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BCW-10234 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff

I agree to most of the proposed changes but find the inclusion of Preseli with Ceredigion, the pairing of Cwm Tawe with Brecon and Radnorshire and also the linking of Bangor to Aberconwy all slightly strange. I say this as I feel these areas in particular are too divergent in their priorities and that campaigning in Tawe for instance will have no bearing on the people of Brecon and Radnorshire. This is also true of people in Arfon and those in Conwy. Bangor is the main city hub for most working people of Gwynedd and yet Conwy, which is a highly affluent place, is being mixed in which doesn't make sense to me. I appreciate this is a difficult task and a balance needs to be struck...but I believe the proposed boundaries as they are don't fully reflect the needs of some of the areas that are being thrown together. It would be better for democracy if these are revisited on the ground speaking to local people directly face to face. Thanks

BCW-10235 / [REDACTED] / Penarth

We pay council tax to the Vale who regularly favour anywhere except Penarth. There is a natural geographic division between Penarth and Cardiff~ a river! We have more in common with the Vale than South Cardiff. We are constantly disenfranchised by this false link!

BCW-10236 / [REDACTED] / Machynlleth

Dear Commissioners, it is a disgrace this consultation was not floated in a more public manner, thus preventing constituents from giving feedback on the proposals. Having just discovered this consultation by sheer accident through a post on Twitter, goes to show that this is a sham process pretending to uphold democratic participation. Especially when taking into consideration that Wales is about to lose almost a third of its MPs and the boundaries are redrawn in such a way that it merges mostly Labour and Plaid voting constituencies, or separates them across constituency lines in such a manner that it gives the Conservative party an electoral advantage in a FPTP system. This reduction of Welsh constituencies together with the redrawing of boundaries is a case of blatant gerrymandering. For shame!
Sincerely yours, [REDACTED]

BCW-10237 / [REDACTED] / Llandrindod Wells

Brecon and Radnorshire is a rural constituency in mid Wales.

There are many complex issues associated with a rural area and our MP needs to work with them.

The proposed Brecon, Radnor and Cwm-tawe constituency would change the balance to include more urban and industrial areas in the Swansea valley. My main concern is this would dilute the effectiveness of the MP and the rural community would be less represented.

As a resident of Brecon and Radnor I have lived in many parts of the area and at no time have I ever felt an association with those living in that valley. We feel more linked to the communities of Ebbw Vale or Merthyr than Cwm-Tawe area.

Places like Llandovery would make more sense to include in the boundary as this is not only still a rural area but there are many links to the rest of B&R such as the Heart of Wales line.

When creating a boundary please consider these. A move to include Cwm-Tawe area and not a rural area such as Llandovery would destroy the rural area of B&R and mean our MP would be watered down and not be able to fully help the rural communities

BCW-10238 / [REDACTED] / Mountain Ash

The new proposed boundaries place the towns of Mountain Ash and Abercynon, as well as smaller towns, within the constituency of Pontypridd.

This totally flies in the face of local geography, as it is splitting the Cynon Valley in a nonsensical and damaging way. It also goes against local culture and society, as there are strong community links between all the towns of the Cynon Valley, much more than the links between the towns in the lower Cynon Valley and Pontypridd. Moreover, the transport links in the Cynon Valley provide a clear separation to Pontypridd, as the roundabout connecting the A4059 to the A470 serves as a transport barrier between the two areas.

In short, the proposal to split the Cynon Valley into two makes no geographical, cultural or societal sense, and I strongly urge you to reconsider this boundary change at the risk of alienating the community feel that has existed in this valley for centuries.

BCW-10240 / [REDACTED] / Swansea

To include Cwmtawe with Brecon & Radnor is baffling.

The culture, industry & geography have no common areas.

Cwmtawe will be overlooked and ignored as all power is centred in Llandrindod Wells.

This proposal will further isolate the public & lead to less engagement & disenfranchisement with political issues.

BCW-10241 / [REDACTED] / Bangor

The proposed change of removing the existing Arfon constituency is unacceptable.

The proposed Bangor Aberconwy constituency is flawed for the following reasons

The demographics of Bangor and Bethesda are a Welsh speaking majority as opposed to Aberconwy which is on a parity level, the socio economic differences between Bangor/Bethesda & Llandudno are manifold little commonality or ethnic population density clusters.

Quite simply Bangor and Bethesda we identify more closely to Caernarfon and Llanberis than the good people of Llanrwst and Llandudno and accessing an elected member in such a large constituency will be much more difficult for those electors in Bangor and Bethesda than currently served in the current boundary.

Please consider this as a formal objection duly served.

BCW-10242 / [REDACTED] / Clwyd West

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 October 2022 11:24
To: Enquiries <enquiries@boundaries.wales>
Subject: Proposed changes to Welsh voter representation

Sirs.

If this representation is too late I am sorry but feel I am bound to write my objection. The proposed changes, based on the number of actual voters in an area, thus creating an 'equal representation' for all MP's is an idea that works in high density population areas but I feel it is counter to the interest of those voters living in rural areas as it actually diminishes their ability to influence Parliament.

I reside in the Clwyd West constituency, a mix of coastal and rural areas that forms today's Parliamentary boundary. Even with the proposed changes I do not believe that my ability to seek representation through my MP would be adversely impacted because most of the population is residing in coastal ribbon developments, but the same can not be said of those who reside in rural/farming areas/constituencies, most of the geographical area known as Wales. Here the impact on them by these proposed changes would be both detrimental and un-democratic.

Applying the population rule takes away some needed safeguards for these voters. By this reduction in MP numbers, i.e. the proposed changes, their ability to affect changes proposed and voted on in Parliament would be significantly reduced directly as a result of these 'democratic' changes. The proposed reduction in MP's numbers that represent them significantly and disproportionately impacts on their ability to object or support changes that directly impact them or their livelihood.

This reduction in representation is counter to the aims and objectives of a Democratic Society where it is fair representation that counts not numbers arbitrarily allotted. By enforcing a number based allocation of MP's it reduces that MP's ability to accurately reflect those he is bound to represent, thus those who live in the the majority of the Welsh geographical area will be underrepresented.

Thank you
Regards

[REDACTED]

BCW-10243 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare

surely it would make sense to move the cynon valley as a whole to either the Merthyr Tydfil or Pontypridd area. dont understand the splitting of the cynon valley at mountain ash

how is the rhondda stand alone , surely should form part of the pontypridd area.

BCW-10244 / [REDACTED] / Carmarthen

I think providing the proposed inattentive of providing less consistencies is a brilliant idea.

Cutting cost of public spending is worth while.

BCW-10245 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly

Regarding the proposed new Caerphilly constituency, I agree with the recommendations to incorporate Cefn Forest, Pengam, Maesycwmmmer and Pontllanfraith. The proposed new constituency incorporates wards within Caerphilly County Borough Council. This is far more preferable than joining with wards in Newport.

BCW-10246 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham

Why change it I do not think that the my area of Ruabon/Chirk should be take out of the Wrexham area there is nothing in common with the area to the South.