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17. Gower and Swansea West Swansea is the important and main part of the constituency. Gower is part of Swansea, not Swansea part of Gower. Everyone knows Swansea. Therefore, as in the initial proposals Swansea ought to come first. Also, then, with the done with All the Swansea constituencies, then they all will be listed together, which is helpful & user friendly. That is either Swansea West and Gower or Swansea - Gower. (Gower largest sized word)

17. Swansea West and Gower.

28. Swansea Central and North As constituency 17. describes the part outside the city proper. It would be good for this constituency to do likewise. The largest word here is Mawr, which covers most of this part of the constituency. Therefore the name Swansea Central and Mawr or Swansea - Mawr. As above places all Swansea constituencies together.

28. Swansea Central and Mawr

23. Neath & Swansea East Again Swansea is more important, etc. To place all Swansea constituencies together is a good thing. If one was going to use alphabetical, with Welsh Abertawe would come first in all three cases. With alphabetical you have to choose which language to use. Each language would have its own order & constituency number. In choosing one language you are placing one language above the other. They are equal. With the importance of the location this avoids all this. Therefore as the Initial Proposals did it, Swansea East and Neath.

23. Swansea East and Neath

1. Aberafan Porth-cawl. Using Aberafan/Aberavon there are two names required when constituencies have names in both languages - when the name in each language is different. Though in the Revised Proposals you use only the Welsh. This you have not done with all constituencies. It is good to be consist throughout. Either choose <sup>every name</sup> names to be in one language only. Or each constituency according to which language is preferred has its name only in that language. Thence every constituency would have one name which is good for identity, cohesion, etc. The other possibility is to choose a name that is identical or very similar in either language.

The main centre and town in this constituency is Port Talbot (largest word). The former borough was called Port Talbot. The current borough is Neath Port Talbot. It would seem right & correct to use this name for the constituency, which everyone knows. It cannot be said this for the other name Aberavon/Aberafan. Also Port Talbot is the same in both languages. Therefore the more appropriate name is Port Talbot Porth-cawl (both towns same in each language).

1. Port Talbot Porth-cawl.

6. Pen-y-bont/Bridgend

30. Bro Morgannwg/Vale of Glamorgan

### SOUTH-EAST WALES

11. Cardiff South & Penarth

12. Cardiff West

10. Cardiff North

9. Cardiff East It covers Central and East Cardiff. Central the larger part. Its name ought to have both. Thus Cardiff Central and East.

9. Cardiff Central and East

25. Newport West and Islwyn SEE BELOW - Newport, Ebbw, Sirhowy, Rhymni

24. Newport East

21. Monmouthshire/Sir Fynwy The name now more often to refer to this is Mynwy. This name to be used. To be its single name Mynwy.

21. Mynwy

29. Tor-faen

4. Blaenau Gwent and Rhymni SEE BELOW - Newport, Ebbw, Sirhowy, Rhymni

8. Caerffili SEE BELOW - Newport, Ebbw, Sirhowy, Rhymni

19. Merthyr Tudful and Upper Cynon

26. Pontypridd

27. Rhondda

Newport, Ebbw, Sirhowy, Rhymni This city and these valleys have been put together. Two alternatives have been offered; one with the Initial Proposals, one with the Revised Proposals. Initially Caerphilly went with Newport, then Islwyn went with Newport. Newport, Caerphilly & Islwyn all do not like it. The political parties are split. Labour and Conservatives supported Newport and Caerphilly together. Greens, etc supported Newport and Islwyn together. Constituents of Caerphilly prefer Newport and Islwyn to go together. Constituents of Islwyn prefer Newport and Caerphilly to go together. Each does not want to go to/with Newport. Each want their constituency to be separate, individual, standalone. Both actually have good points. There are advantages and disadvantages to each. What about Newport?

From Newport's point of view if it has to have any from the valleys, then it would prefer the ones nearest to it. Certainly the ones adjoining it, adjacent to it. Then to work-up the valley. But not to go too far up. Not a long way away. This would mean certainly Risca East; Risca West; Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen; & St James. Then Crosskeys & Ynyrddu. For Newport that would be it. Unfortunately that "thing" called the constituency range comes into it. And this falls short. Adding Abercarn and Newbridge meets, falls within the constituency range. This also leaves more of the valleys for the valleys. From these valleys two constituencies would be formed.

In these valley areas, formerly there were three districts. There was Rhymney Valley in Glamorgan. There was Blaenau Gwent & Islwyn in Gwent. Both Blaenau Gwent and Islwyn had and have the valleys of Ebbw and Sirhowy. It would therefore seem to be right that these two go together - Sirhowy Valley and Ebbw Valley / Blaenau Gwent & Islwyn. Thus Blaenau Gwent & Islwyn would form one constituency. Rhymney Valley would form one constituency. Thus the three constituencies would be: Newport <sup>West</sup> and Lower East Valleys; Blaenau Gwent & Islwyn; Rhymney Valley. Hence, using current membership - substituting - 25. Newport West and Lower East Valleys; 4. Blaenau Gwent & Islwyn & Rhymney Valley. There would be formed the following constituencies:-

- 4. Blaenau Gwent and Islwyn 77004
- 8. Rhymney Valley 71147
- 25. Newport West and Lower East Valleys 71620

4. Blaenau Gwent and Islwyn 77004

Wards - Sirhowy 4210 Rassau  
 2463 Beaufort 2717 Brynmawr 4028 Nantyglo 3350 Badminton  
 2452 Ebbw Vale North 3268 Ebbw Vale South 2959 Georgetown 3091  
 Tredegar Central & West 4027 Abergod 2035 Cwm 3254 Blaina  
 3497 Cwm-tillery 3383 Abertillery 3074 Six Bells 1740 Llanhilleth  
 3387 Penmaen 4219 Blackwood 6330 Cefn Forest 2845  
 Pont-Man-fraith 6343 Crumlin 4332

8. Rhymney Valley 71147

Wards - Twyn Carno 1721 Moriah 3128  
 Ponthotyn 1432 New Tredegar 3357 Darren Valley 1870 Aberbargoed  
 2706 Bargoed 4431 Gilfach 1534 St Catterwg 5579 Pengam 2760  
 Mengod 4055 Ystrad Mynach 4067 Nelson 3563 Aber Valley  
 4655 Llanbradach 3239 Maesycwmmer 1811 Penyrheol 9021  
 Morgan Jones 5636 St Martins 6582

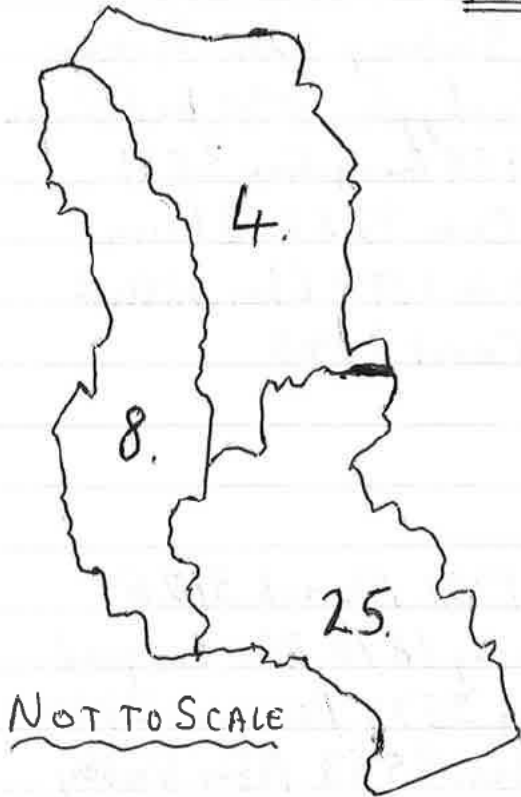
25. Newport West and Lower East Valleys 71620

Wards - Marshfield 4897  
 Tredegar Park 3329 Gaer 6543 Allt-yr-Yn 7088 St James  
 4267 Graig 5053 Rogerstone 9421 Risca East 4611 Risca West 3973  
 Bedwas Trethomas & Machan 7902 Ynysdu 2978 Crosskeys 2527  
 Abercam 4139 Newbridge 4892.

25. Newport's constituency does not go too far up the valley as Newport West & Islwyn does - far too far. Too put Blackwood with Newport is too much. It includes all the wards close to it. That have greater affinity with it than any other. They have good links, not far, easy to travel, does not take much time.

The name could be as above. Alternatively it could be Newport West and Lower Ebbw Sirhowy Rhymney. Both describe the area covered by the constituency.

8. The name could be as above. Alternatively it could be simply Rhymney.

Newport Ebbw Sirhowy Rhymney

4. Blaenau Gwent and Islwyn 77004  
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 Approximate.

May the above suggestions be helpful.

May I wish you all the very best in your endeavours and work to get the very best for Wales. The very best set of 31 constituencies for the whole of Wales. With each area treated fairly & equally. To form the best report to go to Parliament. Much to do in the next seven months. May you all keep well, especially through winter. Please would you keep all my details, name, address, etc. private and confidential.

May I wish you, your family, the Commissioners and all your team the very best. Thanks for all your work and thought.

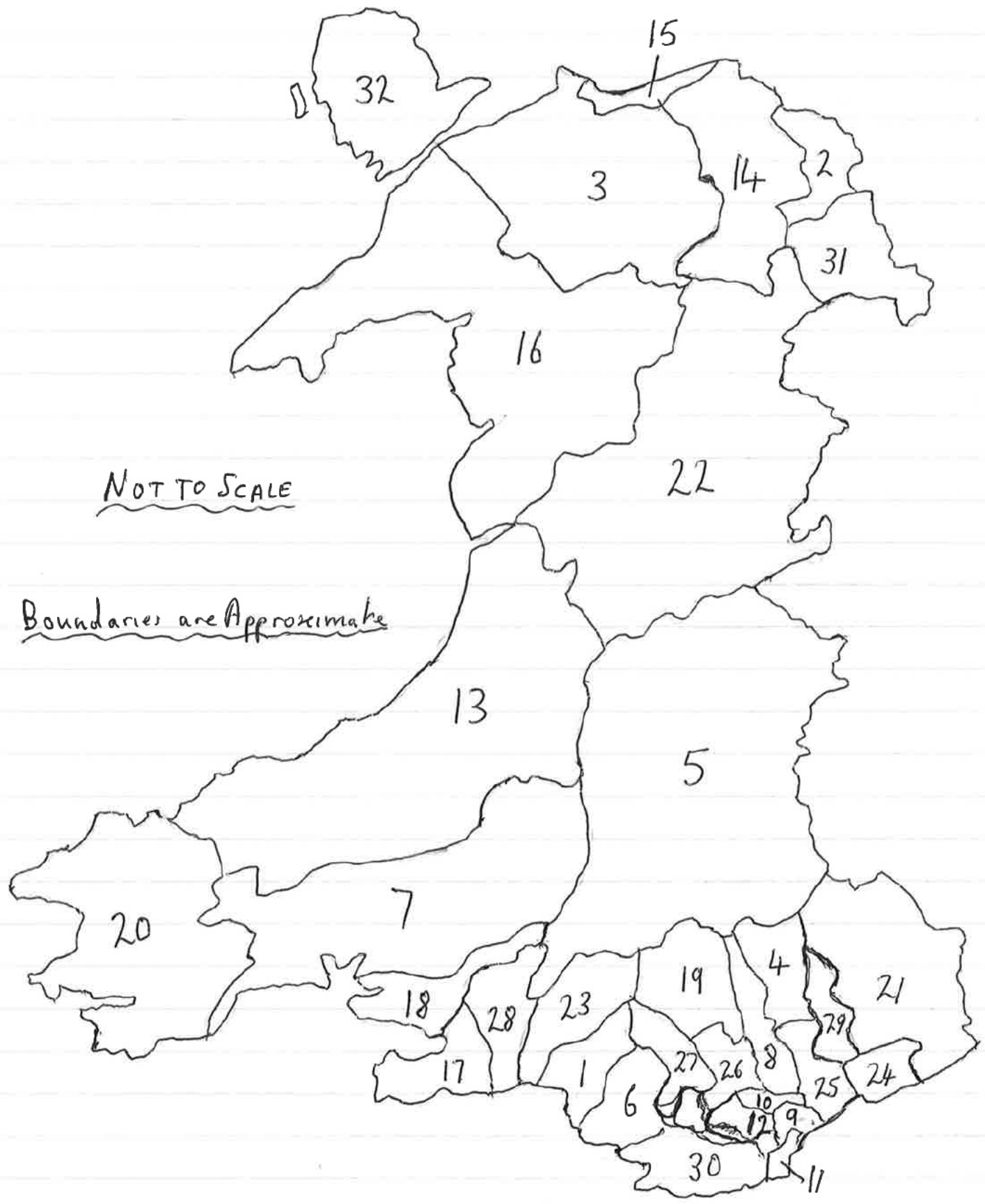
All the very best,

Yours faithfully,





A Constituency Map for Wales



Key to Constituency Numbers See Text.