros and Cadle are not in ' Gower ' but are in Swansea West. See blue line adjustment on attachement

Other than that it looks tidy.



BCW-9396/ [REDACTED] / Caldicot

Finally the county of Monmouthshire will become a constituency. Make local government easier, one MP, one council to deal with. Long overdue change.

BCW-9397/ [REDACTED] / Llanfairpwllgwyngyll

Absolutely ridiculous idea. It's one thing to reduce our MPs in parliament, it's another to then roll over the power of the Welsh Government - who we voted in twice. It feels like a Welsh vote is worth less than an English one, and it feels like this is gerrymandering by the Conservative party. Why does the will of the people only matter when it's England?

BCW-9398/ [REDACTED] / Cowbridge

I agree the present system is unfair. I believe the proposal seems fairer.

BCW-9399/ [REDACTED] / Abergele

Please keep Conwy boundaries as they are. We are a rural constituency and wish to stay this way.

BCW-9400/ [REDACTED] / Newtown

If change to boundaries is essential then the proposed change from Montgomeryshire to Montgomeryshire & Glyndwr seems satisfactory and has my support

BCW-9401/ [REDACTED] / Oswestry

I think Powys is too large and the North is marginalised at present and should be returned to Clwyd South.

BCW-9402/ [REDACTED] /Llandysul

I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposed changes for Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire. The new constituency simply clumps two very different areas together and is an incredibly anti-democratic way of ensuring that people in these areas are not heard. Constituencies should be designated BY AREA NOT POPULATION. To mash Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire together, with different political (Plaid v Conservatives), Cultural (Predominantly Welsh speaking vs Predominantly English speaking) and economically (Pembrokeshire has distinctly different finances to Ceredigion and much less poverty) is extremely dangerous and crass. The proposed changes attribute all the democratic power to the south and to areas where there are lots of people. This ensures that rural communities are not heard and are subject to the movements of the masses in the south. If any constituencies are going to be merged it ought to be in the South. This is what a first past the post system means. It means that those in unpopulated areas are still heard.

To reiterate, I am STRONGLY AGAINST the proposed changes to Ceredigion on democratic, representative and cultural grounds. There is already too little emphasis on the countryside in Wales, with all the best jobs and opportunities being offered in the South. This new constituency boundary serves only to further separate the south and the west and anyone who proposes it is fundamentally anti-democratic. My recommendation is to scrap these proposed changes, and instead spend the time altering the Southern constituency boundaries which share much more culture and economic features. Democratic reform must not come at the expense of the countryside because the countryside is already struggling. We have no jobs for young people, no educational opportunities, and are suffering from massively inflating house prices. Help the West and ensure it still has a voice before it becomes another Cornwall. You have been warned.

[REDACTED]

BCW-9403/ [REDACTED] / Milford Haven

I support the new constituency boundary since it broadly follows the ancient Landsker line in Pembrokeshire

BCW-9404/ [REDACTED] / Bangor

Bangor should not be split between two constituencies. The proposed arrangements mean that Bangor and its hinterland would lack effective strategic oversight and hinder proper governance.

BCW-9405/ [REDACTED] / Undy

The Severnside villages of Magor & Undy have more in common with Newport East than rural Monmouthshire.

BCW-9406/ [REDACTED] / Llanrhystud

I fully support the changes as the reasons given make perfect sense based on the numbers and rationale.

BCW-9407/ [REDACTED] / Llanilar

Wales has even less control over its own destiny in Westminster with this move. So much for United Kingdom

BCW-9408/ [REDACTED] / Magor

I FULLY approve of the proposed boundary changes. All my services, rates etc are part of Monmouthshire however my local MP for elections is Newport East. This has always felt to be wrong. That is all I will say, as this is such a simple decision for me and a no brainier Thank you

BCW-9409/ [REDACTED] / Mold

How on earth can this work when constituency boundaries span county council boundaries? Completely unworkable for councils and cllrs

BCW-9410/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff

I want to voice my strong disapproval at this proposal to reduce Welsh representation in Westminster. I honestly feel this consultation is a pointless exercise as the UK Government have already made their decision to reduce Welsh representation, meaning communities with nothing in common will be lumped together, and the already small voice of Wales in Westminster will decrease further. This proposal has strengthened my support for Welsh Independence.

BCW-9411/ [REDACTED] / Cardigan

The proposed plan is much better. Having lived and worked in Ceredigion all my life, and now over the border very slightly into Pembrokeshire, I consider what happens in Ceredigion more important to me than the North of Pembrokeshire.

BCW-9412/ [REDACTED] / Neath Abbey

This constituency of Swansea East and Neath downgrades the influence of a very populous town. Neath deserves its own constituency and is not a suburb of Swansea. It is quite clear to me and a large amount of voters in the constituency that this is just to increase the Conservative share of the vote in order to challenge Labour and in some cases Plaid Cymru in these constituencies. It's an authoritarian power grab and must be stopped.

BCW-9413/ [REDACTED] / Neath Abbey

This is my second comment, but I would like to also point out that the constituency of Swansea East & Neath straddles 2 councils. Would it not be a better proposal for the Neath Port Talbot Council area to be classed as a constituency by combining Neath and Aberavon current constituencies instead of combining Neath with Swansea East?

My solution would be to make the wards in the document I have attached into one constituency, as then at least the issues in the constituency cover the same council area.



BCW-9414/ [REDACTED] / Llandudno

I believe the proposals for the Aberconwy area (and North Wales more widely) do not reflect local ties and geographic realities and should be revised. All the seats seem to have been created on a west to east basis, with an expanded Dwyfor Meirionnydd seat as the basic building block. This is an error as it ignores many of the realities of the area and far more natural and viable seats can be created if one has more of a fundamental rethink of the seats in the north. I attach an image of my counter proposals. Please note, all the seats depicted fall within the electorate range required of the review and so work for the purposes proposed.

Firstly, the Llandudno and Conwy areas have little in common with Bangor socially or economically and should be in a seat with Colwyn Bay, which would far better reflect realities and links on the ground. The inclusion of Llandrillo yn Rhos and Mochdre wards in Aberconwy is necessary to make up the required electorate but, carves up the urban area of Colwyn Bay, when if you look at the wider seat and urban area pairings in North Wales, this is completely unnecessary.

While Llandudno and Conwy were included in the old Conway/Conwy seats with Bangor, this was more a product of the two former towns having been part of Caernarfonshire, and then Gwynedd, rather than any links between the two areas. Since the reorganisation of authorities in 1995, local boundaries have far more reflected the fact that Llandudno, Conwy and Colwyn Bay are essentially one contiguous urban area. The parliamentary seats should reflect these realities. Local residents shop, work and socialise on a daily basis between the three towns. Links with Bangor are far more tenuous for local residents, despite the A55.

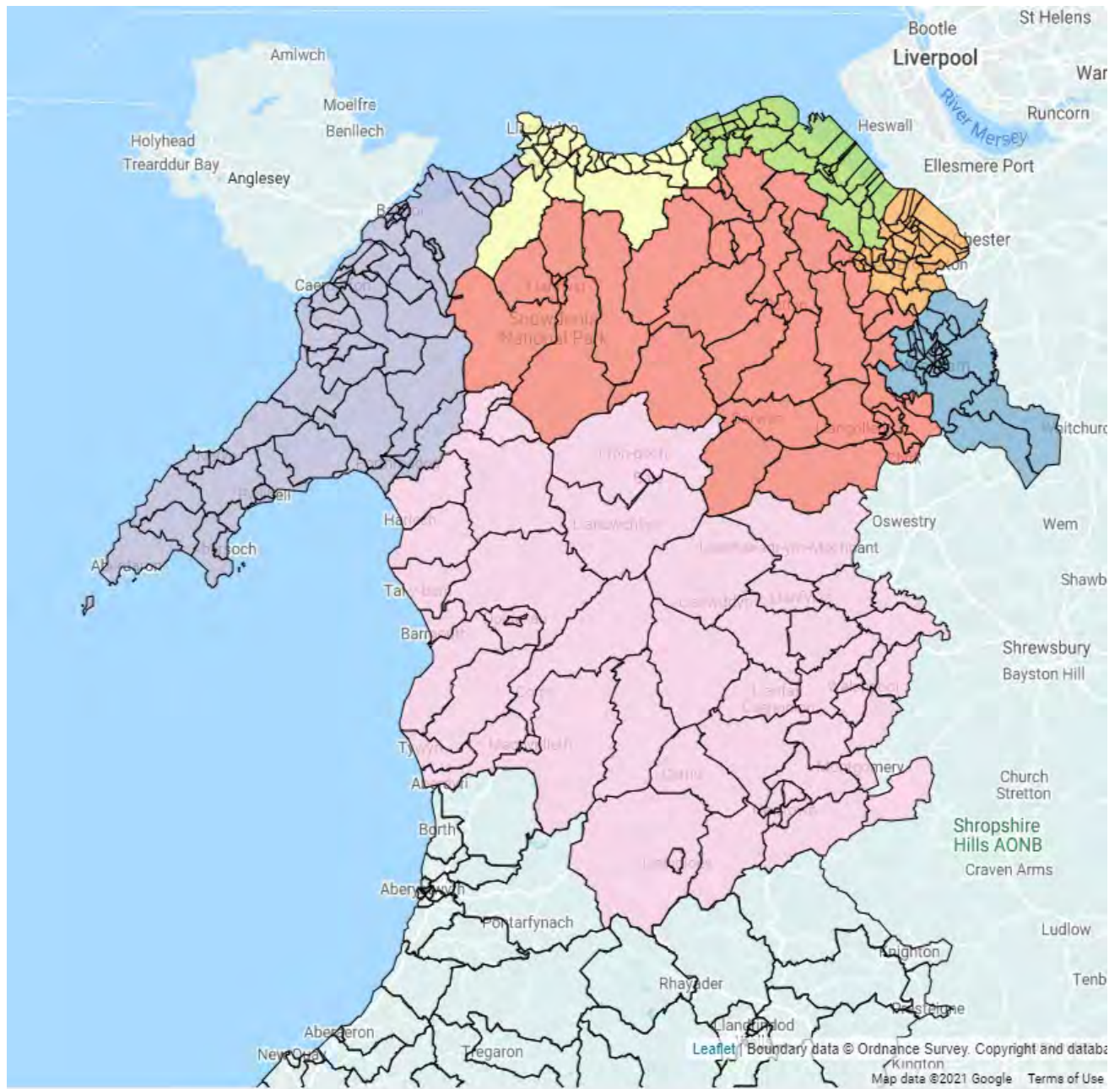
Similarly, Bangor and Caernarfon are a natural pairing for a constituency and the present Arfon seat was a natural and sound unit. This seat should be expanded to take in the Llyn Peninsular, rather than Bangor be included in Aberconwy, especially as the boundaries around Bangor, as currently proposed, are extremely tight and cut off the town's hinterland. My proposed alternative plan in the attached image shows what I think is a more natural seat, combining Bangor and Caernarfon, with the Llyn Peninsular, and those parts of the County Borough of Conwy that look towards Bangor as their main town, such as Llanfairfechan. I would call this seat Caernarfon as the central town for the constituency.

Turning to alternatives to Aberconwy, my counter proposals in the image unite all the main urban areas of the County Borough of Conwy along the coast, with their immediate hinterland. These areas resemble one another socially, linguistically and form a natural physical and economic unit, stretching from Conwy Town over to Kinmel Bay. I would propose this seat is called Llandudno and Colwyn as the two largest and most well-known towns in the area. While Conwy has been used for seats in the past, the old 1951-2010 Conway/Conwy seat covered a far different area and the same name is in use for both a county and ward, neither of which are the

same area as the proposed seat. It would, in part, also mark a break with Aberconwy and therefore give the new seat a new identity as a new seat covering a new area, but one which would be immediately identifiable to most residents and external commentators.

Elsewhere in North Wales, I have proposed a seat covering Rhyl, Prestatyn and the Flintshire coast - again a natural unit for a parliamentary seat, one covering Wrexham and the Maelor, and two others covering more rural areas. One of these is an expanded version of the old Clwyd South West seat, which existed prior to 1997, but now including areas of the Conwy Valley. The final seat is one covering Montgomeryshire and Meirionydd. This seat is large in size but works well on the ground and many areas of western Montgomeryshire, such as Machynlleth resemble many parts of southern Meirionydd and there exists close ties between the two areas.

I believe my counter proposals for Aberconwy and for North Wales more generally are far more reflective of local ties and topographical and sociological realities than the initial proposals. They also work from an electorate perspective given the requirement incumbent upon the commission and have no knock on effect on seats in other regions of Wales. I hope that you will look upon my proposals with interest and will be glad to expand on any of my proposals or thoughts if called upon.



BCW-9415/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff

Pontyclun isn't in the same county as Cardiff so it should not be in the same electoral district as Cardiff West. This is a blatant attempt to limit the number of Labour seats in Wales and an attempt by the British Government to yet again increase the primacy of England in the Union. I am absolutely disgusted that the British Government is trying to limit the number of constituencies in Wales by 20%, and thus limit the voting power of representatives in Wales. Another nail in the coffin of my trust in the UK parliament.

BCW-9416/ [REDACTED] / Wrexham

What a pointless exercise. Ryan on is close to wrexham so why would it benefit from becoming another county. What would be the benefits? I fail to see any except wasting valuable money. Would rather it was spent reclaiming old lands that were welsh and now English! How about putting the valuable money spent on improving services, increasing staff numbers within the sector than making irrelevant and confusing changes to counties.

How about asking welsh people to vote on this rather than 'our sat' which is just a tick box exercise when the decisions are probably already made.

As you can see from the Facebook comments, people do not want to change the counties. Listen to the welsh people who live in these counties.

BCW-9417/ [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

Gerry Mander would be proud - good grief!

BCW-9418/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff

I think it's great that the constituencies are being made larger.

For far too long there have been too many constituencies in Wales.

BCW-9419/ [REDACTED] / Tregynon

I believe that these proposals are very good, especially as they keep the historic county and constituency of Montgomeryshire intact as well as adding other local neighbouring communities that have similar landscapes and needs.

It is a vital job to reorganise the Parliamentary map of Wales so it better represents the modern demographics of the population; and this proposal achieves this.

I support the proposal.

BCW-9420/ [REDACTED] / Newport

The communities along the B4245 and to a lesser degree the A48 east of Newport have a long association with each other and a great deal of interdependence. Issues common to one are frequently common to the others. Breaking up these communities through different parliamentary constituencies will make it harder to co-ordinate effective and efficient solutions to these common problems.

BCW-9421 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

Whilst I am fully in agreement with streamlining constituencies, Ceredigion County Council have been appalling with ringfencing resources to favoured areas. Unfortunately Aberystwyth drew the short straw with the highest council taxation and lack of services, communal facilities, no communication and no consultations with residents or businesses, no improvement plans for the town centre, no parking and unworkable road closures. Extending the area to the South will only widen the gap further with already stretched resources being sent to ensure St David's and the coast bring in more revenue. We understand Covid restrictions but Aber has been ignored, our town is dying slowly, businesses have moved out because footfall has been crucified with road closures for Covid. They are not even allowing their own councillors to speak out. We have a vote of no confidence in this councils representatives so if you do change the area, please change the full time non elected members to give us a chance.

BCW-9422 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

The Brecon constituency is already too large geographically. This proposal to extend it even further to the south is ludicrous. It would make far more sense to divide it in the middle and make it two smaller and thus more manageable constituencies. It appears that the current government is only concerned with tinkering with boundary changes for their own benefit with not a thought for the people who should be their first priority.

BCW-9423 / [REDACTED] / Chepstow

These boundary changes are not fair. Wales is already marginalised by central government and this will make that marginalisation worse.

BCW-9424 / [REDACTED] / Newport

Quite frankly embarrassing that most of the city of Newport west of the Usk is now part of Newport East. Constituency boundaries aren't just meant to reflect population, or the political objectives of any one party.

Geographic boundaries are also very important, something that this Commission appears to have ignored, almost across the board. If you know Newport well, then you know that Newport East, and Newport West, as they currently exist, are different places with slightly different problems and attitudes, divided as they are by one of the largest rivers in Wales. These communities deserve the respect of representation that preserves the traditional boundary.

BCW-9425 / [REDACTED] / Y Felinheli

I think it is necessary to keep the whole of Arfon together....the proposed Aberconwy and Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituencies leaves Arfon split in half, but both from a community perspective, and cultural one, Bangor and Ogwen belong to Arfon, and Gwynedd, rather than Aberconwy. The currently proposal currently splits a large urban area of Bangor in half (Penrhosgarnedd) and also splits the village of Rhiwlas off from its closest linked towns and villages - Bangor, and Bethesda. Rhiwlas itself has strong links to both Bangor and Bethesda; most people who live in Rhiwlas work in Bangor/Arfon, and the primary school's secondary catchment areas are Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen, in Bethesda, and Ysgol Tryfan and Ysgol Friars in Bangor. Culturally there is quite a big divide between the Bangor-Ogwen area and Conwy - it's needs to be bought back in and joined with the rest of Arfon.

I know it's difficult with the narrow scope you've been given for constituency populations sizes, but I'd suggest that preferably, all of Bangor-Ogwen should fall into Dwyfor Meirionnydd (and renamed Gwynedd, by the looks of it) using the Gwynedd/Conwy county boundary as the boundary, or alternatively that Rhiwlas and Penrhosgarnedd areas are moved over to stay with Bangor-Ogwen, and the boundary is rather weirdly drawn up from between Bangor and Felinheli, having Felinheli, Bethel, Deiniolen, Llanberis etc in Dwyfor Meirionnydd, and having all of Bangor, Penrhosgarnedd, Rhiwlas, Caerhun, Glasinfryn, Tregarth, Mynydd Llandegai and Bethesda together in whichever constituency in lands. Though, Dwyfor Meirion would be the preference.

BCW-9426 / [REDACTED] / Rhos on sea

I live in Rhos on sea and object to the proposed changes.

Rhos on sea is not part of Colwyn bay and the changes bring many negatives for the residents of the area

Changes to insurance costs due to statistics of crime of Colwyn bay.

House price changes again due to

CB's record on crime, anti-social behaviour, and its drug rehab and ex prisoner housing

BCW-9427 / [REDACTED] / Garndolbenmaen

The changes in the boundaries does not take into account the cultural differences within the areas and therefore does is not a good representation of the cultural and ethnic minorities in our area. A population based only approach will mask the important contribution of these minority groups which are native to these areas.

BCW-9428 / [REDACTED] / Ystalyfera

This is a very poor idea. The communities in the South West of the proposed Brecon and Radnor have very little in common with the other towns and villages in the constituency. Given the shoe-horning of communities that is being proposed, it's hard to see this as anything other than a gerrymandering exercise by the incumbent party. It should absolutely not happen, and anyone enabling it should be utterly ashamed of their role in damaging our fragile democracy.

BCW-9429/ [REDACTED] / Gower

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 11 October 2021 23:15
 To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: Parliamentary Boundary Commission for Wales

From: [REDACTED] Chairman Main Committee, Gower Society, [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] 10th October 2021
 To: The Secretary, Parliamentary Boundaries Commission for Wales, Ground Floor,
 Hastings House, Fitzalan Court, Cardiff CF24 0BL bcw@boundaries.wales

Dear Commission Secretary,

Gower Society comments on the proposed name 'Swansea West and Gower'
 Amended names proposed: 'Gower Peninsula and Swansea West' or 'Gower
 and SwanseaWest'

The Gower Society is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which has
 grown from its origins as a charity set up in 1948; this preceded the designation in
 1956 of the major part of the Gower Peninsula as the first A.O.N.B. (Area of
 Outstanding Natural Beauty) in the UK.

The Gower Society's Main Committee notes the Commission's invitation in its
 2021 Report to offer comments on its proposals for reorganising the
 parliamentary political constituencies in Wales.

The Gower Society understands and supports the Commission's aim to try to
 even-up the number of persons in any one constituency and accepts that the
 political boundary area changes close to those suggested locally are
 reasonable.

However it objects to the manner in which the word Gower - a very special word in
 the UK history - is further demeaned in these proposals.

It is demeaned by not calling the new constituency 'Gower and Swansea West';
 this was, after all, what the 2016 predecessor of this Commission update itself
 actually proposed to call it.

Swansea's main history is mainly associated with the important part it played in
 the first industrial revolution. Unlike many cities elsewhere in the UK its earlier
 years are less rich in historical attributes, and if one word stands out in a history
 that goes back over 800 years it is the word GOWER. This was the name given
 to the ancient Marcher Lordship granted by King John to William III de Braos
 (Breos) in the year 1203, and which covered an area very similar to that covered
 by the present City and County of Swansea. Gower was the anglicised version
 of the Welsh Gwyr, a commute within the cantref of Eginog with a history
 extending hundreds of years before the Marcher Lordship.

These days many people's first association with the word may run no deeper
 than holiday trips to 'Gower' - usually meaning seaside trips to the Gower
 Peninsula (itself only a small part of historical Gower). It would be highly

regrettable culturally for Swansea and the UK if the parliamentary Commission were to make any further inroads into its significance.

In conclusion, then, the Gower Society strongly objects to the Commission's proposed name. The Society's preferred name is the one originally suggested five years ago, of 'Gower Peninsula and Swansea West'. (This would emphasise that just as the term Swansea West covers only a small part of Swansea, so the term 'Gower Peninsula' covers only a small part of Gower). Its second choice would be 'Gower and Swansea West'.

Yours faithfully,

██████████ (Chairman, Main Committee, Gower Society)



6th October 2021

Dear Sirs

CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY CHANGE

I support the proposal to
create an enlarged constituency
of MONTGOMERYSHIRE & GLYNDWR.

Yours faithfully



2023 Review Consultation
Boundary Commission for Wales
Fitzalan Court
Cardiff CF24 0BL

BCW-9431 / [REDACTED] / Newport

I am generally supportive of the proposals given the constraints.

However, the proposed 'Monmouthshire' constituency would be better retaining the existing name 'Monmouth'. As a resident of Newport in Monmouthshire, it is already confusing having a local government area that does not cover the entire county, without compounding the confusion with a Parliamentary constituency that does not either.

BCW-9432 / [REDACTED] / Llandudno

I am opposed to any reduction in the number of seats in Wales. This will reduce the representation of Wales at Westminster and will lead to England having even more dominance in the United Kingdom.

BCW-9433 / [REDACTED] / RCT

Why is it that Rhigos and Penderyn are the ones that always get moved about. I do not want to be part of Merthyr they're the poorest, their council is awful. Please do not move us. I work in a school kitchen and even the menus in RCT are much nicer and better.

BCW-9434 / [REDACTED] Newtown

Mochdre with Penstrowed Community Council is pleased to see that historical ties in relation to geographical areas have now been taken into consideration and that Montgomeryshire is to remain intact, with Glyndwr added on to it.

Sadly it means the loss of Simon Baines MP, but could result in an interesting dynamic.

BCW-9435 / [REDACTED] / Llanelli

Llanelli Town Council wishes to note it's objections to the initial proposals for the Llanelli constituency.

It is the view of the Council that the inclusion of the Carmarthenshire County Council Llangunnor Ward along with the newly created Llangyndeyrn Ward will cause areas that should naturally form part of any Carmarthen based constituency being within the proposed Llanelli constituency. This is an unsustainable and inappropriate situation as locations such as:

Carmarthen railway station
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin

Would be represented by the Llanelli MP. It is clear that there can be no justification for these being included in the Llanelli proposals and should obviously be retained in the proposed Caerfyrddin constituency.

Llangunnor ward has a population of 2,194
The newly formed Llangyndeyrn ward is suggested to have a population of 4073

As an alternative the Council would suggest the inclusion of the Saron and Penygroes wards into Llanelli, their combined populations are 5,768.

The Llanelli constituency would then have a total electors of around 71,500, which would be within the recommendations.

BCW-9436 / [REDACTED] / Bethesda

Bethesda Community Council is not happy with the initial proposals, as Arfon will disappear! We feel that a more natural fit – demographically and linguistically – would be to join with Meirion/Dwyfor.

BCW-9437 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare

Why must we reduce our wards in wales? For decades the Cynon valley, alongside other wards in wales have had appropriate representation in parliament. Also, joining aberdare with Merthyr is not a proportionate to the population of the valley as Merthyr will have the focus over aberdare as it is a far larger area. Cynon valley is geography suited too be it's own ward and it always should be. By reducing the wards in wales, you are reducing the voice of wales!

BCW-9438 / [REDACTED] / Llansantffraid

I am writing to the Welsh Boundary Commission to support the boundary change proposals for the historic community of Montgomeryshire being retained in the proposed new and enlarged constituency of Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr.

BCW-9439 / [REDACTED] / Carmarthen

Llandyfaelog Community Council wishes to note it's objection to the proposal to include the Community within the boundaries of the proposed Llanelli constituency.

The Boundary Commission for Wales' proposals do not appear to take account of the changes proposed to the local wards for Carmarthenshire County Council this leads to a confusing picture in relation to the proposal.

The Community Council does not believe that the proposals are appropriate as the Llandyfaelog Community area does not have any connection with Llanelli and should be included in a constituency boundary with Carmarthen. The proposals also provide for some very unfortunate and clearly inappropriate outcomes as follows:

The inclusion of Llangunnor (a suburb of Carmarthen) in the Llanelli constituency causes the Carmarthen Railway Station to be included in Llanelli constituency;

The inclusion of the Llandyfaelog Community in the Llanelli constituency causes Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin (a school serving almost exclusively areas outside of Llanelli constituency even on these proposed boundaries) to be included in Llanelli constituency.

Both of these inclusions are clearly inappropriate.

A more sensible approach would be to include Ammanford Town wards of Ammanford and Pontamman (2022 electorate 4,194) along with Betws (1,896) both of which formed part of the Llanelli constituency up until 1997 in the Llanelli constituency instead of Llandyfaelog, Llangyndeayrn or Llangunnor Communities (2022 electorate - 6,267).

The Boundary Commission for Wales has already taken the wholly inappropriate decision to split the Carmarthenshire County Council St Ishmaels Ward and include the two Communities of Llandyfaelog and St Ishmaels into the Llangyndeayrn and Kidwelly Wards respectively. This initial proposal for the UK Parliamentary constituencies is perhaps even more inappropriate and should be urgently reconsidered.

BCW-9440 / [REDACTED] / North Wales

We are devastated to hear that you may include our property to be listed as part of Colwyn Bay. [REDACTED] where we live is a beautiful and select area and part of the village with absolutely no connection to Colwyn Bay.

Are you aware of the record of crime in Colwyn Bay? It is used for drug rehab and ex prisoner housing, antisocial behaviour is rife (a place we would not dream of visiting after dark and only use to access the railway station).

Also we dread to think how much our house and car insurances would increase if we were classed as part of Colwyn Bay.

Please re consider your proposal.

Senior citizens [REDACTED]

BCW-9441/ [REDACTED] / Llŵchwr

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 October 2021 13:58

To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>

Subject: Boundary Commission Proposals

Hello,

Llŵchwr Town Council recently met and discussed the Commission's proposals and have the following comment-

"The proposals are not logical and do not take into account community ties. The core of the former Llŵchwr UDC area should be kept intact in one constituency, including Loughor, Kingsbridge, Gorseinon and Penyrheol, Pontarddulais, Penllergaer and Pontlliw and preferably also Gowerton and Llangyfelach."

Regards

[REDACTED]

Clerk to the Council

BCW-9442 / [REDACTED] / Neath

Whilst I appreciate that my constituency isn't being changed much, I feel the reduction of Them as a whole in Wales is totally unnecessary and will cause a great deal of angst amongst communities affected.

BCW-9443 / [REDACTED] / Llangollen

As frequently happens Llangollen and the Dee Valley is treated as an after thought, when it is a significant and unique inland tourist destination set in a UNESCO World Heritage Site and AoNB. It has no real affinity with Mid-Wales and the politics of that area is likely to dominate and ignore the political affiliations of the cultural, lifestyle and environment of the Dee Valley.

In terms of Local Authority area it is currently part of Denbighshire CC who already treat it with disrespect concentrating resources on their coastal region and inland towns of Ruthin and Denbighshire. Llangollen actually has more affiliation with Wrexham being only twelve miles from Wrexham town and a handful of miles from the boundary at Trevor/Acrefair where the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct is located which centres the World Heritage Site.

BCW-9444 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon

It doesn't make any sense to merge Arfon with Dwyfor Meirionnydd. It's not fair to the Member of Parliament or the electorate. Travelling to meet an MP is difficult enough in a rural area, but this distance is beyond reason e.g., if an MP is holding a surgery in Caernarfon, it isn't fair to those who live in Aberdovey – over an hour and a half's travel one way!

Also, north Wales is almost the most difficult ward from which to get to London and expecting an MP to represent so many more constituents and a much larger area, in addition to travelling so far, is completely unreasonable. A rural population cannot be compared to a civic population – the challenges are much greater. I also believe that there is a greater demand for an MP's services in poor, rural areas overall, in comparison with prosperous, populous areas. I implore you to reconsider the Arfon boundary and to keep the Arfon and Dwyfor Meirionnydd seats separate, for everyone's benefit. Thank you, [REDACTED].

BCW-9446 / [REDACTED] / Cwmbran

I welcome the proposal to include Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon in the Torfaen constituency. It makes sense for the whole of the town of Cwmbran to fall within the same constituency.

BCW-9447 / [REDACTED] / Ruthin

I object to Ruthin being included into Delyn. The town is IN the Vale of Clwyd, both physically as well as electorally - it is NOT Delyn/Flintshire in any way, shape or form. The boundary should be the Clwydian range. Having lived in the Dekyn catchment area for c35 years, I NEVER wish to be a part of it again.

BCW-9448 / [REDACTED] / Llanrhystud

To warrant the salaries paid to cheif executives and other senior member of staff, I totally agree the number of residents in any given area needs to be increased to warrant these salaries and I fully support the proposed changes to the boundaries.

BCW-9449 / [REDACTED] / Port Talbot

I live in the Afan Valley. The main road out side my home and the river Afan on our property boundaries, directly follow the route of the river Afan from the upper reaches of Afan Valley to Port Talbot and Aberavon Beach. Therefore, my links are within the same valley as Oakwood, Cwmavon, Cymmer, Port Talbot town and Aberavon.

I and my neighbour's have no links, affiliation or reason to be annexed with the new proposed area Swansea East and Neath and feel strongly that we should be placed electorally in the existing constituency Aberafan or the new constituency of Aberafan Porthcawl.

I do not feel my needs can be successfully represented in a constituency which is not even geographically in the same valley that I live in.

It is absurd and beyond belief to remove a small section of a main road through the Afan Valley (Dan y Bont) and place it in a neighbouring valley Constituency i.e. a Constituency representing Swansea East and Neath.

Matters that affect me are the same as those affecting people of the Afan Valley. How then can I be effectively be represented by a MP representing people of Swansea East and Neath?

Pontrhydyfen was many years ago wrongly placed in Neath Borough Council and this is the opportunity to sensibly reposition Pontrhydyfen boundaries in it's rightful geographical position and Constituency, reattached to the Afan Valley.

BCW-9450 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend

I was opposed to Neath and Port Talbot becoming one and i am greatly opposed to the Bridgend being changed and like Neath i will continue to use the single town and not the joint

BCW-9451 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

My nearest hospital is 4 miles away at Ystrad Mynach. The University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff is 8 miles away. The Royal Gwent Hospital is 12 miles Away. I was recently referred to the new hospital near Caerleon? 20 miles away. If I have a heart attack I will never make it. If my neighbour has a baby it will be born in a lay-by traffic jam on the M4. I drove past three hospitals to get my treatment, a round trip of 40 miles. Rewrite the boundaries around the nearest hospitals.

BCW-9452 / [REDACTED] / Porthcawl

BCBC is currently endeavouring to build on two sites in Porthcawl, Salt Lake and Sandy Bay. These projects will have a significant impact on this town, it's community and the county. The boundary changes will occur shortly. Will/should Aberafon become involved in these projects and in the decision making process?

BCW-9453 / [REDACTED] / Newport

There are no real historic and cultural ties between Newport west and Caerphilly. Services are very separate. The proposed constituency crosses over a number of local authorities and does not reflect any common links

BCW-9454 / [REDACTED] / Ystrad Meurig

The proposed changes to Ceredigion are culturally inappropriate and colonial. Ceredigion's unique identity as a Welsh speaking, Liberal and progressive county should be protected, respected and represented in Parliament. The constituents of the coastal areas of Pembrokeshire are usually tory voting, English retirees and second home owners so this proposed change looks like a tory power grab.

BCW-9455 / [REDACTED] / Ferryside

FERRYSIDE HAS ALWAYS COME UNDER CARMARTHEN, WHICH IS OUR NEAREST TOWN FOR SHOPPING, SCHOOLS, WORK, SOCIALISING. WE DO NOT WANT TO COME UNDER LLANELLY CONSTITUENCY. LEAVE OUR AREA ALONE. IF WE ARE MOVED AREA, I WILL NO LONGER TAKE PART IN ELECTIONS !

BCW-9456 / [REDACTED] / Denbigh

Ruthin in the proposed map will fall within the new constituency of Delyn.

Between Ruthin and the rest of the Delyn constituency is a physical barrier of the Clwyd Mountain range.

There are no historical, linguistic or cultural links between Ruthin and Flint, Holywell, Mold and Bagillt or even Prestatyn (even though Prestatyn and Ruthin are within the same County.) It would be much more logical if Ruthin and other areas presently included in the Delyn constituency that fall to the West of the Clwydian Range to be placed within the Clwyd constituency as there are strong historical, linguistic and cultural links between Denbigh and Ruthin and other communities within the Vale of Clwyd.

From a working point of view for any MP working this constituency, it would also make sense for them to serve an area with close links where common themes might arise for them to take up in Westminster.

On a practical side, people living in outlying villages such as Bontuchel, Cyfylliog, Pwllglas, Llanrhaeadr, Clawddnewydd use Ruthin as their main place for shopping and leisure but they would be in a different constituency.

But also the main administrative centre for Denbighshire County Council is in Ruthin Town therefore if someone in the named villages above but also in a wider context of Denbigh, St. Asaph or even Rhyl wish to approach their (Clwyd) MP to raise a concern or complaint with Denbighshire County Council that MP will have to do so through Denbighshire CC main office which is Ruthin, which would be in another constituency if these proposals go through.

At a political level, there is no historic link between Ruthin and the Delyn area but also with the physical barrier of the Clwydian hills between Ruthin and the rest of the Delyn constituency it is very likely that Ruthin will become a forgotten rump within that constituency.

BCW-9457 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

The commissioners have clearly not taken into account local geography as connected neighbouring communities are being split according to these proposed boundary hanged

BCW-9458 / [REDACTED] / Merthyr Tydfil

I disagree with the plan to link Merthyr Tydfil with the northern part of the Cynon Valley. It is a considerable time since the 2 areas were linked politically.

The previous boundary commission proposal of keeping Merthyr Tydfil and an enlarged Rhymney Constituency makes more sense to me.

I appreciate that adding all the previously proposed Wards would take us over the number of electors so I suggest that Ystrad Mynach Ward could be excluded from the revised Constituency and linked with Pontypridd instead.

The upper Rhymney valley has strong links with Merthyr Tydfil including using Prince Charles Hospital for emergency and planned hospital services, for retail and leisure purposes.

Some of the "links" for other proposed Constituencies also don't make sense but I will leave their constituents to comment on those.

The Northern Wards of Aberdare wouldn't traditionally come to Merthyr Tydfil for retail and leisure, though I accept they are part of Cwm Taf UHB so would come to PCH for some services.

Residents from Aberdare are called "snakes" by Merthyr Tydfil residents who have not forgotten their miners breaking the 1926 strike. Animosity remains today.

BCW-9459 / [REDACTED] / Clunderwen

I feel that the Maenclochog area should be in the same constituency as North Pembrokeshire, rather than South Pembrokeshire.

Culturally and linguistically, the area north of Clunderwen is very similar to the north of the county and is very different in nature to the middle and south of the county.

BCW-9460 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

Another way of trying to cut the number of Labour MPs in Parliament.

BCW-9461 / [REDACTED] / Abergele

This looks a sensible solution to the overall picture

BCW-9462 / [REDACTED] / Llangefni

The proposed constituency of Dwyfor Meirionnydd is far too big. It's true that the population is small, but that should be counterbalanced by an elected member's ability to be visible to all parts of the constituency. This is completely impractical with the area that's being proposed.

It's an insult that Wales is seeing such a reduction in its number of elected members. This does nothing to conceal the lie that is known as the 'United' Kingdom. It appears that the British establishment does not care about Wales at all.

BCW-9463 / [REDACTED] / Ebbw Vale

The proposal to merge constituencies is scandalous. At a time when people are disillusioned with politics, and at a time when they feel that their voices are not being heard, this will only serve to exacerbate those concerns.

This is, purely and simply, disenfranchisement.

That Wales, as a nation, will be represented by just 30 MPs and not 42 is tantamount to saying that our voices are no longer important.

Purely and simply, I will no longer vote in Parliamentary elections if this scheme bears fruition as, not only does this proposal make my seat even less competitive (thereby diluting my vote even further), my MP will be expected to cover a larger area.

This is undemocratic, and is an act of vandalism against democracy.

BCW-9464 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare

I am concerned at the prospect of the Cynon Valley being divided between Pontypridd and Merthyr. To begin, Merthyr and the Cynon Valley are divided geographically quite obviously. This geographic divide will hinder any kind of amalgamation. Also, these areas are in separate councils with different policies, protocols and priorities. This complicates matters even further, particularly if there is to be effective, equal and fair representation for all residents.

Cynon is a large, densely populated Valley with complex social and economic issues. Dividing us between two other equally populated areas, with needs and concerns of their own will be detrimental for us, not beneficial.

We are not simply talking about the movement of some lines on a map here. This is not a tweak where one small area is moved into another in order to keep statistics in balance. If this plan goes ahead, the voice of the entire Cynon Valley will be lost. This would be a breach of our social, cultural and economic rights.

BCW-9465/ [REDACTED] / Pembrokeshire

Are plans in place to align these proposed boundaries with County Councils and the Senedd.

BCW-9466 / [REDACTED] / Brecon

In order to get the right number of voters in the constituency, a map has been drawn which bears no resemblance to natural relationships. Neath and even more so Pontardulais are not related in any way to Brecon and Radnor, the constituency is shaped like a dogs dinner just to fit the numbers. This s doesn't make any sense at all.

BCW-9467 / [REDACTED] / Trelawnyd

The costs for doing this must be astronomical . To change all the boundary signs is a cost just on its own . I am also concerned that the extra work out MP will have to do will mean no doubt they will have more staff paid for with expenses that will come from tax payers . I think things should be left alone .

BCW-9468 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

Pontardawe has very little in common with Brecon and Radnor and much more with Swansea or Neath. It would fit better into one of the new Swansea constituencies.

BCW-9469 / [REDACTED] / Llandudno

Llandudno and Bangor have a very different demographic and should not be in the same group as they would require their MP to have a different view and skill to each other. Llandudno and Conwy area should be with the Colwyn Bay Area that all share the same county and coastal issues. All deal with tourism and a large migration of retiring people to the area who vote based on their past and historic views. The Bangor area is more aligned to Caernarfon and Gwynedd area with language considerations and a lack of infrastructure for work for their community. Please consider the culture of the area as well as the population numbers as these factors are important to each area and representation is required.

BCW-9470 / [REDACTED] / Llanddulas

I object as a Rate paying resident of Llanddulas most strenuously to the boundary being extended any further East of the Afon Clwyd at Rhyl and encompassing any part of the original part of The town of Rhyl and any part of County of Denbighshire.

The cost to present Conwy Ratepayers of taking on one of the most deprived parts of Wales in the West Rhyl ward will be a political and financial white elephant that CCBC residents can ill afford under the present financial restraints as now being faced with services being reduced!

The Welsh Government cannot be taken seriously when it moves political voting goal posts to hold further control of constituencies and with the result that hard working County Councillors will lose their present seats.

This is unacceptable to the majority of honest voters.

I state this manoeuvre is a violation of the electorates right to proper representation!

BCW-9471 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

It is completely ridiculous that Bethesda is being thrown in with Conwy in terms of culture, language, and history. I might as well never vote again, as it will be impossible for any vote I cast to have any effect, considering the historical voting trends in Conwy. Disgraceful.

BCW-9472 / [REDACTED] / Llanrhystud

The reduction of Welsh MPs through this boundary change demonstrates clearly why Wales needs more devolution to ensure that Welsh voices are adequately represented in democratic decisions.

BCW-9473 / [REDACTED] / Newport

If every constituency has to have BY LAW between 69 and 77000 people in it, how do you come up with reducing the number from 42 to 30? Even if we take the top band, there are roughly 3000000 people in Wales, if you divide that 77000 you get a minimum of 38 constituents BY LAW?

I would be interested to see the maths behind your workings.

BCW-9474 / [REDACTED] / Llanfairfechan

I am totally opposed to these changes. These will diminish our representation in parliament and effectively make us unable to influence any government actions impacting Wales negatively.

BCW-9475 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

My comment is that is this gerrymandering. And that this consultation means very little when it says that "the number of constituencies in Wales must reduce from 40 to 32".

BCW-9476 / [REDACTED] / Mold

In West Clwyd we presently seem represented by a mo resident of the far north west costal town belt. I have found when we had an mo more central resident in the vale of Clwyd I found access to the most easier and greater empathy to rural issues. The proposed boundaries for the whole area of Clwyd are a nonsense knowing the whole area for 50+ years much as a local government officer covering the area. The coastal strip should be broken up into constituency blocks that reflect the population number requirements with little penetration or inclusion for rural areas. A new landlocked central north Wales constituency including the rural western edge for the replaced Delyn and Alyn and Deeside should be added to a large rural based constituency with south Clwyd west and Conwy to bring up the population numbers. This seat would be more homologous and enable the MP better able to reflect on rural , agricultural and language cultural matters that being involved in the large coastal population areas that has a greater demand for attention causes a distraction and reduces an no gaining better understanding of constituency needs and opportunities

BCW-9477 / [REDACTED] / Port Talbot

Port Talbot has nothing at all in common with Porthcawl! This boundary change does nothing except water down the labour vote of the industrial built up town with large numbers of well off seashiders who predominantly vote conservative.

Leave area alone or combine with valley areas.

BCW-9478 / [REDACTED] / Narberth

The boundary commission wants to have equal numbers of voters in each constituency. This seems fair. However, in Wales the population is more widely spread. Thus we will lose seats and therefore representation in the UK Parliament.

BCW-9479 / [REDACTED] / Bargoed

The legislation was originally going to effect England and Scotland but only Cymru is actually losing seats, Westminster treats us as a vassal state we need independence now before this corrupt government do any more damage

BCW-9480 / [REDACTED] / Kidwelly

The changing of boundaries in Wales resulting in a reduction of elected representatives, is an exercise by the current conservative government in Westminster to undemocratically ride roughshod over the people of Wales and to ensure they remain in power!

It is a disgrace! The sooner Wales gets independence the better!

BCW-9481 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

Unless strictly necessary, all constituencies should use the Cymraeg for both language versions (just as Ynys Môn is the name in both Welsh and English). This normalisation of the Welsh and Welsh spelling is important.

BCW-9482 / [REDACTED] / Newport

Absolutely crazy. Newport is so different from Caerphilly. Newport is urban and Caerphilly are valley communities.

BCW-9483 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

I am very upset that although my postal address is [REDACTED] Coedpoeth, Wrexham I would be voting in Alyn and Deeside an area that I do not travel to or use any facilities in. I cannot understand how I will be fairly represented in Westminster. I strongly oppose this change and urge you to reconsider so that Minera is within the Wrexham constituency.

BCW-9484 / [REDACTED] / Ruthin

It does not make any sense for Ruthin to be in the Delyn area. The Clwydian Range forms a natural boundary between Ruthin and the rest of the new constituency, which looks as though it is in Flintshire. There is no such link with towns such as Flint and Holywell and, in my opinion, Ruthin is completely different to the new constituency in every way.

You should try to ensure that Ruthin is in the same constituency as Denbigh and St Asaph, or areas that are more like ours.

Thank you.

BCW-9485 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

This is ridiculous. 40 constituencies down to 32? When England are GAINING 10 constituencies??

Westminster loves to boast that this "united" kingdom of ours benefits Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, when once against they've proved they consider us English property rather than allied countries.

Less seats means less MPs in parliament, less representation in Westminster, and less power in the UK's outdated "first past the post" system for general elections. Incredibly suspicious considering Wales and Scotland - 2 countries known to not vote in as many conservative seats - are losing out as England GAIN an equal amount of seats.

Our massively encroached-on border, the decimation of our culture and language, industries, and freedom to govern ourselves locally, obviously isn't enough for Westminster.

I live in Gwynedd, a rural area with completely different needs to Conwy county. The fact that merging these two areas - which includes Snowdonia national park (which again, has ENTIRELY different needs to places with a higher population density like Llandudno and Bangor) - shows how entirely out of touch the "British" government is with Wales.

Not to mention the fact that North Wales is already so under-represented, having only 11 constituencies out of 40. Proposed plans to bring this number down to only 8 are disgusting. We are one of the poorest areas in the entire Western world, Cardiff gets a brand new train station and we get police shifting the homeless out of abandoned shop fronts on a dead highstreet, and NO NHS dentists for miles and miles.

They know this is a country which has historically voted Labour or Plaid, reducing our constituencies is a deliberate attack on UK democracy as a whole! Not just for Wales. As the Tories desperately scramble to keep themselves in power long-term, despite atrocious handling of the pandemic and the deaths they've caused through austerity.

Thankfully the Welsh people aren't as stupid as you treat us, and this should be a decent wakeup call to the general populous that the only solution for Wales now is independence.

That, or UK wide riots.

Cymru am Byth.

BCW-9486 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

Mixing Ceredigion with parts of Pembrokeshire is gerrymandering. Adding a very Tory area to Ceredigion in the hope that Plaid Cymru lose their Ceredigion seat. No effort to maintain the balance of parties and the result clearly favours the conservative party. It is also too long in distance from end to end,. How is one MP supposed to be effective for an area that size.

BCW-9487 / [REDACTED] / Y Felinheli

I believe that this process has created seats without considering the culture and nature of the areas. I live in Felinheli, and there is a close link between Felinheli and Bangor as that is where the services are, but they are in different constituencies.

There are 4 seats in the northeast, where the rural, inland areas will be dominated by the densely populated coast.

Also, Plaid Cymru's votes will be limited to one large seat.

If these seats remain, there will be no point in people in rural areas voting, as the urban areas will be too numerous.

BCW-9488 / [REDACTED] / Narberth

Bring us proportional representation. Stop skewing the political alignments of our country with broken voting systems.

BCW-9489/ [REDACTED] / Swansea

Presumably there will be an associated reduction in bureaucracy with these proposals. Why are we not shown the possible benefits and will these have a knock on in our already "amongst highest in UK" council tax rates.

BCW-9490/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff

From: Clerk | Old St Mellons Community Council
[REDACTED]

Sent: 16 October 2021 19:41

To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>

Subject: RE: Cyhoeddi Cynigion Cychwynnol - Initial Proposals Published

Good Evening

The Community Council wishes to make no comment on the initial proposals by the Commission as a whole. However, the Community Council wishes to reiterate the long established ties which exist between the communities of Old St Mellons, Pontprennau, Lisvane and Llanishen.

The Community Council is supportive of proposals which retain these communities in one Parliamentary constituency. It is noted the initial proposals do retain these communities in one constituency.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
Clerk to the Council
Old St. Mellons Community Council, Cardiff
[REDACTED]

BCW- 9491/ [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 17 October 2021 19:39
 To: Enquiries <enquiries@boundaries.wales>
 Subject: Ymgynhgori ar enwau/names consultation

Dear Boundary Commission,

I was shocked to read the Welsh translation of your 2023 Parliamentary Review — Initial Proposals. <https://comffin-cymru.gov.uk/tudalen/arolwg-seneddol-2023-cynigion-cychwynnol>

The whole page is riddled with elementary mistakes of spelling and grammar which really undermine the authority of the Boundary Commission for Wales. Presumably public money has been spent on the translation, and the Welsh-speaking public has a right to see decent, correct Welsh. The whole page needs to be thoroughly checked by an experienced translator. The accompanying documents seem to have been properly proof-read so it is a pity that you are let down by the page that your readers first encounter.

As to the individual names, etc. I enclose a partial (and initial) list of names which I think need to be reconsidered:

1. Aberhonddu a Maesyfed: this is wrong since Aberhonddu is the name for Brecon town, not (and never) Breconshire. The proper term in Welsh is **Brycheiniog a Maesyfed**.
2. Preseli: this is incorrect. The correct forms are either **Preselau** or **Presely**.
3. Aberdar: should be **Aberdâr**.
4. Eglwysbach: (Aberconwy) should be **Eglwys-bach**
5. Bettws-y-Coed: should be **Betws-y-coed**
6. Tregarth a Mynydd Llandygai: should be **Tre-garth a Mynydd Llandygái**
7. Deganwy: should be **Degannwy** because of its derivation from Decanti (nt > nn).
8. Craig-y-Don : for consistency, **Craig-y-don**, as Pant-yr-afon.
9. Nantyglo : should be **Nant-y-glo**
10. Llanafanfawr: should be **Llanafan Fawr**
11. Felin-fâch: no accent on fach > **Felin-fach**
12. Maescar: should be **Maes-car**
13. Godre'r graig: should be **Godre'r-graig**.
14. Llangors: should be **Llan-gors**
15. Dyserth a Threcoed: should be **Diserth a Thre-coed**
16. Llanllyr: should be **Llanlly^r** (y with a circumflex on it).
17. Clas-ar-Wy: should be **Y Clas-ar-Wy**
18. Bryncoch : should be **Bryn-coch**
19. Trelech : should be **Tre-lech**
20. Cilycwm: should be **Cil-y-cwm**
21. Penygroes (Carmarthen): should be **Pen-y-groes**
22. Hendy-gwyn-ar-daf: should be **Hendy-gwyn ar Daf** [or -ar-Daf]
23. Llandybie: **Llandybïe**
24. Llandyfriog: should be **Llandyfrïog**

- 25 Llanarth (Ceredigion): **Llannarth**
- 26 Troedyrour: should be **Troed-yr-aur**
- 27 Llandysilio-gogo: should be **Llandysiliogogo**
- 28 Aberporth: should be **Aber-porth**
- 29 Llanrhystyd: should be **Llanrhystud**
- 30 Rhyd-y-Fuwch: should be **Rhyd-y-fuwch**

There are **many, many more to be corrected**, and the Boundary Commission could make a good start on this itself by consulting the list of standard Welsh place-names provided on the website of the Welsh Language Commissioner

<https://www.welshlanguagecommissioner.wales/policy-and-research/welsh-place-names>

If I have time and energy I will try to look through all the regions, but the above will give you some idea of the scale of your problem as it stands. The most serious of these, as noted above is using Aberhonddu a Maesyfed instead of **Brycheiniog a Maesyfed** for 'Brecon and Radnor'. You have inconsistency in Meirionydd/Meirionydd. The correct form from the point of view of its derivation is **Meirionydd** (with one n), and this is the form I use myself. But the form with -nn- has spread to the extent that it is thought by some to be in some way correct. Degannwy has also suffered like this, being wrongly thought to be Deganwy, a form which is now thought by some to be acceptable.

I hope these suggestions are of some help. I am writing in English because I wanted to make sure the points are made clear to all who are dealing with this huge task. I fear the Welsh might be translated by someone not up to the job.

I hope to send more corrections when I can.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address block]

BCW-9492 / [REDACTED] / Neath

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED] co er 2021 13:14
To: BCW <bcw@boundaries.wales>
Subject: Boundary Changes Review

I write on behalf of Neath Town Council who wish to comment on the proposed Westminster Boundary Changes affecting the current Neath and Swansea East Constituencies.

Members comments include:-

Members feel that these proposals are ill thought out and do not take into account social, cultural, political, and current Local Authority and Sennedd boundaries.

The vast majority of Neath constituents do not regard themselves as having any social or cultural connections to those of Swansea East and certainly it is just as true that Swansea East residents who will have the same regard for those of the Neath area. A good example of that can be seen in the division that still exists in both communities over the amalgamation of their Rugby Teams into the Regional Side the Ospreys with many residents of both communities vowing never to support what they view as a mongrel side.

Additionally, both constituencies have a past strongly association with heavy industry, Coal, Steel and Copper. Although that is mainly historical, that past is still deeply embedded in the minds of its inhabitants. They regard themselves as being from an industrial background and not that of a rural farming background. Therefore the proposal to sever the communities of the upper Swansea Valley like Pontardawe, Ystalyfera, Gwauncaegurwen etc. from its current connection to the Neath Constituency makes no sense.

Another issue with the proposed changes is, currently both constituencies are represented by one Westminster MP, one Sennedd Member and one Local Authority Member. The changes will mean that everyone affected by them will be represented by separate Local Authorities and Sennedd Members, a situation that can only cause confusion.

Neath Town Council therefore objects to this proposal.

[REDACTED]
Town Clerk - Neath Town Council

[REDACTED]

BCW-9493/ Non Thomas/ Unknown

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 October 2021 13:18
To: Enquiries <enquiries@boundaries.wales>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Proposed Boundary Changes to Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales

Having seen the proposals I am dismayed that the Cynon Valley is being sliced in half - one half being added to the Merthyr Tydfil constituency.

There are several reasons why this is totally unacceptable:

1. Merthyr Tydfil will dominate the constituency and as such Cynon Valley will become an afterthought in any decisions.
2. The Cynon Valley is facing challenges and issues that affect the area as a whole: lack of investment, lack of employment opportunities, social issues, poverty. Merthyr Tydfil is an area that in recent times has seen investment in leisure and tourist sectors with positive consequences on employment and the profile of the area. Plus there are plans to further develop more of the same: developing the historical/tourist potential of Cynfarthfa Castle as a result of substantial investment, plans for an indoor ski centre and hotel. In contrast Aberdare and the Cynon Valley have been neglected as far as tourism and investment and is seen as the poor relation alongside Merthyr Tydfil.
3. As a consequence of 2, the Cynon Valley needs representation to fight for improvements and investment rather a representative who sees Merthyr as the jewel in the crown and Aberdare and Cynon North as an after thought.
4. Geographically and historically Aberdare/North Cynon and Merthyr Tydfil have never been closely aligned. Your proposal is akin to a shot gun wedding.

I hope that common sense and logic will prevail and you realise that what you propose is totally unrealistic and represents the death knell for the North Cynon Valley and Aberdare.

Non Thomas
 Community Councillor, Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council.

BCW- 9494/ [REDACTED] / Bridgend

The Valleys are very different to Bridgend Central and therefore the community needs cannot be rolled into one. This is not a Tory voting area and is never likely to be. These boundary change proposals are an attempt to erode democracy and to further Tory influences. The country would be better served by politicians voted in on their merits rather than using data manipulation to gain influence.

The Conservatives are at present an absolute disgrace.

BCW-9495/ [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

I oppose the creation of a Newport-Caerphilly council area. The size of the area is far too broad and I feel the residents of Caerphilly Borough will lose their voice at the expense of Newport residents.

The boundary changes will result in a loss of democracy overall for electors across Wales. Although I appreciate the difficulty in redressing the electoral map, I feel that this proposal does not take into consideration to unique identities of both Caerphilly and Newport.

I believe these proposals should be reconsidered.

BCW-9496/ [REDACTED] / Merthyr Tydfil

Merthyr Tydfil is a County Borough which previously has been tied with Rhymney. Now all of a sudden BCW want to tie Merthyr with Aberdare, which had its own MP!

Is it appropriate for one MP to represent a minimum of 67,000 people. Hardly, I disagree with the proposals.

BCW-9497/ [REDACTED] / Gorseinon

I am quite frankly confused by the new boundaries being created.

Merging Swansea West with Gower (the latter being my constituency) has no understandable benefit, the new boundary does not seem to increase the chance of different parties winning in the Labour stronghold at all; it needs to be redrawn in order to give other parties a fairer, more democratic chance - or you might as well make Swansea and Gower a single constituency.

Judging by Bridgend being redrawn into a Labour constituency, it seems there is no interest in democracy in these new boundaries.

Though the Conservative Party seems to gain some 12 seats, the Caerfyrddin seat, which was previously the Ceredigion seat and Carmarthenshire East and Dinefwr seat, is also given to the Conservative Party; this results in Plaid Cymru losing two seats.

I am thoroughly disappointed with these changes; especially considering that they are on the basis of Wales (40 seats) having too many seats in comparison to England (533 seats), the country which controls approximately 80% of UK seats; we are now seeing more seats being transferred to England from Wales and Scotland (59 seats).

Needless to say, it seems that - though the Conservative Party are in a better balance with Labour - smaller parties will no longer benefit, Plaid Cymru is especially a victim of an accidental duocracy resulting from these boundary reforms.

I strongly urge the boundary commission, if they cannot keep boundaries as they currently are, to redraw their boundaries to allow smaller parties to have a chance in our elections; to create a fairer chance especially for smaller parties.

BCW-9498/ [REDACTED] / Tredegar

I think the fact that the english government is making us have less MP's is despicable and something that welsh ministers should be fighting against.

Why haven't you been?

You are supposed to be one of the people fighting for Wales rights, do it please, bring it to the Senedd, vote against it, anything to protect our voting rights.

BCW-9499 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

Mrs Shereen Williams MBE

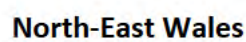
My name is [REDACTED]. After retiring from my post as Senior Officer in local government, I had the honour and privilege to serve as a member of the Local Government Boundaries Commission for Wales (as it was then). I had a very pleasant time in the company of my fellow Commissioners and the Commission staff, and the six years I spent as a Commissioner were most enjoyable. Circumstances at the time did not permit me to devote time to look in detail at the recommendations of the 2018 Survey. However, I was able to attend the Public Consultation in Bangor for some of the time.

I supported the pattern of constituencies proposed for north Wales. On the whole, they created constituencies representing areas which differed in character. In my opinion, north Wales comprises, roughly, three different types of area: the coast, the industrial area of Deeside and Wrexham, with the remainder being largely rural. The areas have different problems, and their elected representatives need to be able to concentrate on them. I am strongly of the opinion that I succeeded in creating constituencies which represent the above areas. The pattern of constituencies follows to a large extent the contents of the 2018 Proposals. The Commission therefore has a basis for considering their proposals, and this report forms a foundation for so doing.

I also enclose a spreadsheet (in English) which includes background information to the report, in the hope that it will assist those assessing the report.

Would you be so kind as to acknowledge receipt of my email.

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Comments in the first part of the report relate to the constituencies in north-east Wales with Maldwyn and Glyndŵr. I begin by looking at the counties of Clwyd, Delyn and Alun and Deeside.

I feel strongly that there are three different areas in this part of the north:-

1. **Coastal** – With tourism as the chief industry and an elderly population.
2. **Deeside Industrial Area** – With populated centres, and industry.
3. **Rural** – A collection of market towns with the hinterland dependent on agriculture and tourism.

My first task therefore was to see whether it was practical to create three constituencies within the Commission's guidelines.

When starting on the task, I remembered that the final proposals of the 2018 Commission somewhat resembled this pattern. After emailing you, I received a copy of the final report, and I am grateful for your assistance. I include the map with the Commission's proposals as **Appendix 1**. This inspired me to proceed with my task since I am of the opinion that I had a precedent for what I hope to achieve.

Having sorted the wards into the three categories, these are the findings:-

Minimum	69,724	Maximum	77,062
Possibilities		Proposals	
Coastal	76,863	Alun and Deeside	74,144
Industrial	75,692	Clwyd	76,380
Rural	74,043	Delyn	76,074
Total	226,598	Total	226,598

The next step was to confirm that the number of voters in the Possibilities column accorded with the number in the Proposals column: this can be seen to have been satisfied.

The above also accords with the Commission's requirements for the number of electors to be within the range of 69,724 to 77,062

The following appendices contain information about how the above findings were obtained.

Appendix 2 Coastal

Appendix 3 Industrial Area

Appendix 4 Rural

To move on therefore to the Wrexham and Maldwyn Glyndŵr area. I am sure that Denbighshire County Council would wish you to see your way clear to not including the Llandrillo, Corwen and Llangollen wards in the Maldwyn Glyndŵr constituency. Geographically, this does not make sense, since the Berwyn Mountains divide the Dee Valley from Maldwyn. Another problem in the above rural area is the placing of Brymbo and Mwynglawdd, which should be in the Wrexham constituency. The Commission has already accepted that part of the Wrexham constituency must be included, and a separate map identifies the 'Llangollen Area' as part of the Maldwyn and Glyndŵr constituency. These therefore are my proposals to overcome the above problems. Firstly, to transfer Brymbo and Mwynglawdd to the Wrexham constituency

Wrexham		75,596
Mwynglawdd	1,870	77,466
Brymbo	3,021	80,487

This would mean that the number of electors, 80,487 is not within the guidelines.

We go on to discuss the constituency of Maldwyn and Glyndŵr. Transferring Llangollen, Corwen and Llandrillo into the Rural area again creates a problem with the number of electors.

Maldwyn and Glyndŵr	72363
Llandrillo	-931
Corwen	-1799
8 Llangollen	-3302
Total	66,331

A way of solving the situation of Wrexham and Maldwyn and Glyndŵr is to extend the 'Llangollen Area', transferring the Johnstown and Pant wards in the Wrexham constituency to Maldwyn and Glyndŵr. If the Commission believes this is insufficient, the next area in the Wrexham constituency, Ponciau with 3521, can be transferred. I would leave this matter to the Commission's discretion. The new total for Maldwyn Glyndŵr would be 70,320

Maldwyn and Glyndŵr	66,331
13 Johnstown	2,461
22 Pant	1,528
Total	70,320

This forms a better boundary around the Wrexham constituency without reducing the number of electors; indeed, there is a slight increase. Wrexham therefore has a total of 76,498 electors.

Wrexham		75,596
Mwynglawdd	1,870	77,466
Brymbo	3,021	80,487
13 Johnstown	-2,461	78,026
22 Pant	-1,528	76,498

The effect of this on the Rural area is that Denbighshire County Council in its entirety would be included in this constituency, other than those wards in the Coastal constituency. The situation in the Rural area is a constituency of 75,184

Rural		74,043
Brymbo	-3021	71,022
Mwynglawdd	-1870	69,152
Llandrillo	931	70,083
Corwen	1799	71,882
8 Llangollen	3302	75,184

To turn lastly to the Rural constituency. We have already discussed transferring Brymbo and Mwynglawdd to Wrexham, and transferring Llandrillo, Corwen a Llangollen from Maldwyn and Glyndŵr. One issue remains, namely the wards of Llansannan and Betws yn Rhos. It would be advantageous to transfer these to the Aberconwy constituency since they are in Conwy county. This would also add to the number of electors in Aberconwy bringing them closer to the UK constituency quota. The latest figures are given below, with 71,901 electors in the Rural are, and 73,027 in ~~Aberconwy~~

Rural	75,184
Llansannan	-1495
Betws yn Rhos	-1,623
Total	72,066

Aberconwy	69,909
Llansannan	1,495
Betws yn Rhos	1,623
Total	73,027

Before concluding this part of the report, attention should be paid to two comments on Coastal North-East Wales and Industrial North-East Wales. The Coastal area has one small disadvantage in that it includes wards from three counties. But the advantage of the Industrial area is that it is all in Flintshire.

I therefore recommend the following as constituencies for North East Wales, with further analysis of Aberconwy below

Appendix 5 Coastal North-East Wales

Appendix 6 Industrial North-East Wales

Appendix 7 Rural North-East Wales

Appendix 8 Wrexham

Appendix 9 Maldwyn and Glyndŵr

Before moving on to look at North-West Wales, we need to see whether there is agreement on the number of electors between the Recommendations and the Proposals following the above changes.

Recommendations		Proposals	
Coastal	76,863	Alun and Deeside	74,144
Industrial	75,692	Clwyd	76,380
Rural	72,066	Delyn	76,074
Wrexham	76,498	Wrexham	75,596
Maldwyn and Glyndŵr	70,320	Maldwyn and Glyndŵr	72,363
Aberconwy	73,027	Aberconwy	69,909
Total	444,466	Total	444,466

We go on to discuss the constituencies of Aberconwy, Dwyfor Meirionnydd and include the wards of Llansannan and Betwsyn Rhos from Clwyd. Once again, there is a case to be made for considering splitting the wards into two areas, one coastal and one rural.

The analysis suggests that this is possible.

Possibilities		Proposals	
Coastal	74,256	Clwyd	3,118
Rural	70,733	Aberconwy	69,909
		Dwyfor Meirionnydd	71,962
Total	144,989	Total	144,989

The analysis for the coast re-creates to a large degree the former Conwy seat, with a westward extension from Bangor to include Caernarfon. Ideally, the constituency should include wards 1 Waunfawr and 22 Llanberis, the wards to the south-west of Caernarfon, but this would take the numbers of electors over the maximum.

Including the wards from Clwyd would ensure that the number of Rural electors comes within the Commission's 'statutory electoral range'. I therefore recommend that both constituencies in Appendix 10 and 11 be adopted by the Commission.

Appendix 10 Coastal North-West Wales

Appendix 11 Rural North-West Wales

Confirmation is needed that the number of electors in the recommendations accord with the Commission's figures.

Minimum	69,724		Maximum	77,062
Recommendations			Commission Proposals	
Coastal Eastern	76,863		Alun and Deeside	74,144
Industrial Eastern	75,692		Clwyd	76,380
Rural Eastern	72,066		Delyn	76,074
Wrexham	76,498		Wrexham	75,596
Maldwyn and Glyndŵr	70,320		Maldwyn and Glyndŵr	72,363
Coastal Western	74,256		Aberconwy	69,909
Rural Western	70,733		Dwyfor Meirionnydd	71,962
Total	516,428		Total	516,428

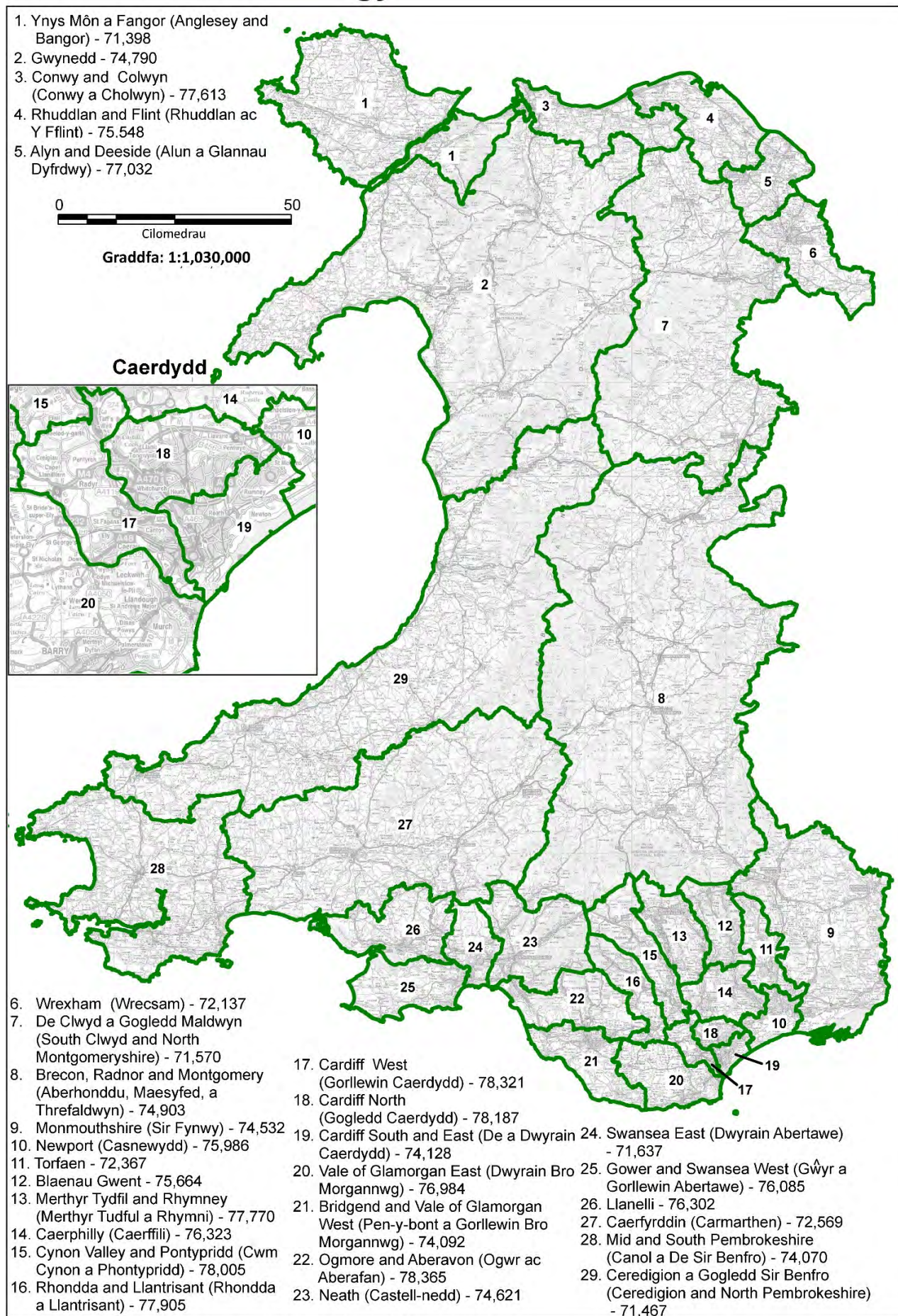
Attached are maps of the constituencies in the east and west of north Wales

Appendix 12 Coastal, Industrial and Rural Constituencies of North-East Wales

Appendix 13 Coastal and Rural Constituencies of North-West Wales

I was rather concerned when I first saw the Commission's proposals and noticed that the Mwynglawdd and Brymbo wards were in the Alun and Deeside constituency. A means of solving this has been discussed above. The second issue is that the Llandyrnog and Ruthin area is in the Delyn constituency. The fact that the chief town of the Vale of Clwyd and the County Council headquarters are not in the Clwyd constituency causes me concern. My suggestion of creating a Rural area overcomes this problem.

I am strongly of the opinion that the above recommendations are in the spirit of Commission's final report in 2018. At the time, I strongly supported the Commission's proposals. I hope that the above demonstrates that there are similar possibilities in this review. I'm sure that this will receive detailed attention from the Commission and I hope that they will accept that the current recommendations need to be changed, with this report being a starting point for this.



(H) Hawlfraint y Goron a hawliau cronfa ddata [2018] OS [100047875]

Atodiad 2

Yr Arfordir

**Clwyd Arfordirol**

7 Rhiw	4991
5 Glyn	3088
10 Eirias	2800
13 Colwyn	3373
11 Llysfaen	1,906
12 Llanddulas	1,353
16 Pentre Mawr	2,861
17 Abergele Pensarn	1,959
18 Tywyn	1,845
8 Gele	3,997
15 Bae Cinnel	4,607
4 Gorrlewin Y Rhyl	3,283
6 De Orllewin Y Rhyl	3,732
21 De Y Rhyl	2,874
22 De Ddwyrain Y Rhyl	6,253
23 Dwyrain Y Rhyl	3,693
9 Rhuddlan	2,913
2 Bolelwyddan	1,612
Cyfanswm	57,140

Delyn Arfordirol

24 Gronant	1,257
17 Ffynnongroyw	1,474
13 Gogledd Prestatyn	4,729
20 De Orllewin Prestatyn	2,861
14 Canol Prestatyn	2,829
19 Prestatyn Allt Melyd	1,529
18 Dwyrain Prestatyn	3,162
4 Dyserth	1,882
Cyfanswm	19,723

Cyfanswm yr Etholaeth 76,863

Atodiad 3

Ardal Ddiwydiannol



Delyn Ddiwydiannol

Mostyn	1,458
9 Maesglas	1,983
8 Gorllewin Treffynnon	1,762
30 Canol Treffynnon	1,465
26 Dwyrain Treffynnon	1,383
11 Gorllewin Bagillt	1,625
25 Dwyrain Bagillt	1,413
10 Coleshill Y Fflint	2,938
2 Castell Y Fflint	1,426
7 Trelawny Y Fflint	2,710
22 Oakenholt Y Fflint	2,538
Total	20,701

Alun a Glannau Dyfrdwy Ddiwydiannol

11 Cei Conna Golftyn	3,688
18 De Cei Conna	4,494
14 Canol Cei Conna	2,213
13 Cei Conna Gwepa	1,647
Sealand	2,026
12 Gorllewin Shotton	1,464
20 Dwyrain Shotton	1,219
7 Shotton Uchaf	1,669
2 Aston	2,508
5 Mancot	2,516
6 Queensferry	1,248

3 Saltney Cyffordd Yr Wyddgrug	1,100
1 Saltney Stonebridge	2,672
Gogledd Ddwyrain Brychdyn	1,723
10 De Brychdyn	3,325
Ewlo	4,327
17 Mynydd Bwcle	2,555
16 Pentrobin Bwcle	4,181
15 Dwyrain Bistre Bwcle	2,653
4 Gorllewin Bistre Bwcle	3,182
Argoed	2,167
8 New Brighton	2,414
Total	54,991

Cyfanswm yr Etholaeth 75,692

Atodiad 4

Cefn Gwlad

Cefn Gwlad Clwyd

Betws yn Rhos	1,623
Llansanan	1,495
3 Dwyrain Llanellwy	1,472
20 Gorllewin Llanellwy	1,290
Trefnant	1,503
1 Dinbych Isaf	3,483
19 Canol Dinbych	1,462
14 Dinbych Uchaf/Henllan	2,265
Llanrhaeadr Yng Nghimeirch	1,496
Efelnechtyd	1,321
Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern	1,830
Cyfanswm	19,240

Cefn Gwlad Delyn

16 Trelawnwyd a Gwanysgor	1,496
Chwitffordd	1,911
Tremeirchion	1,344
Caerwys	2,050
15 Brynfford	1,789
Helygain	1,427
Cilcain	1,519
21 Northop	2,596
12 Northop Hall	1,398
23 Dwyrain Yr Wyddgrug	1,556
28 Gorllewin Yr Wyddgrug	1,956
29 Broncoed Yr Wyddgrug	2,134
27 De Yr Wyddgrug	2,201
6 Gwernaffield	1,646
1 Gwernymynydd	1,399
Llanarmon-yn-Iâl/Llandegla	2,033
3 Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal	1,170
Llandyrnog	1,765
5 Ruthun	4,260
Total	35,650



Cefn Gwlad Alun a Glannau Dyfrdwy

9 Penarlâg	1,623
Penyffordd	3,543
Higher Kinnerton	1,373
Coed Llai	1,627
Yr Hôb	2,042
Llanfynydd	1,483
Treuddyn	1,346
19 Caergwrle	1,225
Brymbo	3,021
Mwynglawdd	1,870
Total	19,153

Cyfanswm yr Etholaeth 74,043

Atodiad 5

Arfordir Gogledd Ddwyrain Cymru

**Clwyd Arfordirol**

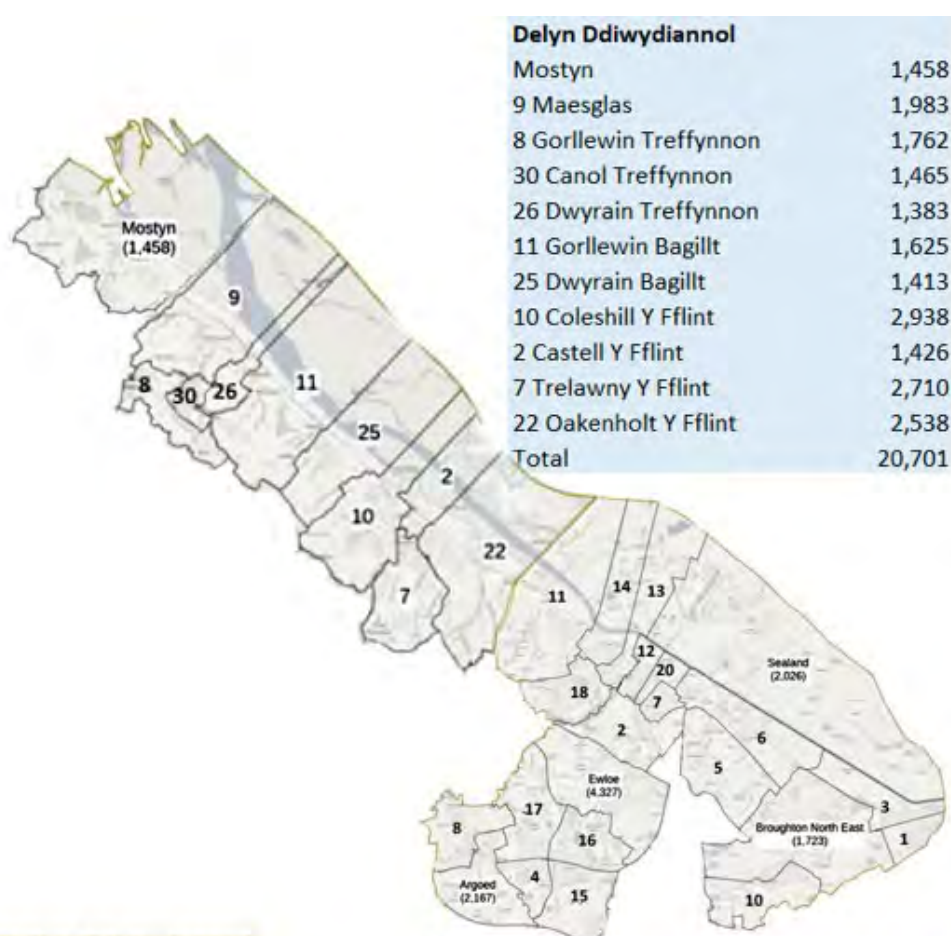
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Delyn Arfordirol

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18 Dwyrain Prestatyn	3,162
4 Dyserth	1,882
Cyfanswm	19,723

Cyfanswm yr Etholaeth 76,863

Appendix 6 Industrial North-East Wales



Alun a Glannau Dyfrdwy Ddiwydiannol

11 Cei Conna Golftyn	3,688
18 De Cei Conna	4,494
14 Canol Cei Conna	2,213
13 Cei Conna Gwepa	1,647
Sealand	2,026
12 Gorllewin Shotton	1,464
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Ewlo	4,327
17 Mynydd Bwcle	2,555
16 Pentrobin Bwcle	4,181
15 Dwyrain Bistre Bwcle	2,653
4 Gorllewin Bistre Bwcle	3,182
Argoed	2,167
8 New Brighton	2,414
Total	54,991

Constituency Total 75,692

Appendix 7 Rural North-East Wales



Cefn Gwlad Clwyd

3 Dwyrain Llanellwy	1,472
20 Gorllewin Llanellwy	1,290
Trefnant	1,503
1 Dinbych Isaf	3,483
19 Canol Dinbych	1,462
14 Dinbych Uchaf/Henllan	2,265
Llanrhaeadr Yng Nghimeirch	1,496
Efelnechtyd	1,321
Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern	1,830
Cyfanswm	16,122

Cefn Gwlad Alun a Glannau Dyfrdwy

9 Penarlâg	1,623
Penyffordd	3,543
Higher Kinnerton	1,373
Coed Llai	1,627
Yr Hôb	2,042
Llanfynydd	1,483
Treuddyn	1,346
19 Caergwrle	1,225
Cyfanswm	14,262

Cefn Gwlad Delyn

16 Trelawnwyd a Gwanysgor	1,496
Chwitffordd	1,911
Tremeirchion	1,344
Caerwys	2,050
15 Brynfford	1,789
Helygain	1,427
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1 Gwernymynydd	1,399
Llanarmon-yn-Iâl/Llandegla	2,033
3 Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal	1,170
Llandyrnog	1,765
5 Ruthun	4,260
Cyfanswm	35,650

Maldwyn a Glyndŵr

Llandrillo	931
Corwen	1799
8 Llangollen	3302
Cyfanswm	6,032

Cyfanswm yr Etholaeth 72,066

Nodyn

Mwynglawdd wedi ei drosglwyddo i Wrecsam
 Brymbo wedi ei drosglwyddo i Wrecsam
 Betws yn Rhos wedi ei drosglwyddo i Aberconwy
 Llansannan wedi ei drosglwyddo i Aberconwy

Atodiad 8

Wrecsam



Cyfanswm Etholwyr Wrecsam **75596**

Trosglwyddo i mewn

Mwynglawdd (Alun a Glannau Dyfrdwy}	1870
Brymbo (Alun a Glannau Dyfrdwy}	3021

Trosglwyddo Allan

13 <u>Johnstown</u> (Wrecsam)	-2461
22 Pant (Wrecsam)	-1528

Cyfanswm yr Etholaeth **76498**

Appendix 9

Maldwyn and Glyndŵr (Northern part of the map only)



**Total of
Maldwyn and Glyndŵr
electors** **72363**

**Transferring in from
Wrexham**

22 Pant	1528	73891
13 Johnstown	2461	76352

**Transferring out to
Maldwyn and Glyndŵr**

Llandrillo	-931	75421
Corwen	-1799	73622

Constituency Total 70,320

Atodiad 10

Arfordir Gorllewinol

**Dwyfor Meirionnydd**

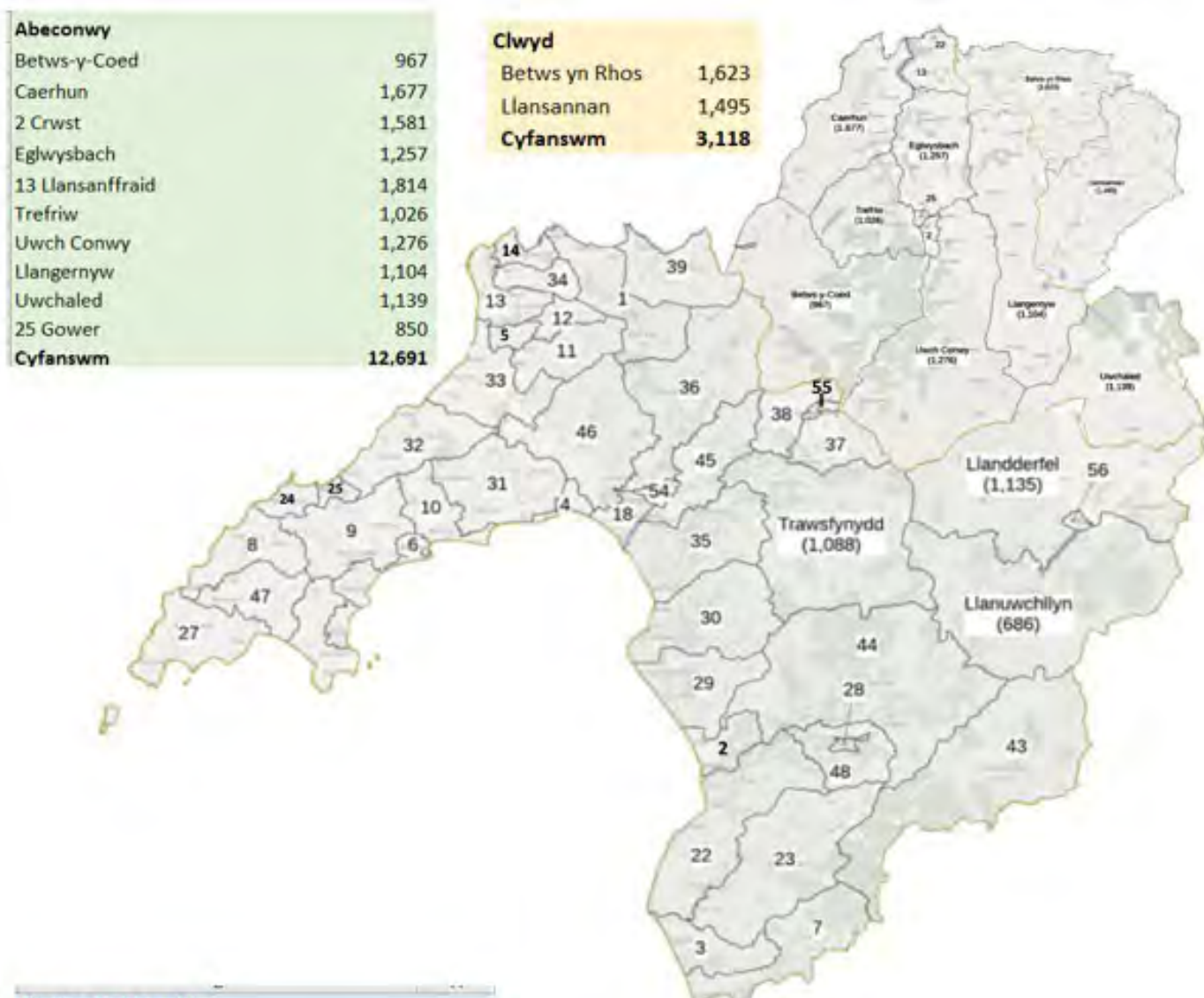
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16 Y Felinheli	1,803
17 Bethel	1,025
19 Penisarwaun	1,365
53 Llanrug	1,396
15 Cwm-y-Glo	753
20 Deiniolen	1,463
51 Cadnant	1,514
52 Menai (Caernarfon)	1,724
50 Seiont	2,233
42 Peblig (Caernarfon)	1,603
Cyfanswm	17,038

Aberconwy

1 Gogarth	2,795
4 Mostyn	2,758
21 Tudno	3,591
Craig-y-Don	2,685
5 Penrhyn	3,874
14 Llandrillo yn Rhos	6,110
19 Mochdre	1,425
22 Pensarn	2,274
23 Marl	3,539
20 Deganwy	3,289
3 Conwy	3,295
6 Capelulo	1,284
18 Pant-yr-afon/ Penmaenan	2,167
9 Pandy	1,463
8 Bryn	1,390
Arllechwedd	1,091
29 Garth	556
12 Hiracl	1,066
27 Marchog	1,579
11 Deiniol	920
26 Menai (Bangor)	1,548
16 Glyder	1,257
10 Hendre	940
17 Dewi	1,301
7 Gerlan	1,696
28 Ogwen	1,697
15 Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygai	1,628
Cyfanswm	57,218

Cyfanswm yr Etholaeth 74,256

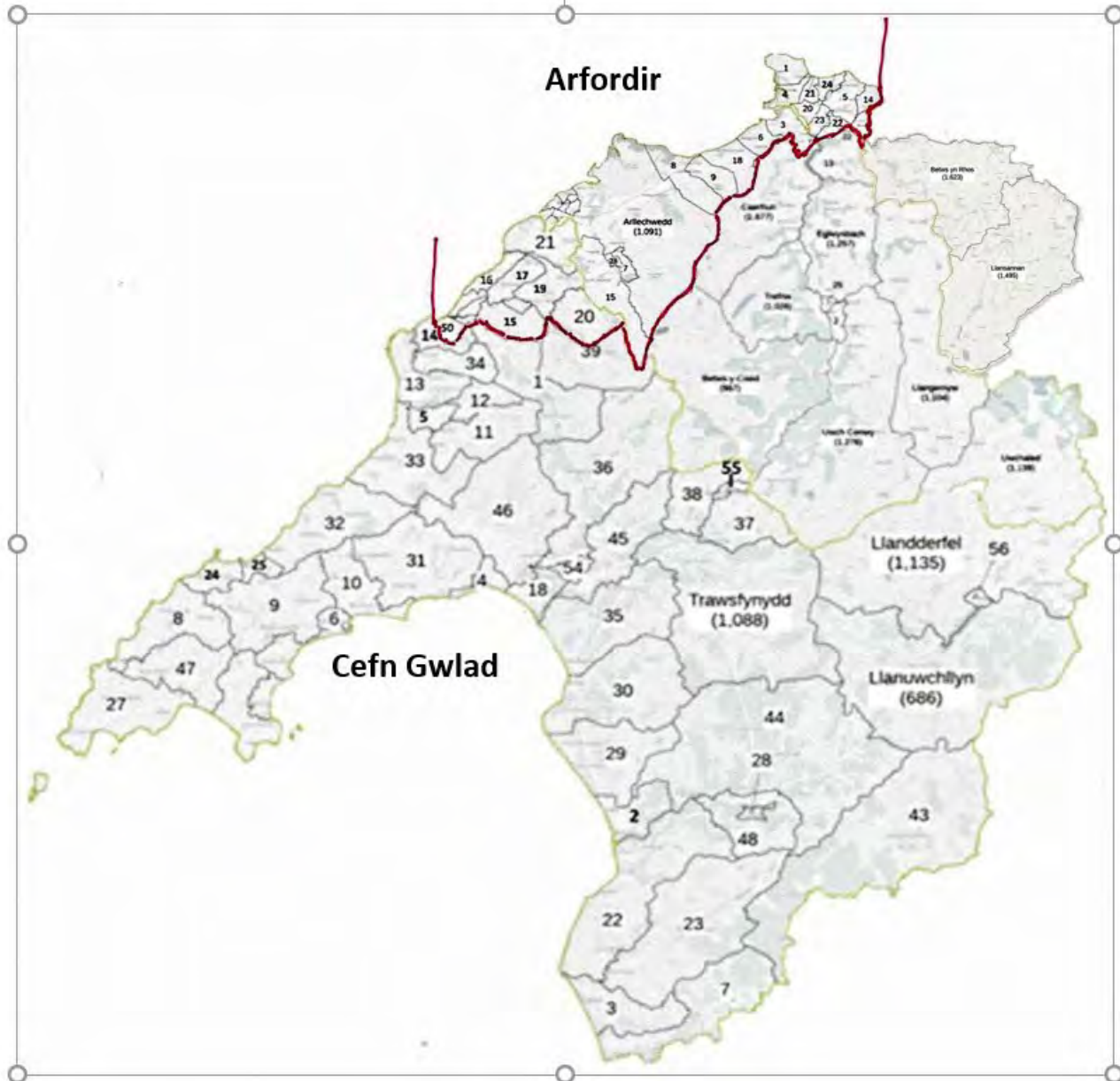
Appendix 11 Rural North-West Wales



Cyfanswm yr Etholaeth 70,733

Atodiad 12 Etholaethau Arfordir, Diwydiannol a Chefn Gwlad Gogledd Dwyrain Cymru





- 1 Clwyd - Coastal+Rural
- 2 Delyn - Costal+Rural+Industrial
- 3 Alyn and Deeside Industrial+Rural
- 4 Coastal Constituency
- 5 Industrial Constituency
- 6 Rural Constituency
- 7 PROPOSED NORTHEAST WALES COASTAL CONSTITUENCY
- 8 PROPOSED NORTHEAST WALES INDUSTRIALCONSTITUENCY
- 9 PROPOSED NORTHEAST WALES RURAL CONSTITUENCY
- 10 PROPOSED WREXHAM CONSTITUENCY
- 11 PROPOSED MONTGOMERYSHIRE AND GLYNDŴR CONSTITUENCY
- 12 Aberconwy
- 13 Dwyfor Meirionnydd
- 14 Transferred from Clwyd
- 15 PROPOSED NORTHWEST WALES COASTALCONSTITUENCY
- 16 PROPOSED NORTHWEST WALES RURAL CONSTITUENCY
- 17 Final Check
- 18 PROPOSED NORTHEAST WALES CONSTITUENCIES
- 19 PROPOSED NORTHWEST WALES CONSTITUENCIES

CLWYD**COASTAL**

7 Rhiw	4,991	
5 Glyn	3,088	
10 Eirias	2,800	
13 Colwyn	3,373	
11 Llysfaen	1,906	
12 Llanddulas	1,353	
16 Pentre Mawr	2,861	
17 Abergele Pensarn	1,959	
18 Towyn	1,845	
8 Gele	3,997	
15 Kinmel Bay	4,607	
4 Rhyl West	3,283	
6 Rhyl South West	3,732	
21 Rhyl South	2,874	
22 Rhyl South East	6,253	
23 Rhyl East	3,693	
2 Bolelwyddan	1,612	
9 Rhuddlan	2,913	
Total		57,140

RURAL

Betws yn Rhos	1,623	
Llansanan	1,495	
3 St Asaph East	1,472	
20 St Asaph West	1,290	
Trefnant	1,503	
1 Denbigh Lower	3,483	
19 Denbigh Central	1,462	
14 Denbigh Upper/Henllan	2,265	
Llanrhaeadr Yng Nghimeirch	1,496	
Efelnechtyd	1,321	
Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern	1,830	
Total		19,240

CONSTITUENCY TOTAL	76,380	76,380
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DELYN**COASTAL**

13 Prestatyn North	4,729	
20 Prestatyn South West	2,861	
14 Prestatyn Central	2,829	
19 Prestatyn Meliden	1,529	
18 Prestatyn East	3,162	
24 Gronant	1,257	
17 Ffynnongroyw	1,474	
4 Dyserth	1,882	
TOTAL		19,723

INDUSTRIAL

Mostyn	1,458	
9 Greenfield	1,983	
8 Holywell West	1,762	
30 hollywell Central	1,465	
26 Holywell East	1,383	
11 Bagillt West	1,625	
25 Bagillt East	1,413	
10 Flint Coleshill	2,938	
2 Flint Castle	1,426	
7 Flint Trelawny	2,710	
22 Flint Oakenholt	2,538	
TOTAL		20,701

RURAL

16 Trelawnwyd a Gwanysgor	1,496	
Whitford	1,911	
Tremeirchion	1,344	
Caerwys	2,050	
15 Brynford	1,789	
Halkyn	1,427	
Cilcain	1,519	
21 Northop	2,596	
12 Northop Hall	1,398	
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Llanarmom yn ial	2,033	
3 Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal	1,170	
Llandyrnog	1,765	
5 Ruthin	4,260	
TOTAL		35,650

Constituency Total	76,074	76,074
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ALYN AND DEESIDE**INDUSTRIAL**

11 Connah's Quay Golftyn	3,688	
18 Connah's Quay South	4,494	
14 Connah's Quay Central	2,213	
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Sealand	2,026	
12 Shotton West	1,464	
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7 Shotton Higher	1,669	
2 Aston	2,508	
5 Mancot	2,516	
6 Queensferry	1,248	
3 Saltney Mold Junction	1,100	
1 Saltney Stonebridge	2,672	
Brooughton North East	1,723	
10 Broughton South	3,325	
Ewloe	4,327	
17 Buckley Mountain	2,555	
16 Buckley Pentrerobin	4,181	
15 Buckley Bistre East	2,653	
4 Buckley Bistre West	3,182	
Argoed	2,167	
8 New Brighton	2,414	
TOTAL		54,991

RURAL

9 Hawarden	1,623	
Penyffordd	3,543	
Higher Kinnerton	1,373	
Leeswood	1,627	
Hope	2,042	
Llanfynydd	1,483	
Treuddyn	1,346	
19 Caergwrle	1,225	
Brymbo	3,021	
Minera	1,870	
TOTAL		19,153

CONSITUENCY TOTAL	74,144	74,144
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PROPOSED COASTAL NORTHEAST WALES CONSTITUENCY



COASTAL CLWYD

7 Rhiw	4,991
5 Glyn	3,088
10 Eirias	2,800
13 Colwyn	3,373
11 Llysfaen	1,906
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TOTAL	19,723

CONSTITUENCY TOTAL	76,863	76,863
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PROPOSED NORTH EAST WALES INDUSTRIAL CONSTITUENCY



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TOTAL		

INDUSTRIAL ALYN AND DEESIDE RURAL

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4 Buckley Bistre West	3,182	
Argoed	2,167	
8 New Brighton	2,414	54,991
TOTAL		
 CONSITUENCY TOTAL	 75,692	 75,692

RURAL CONSITUENCY**CLWYD RURAL**

Betws yn Rhos	1,623	
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TOTAL		19,240

DELYN RURAL

16 Trelawnwyd a Gwanysgor	1,496	
Whitford	1,911	
Tremeirchion	1,344	
Caerwys	2,050	
15 Brynford	1,789	
Halkyn	1,427	
Cilcain	1,519	
21 Northop	2,596	
12 Northop Hall	1,398	
23 Mold East	1,556	
28 Mold West	1,956	
29 Mold Broncoed	2,134	
27 Mold South	2,201	
6 Gwernaffield	1,646	
1 Gwernymynydd	1,399	
Llanarmom yn ial	2,033	
3 Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal	1,170	
Llandyrnog	1,765	
5 Ruthin	4,260	
TOTAL		35,650

ALYN AND DEESIDE RURAL

9 Hawarden	1,623	
Penyffordd	3,543	
Higher Kinnerton	1,373	
Leeswood	1,627	
Hope	2,042	
Llanfynydd	1,483	
Treuddyn	1,346	
19 Caergwrle	1,225	

Brymbo	3,021	
Minera	1,870	
TOTAL		19,153
CONSITUENCY TOTAL	74,043	74,043

PROPOSED NORTHEAST WALES COASTAL CONSTITUENCY



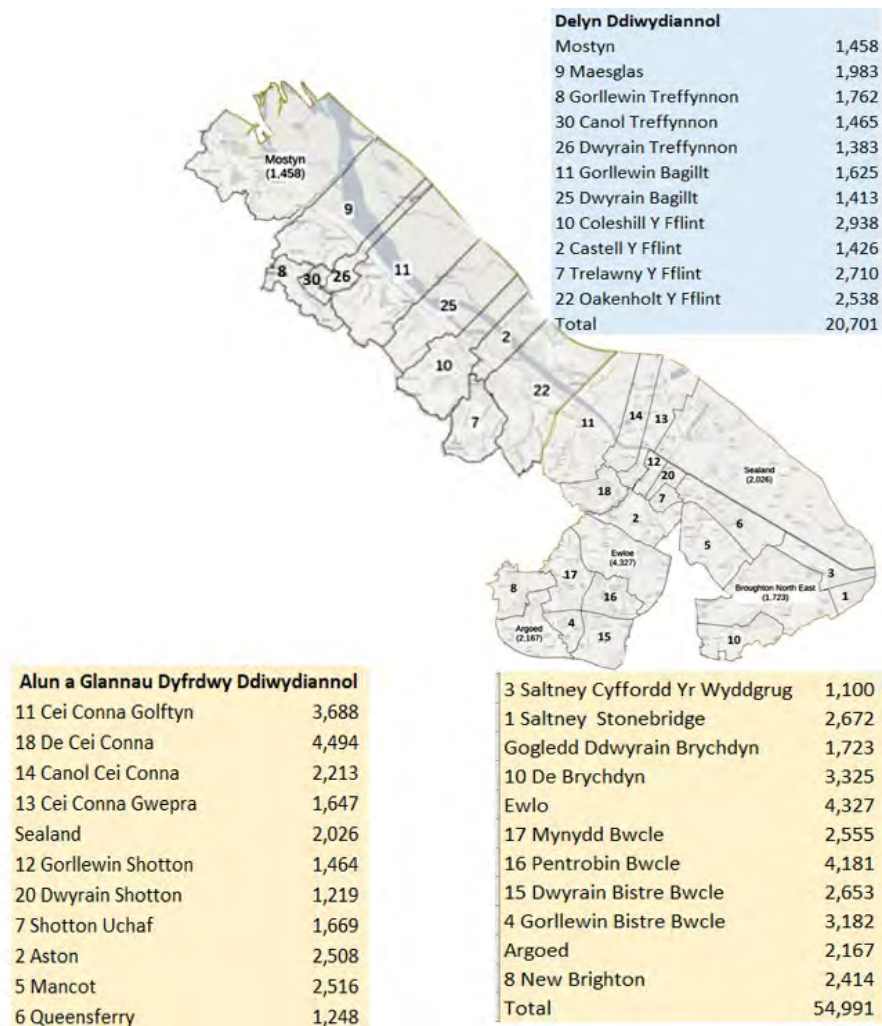
COASTAL CLWYD

7 Rhiw	4,991
5 Glyn	3,088
10 Eirias	2,800
13 Colwyn	3,373
11 Llysfaen	1,906
12 Llanddulas	1,353
16 Pentre Mawr	2,861
17 Abergele Pensarn	1,959
18 Towyn	1,845
8 Gele	3,997
15 Kinmel Bay	4,607
4 Rhyl West	3,283
6 Rhyl South West	3,732
21 Rhyl South	2,874
22 Rhyl South East	6,253
23 Rhyl East	3,693
9 Rhuddlan	2,913
2 Bolelwyddan	1,612
TOTAL	57,140

24 Gronant	1,257
17 Ffynnongroyw	1,474
13 Prestatyn North	4,729
20 Prestatyn South West	2,861
14 Prestatyn Central	2,829
19 Prestatyn Meliden	1,529
18 Prestatyn East	3,162
4 Dyserth	1,882
TOTAL	19,723

CONSTITUENCY TOTAL	76,863	76,863
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PROPOSED NORTHEAST WALES INDUSTRIAL CONSTITUENCY



INDUSTRIAL DELYN

Mostyn	1,458
9 Greenfield	1,983
8 Holywell West	1,762
30 Hollywell Central	1,465
26 Holywell East	1,383
11 Bagillt West	1,625
25 Bagillt East	1,413
10 Flint Coleshill	2,938
2 Flint Castle	1,426
7 Flint Trelawny	2,710
22 Flint Oakenholt	2,538
TOTAL	20,701

INDUSTRIAL ALYN AND DEESIDE

11 Connah's Quay Golftyn	3,688
18 Connah's Quay South	4,494
14 Connah's Quay Central	2,213
13 Connah's Quay Wepre	1,647
Sealand	2,026
12 Shotton West	1,464
20 Shotton East	1,219

7 Shotton Higher	1,669	
2 Aston	2,508	
5 Mancot	2,516	
6 Queensferry	1,248	
3 Saltney Mold Junction	1,100	
1 Saltney Stonebridge	2,672	
Brooughton North East	1,723	
10 Broughton South	3,325	
Ewloe	4,327	
17 Buckley Mountain	2,555	
16 Buckley Pentrerobin	4,181	
15 Buckley Bistre East	2,653	
4 Buckley Bistre West	3,182	
Argoed	2,167	
8 New Brighton	2,414	54,991
TOTAL		
 CONSITUENCY TOTAL	 75,692	 75,692



PROPOSED WREXHAM CONSTITUENCY



WREXHAM ELECTORATE **75,596** **-**

Tranfered to	
Montgomeryshire Glyndwr	
13 Johnstown	-2,461
22 Pant	-1,528
Tranfered from Rural Northeast	
Brymbo	3021
Minera	1870
PROPOSED WREXHAM ELECTORATE	76,498

PROPOSED MONTGOMERYSHIRE AND GLYNDWR CONSTITUENCY



**Montgomery and Glyndwr
Electors** **72363**

Transferred in from Wrexham		
22 Pant	1528	73891
13 Johnstown	2461	76352
Transferred out to Northeast Rural		
Llandrillo	-931	75421
Corwen	-1799	73622
8 Llangollen	-3302	70320

Constituency Total **70320**

Aberconwy

Coastal

1 Gogarth	2,795
4 Mostyn	2,758
21 Tudno	3,591
24 Craig-y-Don	2,685
5 Penrhyn	3,874
14 Llandrillo yn Rhos	6,110
19 Mochdre	1,425
22 Pensarn	2,274
23 Marl	3,539
20 Deganwy	3,289
3 Conwy	3,295
6 Capelulo	1,284
18 Pant-yr-afon/ Penmaenan	2,167
9 Pandy	1,463
8 Bryn	1,390
Arllechwedd	1,091
7 Gerlan	1,696
28 Ogwen	1,697
15 Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygai	1,628
29 Garth	556
12 Hirael	1,066
27 Marchog	1,579
11 Deiniol	920
26 Menai (Bangor)	1,548
16 Glyder	1,257
10 Hendre	940
17 Dewi	1,301
Cyfanswm	57,218

Rural

Betws-y-Coed	967
Caerhun	1,677
2 Crwst	1,581
Eglwysbach	1,257
13 Llansanffraid	1,814
Trefriw	1,026
Uwch Conwy	1,276
Llangernyw	1,104
Uwchaled	1,139
25 Gower	850
Cyfanswm	12,691

CYFANSWM

69,909

Dwyfor Meirionnydd

Coastal

21 Pentir	2,159
16 Y Felinheli	1,803
17 Bethel	1,025
19 Penisarwaun	1,365
53 Llanrug	1,396
15 Cwm-y-Glo	753
20 Deiniolen	1463
51 Cadnant	1,514
52 Menai (Caernarfon)	1,724
50 Seiont	2,233
42 Peblig (Caernarfon)	1,603
Cyfanswm	17,038

Rural

27 Aberdaron	698
7 Aberdovey	907
10 Abererch	986
2 Abermaw	1,591
40 Abersoch	519
56 Bala	1,413
47 Botwnnog	734
38 Bowydd & Rhiw	1,235
44 Brithdir & Llanfachreth/Gi	1,132
23 Bryn-crug/Llanfihangel	772
33 Clynnog	736
43 Corris/Mawddwy	1,023
4 Criccieth	1,280
55 Diffwys & Maenofferen	779
46 Dolbenmaen	900
28 Dolgellau North	953
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29 Dyffryn Ardudwy	1,169
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25 Nefyn	1,003
45 Penrhyndeudraeth	1,826
54 Dwyrain Porthmadog	1,178
18 Gorllewin Porthmadog	1,329

36 Porthmadog-Tremadog	933
6 Gogledd Pwllheli	1,528
49 De Pwllheli	1,310
37 Teigl	1,355
Trawsfynydd	1,088
8 Tudweiliog	668
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13 Groeslon	1,374
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Cyfanswm	54,924

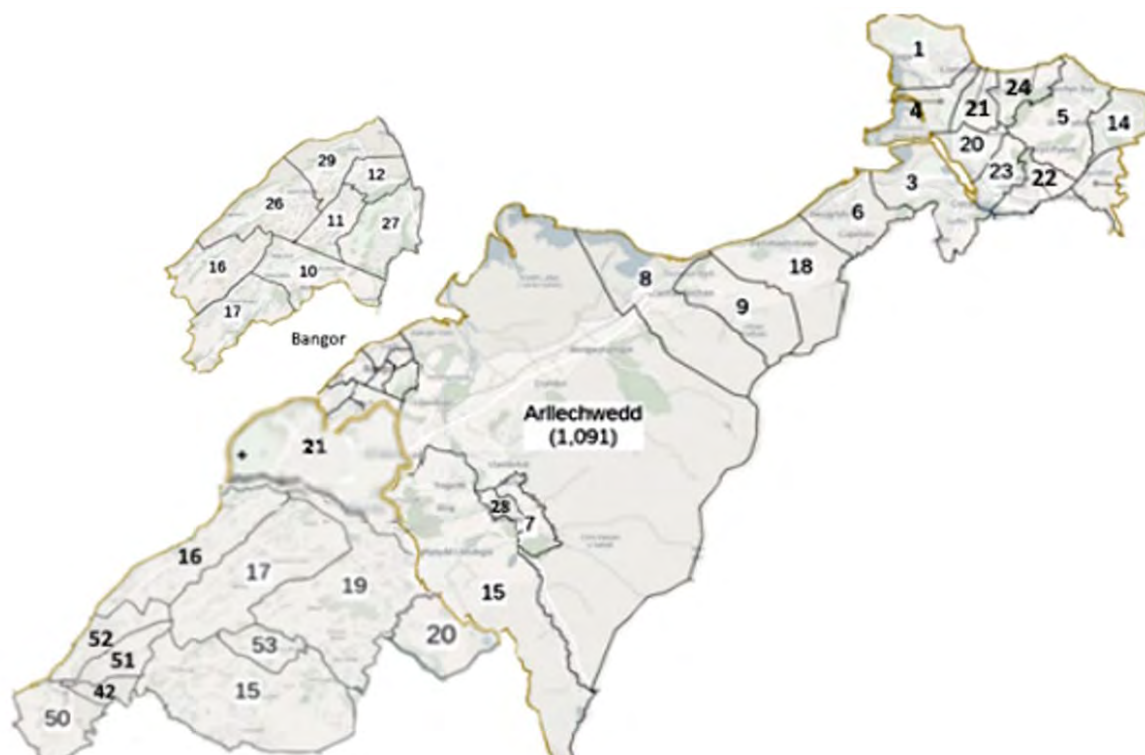
CONSTITUECY TOTAL	71,962
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Transferred from Clwyd

Rural

Betws yn I	1,623
Llansanna	1,495
Cyfanswr	3,118

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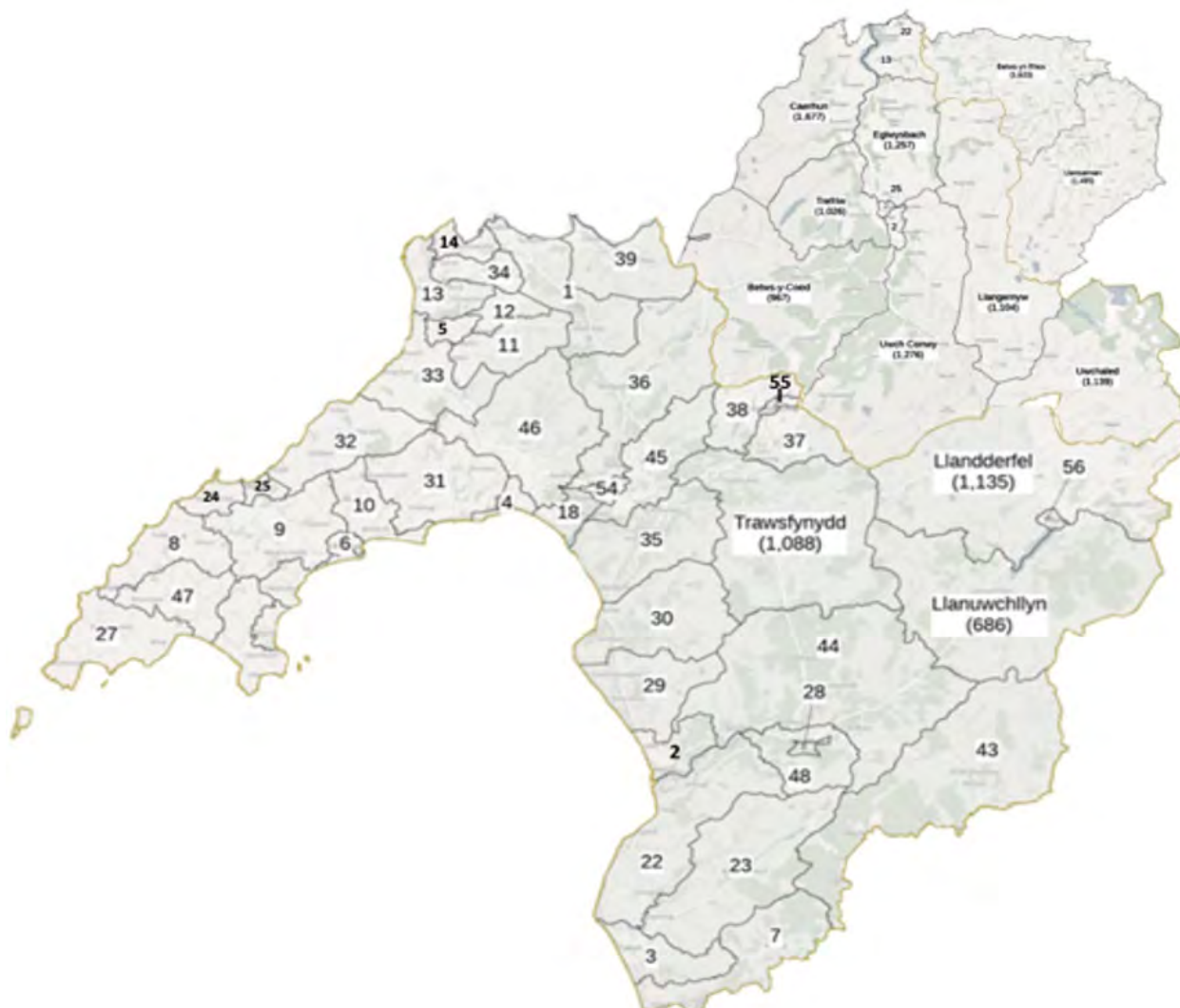
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CONSITUENCY TOTAL

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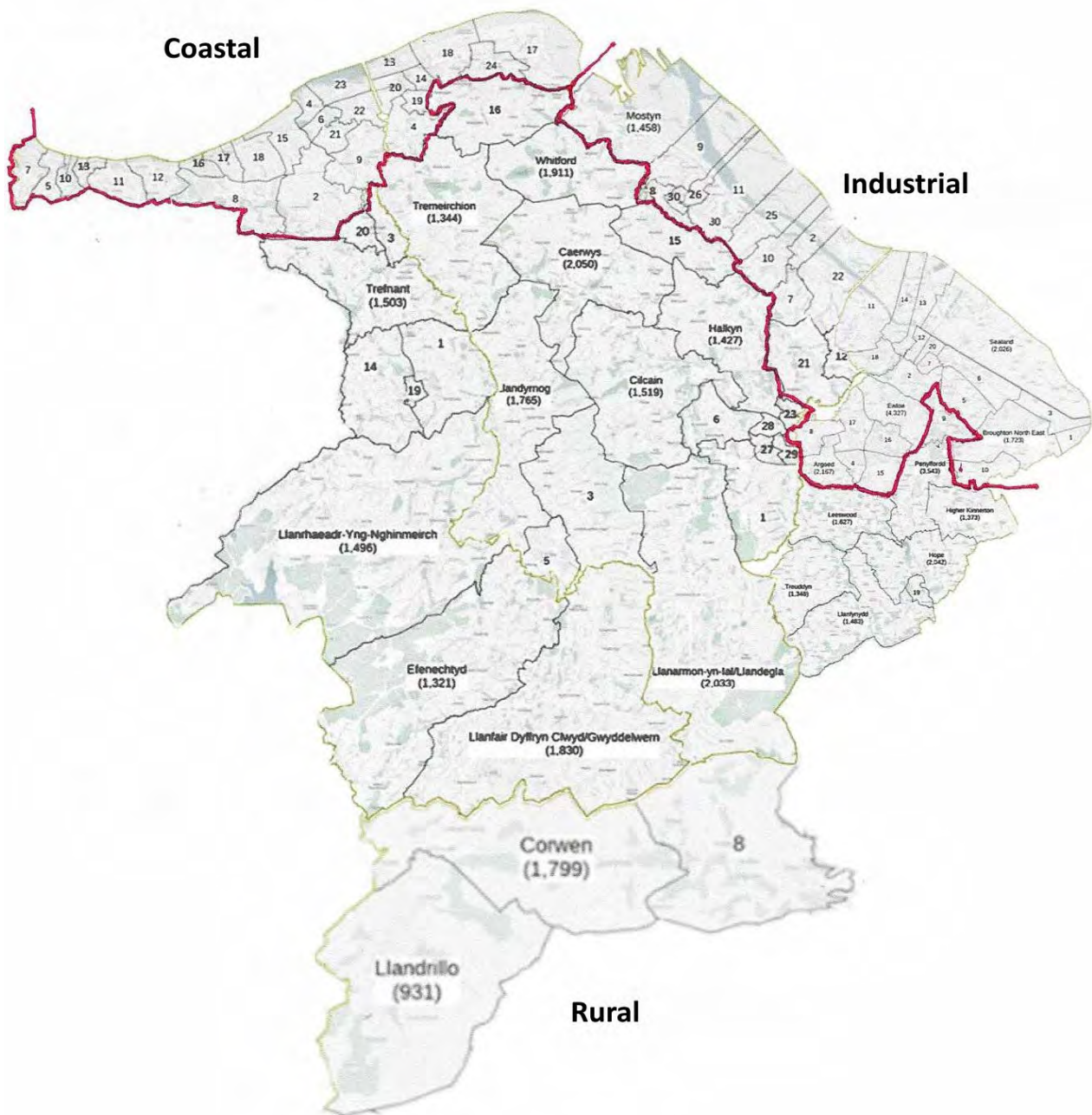
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Cyfanswm Cefn gwlad **70,733**

FINAL CHECK

Isafswm	69,724		Uchafswm	77,062
Proposed			Commission's Proposals	
Coastal Northeast Wales	76,863		Alyn and Deeside	74,144
Industrial Northeast Wales	75,692		Clwyd	76,380
Rural Northeast Wales	72,066		Delyn	76,074
Wrexham	76,498		Wrexham	75,596
Maldwyn a Glyndŵr	70,320		Maldwyn a Glyndŵr	72,363
Coastal Northwest Wales	74,256		Aberconwy	69,909
Rural Northwest Wales	70,733		Dwyfor Meirionnydd	71,962
Cyfanswm	516,428		Cyfanswm	516,428

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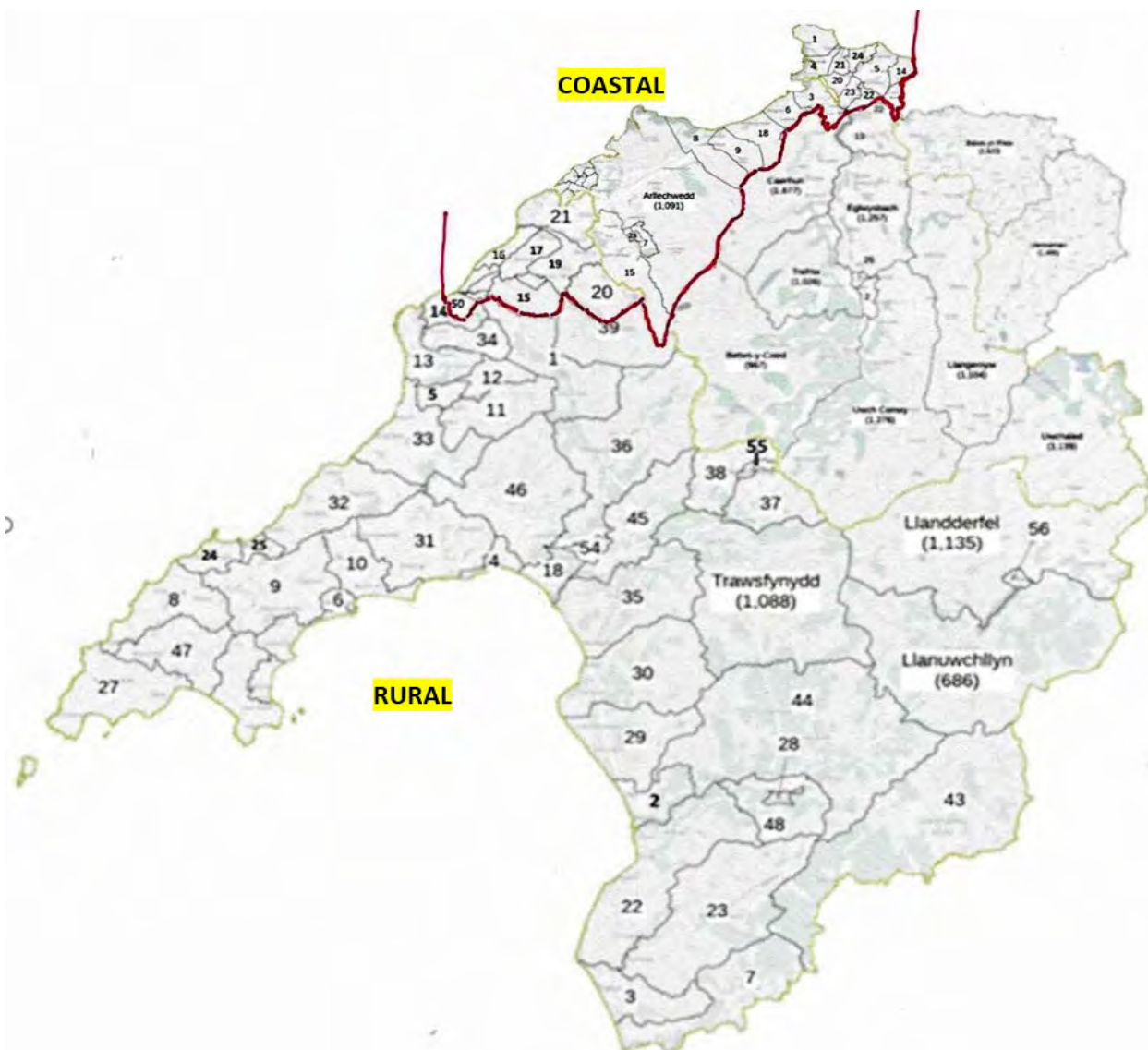
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