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**BCW-9500 / Chris Evans MP / Islwyn**

**Chris Evans MP**



1 October 2021

Our Ref: ET/CE22582

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Ground Floor, Hastings House  
Fitzalan Court  
Cardiff  
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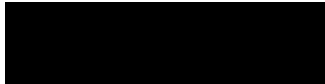
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**BCW-9502/ Peter Fox MS/ Monmouth****Peter Fox OBE MS**

Aelod o'r Senedd dros Mynwy  
Member of the Senedd for Monmouth



The Boundary Commission

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19 October 2021

Dear Sir

Re: Boundary Commission for Wales' 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales - Monmouthshire constituency proposal

I write today in support for the initial proposal to create the parliamentary constituency of Monmouthshire.

This proposal makes absolute sense as it would align the constituency with the existing local authority boundary. This is a logical approach that would simplify the accountability structures for the general public who have always wrestled with the mismatch that is currently in place, one where the county has parts of two parliamentary constituencies within its boundary.

As a long standing Leader of Monmouthshire County Council and now the new Member of the Senedd for Monmouth I fully agree with this proposal.

Yours sincerely



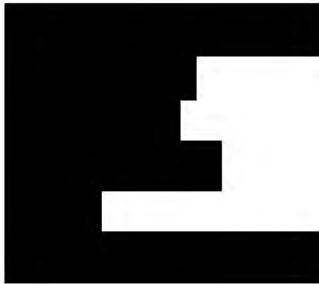
Peter Fox MS – Senedd Member for Monmouthshire



**Senedd Cymru**  
**Welsh Parliament**



BCW- 9503/ [REDACTED] / Caldicot



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CF24 0BL

18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Initial Proposals Published by Boundary Commission for Wales**

I am responding to the consultation on the above on behalf of Llanbadoc Community Council.

Council members have considered the current position, where part of the Monmouthshire parliamentary area falls within Newport and part within Torfaen, and members feel the proposals provide regulation, in that all areas of Monmouthshire will lie within the Monmouthshire parliamentary boundary. The Council therefore supports the proposals.

Yours faithfully



Llanbadoc Community Council



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Caring for the Community  
**Beddau**  
**Llantrisant**  
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BCW-9504/ [REDACTED] / Llantrisant

12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021

THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES

Hastings House, CARDIFF CF24 0BL

Dear Sir or Madam,

**RE: PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW (REPORT OF INITIAL PROPOSALS)**

Further to the invitation for representations on your proposals for changes to Parliamentary constituencies in Wales, I am instructed by my Council to write to you with the following observations.

Members of Llantrisant Community Council wished to convey to you their disappointment and regret that your proposals for reducing the number of Parliamentary constituencies in Wales would have the consequence of a diminished voice for Wales in the House of Commons, with subsequent negative impact for Wales and upon its people.

Members expressed the hope that the Commission would reflect on how the needs of the people of Wales and how they are met, might be affected by a significantly reduced presence in the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,



CLERK





**BCW-9505 / [REDACTED] / Llangollen**

How is it reasonable to include Llangollen and the surrounding area in Mongernysshire and Glyndwr, when it does not lie within Powys, Clwyd South is historically connected to the North of Wales, and there is no reasonable connection between the main area of the proposed constituency and the North.

Llangollen and the surrounds have more connection to Wrexham and Denbigh than Welshpool or Newtown and this new constituency would not represent the people of the area.

**BCW-9506 / [REDACTED] / Flint**

Any Proposed Boundary change should accompanied by Proportional Representation.

So called Safe Seats make a mockery of our Democracy.

Great play is made of our Democratic Country, in truth it is a complete and utter farce. The voting system needs a radical overhaul.

**BCW-9507 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff**

The changes are being done to benefit one group of people, namely the tory party. Throughout the UK, boundaries will change to water down traditional seats where Labour and Lib Dems stood a chance to effectively guarantee a permanent tory government.

**BCW-9508 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff**

Overall I agree with the redrafting of boundaries to equalise constituency size.

In Cardiff West I have a few concerns over whether the incipient population of Plasdwr has been considered in this proposal.

**BCW-9509** / [REDACTED] / **Swansea**

This is a disgraceful attempt to reduce the influence of Wales in the UK Parliament, and is blatant gerrymandering. I strongly oppose this undemocratic reduction of the number of constituencies in Wales.

**BCW-9510** / [REDACTED] / **Bridgend**

What has happened to Nant y Moel? It seems to be missing

**BCW-9511** / [REDACTED] / **Hengoed**

These boundary changes are completely wrong, Wales needs a voice in Westminster while the union still exists., regardless of the powers that are transferred to Cardiff.

Whilst we still have the 'Eton Elite' running the affairs of the UK and doing a terrible job of it we need the 40 MP's we have there at the moment to ensure the voice of Wales is heard. Given the Brexit debacle and the mess that followed with Covid we need the MP count to stay at 40. the only changes I would like to see in Parliament is the reduction in MP's wages and fixed expenses.

They should have a wage that reflects 'Mondeo Man' level based on the average of the entire country and expenses fixed to cover what is needed and nothing else.

**BCW-9512** / [REDACTED] / **Llandysul**

I think it's wrong to assign the boundaries based on population size. In rural areas such as mine it means such an enormous area is then covered by only one MP and it's impossible for them to hold surgeries in enough locations to suit all their constituents. The MP would spend a huge amount of time travelling instead of serving their community.

**BCW-9513 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

The manipulation of the Brecon and Radnor boundary is nothing more than shameful gerrymandering by the Welsh Labour Party to gain political advantage, a clear demonstration of how utterly corrupt the Welsh Sennedd has become. It is basically spitting in the face of democracy. An utter disgrace. And the people of Wales should not allow it!

**BCW-9514 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff**

What difference will it make moving area ? Never see anyone, whether local or national

**BCW-9515 / [REDACTED] / Blackwood**

The reduction of Welsh MPs can only have a detrimental effect on Wales as a whole. The number of constituencies in Wales should remain unchanged

**BCW-9516 / [REDACTED] / Penmachno**

This process is appalling. If you insist on reducing the number of constituencies, then please make sure that you put 'Nant Conwy' back with Meirionnydd. What exactly was wrong with the old constituency? These changes are to help one political party only and it is completely undemocratic.

**BCW-9517 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

Unacceptable just another saes attempt to take the power from our people, take the food from our plates, clothes off our backs and to boot the slates from our roofs.

**BCW-9518 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Whilst the community of Cefn Mawr certainly has more in common with the rural areas of the new proposed constituency as opposed to Wrexham, which is only concerned with gaining city status, the area of the new proposed constituency is too large for one member to look after. If the area was to be reduced then I would have no objection to the changes and would welcome less members and therefore less money being spent on salaries

**BCW-9519 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

I do not believe that Caerphilly County Borough has the same social needs as the City of Newport and should not be in the same ward

**BCW-9520 / [REDACTED] / Carmarthenshire**

Tory stitch up and theft of representation of a country. vile!

**BCW-9521 / [REDACTED] / Lampeter**

It seems that the addition of the Preseli area of Pembrokeshire to Ceredigion tries to include an area that is (A) quite far from the bulk of Ceredigion, and (B) has a dissimilar usage than that of Ceredigion. Ceredigion, as a whole, is mostly rural farms with some Tourism destinations along the coast. Pembrokeshire, because of its unique geographical shape as an elongated peninsula, is used at least as equally for Tourism as for farming. The MP who has to take on this newly combined area will have MUCH more travel across these very rural locations combined with different usages & concerns. That MP may not be able to adequately represent all constituents, thus leading to an unequal embodiment of the population.



**BCW-9522 / [REDACTED] / Llanerchymedd**

I would challenge the need to reduce constituencies - change the law if necessary  
 Following the same boundaries as the Senedd makes sense  
 Be mindful that small, rural areas probably engage more  
 Take care not to create areas too geographically large

**BCW-9523 / [REDACTED] / Llangollen**

There is no geographical connection between where I live and the bulk of the proposed new constituency, nor is there a direct road link without having to go outside the constituency.

**BCW-9524 / [REDACTED] / Bargoed**

bargoed is in the rhymney valley and has more in common with blackwood caerphilly and cardiff than abertillery blaina and ebbw vale

they are over in two valleys over so its easy a to get to cardiff than abertillery blaina and ebbw vale the welsh goverment moved us from Glamorgan to gwent the rhymney valley always get cut up by goverment

**BCW-9525 / [REDACTED] / Rhydaman**

This change is totally unnecessary. We need MORE representation in Wales not less. MP's and other representatives are hard pressed to keep up with the levels of work they have now, making areas larger means their work load increases. It means that ordinary people will find it even harder to access these representatives for any help or advice. It also means a decrease in the number of representatives Wales would have in the British parliament. The number we have there now is insufficient, it in no way assures an equal voice as it is. All I can see this boundary shifting doing is making Wales and it's people even LESS equal than ever. If we have no equality under this obviously deeply flawed and possibly corrupt 'system', (because who are these changes actually helping? What is actually behind them?), it is obvious that independence is the only option. Proper equality, fair representation and self determination for Wales.

**BCW-9526/ [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

I am a resident of Caerphilly.

I wish to register my objection to the Rhymney Valley being carved up and distributed to separate adjoining constituencies.

The geography of the South Wales Valleys north of Cardiff and Newport are such that the valleys, rail lines and roads almost exclusively run north to south. Travelling across valleys is difficult. Local Government is organised accordingly.

The current proposals involve splitting the top part of the Rhymney Valley joining with an area to the east. A lower part of the Rhymney Valley is clubbed in with Merthyr to the West, the mid part of the valley is given its own entity "Islwyn" and the south of the valley, surrounding the town of Caerphilly (and the adjoining Aber valley containing Senghenydd) is included in Newport West.

The first objection is that the cultural entity of the Rhymney valley is being broken up while others such as the Taff valley around Pontypridd and the Rhondda valleys are being retained.

The second objection is that the bits of the Rhymney Valley that are being carved up and dolled out are being grouped with areas that they have little in common with. The most egregious illustration of this involves Caerphilly being included in Newport West. Caerphilly is closer, geographically and demographically with Cardiff (The transportation links run north - south). More eastern valleys, such as those containing Risca and Blackwood have more in common with Newport (again, the transportation links run north-south).

This has practical implications as a public transport journey from Senghenydd and/or Caerphilly would likely have to go through Cardiff to reach Newport should the MP set up their constituency surgery in Newport. The reverse would be true should the surgery be set up in Caerphilly.

In conclusion I am of the opinion that more consideration should have been given the constituency boundaries. Much more consideration of the geography and the practicalities of managing the constituency is needed. The boundaries really need to

be following the contours of the landscape (and therefore the major transportation links) than they currently do.

**BCW-9527 / [REDACTED] / Bangor**

I live in the village of Glasinfryn whose postcode falls under Bangor. However, under the new proposed boundaries, I would be in an entirely different constituency than Bangor. Despite living within the same city as my place of employment (based on the postcode) and despite my house and place of employment being just 2 miles apart, we find ourselves in two different constituencies that are extremely vast in size. I think all of Bangor, including villages that fall under the Pentir ward of Bangor postcode such as Glasinfryn, Caerhun, Pentir, Rhiwlas, and Minffordd, should stay within the same constituency as the city of Bangor that we are a part of.

**BCW-9528 [REDACTED] / Ammanford**

I live in a group of 4 villages, Tairgwaith, Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen, Cwmgors & Lower Brynamman, for many years these 4 villages have been at the north west extremity of the Neath constituency and the area covered by Neath Port Talbot CBC. Being a 'remote community has made it easy for the area to be forgotten/ignored on many levels.

The proposal that moves not only these 4 villages but all of the Swansea Valley into the Brecon & Radnor constituency will only reproduce the same situation. It makes more sense in my view to include the Swansea Valley and associated communities into the proposed Swansea North constituency. Swansea and the Swansea Valley are a natural community and any division of the control/supervision of services that separates them will be detrimental.

**BCW-9529 / [REDACTED] / Llanelli**

The community of Gors-las has been moved into the nearby Llanelli constituency but geographically aligns both socially, culturaly and connectivity wise with the Caerfyrddin constituency.

Gorslas is more rural in nature to the post industrial element that strongly resides in the Llanelli constituency.

**BCW-9530 / [REDACTED] / Bethesda**

Relevant to the following constituencies:

While I believe that the boundaries are sensible, in general, in terms of the wards along the north coast, fairly different areas are being combined. Including Bethesda and the uplands/vale of Conwy with Conwy and Llandudno crosses significant social and cultural boundaries, and splitting Denbigh and Ruthin and combining them with Colwyn Bay or Prestatyn. Overall, the pattern is to create a constituency where there is a threat of the more Welsh-speaking midlands to be dominated by the more English-speaking coast.

In some of the initial guide maps, there was a tendency to combine the communities along the coast and create a larger constituency in the Clwyd/Gwynedd uplands. I believe that would be the best solution – the coastal communities of Colwyn Bay, Prestatyn, Llandudno are much more similar to each other than they are to communities such as Bethesda, Llanrwst, Denbigh, Llansannan etc, which are further from the sea. I realise that the population balance is a very important question in terms of these boundaries, but a larger constituency can be created from the smaller communities. Otherwise, there is a risk that the culture and politics of the



coastal towns will dominate and drown out very different voices, both politically and culturally, in the more rural communities.

In my experience of living in Bethesda, the upland communities are much more similar to each other than they are to the coastal towns. Therefore, I would advise the commission to prioritise combining such communities to create a larger constituency, and to create other constituencies along the coast. From my understanding, the following would be possible: remove the wards in Llandudno/Conwy/Llandudno Junction (around 12) from the Bangor/Bethesda/Vale of Conwy constituency and combine them with the Colwyn Bay/Rhyl constituency; combine the 9 upland/rural wards in Colwyn Bay (from Betws yn Rhos and Glascoed/Trefnant inwards, including Denbigh but not St Asaph). There is also an argument for including Ruthin and Llandyrnog.

**BCW-9531 / [REDACTED] / Ammanford**

It is ludicrous that residents in this area are under consideration to become part of an extremely rural/agricultural constituency. I would accept if the option was to move towards the eastern Carmarthenshire constituency.

This area is a former (although forgotten) industrial area. How we would benefit, and how an MP would be of any benefit to the suggested carve up is a mystery to me.

Someone behind a desk drawing lines on a map will only push forward the case for Welsh Independence.

Are the people responsible for these suggestions aware of the geographic and demographic variations? I doubt it very much.

If these proposals are accepted my voting paper will have one big cross through it

**BCW – 9532 / [REDACTED] / Carmarthen**

Although I now live in Johnstown, until recently we lived in Croesyceiliog - which would be put in a different constituency to Caerfyrddin. I also know the rural area immediately surrounding and to the south well. Although it is logical to put Gwendraeth Fawr communities in the same constituency as Llanelli - shopping ties, people travel to work, go to school etc in Llanelli, putting Llangynnwr, Croesyceiliog, Cwmffrwd and communities down to Llangyndeyrn in with Llanelli rather than Carmarthen is nonsensical. School catchments, travel to work areas and even historic ties mean those communities gravitate \*entirely\* around Carmarthen.

There would be a much more obvious way to draw the line - currently the northern edge of Llanelli as proposed is a strange zigzag - putting Llangynnwr (which to all intents and purposes is part of Carmarthen town, and within walking distance of the centre) with Llanelli while putting Porthyrhyd and Capel Hendre with Carmarthen. If this line were smoothed out - in a curve running from Tycroes to Ferryside (with both communities south of the curve, in Llanelli), and this curve extending upwards to include Cross Hands and surrounding communities, you would have a much more natural border.

In particular, Capel Hendre, Cwm Gwili, Pen-y-groes are ex-mining communities, as is the rest of proposed Llanelli. They are also only a short drive or bus journey away from Llanelli. Nantycaws, Llangyndeyrn and Llandyfaelog are agricultural communities which have always looked to the market in Carmarthen, and have little in common with the rest of the proposed Llanelli constituency. This would be a simple alteration which would reflect the economic, historic and cultural patterns of this part of Carmarthenshire much more naturally. In common with the rest of the proposed Llanelli constituency. This would be a simple alteration which would reflect the economic, historic and cultural patterns of this part of Carmarthenshire much more naturally.

**BCW-9533 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Why are Minera, Bwlchgwyn and other villages to the west of Wrexham being added to Alyn and Deeside/Flintshire when there is no historical or natural connection between these areas? These villages have always formed a natural community with Coedpoeth and look towards Wrexham as their local town. It's a very artificial division and the reduction of MP's is an attack on democracy in Wales.

**BCW/9534 / [REDACTED] / Rhyl**

Rhyl and Prestatyn should stay together in one constituency due to their historical close links plus they work together re schooling (some Rhyl students attend Prestatyn 6th and vice versa). The boundary historically has been the River Clwyd and this should continue.

**BCW-9535 [REDACTED] / Machynlleth**

As a resident at the far north of Ceredigion quite clearly the new constituency to include preselli/pembs is geographically massive and is likely to impact voting outcomes disproportionately.

**BCW-9536 / [REDACTED] / Llangollen**

Once gain Llangollen finds itself on the very edge of an electoral or county border with little in common with the rest of the proposed region. Currently we are on the fringes of Denbighshire and now we are to be in an area with Montgomery. Surely not? Why can we not be included in the northern proposed changes such as Wrexham? At least the majority of residents commute and interact with friends and colleagues from within that ward. I wonder when the last time a resident of Llangollen visited Montgomery? A ridiculous proposal.

**BCW-9537 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare**

You claim to take in local ties and boundaries, but the proposed new boundaries actually cut the Cynon Valley in half , and join Aberdare with Merthyr Tydfil, which is in an adjacent valley , and Mountain Ash with Pontypridd, but Aberdare is its neighbouring town and in the same valley ! This does not make sense.

**BCW-9538 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare**

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**BCW-9539 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

Whilst the postal address is ystalyfera in Swansea county. we are currently in Neath, Port Talbot area. It makes absolutely no sense for this area to be put in the massive area of Brecon and Radnor when we are closer to the area you have marked Swansea West and Neath.

**BCW-9540 / [REDACTED] / Newport**

Seems like a very large area for only one candidate. There should be a Newport East as displayed but Newport West should be separate from Caerphilly-both have different local councils, how will anything get resolved?

Also will the representative be representing everyone's interests when the area is so vast? The issues concerning someone in the Caerphilly borough may be totally irrelevant to someone from Newport West and vice-versa!



**BCW-9541 / [REDACTED] / Borth**

Clearly, the system to designate new boundaries and the VERY specific population requirements has been designed by people with no experience, knowledge or regard for the rural areas of Wales.

I was both born and raised in St Davids and now reside in North Ceredigion. I can't actually think of two areas of Wales, connected by the same coastline, that are more dissimilar. How can an elected member of parliament represent such different issues and populations?

It doesn't take a genius to look at the recent general election results by wards to see how differing the political preferences are in these two areas. Ultimately, this will mean one thing, communities that were once represented won't be in the future.

But what can us mere political plebs do? We can't suggest a constituency who's size is outside of 69-77k and we must reduce our numbers of seats - because god forbid that Celtic lot east of England have some proportionate representation that reflects their language, geography, culture, economy and population.

However, I am partly reassured that matters that are really important to me (like Health and Education) are devolved to Welsh Ministers, and this realignment (or more accurately reduction in representation) doesn't impact my representation on these devolved matters.

English centric plans, from an English centric Government.

**BCW-9542 / [REDACTED] / Llanidloes**

If this goes ahead then Powys needs a district general hospital central in Powys as it would mean that the area needed to be covered by health services would increase and there isn't currently any DGH support to meet the patients needs.

**BCW-9543/ [REDACTED] / Cardigan**

Keep Ceredigion to its own region & Pembrokeshire to its own region.

**BCW-9544 / [REDACTED] / Hirwaun**

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposed important change.

I oppose it for a number of reasons:

Firstly, I feel Beth Winter is a very effective and involved MP, who has been very visible in the community and courageous in her defence of the community's interests and, I feel, values.

It would be a terrible loss to see her lose her seat through re-selection procedures, and feel her lack of time in her position may unfairly affect her chances here.

Secondly, of course, the more general reduction in number of Welsh MPs certainly appears politically motivated. Whether it is, or not, a perceived reduction in the Welsh voice in Parliament will further calls for independence, and support for independence. This will be disruptive and damaging.

Thirdly, there are some arbitrary lines of geography imposed here. A visit to the valleys will show you that most people live along the valley (Eg the Cynon Valley). Social ties, education, work, for myself and most people I know, operate along the Cynon Valley. Interactions from Hirwaun/Aberdare to Merthyr are more and more reduced simply to shopping trips to the out-of-town shopping estates. The smaller Merthyr area villages, too, are places I, or many people my age [REDACTED], have never been. Likewise, there seems to be even less interaction of people from Merthyr with the town of Aberdare, or Hirwaun.

There is, in fact, real separation between communities, especially now that the valleys are largely post-industrial. In fact, despite a history where these communities may have been more united (as formerly, when they were the same constituency), there is now MUCH more contiguity between the communities WITHIN the current constituency, along its whole length, than there is in the proposed constituency.

Fourthly, the proposed constituency would encompass two large towns, Aberdare and Merthyr. At present, Aberdare is the only large town within the constituency. This current configuration means that the MP can afford more time for the peripheral, smaller conurbations. Beth Winter's multiple trips to Penderyn, recently, being an excellent case in point. The MP would, under these proposals, end up splitting time

between the two hubs, and contact with the smaller communities would be diminished. This would be of particular concern to me as places like Hirwaun, Penderyn and Rhigos are quite liminal places, between industry, post-industry and agriculture, and some unique political needs arise from this. I would fear the MP losing touch with these concerns.

Overall, then, I feel the proposals lack real experience of The Valley, its economy, ecology, cultural behaviour and institutional organisations (especially schools). While it may appear sensible on a map, or may even have been more workable 50 years ago, the proposals are artificial and do not represent the interests of the community. Far better to have separate MPs, with close working relations, as we have now. That would better ensure a basis for cross-community political representation - a basis that is attuned to, and represents, rather than homogenises, these distinct communities.

**BCW-9545/ [REDACTED] / Pontarddulais**

We live right out in the countryside, (similar to Gower) we have absolutely NOTHING in common with the city centre!!!

**BCW-9546 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare**

I find it beggars belief that you wish to amalgamate the counvil wards to reduce the number of Councillors while trying to increase the number of members of the Welsh Government.

Amalgamation of the valleys councils has lead to the devastation of valley towns and this grandiose scheme will further devastate valley communities to the benefit of the largest town in the new ward.

**BCW-9547/ [REDACTED] / Port Talbot**

West Glam until 96 LGR, then NEATH PORT TALBOT - now Aberafan Porthcawl!  
That's without all the health board boundary changes - what a gross misuse of public money and why. It makes no sense whatsoever to be lumped with Porthcawl - Briton Ferry yes, maesteg maybe - parts of the Neath valleys yes - but Porthcawl no sense. How frequent is public transport - does Port Talbot cease to exist - why is this happening now - tell us how we benefit and tell us the actual costs of this nonsense. I am going to research a little ,

**BCW – 9548 / [REDACTED] / Fishguard**

In my humble opinion North Pembrokeshire has far more in common with South Ceredigion than it does with places like Milford Haven, Neyland and Haverfordwest; so whilst I am dismayed that Wales will have fewer representatives in Parliament I welcome the proposed new constituency.

**BCW-9549 / [REDACTED] / Narbeth**

Are you seriously proposing one constituency running from St Davids to north of Borth? Just how on earth is that going to work properly.

Why not just make the county of Sir Benfro one constituency following the line of the old county boundary? You have a nice compact peninsula which doesn't involve miles of unnecessary travelling - something we are all being encouraged to embrace.

Change for the sake of change?

**BCW-9550/ [REDACTED] / Milford Haven**

Should Include the whole of Pembrokeshire!



**BCW-9551/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff**

Our comments relate to the whole of Wales and are fully contained, with illustrative maps, in the attached document.

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ABC is not proposing a return to the use of the historic counties as a basis for parliamentary constituencies or, indeed, for any administrative purpose. Rather, we promote the existence and importance of the historic counties as totally distinct entities to any set of administrative areas.

We are, however, delighted to see historic county names used within constituency names where this helps to reflect the geographical and cultural identity of that constituency.

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Our two main concerns with the 2023 Review are that:

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We are delighted to see that the vast majority of the proposed constituency names meet these concerns. Here we highlight the three constituency names with which we have an issue and suggest an alternative name in each case.

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area as the current 'Monmouth' constituency. We therefore suggest that the present 'Monmouth' would be an acceptable name for the new constituency.

There is certainly no good reason to change this name to 'Monmouthshire' and very good reason not to, since the constituency covers only about 60% of the area of the historic county of Monmouthshire and only includes about 17% of the historic county's population.

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The name 'Radnor', used without prefix or suffix, is ill-advised in that it doesn't actually relate to a definable place. The proposed Welsh version of the constituency name refers to Maesyfed which is the town of New Radnor. Hence, there is an inconsistency between the BCW's proposed English and Welsh Names.

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## Submission to 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies



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### The importance of the historic counties

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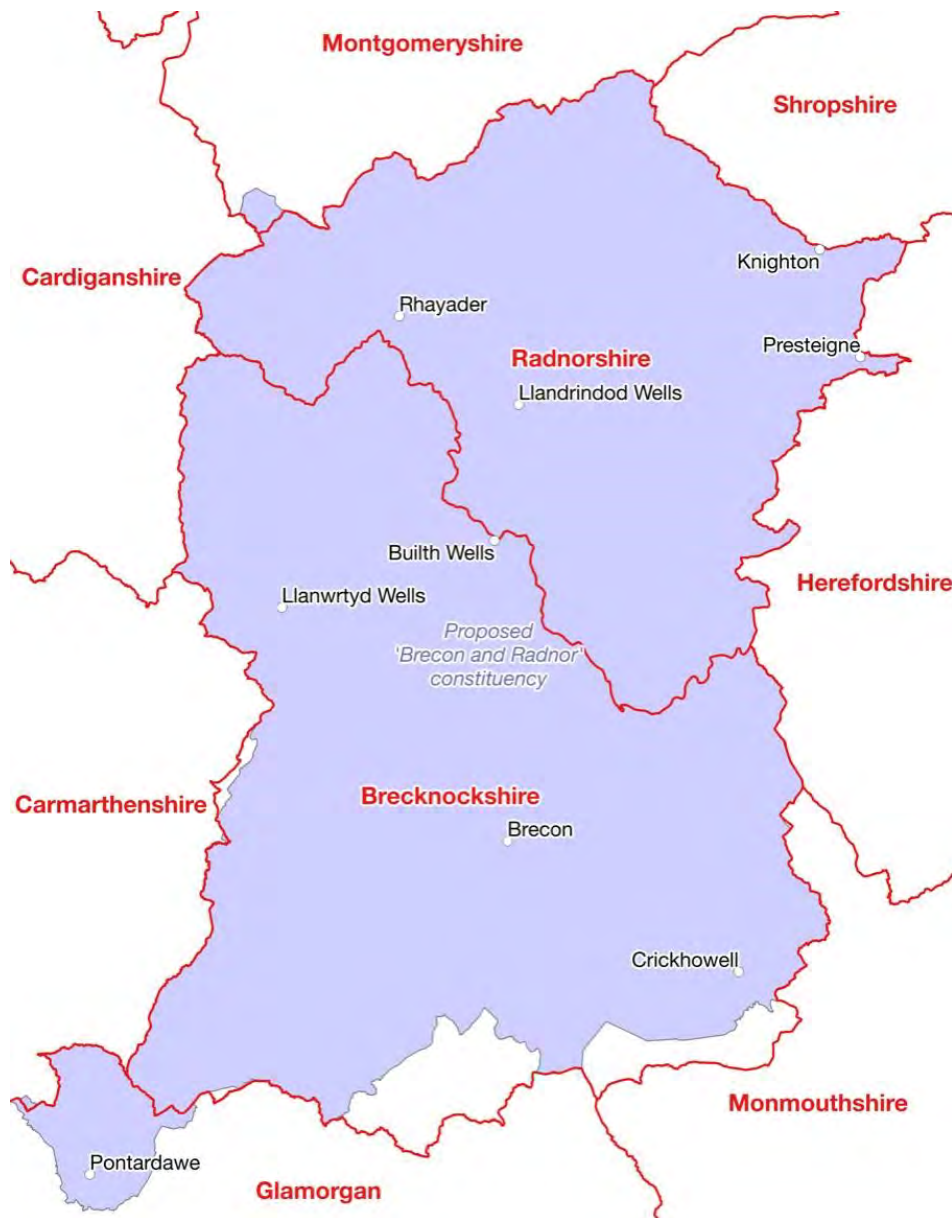
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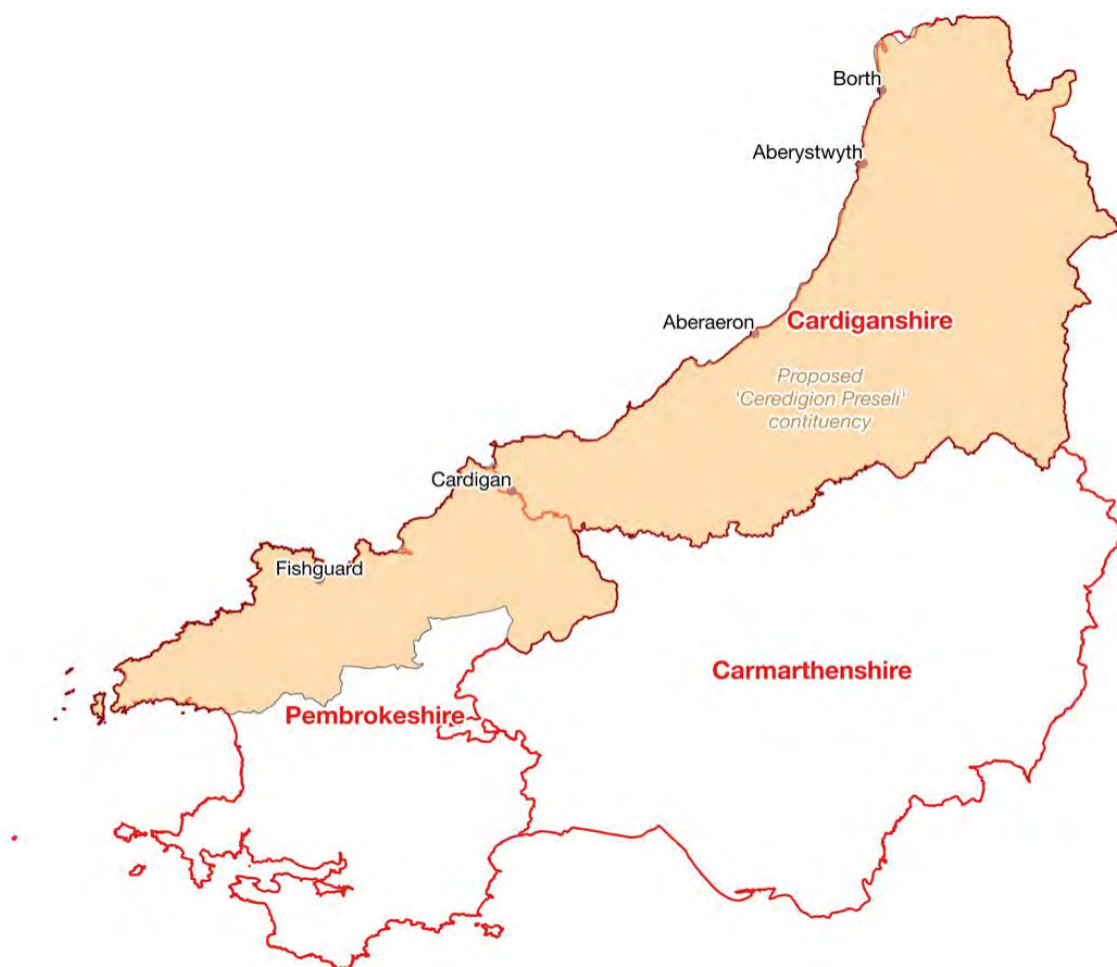
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**Appendix - Extract from Office for National Statistics's *Index of Place Names in Great Britain***

**Historic County Name***Field Name:* CTYHISTNM

Name of the historic county in which the place is situated.

The historic counties of Great Britain (also known as ancient counties, counties proper, geographical counties or traditional counties) have existed largely unchanged since the Middle Ages. Their original administrative function became the responsibility of separate administrative counties and county councils set up by the Local Government Act 1888 and the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1889. It was these administrative counties and county councils that were abolished in England and Wales in 1974 by the Local Government Act 1972, and in Scotland in 1975 by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, not the historic counties.

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The historic counties are:

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Wales:	Anglesey Brecknockshire Caernarfonshire Cardiganshire Carmarthenshire	Denbighshire Flintshire Glamorgan Merionethshire Monmouthshire	Montgomeryshire Pembrokeshire Radnorshire
Scotland:	Aberdeenshire Angus Argyllshire Ayrshire Banffshire Berwickshire Buteshire Caithness Clackmannanshire Cromartyshire Dumfriesshire Dunbartonshire	East Lothian Fife Inverness-shire Kincardineshire Kinross-shire Kirkcudbrightshire Lanarkshire Midlothian Morayshire Nairnshire Orkney Peeblesshire	Perthshire Renfrewshire Ross-shire Roxburghshire Selkirkshire Shetland Stirlingshire Sutherland West Lothian Wigtownshire

**BCW-9552 / [REDACTED] / Newport**

This is blatant oppression of the Welsh people, the corrupt English government forcing the removal of 8 welsh representatives is nothing but gerrymandering and oppression.

Increasing the size of constituencies will make it harder than it already is to contact our representative, as they will have a larger amount of people that also want their attention.

This will also make Lobbying and corruption by big corporations easier as they can focus more on the lower amount of individuals.

The English government should only focus on themselves and leave our country to our own Senedd.

This is a spit in the face of democracy and more akin to a dictatorship.

**BCW-9553 / [REDACTED] / Abergavenny**

I support the proposed Constituency of Monmouthshire where I live.

The proposed seat is coterminous with the local authority. This is very logical and most convenient. The Local Authority would have to deal with just one MP as opposed to the current position where it has to deal with 2 MPs and both those MPs have to deal with another local authority as well as Monmouthshire. The proposal is therefore an improvement on the present arrangement.

**BCW-9554 / [REDACTED] St. Ishmael**

[REDACTED] **From:**  
**Sent:** 21 October 2021 10:02  
**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Cyhoeddi Cynigion Cychwynnol - Initial Proposals Published

Good morning,

St Ishmael Community Council have asked me to respond and express their strong objection to the boundary changes.

St Ishmael currently forms parts of the Carmarthen East and Dinefwr Constituency and under these proposals would be moved to Llanelli. The Community Council feels

that it has little connection or common identity with the Llanelli constituency and therefore would like to strongly object to these proposals.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Clerc / Clerk

Cyngor Cymuned Llanismel / St Ishmael Community Council

[REDACTED]

**BCW-9555/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff**

Llanrumney is neither geographically or culturally part of cardiff central and in my view it should retain its place as being a part of Cardiff south and Penarth

**BCW-9556/ [REDACTED] / Colwyn Bay**

Colwyn Bay would, in my opinion, be better joining with Conwy and Llandudno.

There are very strong cultural, linguistic, family and transport links and all 3 areas are urban. The seat could also include Abergele, Towyn and Kimmel Bay.

**BCW-9557 / Cynwyd Community Council / Corwen**

Cynwyd Community Council has voted unanimously to state our objection to being included in the Glyndŵr Maldwyn constituency. Our area would be cut off from much of the new constituency, and there are no traditional ties.

The Cynwyd area is traditionally a part of Meirionnydd, and it would be much better if we became part of the Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency. The new Clwyd constituency would also be better than Glyndŵr Maldwyn

**BCW-9558/ [REDACTED] / Pontypool**

Torfaen should be joined back with Monmouthshire and the name Gwent Restored.

**BCW-9559 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend**

The boundary cutting through a large chunk of Bridgend itself makes no sense on a local level. Gerrymandering comes to mind. However the Tories may have just created 2 safe Labour seats!

**BCW-9560 / [REDACTED] / Denbigh**

We need no man's land boundaries recognised by both councils to represent better and maintain roads and other council obligated subjects as both are neglecting duty's of care to the public and residents

**BCW-9561/ [REDACTED] / Rogerstone**

Changing the constituency boundary to merge with an area outside of your council is confusing and counterproductive. The changes that would result from re-positioning the boundaries would be minor and the confusion, cost and resources needed to make the change would be wasteful to the public purse. The benefits will never outweigh the costs of making such a change.

**BCW-9562 / [REDACTED] / Ruthin**

I'm afraid it appears that not much thought has gone into this reorganisation. It looks like a statistician behind a desk somewhere (who does not know the area at all) has drawn a red line on a map to make the numbers fit the target.

It does not appear that any consideration has been given to the area's demography. The Clwydian hills naturally divide Ruthin from the rest of the proposed constituency.

I have lived in Ruthin for 18 years, and I have very little contact with any of the towns and villages of the proposed Delyn constituency - I would have to turn on the sat nav to find most of them! On the other hand, I often travel up and down the Vale of Clwyd to Denbigh, Corwen, St. Asaph, etc.

The town of Ruthin has been carved out of the adjacent villages which feed into it under the new scheme (Ruthin in Delyn and the adjacent villages which consider Ruthin as their main town in Clwyd). This makes no sense.

I am also concerned as to the effect on the Welsh language and the wider area. The rest of the proposed Delyn constituency are anglicised areas, while Ruthin is still considered very Welsh in nature.

In addition, I would urge the commission to take into consideration the rural nature of the market town of Ruthin compared with the rest of the Delyn constituency which is more industrial.

In summary, I feel strongly that the town of Ruthin should be part of the Clwyd constituency, as should the adjacent villages and other similar towns in Denbighshire



**BCW-9563/ [REDACTED] / Debigh**

The reduction in the number of MPs from 40 to 32 shows that Wales has no say in Parliament.

**BCW-9564/ [REDACTED] / Newtown**

Honestly it's fine by me. Much better than the Powys county as a whole.

**BCW-9565/ [REDACTED] / Colwyn Bay**

The proposed boundary changes are undemocratic, and will result in Wales having less say on its affairs than before.

**BCW-9566/ [REDACTED] / Neath**

Wouldn't it make more sense for Neath Port Talbot to be grouped together the same way as we currently are as a local authority.

**BCW-9567 / [REDACTED] / Chirk**

Chirk seems to have been added on to make up the numbers. The area looks very large with a variety of rural areas.

Frankly, this looks like what's left, a collection of bits that don't seem to have a centre.

I have always felt Chirk and North Wales was a neglected area with regards to the Welsh Assembly and sadly this proposal seems to confirm this.

**BCW-9568 / [REDACTED] / Bangor**

Why wouldn't penrhos garneidd and ysbyty Gwynedd not considered aberconwy area when there attached to the city of bangor , this dividing the city into 2 parts. Would also balance out the numbers between the constituency it's currently in and the new one it would create

**BCW-9569 / [REDACTED] / Lampeter**

It is only fair that all constituencies should be of the same size so change is needed. It is hard to understand why Ceredigion has been put together with North Pembrokeshire rather than North Carmarthenshire where there are greater links. North Carmarthenshire is much closer to the rest of the county/constituency whilst there are few links with the St David's area.

**BCW-9570 / [REDACTED] / Carmarthen**

I understand from the map that Carmarthen town railway station is outside the proposed boundaries of the new constituency. Since the residents of this local area form the majority of the station users, the fact that the Member of Parliament for Llanelli will be responsible for this resource is totally confusing and foolish. The requirements of the people of Llanelli are totally different from the requirements of the requirements of the mostly rural population of Carmarthen.

Llangynnwr has much closer links with Carmarthen than Llanelli. Children from Llangynnwr attend the town's schools, and the residents attend the shops, chapels, meetings/concerts etc. in the town.

Let us feel that we belong as one big family in this fairly small area. Do not divide the people of Llangynnwr and Carmarthen from each other.

BCW-9571/ Wendy Walters/ Carmarthenshire



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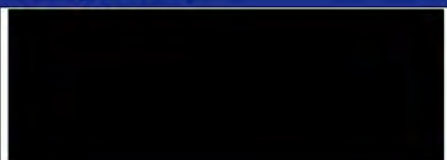
Dear [REDACTED],

I recognise the difficult task facing the Boundary Commission for Wales (BCW) as a result of the reduction in seats, and I also acknowledge that the Commission will not consider representation on the statutory electorate range, however it must be noted that the electorate figures used for this review as 2 March 2020 no longer reflect the current electorate which have increased in this period.

The current electorate for the existing Llanelli Constituency is 1,989 more than what is quoted in the BCW's initial proposals, the current electorate for Carmarthen South has a 541 difference and the current electorate for Carmarthen East and Dinefwr Constituency (including Llangunnor, Llangyndeyrn, Gorslas and St. Ishmael) has a 907 difference to what is quoted in the BCW's initial proposals.

Whilst I can see a logical reason for drawing the Llanelli boundary to include Llangunnor which will then give you a satisfactory total number of electors (based on 2020 figures), I must stress that in my opinion the northwest boundary of the proposed Llanelli Constituency has been set too far to the north. Residents of the Llangunnor area have a more cultural and social tie with the proposed Carmarthen constituency. In terms of a sense of belonging, patterns of shopping, education and employment, the population of Llangunnor do not naturally look towards Llanelli.

Wendy Walters



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Mae croeso i chi gysylltu â mi yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg

You are welcome to contact me in Welsh or English

My preferred proposal is that the whole of the Llangunnor Electoral Division should be included in the proposed Carmarthen Constituency which would still allow the constituency electorate to fall within the suggested quota – based on current electorate figures which is what reflects the true electorate as of today:

Current electorate for existing Llanelli Constituency = 62,755

+ Gorslas=3949

+Llangyndeyrn=2950

+St. Ishmael=2327

Would give a total for a new Llanelli Constituency of **71,981**

Current electorate for proposed Carmarthen Constituency 71,942

+Llangynnor=2092

Would give a total for a new Carmarthen Constituency of **74,034**

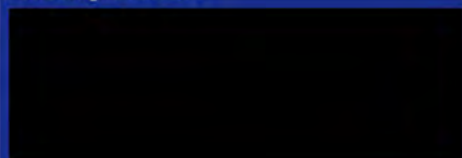
If these proposals are not accepted, may I suggest the name of the proposed Llanelli Constituency must be reviewed. This name does not reflect the most northwest boundary of the constituency.

Yours Sincerely



**Wendy Walters**  
Returning Officer

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BCW-9572/ [REDACTED] / Brymbo

[REDACTED]

**From:**

**Sent:** 22 October 2021 11:29

**To:** BCW <[bcw@boundaries.wales](mailto:bcw@boundaries.wales)>

**Subject:** Alternative proposal for the Alyn & Deeside constituency

I am a constituent living in Alyn & Deeside, in the ward of Treuddyn.

I am attaching a PDF of an alternative plan for the constituency.

In brief summary: This counter proposal suggests removing Brymbo and Minera , and then adding Northop and Northop Hall. The proposal is worked up to deal with any knock on consequences in other constituencies, and is completely self consistent.

I hope you will consider adopting this scheme as it provides a much more satisfactory arrangement with regards to the local community ties than the original proposal.

Yours

[REDACTED]

## Submission regarding the current proposed changes to the parliamentary boundaries

I am a resident in Alyn and Deeside. And I would like to make a counterproposal regarding the proposed boundary changes.

### Summary

It is not appropriate to add 2 wards (Brymbo and Minera) from Wrexham into A&D.

The current boundary proposal does not comply well with the statutory factors with respect to local government boundaries and local community links, whereas this counter-proposal greatly improves that position in both respects. The two wards that are being proposed to be added are both in Flintshire, and there are existing strong community links which will be strengthened, and therefore improves the plan with respect to local government boundaries and community ties.

*PS I have included a table at the end detailing exactly which wards are to be allocated to which constituency.*

### **Reasons for the proposed changes**

I wholeheartedly agree with the boundary commission's proposal to include in A&D the wards of Leeswood, Argoed and New Brighton, from the current Delyn constituency.

In particular the area around Argoed is an urban conurbation made up of housing that merges seamlessly into the Buckley area. There are no geographical features which divide the communities, and the current boundary in many places runs down streets in a housing estate. Moving the Argoed community (comprised of the Argoed and the New Brighton wards), into A&D is in line with the requirement of strengthening local ties.

Leeswood is a distinct village that has a lot in common with the nearby ward of Treuddyn, which is in A&D. Most pupils from the village attend Castell Alun high school, in Hope, which is in the A&D constituency. Again this move strengthens the local ties that already exist.

However it is also being suggested that A&D takes in two wards from the Wrexham County Borough, namely Brymbo and Minera. I oppose this change on the following grounds. It unnecessarily breaks the commission's guidelines on both of these grounds

- Links with local authorities
- Local ties broken from existing constituencies

These wards are from the county borough of Wrexham. This leads to an anomaly of only 2 wards and under 5,000 (7%) electors in A&D not being in Flintshire. All the rest of A&D is under Flintshire county council. The wards of Brymbo and Minera have no ties to Flintshire and see themselves as part of Wrexham. These wards need to be moved into the Wrexham constituency.

### **Proposed changes to A&D**

See map in Fig 1. Removal of Brymbo and Minera back in to Wrexham will have some knock on effects that I propose to deal with by adding back into A&D two additional wards from the existing Delyn constituency. The proposed wards are Northop and Northop Hall. These areas have strong community links to the area around Ewloe and Hawarden and will be a natural fit with A&D. As an illustration of this, the local primary school in Northop Hall which states *"We enjoy strong links with other schools in our local consortium and pupils have many opportunities to work on a wide range of activities with pupils from the other five schools in the Hawarden cluster."* Also it is noted that most children from the school move on to Hawarden High school. Thus the proposed move of these wards into A&D is in keeping with the remit of the commission to take into account local community ties. This also improves the proposal in terms of local government, as all of the constituency of A&D is now within the Flintshire local government area.



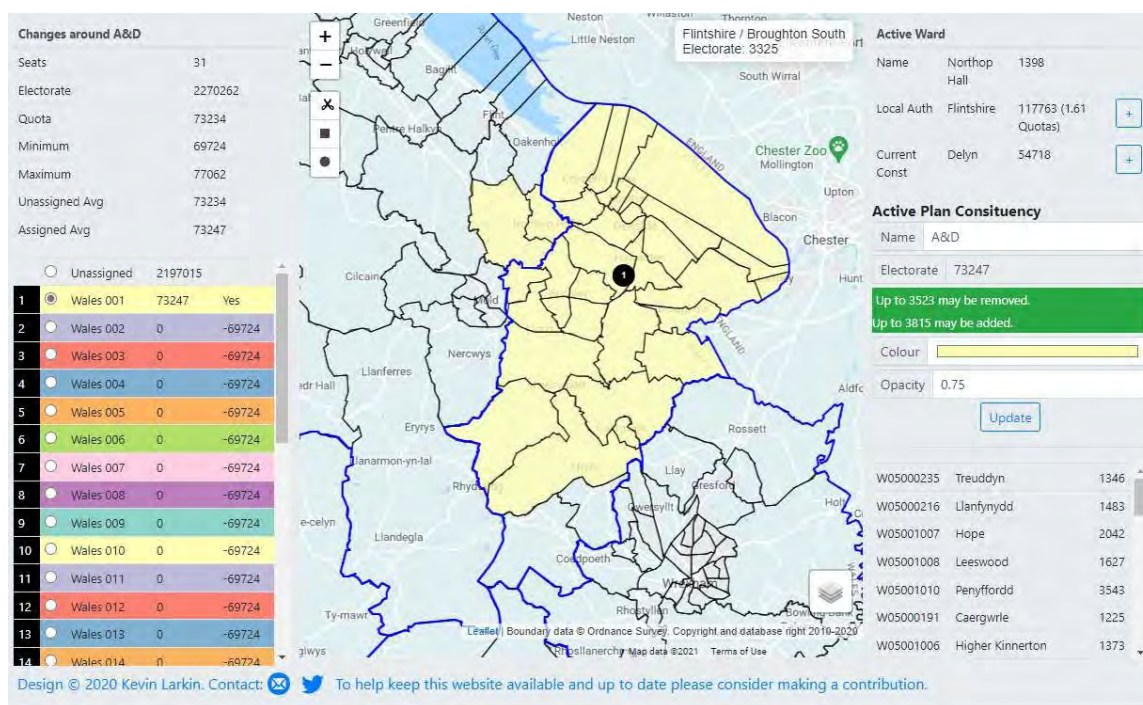


Fig 1

Map of the proposed new A&D The blue outline indicates the boundary commmisions proposal and the black the individual wards. The area shaded in yellow is the proposed A&D in my submission.

### Dealing with the knock on effect on surrounding constituencies

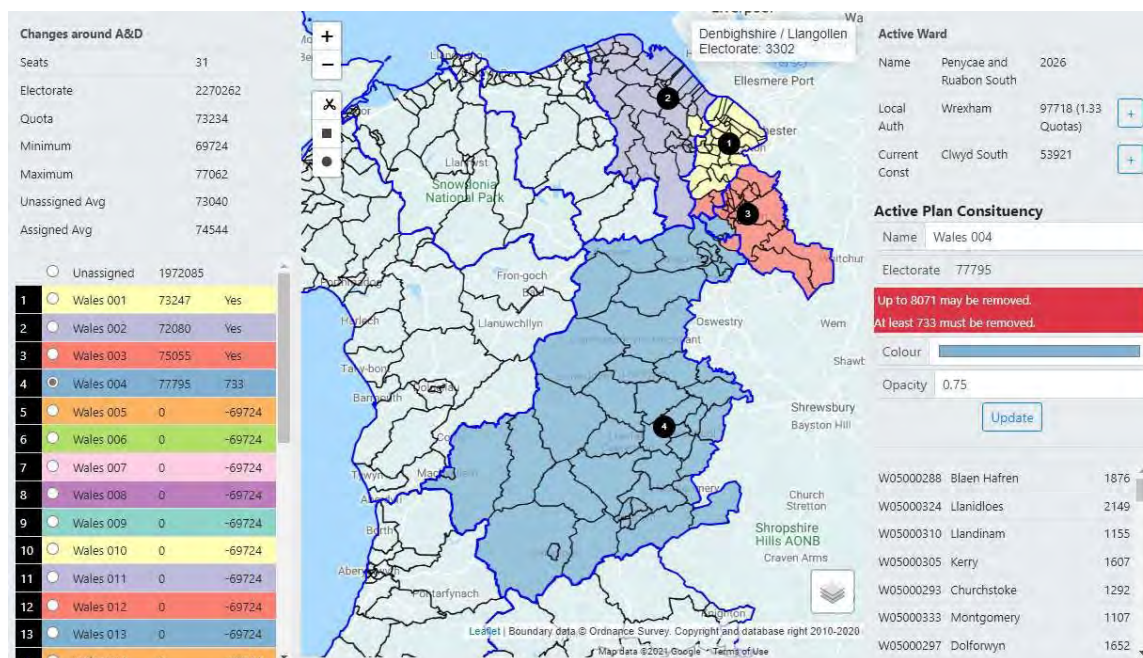


Fig 2

Map of the surrounding constituencies.

1 Yellow Alyn & Deeside (A&D)

2 purple Delyn

4 blue Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr (M&G)

### Change to proposed Delyn constituency

The proposed Delyn constituency has 76,074 electors which is towards the top end of the allowed size range. The removal of Northrop and Northrop Hall can be absorbed, and results in my proposed Delyn having 73,247 electors, which is within the parameters of allowable electorate.

### Change to Wrexham constituency and Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr constituency

The current proposal has Wrexham at 75,596 electors. The addition of Brymbo and Minera would increase this to 80,487. As this is too big wards need to be lost elsewhere.

It is suggested that the community of Rhosllanerchrugog which consists of the wards of Ponciau, Pant, and Johnstown, be moved into Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr (M&G). However M&G now becomes too large. Hence it is suggested that the community of Ruabon, which consist of the wards of Ruabon and part of the ward of Penycae and Ruabon South, are to be moved to the Wrexham constituency.

See map 3 of the proposed split in the Penycae and Ruabon South ward, in line with the existing community boundaries.

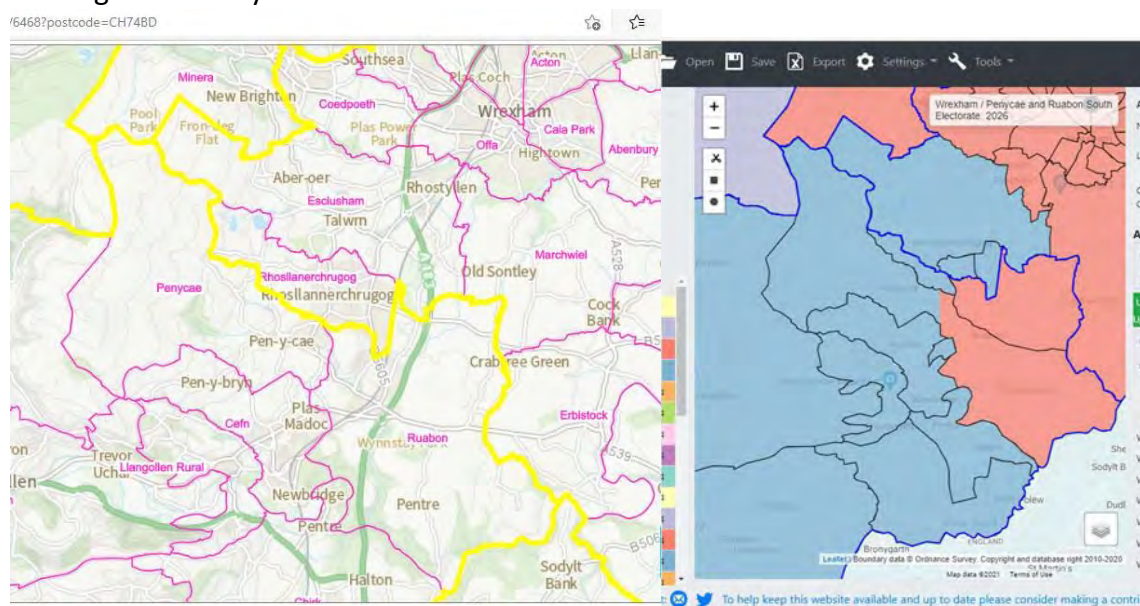


Fig 3

A map detailing the community boundaries in pink

B map indicating which wards are in M&G, shown in blue, and Wrexham, shown in pink. The long ward seen in the middle is to be split along the community boundary.



Table of which wards are in each of the proposed constituencies.

Plan number	name	county council area	wardcode	Ward name	electorate
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000235	Treuddyn	1346
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000216	Llanfynydd	1483
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05001007	Hope	2042
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05001008	Leeswood	1627
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05001010	Penyffordd	3543
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000191	Caergwrle	1225
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05001006	Higher Kinnerton	1373
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05001036	Broughton South	3325
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05001004	Broughton North East	1723
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000209	Hawarden	1623
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000198	Ewloe	4327
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000190	Buckley Pentrobin	4181
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000188	Buckley Bistre West	3182
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000187	Buckley Bistre East	2653
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000180	Argoed	2167
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000223	New Brighton	2414
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000189	Buckley Mountain	2555
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000181	Aston	2508
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000217	Mancot	2516
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000227	Queensferry	1248
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000228	Saltney Mold Junction	1100
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000229	Saltney Stonebridge	2672
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000230	Sealand	2026
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000197	Connah's Quay Wepre	1647
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000194	Connah's Quay Central	2213
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000195	Connah's Quay Golftyn	3688
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000196	Connah's Quay South	4494
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000233	Shotton West	1464

1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000231	Shotton East	1219
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000232	Shotton Higher	1669
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000224	Northop	2596
1	A&D	Flintshire	W05000225	Northop Hall	1398
2	Delyn	Denbighshire	W05000157	Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla	2033
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000207	Gwernymynydd	1399
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000220	Mold South	2201
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000218	Mold Broncoed	2134
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05001009	Mold East	1556
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000221	Mold West	1956
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000206	Gwernaffield	1646
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000193	Cilcain	1519
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05001005	Halkyn	1427
2	Delyn	Denbighshire	W05000158	Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal	1170
2	Delyn	Denbighshire	W05000175	Ruthin	4260
2	Delyn	Denbighshire	W05000160	Llandyrnog	1765
2	Delyn	Denbighshire	W05000179	Tremeirchion	1344
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000192	Caerwys	2050
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000203	Flint Trelawny	2710
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000200	Flint Castle	1426
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000201	Flint Coleshill	2938
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000182	Bagillt East	1413
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000183	Bagillt West	1625
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000186	Brynford	1789
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000213	Holywell West	1762
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000211	Holywell Central	1465
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000212	Holywell East	1383
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000204	Greenfield	1983
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000222	Mostyn	1458
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000236	Whitford	1911
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000234	Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor	1496
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000199	Ffynnongroyw	1474
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000205	Gronant	1257
2	Delyn	Denbighshire	W05000165	Prestatyn East	3162



2	Delyn	Denbighshire	W05000167	Prestatyn North	4729
2	Delyn	Denbighshire	W05000168	Prestatyn South West	2861
2	Delyn	Denbighshire	W05000166	Prestatyn Meliden	1529
2	Delyn	Denbighshire	W05000164	Prestatyn Central	2829
2	Delyn	Denbighshire	W05000155	Dyserth	1882
2	Delyn	Flintshire	W05000202	Flint Oakenholt	2538
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000907	Gresford East and West	2337
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000278	Rossett	2643
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000263	Llay	3513
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000266	Marford and Hoseley	1824
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000908	Gwersyllt East and South	3601
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000256	Gwersyllt North	1995
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000904	Bryn Cefn	1543
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000257	Gwersyllt West	2263
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000268	New Broughton	2842
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000254	Gwenfro	1217
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000903	Brymbo	3021
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000910	Minera	1870
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000906	Coedpoeth	3482
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000250	Esclusham	2013
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000265	Marchwiel	1830
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000241	Brynyffynnon	2477
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000269	Offa	1428
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000249	Erddig	1444
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000258	Hermitage	1544
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000912	Whitegate	1594
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000280	Smithfield	1376
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000276	Queensway	1377
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000909	Holt	2479
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000905	Cartrefle	1545
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000283	Wynnstay	1159
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000253	Grosvenor	1698
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000264	Maesydre	1420
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000281	Stansty	1641
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000251	Garden Village	1656
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000261	Little Acton	1843



3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000238	Borras Park	1968
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000237	Acton	2177
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000911	Rhosnesni	2827
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000239	Bronington	2620
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000270	Overton	2710
3	Wrexham	Wrexham	W05000279	Ruabon	2078
4	M&G	Powys	W05000288	Blaen Hafren	1876
4	M&G	Powys	W05000324	Llanidloes	2149
4	M&G	Powys	W05000310	Llandinam	1155
4	M&G	Powys	W05000305	Kerry	1607
4	M&G	Powys	W05000293	Churchstoke	1292
4	M&G	Powys	W05000333	Montgomery	1107
4	M&G	Powys	W05000297	Dolforwyn	1652
4	M&G	Powys	W05000336	Newtown East	1401
4	M&G	Powys	W05000339	Newtown South	1215
4	M&G	Powys	W05000335	Newtown Central	2122
4	M&G	Powys	W05000338	Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West	1447
4	M&G	Powys	W05000337	Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North	1796
4	M&G	Powys	W05000343	Rhiwcynon	1724
4	M&G	Powys	W05000292	Caersws	1831
4	M&G	Powys	W05000309	Llanbrynmair	798
4	M&G	Powys	W05000300	Glantwymyn	1701
4	M&G	Powys	W05000330	Machynlleth	1701
4	M&G	Powys	W05000285	Banwy	847
4	M&G	Powys	W05000317	Llanfair Caereinion	1301
4	M&G	Powys	W05000287	Berriew	1102
4	M&G	Powys	W05000351	Welshpool Castle	962
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4	M&G	Powys	W05000302	GUILDSFIELD	1827
4	M&G	Powys	W05000318	Llanfihangel	895
4	M&G	Powys	W05000332	Meifod	1069
4	M&G	Powys	W05000314	Llandrinio	1763
4	M&G	Powys	W05000315	Llandysilio	1441
4	M&G	Powys	W05000327	Llansantffraid	1563

4	M&G	Powys	W05000319	Llanfyllin	1217
4	M&G	Powys	W05000325	Llanwddyn	846
4	M&G	Denbighshire	W05000159	Llandrillo	931
4	M&G	Powys	W05000326	Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant/Llanfysil	1815
4	M&G	Denbighshire	W05000162	Llangollen	3302
4	M&G	Denbighshire	W05000151	Corwen	1799
4	M&G	Wrexham	W05000245	Dyffryn Ceiriog/Ceiriog Valley	1685
4	M&G	Wrexham	W05000247	Chirk South	1503
4	M&G	Wrexham	W05000246	Chirk North	1846
4	M&G	Wrexham	W05000262	Llangollen Rural	1631
4	M&G	Wrexham	W05000244	Cefn	3768
4	M&G	Wrexham	W05000272	Penycae	1525
4	M&G	Wrexham	W05000274	Plas Madoc	1169
4	M&G	Wrexham	W05000275	Ponciau	3521
4	M&G	Wrexham	W05000271	Pant	1528
4	M&G	Wrexham	W05000260	Johnstown	2461
4	M&G	Wrexham	W05000273	Penycae and Ruabon South	2026

Table detailing the ward allocation

The final ward in the table is, Penycae and Ruabon South. This is the one that I am suggesting should be splitting along the community boundary. The subsequent allocation of the electors is not available to me



**Cyngor Tref**



**COEDFFRANC**



**Town Council**



22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Boundary Commission for Wales  
Hastings House  
Fitzalan Court  
Cardiff  
CF24 0BL

Dear Sirs

**Proposed MP boundaries for Coedffranc**

Coedffranc Town Council would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on your draft proposals.

Coedffranc Town Council is pleased that the Boundary Commission has proposed to move Coedffranc into the Neath Constituency if they must leave the Aberavon Constituency. However, following discussions with the MP's concerned, the Members are concerned that if additional Neath Valley areas were added back into the Neath Constituency following pressure from their residents to remain in the Neath Constituency, that Coedffranc could be forced over to the Swansea Constituency.

The Members of Coedffranc object strongly from being removed from the Neath Constituency to the Swansea Constituency having always identified with NPTCBC and of course being precepted by NPTCBC.

Thank you for your considering the Councils request.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Town Clerk

**BCW-9575/ [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth**

This area is much too large, it looks as if it's designed to help the tory party

**BCW-9576/ [REDACTED] / Cardiff**

Where is the promised North Cardiff recycling center?

**BCW-9577/ [REDACTED] / Hengoed**

The re-aligned boundary makes no sense. The area where I live has always had close ties to old the Rhymeny Valley boundary. Views and opinions are often shared with the community and splitting this means different voices can change and affect me and my family which are alien to the area. Would it make sense to revisit the old community council boundaries and then merge a few rather than splitting almost all up?

**BCW-9578/ [REDACTED] / Deeside**

Why are you including the area around New Brighton (Wrexham) with Alyn & Deeside, but omitting Northop and Northop Hall which are more closely part of the area?

**BCW-9579 / [REDACTED] / Abertillery**

This is just a sneaky underhanded way to thin out the number of Labour constituencies.

**BCW-9580 [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

I strongly object to the proposed changes, Caerphilly is very independent from Newport and its already a farce that the emergency unit is in Newport, 40 mins away or even longer in rush hour traffic.

I like many Caerphilly residents have strong links to Cardiff, only a short way over Caerphilly mountain road, and consider Caerphilly independent from Cardiff and Newport and more connected to the Valleys, just north of Caerphilly in the current greater Caerphilly County Borough, with strong historical connections and current socio-economic bonds we hold dear.

This will also shift the voting demographic away from the current strong local connections, and our ability to govern ourselves at a time where democracy is already being eroded scarily rapidly.

Please consider the views of the electorate and act honourably and dutifully to avoid this catastrophic proposal.

**BCW-9581 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon**

I would like to make a few comments mainly regarding the new constituencies of Dwyfor Meirionnydd and Aberconwy (Dwyfor Meirionnydd, Arfon and Aberconwy at present).

I feel the Arfon constituency is appropriate at the moment because of the linguistic similarity between the different areas as well as their historical and present connections e.g. many people from the constituency work in Bangor and Caernarfon

and also visit the towns for shopping etc. But I accept that the numbers must come down to 32 constituencies and that Arfon in its present form is too small.

I believe the reintroduction of the former Caernarfon constituency and adding the rest of Arfon to it (Dyffryn Ogwen and Bangor) is a good idea, but I believe the constituency would still be too small, so I propose including Llanfairfechan and also Penmaenmawr if needed. Both of these villages have strong connections with the slate industry as they are very similar to Dyffryn Ogwen in many ways (also they used to be part of the Conwy constituency, along with Bangor and Dyffryn Ogwen).

The remaining part of the present Dwyfor Meirionnydd could extend further east to include the Conwy Valley and part of the Vale of Clwyd. It would be possible to create a coastal constituency for communities such as Conwy, Llandudno and Colwyn Bay.

I also feel it is important to note that Penrhosgarnedd is now a part of the city of Bangor, so whatever happens, Penrhosgarnedd should go into whatever constituency the rest of the city goes. Putting Penrhosgarnedd in a different constituency to the city centre would be an insult to the identity of Bangor as a city.

**BCW-9582 / [REDACTED] / Undy**

To move Magor/Undy/Caldicot into the Monmouthshire parliamentary constituency from Newport East is eminently sensible. Not only does it comply with the required re-adjustment of population, but needs of the rural and semi-rural areas of Magor/Undy/Caldicot are quite at odds with the city areas of Newport East, and have never sat comfortably in that constituency. The residents all live in Monmouthshire, and the new boundaries now align exactly with the county council and community council boundaries

**BCW-9583 / [REDACTED] / Glyn Ceiriog**

Maybe changing boundaries will mean we get potholes etc sorted, as Wrexham don't seem to want to know about our villages.

**BCW-9584 / [REDACTED] / Porthcawl**

I'm convinced it's going to be great for Porthcawl to get away from the shambles that is BCBC!

We might well get a decent town and seaside if PT are involved.

**BCW-9685 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff**

Cardiff Central doesn't really apply to the majority of its area, Cardiff central oddly seems to cover Cardiff east? It doesn't make any sense, surely it should be Cardiff central/Eas

**BCW-9586 / [REDACTED] / Bagillt**

Sadly this 'exercise' is being seen as nothing more than self interested politicians playing at 'consultation' and I am inclined to agree. Over the past couple of decades, possibly even further back, those who are supposed to serve the public have become more inclined to 'feather their own nest' and seemingly act in a self serving manner. The day politicians actually listen and do something instead of issuing platitudes and 'lessons will be learned' hollow words because a lot of those 'lessons' should be common sense is too far off for anyone to actually believe a response to a review such as this will actually achieve anything.

Basically you politicians don't listen to the public so why should we start to believe in you

**BCW-9587 / [REDACTED] / Llanddaniel**

I object to these changes as they will result in the less densely populated areas of the UK being dominated politically by the more densely populated areas of the UK, and as a result Wales will be governed by England which is not respectful of Wales' sovereignty as a nation within the UK. To avoid this the boundaries should be defined by a combination of population size and land area: this would create a fairer balance of representation for more rural areas and less densely populated nations within the UK like Wales.

**BCW-9588 / [REDACTED] / Buckley**

This is the first I have heard about these proposals.

1. Is this a UK parliamentary proposal or a Welsh idea ?
2. What is to happen to the Flintshire we already have?
- 3 I notice the resurrection of the old Clwyd name, what will happen to all the address databases in use at present? (I still get mail addressed to Clwyd)
- 4 Will NHS Wales use these new boundaries or continue with there own Buckley North and Buckley South without telling the public where the boundary is?

**BCW-9589 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

This may be a silly question but how will this affect health authority boundaries? I'm currently in Neath Port Talbot council but would be in Brecon and Radnor so which hospital/hospitals would I be using if the proposal goes ahead.

Secondly why do most people not know about these proposals?

Thirdly how will this affect our council tax.

Lastly will refuge collections be affected?

**BCW-9590 / [REDACTED] / Llandysul**

How on earth can Ceredigion take on more work when they can't manage what they have now. Four years ago I retired from the highways department and they struggled then and it is even worse now, according to those I know still working, to take on more is ridiculous, and as a tax payer I believe obscene at the money I see wasted.

**BCW-9591 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon**

I take no issue with the boundaries of the new Proposed Dwyfor Meirionydd seat area. I would suggest that a more appropriate name be adopted, a name which reflects the fact that much of the old Arfon Borough is included in the seat. The proposed name is the name of the old South Gwynedd seat and would not reflect the change.

I would suggest a name such as Eryri which has historical connotations and connects the seat to parts of the National Park or Gwynedd as the seat links the area to the old Kingdom of Gwynedd

**BCW-9592 / [REDACTED] / Fishguard**

The constituency should be the county I live in not mixed as it is!

The only reason for change is to give the Tories a bigger advantage over the other political parties!

So a fair system for the rural counties like Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire would to keep each separate.

**BCW-9593/ [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

This new proposal for my area is ridiculous. At the moment I am currently 5 miles, a 10 minute drive, away from my local MP's clinic. With the new boundary I will be part of Brecon and Radnor whose MP's clinic is currently based in Llandrindod Wells, which is a massive 62miles, or a 1 and a half hour drive, away from where I live.

The new distance means that my new MP will have zero knowledge, and probably just as little interest, in the local matters that affect my area. It also means it will be virtually impossible for some people to ever see their MP, something which should be a basic right to everyone.

On your website you state the following:

"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 change"

However you have clearly taken no regard for the residents in my area as if you had you would have noticed we have no local ties with the new constituency.

The nearest large town to us is Neath and we are close to Swansea, meaning that our local ties are to these two areas, and the vast majority of us have little, if any, ties to the Brecon and Radnor area.

We are separated from the majority of it by vast distances, as mentioned previously it will take over an hour to get to our new MP's clinic.

You are separating us from our local government (and completely ignoring the local government boundaries), as we are part of Neath Port Talbot Borough Council and have been since it's formation.

You are causing massive disruption to our democratic rights. Due to the difficulty in getting to our MP's clinics those who live closer to the MP will find it much more accessible to visit their clinics and as such their issues will be more visible, and as such given greater importance, than ours.

I hope that these proposals are reconsidered, for the sake of my local community as I feel this will have a severe effect on the area.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]



**BCW-9594 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

First I am angry that this parliament is allowed to get away with what is no more than gerrymandering. By decreasing the number of seats in areas which do not vote traditionally for the conservative government, they are engineering future wins. This government is removing our right to have say in who governs us and to live within a democracy.

On the merger of Caerphilly into Newport, Caerphilly is and always has been a valleys town, welsh through and through. Newport has a split personality, and cannot decide whether they would rather have remained English or not. Our culture and heritage (Caerphilly) is as far from that of Newports as can be. We are badly connected transport wise to Newport. An hours bus trip for the 9 miles journey or a train to Cardiff and change for a train to Newport. We go on nights out to Cardiff not Newport, we go out shopping in Cardiff not Newport, we even chose to use the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff rather than travel to Newport and the Royal Gwent. I fail to see how somebody could see that these places should be linked.

However, given that these things are invariably set in stone, despite the charade that suggests the public are genuinely being consulted, then perhaps one might look at it being Caerphilly and Newport, in alphabetical order but subsuming the more anglicised area into the welsh area rather than the other way round

**BCW-9595 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon**

I live within Gwynedd near the south end of the Arfon constituency. I notice that your initial plan is to cut Arfon in half and divide it between Dwyfor and Aberconwy. I would suggest that the population of Bangor and Bethesda have more in common with Caernarfon and the surrounding area than they do with Llandudno and the Conwy Valley. Given the recent award of World heritage site status to the North Wales slate quarries in conjunction with Gwynedd Council, you'd be separating part of that area from the rest. Surely it would be better if a single MP represented the entire area. Perhaps some of the south-east part of the Gwynedd council area would be a better fit with Aberconwy than Bangor/Bethesda?

**BCW-9596 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

Pontardawe and adjoining urban area has always been politically connected to the Lower Swansea region and the Neath valley (semi Industrial areas) Adding it to the Brecon & Radnor constituency which is a geographically large rural area shows a total contempt and lack of knowledge of this part of South Wales. Our local MP may not be the most visible of people but at least she lives and is based locally within 5 miles of us. The MP for Brecon & Radnor is based at least 40 miles away and has no connection with Pontardawe. The proposal may be a numerical easy-fit solution but socially is inept and shows a complete lack of locality.

**BCW-9597 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

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**BCW-9598 / [REDACTED] / Treorchy**

The Rhondda boundary extends to far Southerly. Villages such as Llanharry are not a part of the Rhondda's heritage and should not be included. End it at Coedely.

**BCW-9599 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun**

I am writing in a personal capacity as a resident of Pontyclun; I was recently the [REDACTED] for the Senedd elections 2021.

Whilst understanding the difficulty of redrawing a constituency map that will please everyone, I must protest very strongly at the incorporation of the settlement of Pontyclun into Cardiff West, and urge you to retain it in the Pontypridd constituency.

Pontyclun is a major settlement - the most populous and fastest-growing along the M4 corridor between Cardiff and Bridgend. It is economically and psychologically independent from Cardiff, and is administered at a local authority level by Rhondda Cynon Taf council. It has very little in common geographically and demographically with Cardiff West.

At present Pontyclun retains a strong voice within the Pontypridd constituency as arguably the next major settlement in the constituency after Pontypridd itself. Its residents enjoy fair concern and representation by the sitting MP.

Moving it to Cardiff West would massively disenfranchise its residents; it would become, in terms of electorate, an outer suburb of West Cardiff, when its concerns and issues are very different.

I very strongly urge you to reconsider this boundary change for the sake of the people of Pontyclun.

Yours, [REDACTED]

**BCW-9600 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

It is unsuitable that the town of Pontardawe be included in the constituency of Brecon and Radnorshire. It is a post-industrial town, as opposed to the rural and farming villages of the proposed constituency, and the views of the people reflect this. Our needs and wants are different to constituents in rural areas, and grouping us with them will result in flawed representation. Currently, the constituency of Neath Port Talbot has elected a Labour MP, yet Brecon and Radnorshire are represented by a Conservative MP; this already shows the disparity in views of constituents. It

would be detrimental to residents of Pontardawe to be included in the constituency of Brecon and Radnorshire.

**BCW-9601 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

Neath should not be grouped in with Port Talbot as Neath and Port Talbot drags the Neath area down as who wants to be associated with a dump like Port Talbot.

**BCW-9602 / [REDACTED] / Tredegar**

As I suspected Blaenau Gwent bundled in with thumbed another massively deprived area which will undoubtedly mean that our council tax rate will continue to be the highest in the country!

One thing at least you are consist in pushing Blaenau Gwent to one side

**BCW-9603 / [REDACTED] / Merthyr Tydfil**

I agree that this proposed boundary change will be beneficial and I hope that this plan succeeds

**BCW – 9604 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

I am unclear as to "why" these changes need to be made. I am concerned that Wales' representation in parliament is significantly decreased meaning our interests in general will be even more unrepresented than they are now. In terms of the constituency boundary; I think there is a vast difference in the makeup of the area covered and it is spread across unitary authorities. I think looking at more rural areas across Newport and Caerphilly makes sense but including Caerphilly town seems like needs across the area will be too diverse to represent well.

**BCW-9605 / [REDACTED] / Porth**

I disagree with the naming of the constituency to Rhondda, as large areas within this new constituency are not in the Rhondda proper.

Two big parts of the constituency are segregated from each other because of poor transport links. Under these plans, the main area of the constituency down to Coed Ely is blocked off from the rest of it (Llanharan, Llanharry and Brynna) due to poor transport links. There is only 1 minor road lane that connects these two areas, but you have to actually leave the constituency (in Pontyclun) to actually get to the other parts of the constituency. Pontyclun has also been divided by these plans.

Because of the lack of links and connection to identity between these areas, These new proposals look as though the residents of the constituency have been an afterthought.

Under existing arrangements, Tonyrefail, Coed Ely, Llanharan, Pontyclun, Llanharry, and Brynna fall under the Pontypridd constituency. All of these have good transport and connectivity links to Llantrisant, which was named in the 2018 proposal.

The previous proposal of Rhondda and Llantrisant would have been more appropriate for this new constituency.

Please reconsider these plans. A possibility would be the inclusion of Llantrisant, Pontyclun or Talbot Green, or the exclusion of Brynna (for population numbers purposes). The previous areas included in the 2018 Boundary Change Proposals

had Rhondda and Llantrisant populated at 74,000. This is within the requirements of the current boundary changes.

**BCW – 9607 / [REDACTED] / Bangor**

To split a City the size of Bangor to be represented by two MPs will not work in favour of the people of Bangor, a Boundary should not divide a town or city especially for political reasons, so much time would be wasted on trivial matters on who gets what East or West of Bangor.

**BCW-9608 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Linking the industrialised sectors of Wrexham Deeside and Flint with the highly rural areas of Montgomery is illogical and will lead to such a divergence of needs to be impossible to truly represent the proposed new constituency.

**BCW-9609 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Reducing the number of MPs in Wales in this capacity will mean we are represented by less than 5% of the Houses of Commons. There was a reason that Wales was given more seats than proportional before, and that is because we are not as represented in UK Parliament because of the size of Wales. Even though we have our own government, the reserved powers held still need to be considered in a 'Welsh way' and reducing the number of MPs will mean there is less scrutiny on how these affect Wales.

Furthermore, the Clwyd South boundaries changes cover way too many local authorities (I have worked and gone to school in Wrexham my whole life but cannot contact Wrexham's MP even though I live in the town of Wrexham but fall under Clwyd South's boundaries). And now this problem is being made worse. It would

take hours for the MP to drive around Clwyd South! This will hinder the constituency focus that the government says first past the post gives us

**BCW-9610 / [REDACTED] / Llantrisant**

Totally agree with the boundaries proposed for Pontypridd. Great that we are not part of Cardiff.

**BCW-9611 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth**

The proposed new constituency is simply too large an area. From Borth in the north to St David's in the south is some 80 miles with a drive time of 2 to 3 hours depending on traffic on a slow coastal road that is nevertheless one of the better main roads in this part of Wales. From my home in north Ceredigion the journey to St David's would take even longer. By contrast, I can drive to Cardiff from my home in two and a quarter hours. There are in fact very few places in the whole of Wales that I cannot reach in these times, and plenty of places in England that are easier of access, especially when using public transport. It would be impossible to get from my home to St David's and back in a day by public transport!

These distances make for an unreasonable amount of travel time for the MP and will inevitably reduce local access to the MP if his or her surgeries have to be conducted such a wide area. The long established territorial unit of Ceredigion works as a unitary authority for local government and would also work as a suitable area for a parliamentary constituency, both in terms of area and in terms of personal loyalty and attachment to the territorial unit. These considerations are grounded in concern for democratic accountability and access. Large rural constituencies will inevitably need to have smaller populations than entirely urban constituencies and the Boundary Commission should adjust its proposals accordingly

**BCW-9612 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare**

Strongly oppose. Ridiculous idea, we're struggling supporting Rhondda valley, Merthyr would be ridiculous.



**BCW-9613 / [REDACTED] / Pontypool**

The proposal to create a constituency called Torfaen from all of the electoral wards which make up the existing Torfaen constituency, plus the electoral wards Croesyceiliog (North & South) and Llanyrafon (North & South) which are currently part of the existing Monmouth constituency, is sensible for four reasons:

1. The electoral wards of Croesyceiliog (North & South) and Llanyrafon (North & South) have closer local and geographic ties with the electoral wards which make up the existing consistency of Torfaen, than they do with the existing Monmouth constituency.
2. The proposed constituency of Torfaen will mirror the principle council area of Torfaen - the electoral wards of Croesyceiliog (North & South) and Llanyrafon (North & South) are within the principle council area of Torfaen, not Monmouthshire as the existing constituency boundaries would suggest.
3. There would be little disruption caused by the proposed change, due to reasons 1 and 2.
4. The proposal gives due regard to the the existing constituency of Torfaen.

The proposed name is acceptable and recognizable in Welsh and English.

**BCW-9614 / [REDACTED] / Pontypool**

The proposal to create a constituency from all of the electoral wards within the existing constituency of Ceredigion, plus the northern electoral wards of the existing constituency of Preseli Pembrokeshire, is sensible on the basis that the existing constituency of Ceredigion falls significantly below the statutory electoral range. It is unfortunate that the proposed constituency wouldn't mirror the principle council area of Ceredigion as the existing constituency does, but I can see how it wouldn't be possible to do that given the statutory electoral range. I agree that the two areas share local and geographical ties. The proposed name reflects the proposed constituency and is recognizable in English and Welsh.

**BCW-9615 / [REDACTED] / Colwyn Bay**

The reduction in seats for Wales is a travesty, as Wales's place in the Union relies on a kind of needs-based representation which compensates for other areas' disproportionate representation of certain parties in our deeply broken FPTP system. Wales's seats so rarely make a difference in the constitution of a government that consistently we are overlooked on the basis of funding and vital support.

My specific concern, however, is to do with the new boundaries of Aberconwy. To separate Rhos On Sea and Mochdre from Colwyn Bay on the constituency map is absurd, the two are so closely linked that to do so would create a kind of representation that neither would benefit from.

**BCW-9616 / [REDACTED] / Port 3**

I object to the changes as it will mean more power to the Tories who are ruining this country. They lie and are corrupt. I do not want a Tory MP representing me.

**BCW-9617 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare**

I have lived in Aberaman, ABERDARE all of my life and have seen the Cynon Valley diminish in importance in all areas, but I never thought I would see the day that we would be so little thought of that we would be dissected to fit in with the Boundary Commission Wales' sums and disappear from sight.

We have already become the invisible third of the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf with all local government offices and decision making located in the furthest part of the County from us, and we now face the prospect of the Cynon Valley being divided through it's very heart at Aberdare, for Parliamentary voting purposes and being lost completely.

Not only does the line split the valley across the centre but it divides opposite sides of the valley from each other resulting in a clear division between areas that are only minutes apart whether on foot or by vehicle. And all of these villages call Aberdare 'town'.

If these areas were currently within different County Boroughs it might make sense but this is clearly not the case. For the residents of the housing estate at Tirfounder Fields, Aberaman, the only part of Aberaman to be included in the new Merthyr and Aberdare constituency, the only access to their homes comes from the Pontypridd constituency.

If boundaries have to alter, keeping the Cynon Valley intact within any new 'layout' must be the only option. I currently live about one mile away from the offices of both my MP and my MS. Under the new boundaries, my MS will still represent me and the whole of the Cynon Valley, from her office in Aberdare, yet my MP will be based in Pontypridd and represent only half of the Cynon Valley. Likewise with the MP for Merthyr and Aberdare - based ten miles away and only representing half of the valley. Which Parliament will be more effective in supporting the area where I live, Cardiff or London?

Will we see 'Cofiwch Cymoedd Cynon' become the new slogan for this decade?

**BCW-9618 / [REDACTED] / Waunarlwydd**

These changes are undemocratic, and an obvious attempt to suppress certain voters. These changes will most likely lead to protests, riots and anger! Keep acting up like this and people may start to reconsider Welsh/Scottish independence....

**BCW-9619 / [REDACTED] / Port Talbot**

The areas are very diverse. Port Talbot has traditionally been linked with Neath. Those areas are more suited; housing, employment and education. Aberavon and Porthcawl are polar opposite.

Will health boards and councils change to suit one representative? At present Aberavon belongs to Neath Port Talbot council not Bridgend as Porthcawl is. Likewise with the health authorities - again they belong to different health boards. Putting them together seem ludicrous.

**BCW-9620 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

This is blatant gerrymandering, and not fair at all. Where in England is there a constituency which takes up half the country? Nowhere! How on earth will my needs (coming from the Swansea valley and working in the steelworks) be compatible with the needs of farmers from the far end of Powys who probably do not even speak the same language? Disgraceful and wholly unfair, but we in south Wales are used to this.

**BCW-9621 / [REDACTED] / Llanharan**

When living in gilfach goch I never understood how such a small village could be separated between rct and Bridgend. During local lockdown it was shown it doesn't work as there is no possible way of entering or leaving Bridgend side without travelling through rct



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