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# **Revised Proposals Consultation: Representations**

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**BCW-10248 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

I am very concerned that as a resident of Rhos Pontardawe, these proposals for boundary changes means that we will be removed from the Neath constituency. This would mean that we would be using services etc that we have no impact over eg health care etc. We would not be using Services within Brecon due to the distance and demographic. I respectfully ask that this is reconsidered.

**BCW-10249 / [REDACTED] / London**

The proposed Rhondda constituency has a really really odd extension down to Pencoed (Pen y Prisd, Hendre, Felindre) - which has no direct road links, nor any particular socio-economic connections to the Rhondda valleys. I would have put these areas in the Bridgend constituency and transferred Nant-y-Moel, Ogmere Vale and Blackmill to Rhondda - still less connected to Rhondda but there are links via the roads from Treorchy and Gilfach Goch and they share more similarities economically. I think you'd need to transfer more to reach the required +/-5% of quote, so slightly less ideally, Blaengarw, Pontycymmer and Llangeinor could be transferred to Rhondda. These are connected via the A4093 to Blackmill and hence the wider constituency, and are again more similar economically to the Rhondda than the area around Pencoed. I think this would also move all both the Rhondda and Bridgend constituencies closer to the centre of the target population range.

I would then rename to the Rhondda constituency "Rhondda and Ogmere" to reflect it covering the upper Ogmere valleys.

And I'd probably rename Bridgend as "Bridgend and Maesteg" to reflect the two main towns in the constituency (Bridgend is obviously much bigger, but Maesteg is distinct enough I think to be referred to by name).

**BCW-10250 / [REDACTED] / Blaina**

Islwyn could not be not more disconnected to Newport West. Transport links are poor and it is a very different area. The original proposal of Newport West joining Caerphilly was much more sensible and appropriate.

Therefore my comment is an objection to the revised proposal.

**BCW-10251 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

It's ridiculous. Skewen should be under Neath port Talbot

**BCW-10252 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

How does the cwm tawe/Swansea valley have any connection to the distant rural areas like Brecon and Radnor makes absolutely no sense and will make serving these communities effectively impossible. It is nearly 2 hours from the bottom of the proposed new boundary to the top, by a car, let alone trying to use public transport, which is none existant.

Clearly, The Boundary Commission hasn't taken into account the geographical barriers to local government boundaries, with a total disregard for local ties that would be broken if we are taken away from the Swansea Valley to the new boundary that is being proposed.

**BCW-10253 / [REDACTED] / Newtown**

I support the creation of the new constituency of Montgomeryshire & Glyndwr as presented on 19th October 2022

**BCW-10254 [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

If Pontardawe (and the surrounding area) cannot reunite with Gower – then Brecon+ is an EXCELLENT idea.

The arrangement of placing Pontardawe (and the surrounding area) in Neath PT was a very bad idea.

I shall look forward very much to joining Brecon+.

**BCW-10255 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

I well remember the time when the community of Rhos and Ponciau were part of the old Wrexham constituency before various changes were made eventually ending with the formation of the Clwyd South constituency.

under the original proposal the village was to become a part of the new Wrexham constituency., As an industrial built up area this was quite acceptable as we live within 4 miles of Wrexham city, and are part of Wrexham County Borough Council

I am disgusted to find that we are now being moved to be in the same constituency as Machynlleth (no offence to Machynlleth) which is about 60 miles away. Nearly all of the new constituency is rural and has nothing in common with Rhos and Ponciau. I appreciate the difficulties faced by the Boundaries Commission but to slice us off from communities with whom we have so much in common as a matter of expediency is quite unacceptable. PLEASE reconsider.

**BCW-10256 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

Despite disagreements, on the whole I am in favour of the proposed boundary changes compared to the original proposal.

As someone who sought to represent the interests of the local community and county borough, I believe that Ystrad Mynach and Nelson should remain a part of Caerphilly and am pleased to see that it will remain so.

**BCW-10257 / [REDACTED] / Machynlleth**

As a resident of Montgomeryshire, I fully support these proposals. Montgomeryshire has existed as a constituency since the 1500's. It is very different to the rest of Wales.

**BCW-10258 / [REDACTED] / Caersws**

Thank you for keeping the name Montgomeryshire. Glyndwr and Montgomeryshire are historical names which depict this area perfectly.

I have been fighting for many years to save our heritage name of Montgomeryshire and am so pleased it remains. This is my home county, born and bred and my family for many generations. So not a new person moved in here, therefore our grass roots are so important for us.

I am perfectly happy to have both names of Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr and the boundaries announced today are totally acceptable.

Thank you for seeing common sense on behalf of our people of Montgomeryshire.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**BCW-10259 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

Crackers, bonkers, just plain stupid. I live in Pontardawe 5 miles from Neath, 8 miles from Swansea and now you want to lump us in with Brecon 40 miles away. Are you all barmy! We live in the Swansea Valley, get it SWANSEA Valley.

**BCW-10260 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

In what world should skewen be in the same constituency as Porthcawl? The two areas are miles apart, in terms of geographical location, demographics, financial and social needs. This is just a move by the uk Tory government to diminish the power of Welsh voters. The sooner we get independence from this nightmare the better.

**BCW-10261 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

I do not agree to these boundary changes. Wales deserves more of a voice in Parliament not less!

**BCW-10262 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

This is disgraceful, the proposed new constituency of Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr is far too big, the North of the old Clwyd South constituency is completely cut off from Wrexham, and lumped in with Mid Wales, this is madness. No No No. Change this immediately.

**BCW-10263 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

This proposal is astonishing and an attack on democracy. Lumping the upper Swansea valley that always show large support for Plaid Cymru and Labour in with a constituency that historically votes conservative is another example of Westminster wanting to diminish the working class voices of Wales.

There is no reason for our boundary to change other than to ensure more votes for a totally inept Conservative Party and stop Plaid and Labour votes coming out of Wales. STOP trying to silence us. We know what you're doing, it's very clear.

**BCW-10264 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Just why would you place Rhosllanerchrugog, Johnstown and Rhostyllen, which are part of Wrexham, 4 miles and less from the City Centre in a constituency with Derwenlas and Llangurig, only a hour and a half drive away, 70 odd miles. There is no natural connection between the two areas, you have to drive into England to get there (and a mountain road out of the Ceriog valley does not count).

The last suggestion from you was that we would be with Wrexham, which is where personal and economic ties for the vast majority of people here lie. All of a sudden, and for unknown reasons, we are being thrown in with an area where there is no connection.

This is just an exercise in arithmetic and nothing to do with democracy, cutting MP numbers while grossly inflating the number of sitting Lords.

**BCW-10265 / [REDACTED] / Welshpool**

There is little linkage (cultural/historical/political/social) between the Pontardawe/Upper Swansea Valley and the Brecon and Radnor largely rural area..

I see that this will have a detrimental effect on representation by M.P.s in the various parts of the constituency (especially with the present trend for M.P.s to have more loyalty to parties rather than to all constituents).

There is, at least, some historical political linkage between Ysradgynlais with the old Brecon and Radnor constituency, so that may be a compromise solution noting the constituency population guidelines rather than opting for the Commission.

**BCW-10266 / [REDACTED] / Cardigan**

Broadly agree with the proposed Ceredigion Preselo constituency but I do believe that areas of the Teifi valley that are in Carmarthenshire should also be included in this new constituency. Areas such as Drefach Felindre, Newcastle Emlyn, Pont-Tyweli and Llanybydder have close economic, cultural and geographic connections with towns and villages on the Ceredigion side of the valley.

**BCW-10267 / [REDACTED] / Margam**

I think it is absolutely absurd to change the boundaries for Aberavon to include Porthcawl. The issues that face people living in Aberavon are nothing like the ones that face those living in the Porthcawl area and therefore could result in representation in Westminster that in no way reflects the needs of the people. These areas have nothing in common and have very different political opinions, forcing areas of deprivation to be lumped in with areas of wealth will only result in greater class divides and push people away from engaging in politics.

**BCW-10268 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

I cannot believe the decision to place Rhosllanerchrugog in the proposed massive predominantly rural constituency. We are well within Wrexham County Borough, only 4 miles from the (now) City, economic links are with the city and surrounding originally industrial villages (and clearly not with the rural hinterland which spreads 70 miles or so west!!!). I'm not even clear where the boundary is. Is the neighbouring village of Johnstown - where I grew up - within the Wrexham constituency? Not easy to see from the map. If so, this is absolutely bonkers-it is one continuous built up area. Why is Wrexham and its surrounding villages being split up in this way? It makes no sense at all. It sounds from the article that Conservative influences are at play here. Gerrymandering????

**BCW-10269 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend**

I support the new constitution of the "Bridgend" parliamentary constituency. However, as a resident of the proud and historic constituency of Ogmore I would ask that consideration of a different name be made.

I would suggest an appropriate alternative could be "Penybont-ar-Ogwr"

NB. Your system considers me to be in the "Llangeinor" ward, which as the cllr for the Nantymoel ward I am a little surprised by!

**BCW-10270 / [REDACTED] / Pembroke**

This is an utterly disgraceful proposal. This is nothing but a Tory attempt to reduce Wales' voice in Westminster and we will not stand for it. The current distribution of the Pembrokeshire constituencies is fine as it is. This proposal will have no positive impact whatsoever.

**BCW-10271 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

Personally I don't think adding Pontardawe to the Brecon area is a good idea. It will change access to local services which are already struggling. This a poor, I'll though out decision. I would rather Pontardawe remain part of neath or be returned to Swansea. After all we are part of the Swansea valley.

Considering this is a public consultation the publicity has been practically non-existent.

Fully aware that the powers that be don't consider the general public but this is a ridiculous idea and not a welcome one.

Hope the recycling services in Brecon are equal to if not better than the one currently used in neath which is one of the widest I have seen.

**BCW-10272 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

I live three miles from Wrexham in Johnstown. Its true that we have been part of Clwyd South however these boundary changes give the opportunity to address this and include us in Wrexham electoral district. Our local councillors represent us in Wrexham County Borough Council, our council tax is paid to Wrexham and our cultural links, schools, hospital, shopping, entertainment are all conected to Wrexham. Likewise our Parliamentary and Senedd MP should be there to represent our local needs and concerns, working for our community, the community of Wrexham. I strongly disagree with the boundary proposals.



**BCW-10273 / [REDACTED] / Newport**

I don't believe the change is right. There is nothing wrong with being Islwyn

**BCW-10274 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

Personally I am disappointed that the Government has decided to make such a proportionally large decrease in the number of Members of Parliament for us here in Cymru, further reducing our voice in Parliament. However I recognise that you have been given a very difficult task.

It has always seemed very strange to me that the Coedffranc Town Council area is in the Aberavon Constituency as all our connections are with Neath and Swansea. Skewen and Jersey Marine are virtually suburbs of Swansea physically, economically and socially. It therefore made sense in the last proposals that we would be in the Neath and Swansea East Constituency. I am very disappointed to see that it is now being proposed that the Coedffranc Town Council area is being designated to be in the new Aberavon and Porthcawl Constituency. Despite being in Neath Port Talbot County Borough there are few natural or social links between Skewen and Port Talbot and even fewer between us and the Porthcawl area.

**BCW-10275 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend**

I am failing to understand the logic of moving Pencoed from Ogmore to Rhondda.

Our nearest town us Bridgend.

Local charity youth groups like Scouts and Guides are part of Bridgend.

The police and fire command units are Bridgend.

The gravitational pull with main arterial routes for business, leisure and the economic centre is Bridgend.

Our postal addresses are Bridgend.

I disagree with the proposal and urge further thought and wider consideration.

**BCW-10276 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

Skewen, Llandarcy, Crymlyn Burrows etc are part of NEATH. It makes no sense for them to be in Aberafan Port Talbot!

Surly using postcodes to align would make more sense. E.g SA10 and SA11 in Neath. Swansea East on their own. SA12 & 13 in Aberafan.

**BCW-10277 / [REDACTED] / Denbigh**

The new constituency of Clwyd North will be dominated by its coastal population which is overwhelmingly English and urban. Denbigh is an old market town with a sizeable number of Welsh speakers and an agricultural hinterland. At County Council level its best interests usually come second to the demands from voters on the coast. The small rural towns are effectively disenfranchised when put into constituencies which are top-heavy with voters who identify with Manchester and Merseyside and know very little about life on the far side of the A55.

**BCW-10278 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Including parts of Wrexham, currently in Clwyd South, in the proposed Montgomery and Glyndwr is, quite frankly, ridiculous.

As with Brymbo and Minera, which "share local ties and community links with Wrexham, rather than with Alyn and Deeside to the north", the same is true for Rhostyllyn (approx. 1.9miles from Wrexham), Rhosllanerchrugog (3.9mi), Ruabon (5.2mi), Cefn Mawr (7mi) and Chirk (9.6mi). These communities have no "local ties" with Llandrillo (approx. 21.6 miles from Chirk), Montgomery (28.9mi), Newtown (34.9mi) and Machynlleth (54.7mi).

People want to be represented by someone who knows the local area and who can relate to local issues. If the person elected is from Machynlleth then, with all due respect, they are unlikely to understand the local nuances of Rhosllanerchrugog for example (and vice versa).

These proposals appear to have been put forward by people who consider the number of constituents more important than the constituents themselves. I understand that the number is important but people come first.

With the consultation this far down the line I doubt representations will make any difference and I look forward to potentially having to make the 110mi round trip to visit my "LOCAL" Member of Parliament.

**BCW-10279 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

I can't say that I agree with a process that lessens Wales' already negligible influence in Westminster.

However the current plans for Caerffili are a considerable improvement on the original proposals that saw us lumped in with Newport West. This would have been a mish mash of a constituency for all the reasons of history, geography and culture that respondents to the original proposals have highlighted.

Many thanks

**BCW-10280 / [REDACTED] / Brynamman**

Yet again we in Lower Brynamman are being lumped in with areas that we have no regional connection with. It's bad enough that our local authority is based miles away, without our MP being most likely based in Brecon. We are closer to Swansea than either Brecon or Carmarthen, with many of the residents working in the Swansea area. This reshuffle is just a numbers game and refuses to take into consideration the regional difference.

**BCW-10281 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

I live in the ward of Cefn Mawr, it was an area dependent on heavy industry and mining. I find it incredulous that the Commission proposes to lump it in with a largely agricultural area with no clear links. The area of Cefn Mawr, Rhosllanerchrugog and Ruabon should remain with the City of Wrexham constituency. I am a 10 minute drive from the centre of Wrexham yet 2 hours from Machynlleth.

In fact I live closer to Liverpool, I can't see any reason to split this part of Clwyd South from Wrexham. This area has far more in common with Wrexham historically and going forward.

I ask you to reconsider this proposal

**BCW-10282 / [REDACTED] / Rhoose**

Absolutely oppose any changes.

Stop wasting money on unnecessary consultations, which on face value do not benefit constituents, but serve only to manipulate the 'seats'.

**BCW-10283 / [REDACTED] / Ogmore**

1. The exclusion of Pencoed (Penprysg, Hendre & Felindre) from the new proposal to the Bridgend constituency and the inclusion of Bryntirion, Laleston & Merthyr Mawr is a bizarre recommendation given the community connection and the travel connection via road and rail to Pencoed from the rest of the constituency - this including all the other new additions east of Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr.

There is more of a divide between Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr with the remaining areas than there is with Pencoed. It should also be noted that the connection between Pencoed and its closest neighbour in the new constituency of Rhondda is Gilfach Goch. Unless people are expected to travel via narrow farm lanes, they will need to leave the constituency to be able to enter the constituency again. This is not something that should have to happen in regards to community connectivity.

2. It is actually with great sadness to see the constituency be named Bridgend and that Ogmore is no more. Given the majority of the proposed constituency's landmass is majority Ogmore based on current boundaries, it should be considered that the constituency be named Ogmore and not Bridgend or at the very least, it be called Bridgend and Ogmore (Penybont a'r Ogwr in Welsh). Not only should this be considered due to the landmass, but also electoral history. Ogmore was founded in 1918 and Bridgend in 1983, with Ogmore giving the UK notable names like Vernon Hartshorn and Walter Padley.

Naming the constituency Bridgend may also create a divide given the town name of Bridgend, signifying their importance over the remaining constituency, while there is no place name only called Ogmore, while there is Ogmore Vale, it is not as significant in size and population compared to Bridgend to hold any connotations of importance over the rest.

In short, Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr (6,574) should be removed from the new constituency and Pencoed (7,736) should be included and the constituency should be called Ogmore or Bridgend and Ogmore.

Diolch and my sincerest apologies for adding an additional 'negative' response to the review.

**BCW-10284 / [REDACTED] / Unknown**

I am concerned that the Tories have corrupted this entire process, operating in bad faith and in usually in pursuit of voter suppression, gerrymandering and partisan self-interest. This work ought to have been undertaken by a scrupulously independent, arms-length body, in an entirely open and transparent manner. The Tories can never be trusted to operate in good faith or in the public interest as their arrogance & sense of entitlement means they are rarely able to distinguish between partisan self-interest and the public interest. I do hope that a future Government launches an inquiry into this entire boundary review process to expose any and all wrongdoing, and to make robust recommendations based on exemplar examples of best practice internationally.

**BCW-10285 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

After the terrible behaviour we witness every time they sit in the House of Commons the fewer the MP's the better. It's toxic and is diminishing the public's faith in them. It also appears that the financial market and the woke press are governing the country.

**BCW-10286 / [REDACTED] / Tenby**

I wish to register my opposition to the proposed name for the new constituency of "Mid and South Pembrokeshire".

It appears to me that your proposed title is out of synch with every other constituency in Wales having its county title following its areas. For example: "Cardiff North", "Clwyd East" and "Swansea Central and North". In every other proposed title the county or city comes first – why not Pembrokeshire?

I trust that you will take my complaint the fullest consideration and amend this proposed title.

**BCW-10287 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

Moving Pontardawe into Powys is the most ineffective boundary change I have seen. It would leave the MP for Powys having to deal with a separate health board (Swansea Bay instead of Powys Health Teaching), Police region (South Wales instead of Dyfed Powys) and Local Authority (Neath Port Talbot Council instead of Powys)

As a resident of Powys (but on the boundary) I am more than aware of the issues this creates. Powys is already too big and too diverse to manage effectively, and I can't see how introducing a post-industrial Town with more links to Neath and Swansea into the mix will improve the position. This seems like just 'drawing a line of the map' to make the numbers add up rather than a genuine review of the areas and the representation required.

This is a very poor body of work and should be scrapped.

**BCW-10288 / [REDACTED] / Haverfordwest**

I think this is the most ridiculous idea to lump North Pembrokeshire in with Ceredigion. Who on earth comes up with these daft ideas? Please leave us as we are and find something more important to do!

**BCW-10289 / [REDACTED] / Cynwyd Corwen**

The changes to the recommendations make things worse than ever for Edeirnion ward, Denbighshire (the old Corwen and Llandrillo wards).

Look at the map. There is no road leading from Edeirnion ward to other parts of the proposed constituency.

This proposal is disgraceful, and does not deliver fairness for the people of Edeirnion ward. Place us with Dwyfor Meirionnydd, where many of the children go to school, and where the population socialises, works and shops, or place us in Clwyd East.

**BCW-10290 / [REDACTED] / Corwen**

The boundary changes, are a joke. Why include Ruabon etc in with us, but move Llangollen into another constituency. Would make more sense to include Corwen and surrounding villages into one and move us into Dwyfor

**BCW-10291 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

The area is way too large !

MP couldn't give his/hers constituents the service they deserve !

**BCW-10292 / [REDACTED] / Corwen**

This makes no sense. In my opinion, either being in Dwyfor Meirionnydd or Clwyd East would be much better. The proposed Montgomery-Glyndwr ward is ridiculous.

**BCW-10293 / [REDACTED] / Goodwick**

I do not understand why you want to break the historic boundaries of Pembrokeshire. To link North Pembrokeshire with Ceredigion makes no sense. Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion have had their boundaries for hundreds of years and reflect the fact that the people are different.

**BCW-10294 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

I feel it is quite inappropriate for my local community to be based in a grouping that has such a large geographical area, what will the benefits be for the people of my community in the restructuring of the areas ..

**BCW-10295 / [REDACTED] / Prestatyn**

Just another totally waste of tax payers money how many more of these

boundary changes do we need ??? and the cost and chaos that goes with it to satisfy the political masters at the time .

**BCW-10296 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

My address includes 'Wrexham' which is the area This location should be a part of. This proposal to place this location as part of Machynlleth that I couldnt even be certain where that is, is totally inappropriate. I fear that this community will be forgotten as part of this new boundary proposal and will not be supported in the way it should be as part of the Wrexham, constituency.

I do not agree or support this proposal

**BCW-10297 / [REDACTED] / Carmarthen**

I feel it is a good thing to have Carmarthen as the county town with one MP

**BCW-10298 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend**

It is disgraceful putting Porthcawl in with port talbot.

This is typical of labour.

Labour know any marginal area lumped in with Port Talbot will become swallowed up and make the towns vote worthless.

It also weakens Bridgend's chances of keeping Labour out.

Labour are doing this so that they will never be voted out of office in Wales.

**BCW-10299 / [REDACTED] / Corwen**

I object that our boundary will change and do not understand how we can be placed with Montgomery! It would make a lot more sense for us to be either part of Dwyfor-Meirionnydd or Clwyd South. Ridiculous how people decide these boundaries as we have no history or connection to Montgomery!

**BCW-10300 / [REDACTED] / Corwen**

Ridiculous that Corwen, Carrog and Glyndyfrdwy are not in Clwyd East as that is where it lies naturally. Who makes these daft decisions and why put us with Montgomeryshire?

**BCW-10301 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth**

The proposed change to Ceredigion is not fit for a modern electorate and I'm totally opposed to it going ahead. The sheer distance from North Ceredigion to southern Preseli's is vast. How on earth can we in Aberystwyth view our elected MP as a local candidate. Why, my guess is only about 5% of the population of North Ceredigion visit the Preselis. Not only that but other than the countryside and nationality, what are the links between north Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire. We hardly see the sitting MP as it is!!! However, I'm sure this all makes perfect sense for Cardiff..Cardiff...Cardiff!

**BCW-10302 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend**

This is a stupid decision to move Penprysg area in the boundary change from Ogmores to RCT as our postal address and all our services come under Ogmores , Bridgend this will be so confusing to people and makes no sense



**BCW-10303 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

This is absolutely disgraceful. At present the Swansea Valley are the forgotten part of Neath Constituency, But to move us to Brecon & Radnor would be a disaster our representative would be non assistance.

**BCW-10304 / [REDACTED] / Alltwen**

I wholeheartedly do not agree with the moving of the boundaries. My daughters has additional needs and goes to school in Neath but living in Alltwen I also live in Neath. It would mean my childrens education being affected and having 2 children under one constituency and another in a separate one.

**BCW-10305 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon**

To secure good representation at elections and therefore stronger democracy I think that electoral geography must relate closely to cultural communities, practical service provision and basic physical geography.

Bangor should stay within an Arfon-Dwyfor -Ynys Môn type of constituency.

Bangor has much stronger links in terms of community, services and topography to Caernarfon in the south and Bethesda in the east - than with Llandudno in the north.

Having worked in local authority strategic land use planning for many years the idea of linking Bangor with Llandudno for voting purposes makes no sense at all. It leaves me with a distinct whiff of gerrymandering, adjusting boundaries for political purposes which will weaken democracy to the detriment of many.

**BCW-10306 / [REDACTED] / Pontypool**

You are not using accurate or up to date population data and you know it

**BCW-10307 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare**

Dear Sirs: I would strongly urge you to call our new constituency Merthyr Tydfil and Aberdare rather than Merthyr Tydfil and Upper Cynon.

It is more concise and would serve to identify the constituency more efficiently than any reference to the meaningless "Upper Cynon", which has no historic legitimacy.

Aberdare has a proud parliamentary record. It was once part of the Merthyr Tydfil constituency served by Keir Hardie, so there is historic precedent.

It would please a lot of people in Aberdare to see their town's name acknowledged in this way since Aberdare was once a parliamentary constituency in its own right.

Geographically, Aberdare coincides exactly with the area covered by what you call "Upper Cynon". For all these reasons, it would be a much more appropriate choice of name.

Thank you - [REDACTED].

**BCW-10308 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff**

leave well alone - it doesn't justify the expenditure that goes with another change !

**BCW-10309 / [REDACTED] / Pont-y-Clun**

Given we are in a time of extreme austerity and the budget we are informed is likely to be impacted by this austerity. I believe that saving have to be made not only by residents of each district/area but also those claiming to govern in our name no matter their politics or position. These changes mean a dramatic increase in the costs of non productive people and will impact upon the genuine needs of the Welsh populous!

Belt tightening is called for not bureaucratic expansion. If Wales is to draw its way out of the position it as at present and establish a successful future for ALL citizens and future generations then the plans need to be amended to deal with this. The future will be destroyed by taking responsibility further from those charged with securing it!

**BCW-10310 / [REDACTED] / Pontypridd**

Stop meddling.

Leave things as they are.

No real justification for yet more change.

**BCW-10311 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

I am opposed to the current proposals. It surely must be wrong to include part of the constituency from a neighbouring council when there is an area that traditionally attaches itself to Neath. Skewen, which most people in Skewen would consider themselves as part of Neath and not Port Talbot, (formally the county borough of Neath) be not included. The boundary misses Skewen and incorporates part of Swansea City Council - Madness. It is obvious that the person who drew up these boundary proposals does not have any connection with the area. It would be very difficult for an MP to represent two different areas from different counties. Ridiculous.

**BCW-10312 / [REDACTED] / Llanrwst**

As a resident of Llanrwst, I object to the inclusion of Aberconwy with Bangor. Historically and culturally, there is no connection to Bangor nor indeed to West Caernarfonshire. Indeed, formerly, this ancient market town was always part of Denbighshire and it's historic roots lie more there. It is, however, in the Conwy Valley, so geographically, it is right that it is included with Conwy. However, I can see absolutely no justification for enlarging the current boundary to stretch so far west across North Wales to Bangor to reduce parliamentary representation. Indeed, I would go further and say that Wales needs MORE constituencies, not less. The UK Government has disrupted the historic communities of Wales enough over the years by 'tinkering' with boundaries and name changes in order to pander to their political agendas. What next? Reduce the number of constituencies even more and make Wales a single constituency?

**BCW-10313 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare**

Cynon Valley should not be split up we should remain in one constituency. We are one Valley and should be treated as such. It is discriminatory to do this leave the valley together to join with either Merthyr or Pontypridd as we will always be treated as the poor relation if this is allowed to go ahead. There is no need for this travesty keep Cynon Valley together.

It make no sense to do this and is very unfair to residents of the Cynon Valley to be treated so unfairly.

**BCW-10314 / [REDACTED] / Borth**

I strongly disagree. Ceredigion is already diverse with the south having links to South Wales and the north having a Shrewsbury postcode and links with Machynlleth. Making the link to South Wales stronger will be like the old Dyfed when resources were taken from the mid and north of the county, money was taken away, and inappropriate local authority expectations were imposed. Aberystwyth should be the capital of Wales. Machynlleth was the old capital of Wales. When the Health Board calls the heart of Wales peripheral we already know that losing our voice has happened. Ceredigion could include Machynlleth, but please don't make the middle of Wales even more disadvantaged by this gerrymandering.

**BCW-10315 / [REDACTED] / Newtown**

I am in favour of the new Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr boundaries.

**BCW-10316 / [REDACTED] / Dinas Powys**

I live in Dinas Powys, which sits naturally with the Vale of Glamorgan, and not Grangetown, The Bay & Tremorfa. I suspect this is a form of gerrymandering to ensure a permanent Labour administration

**BCW-10317 / [REDACTED] / Rhyl**

I have concerns re the boundary of Clwyd East. Although the boundary is very similar to that of the AONB it is geographically large and will limit representation by a single MP. Some of the communities in the south of the proposed area have totally different characteristics to that of the North and an elected official will be torn between different views of their electorate. There is also a distinct political imbalance which will make the area predominantly Conservative - it almost feels like the boundaries are being fixed for political reasons..

An alternative to this boundary would be to split the area at Denbigh. If this proposed constituency stands it will cross county boundaries and there will also be confusion re SM boundaries. It may therefore be worth looking at the county boundaries again to put Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor back into Denbighshire. Political representation is already confusing without this added issue.

**BCW-10318 / [REDACTED] / Ammanford**

The Brecon proposal is ridiculous. We already struggle with recycling options as we're on the edge of the NPT boundary, meaning we have to use a Powys recycling centre which is a 30 minute drive away, or to get rid of Plasterboard we must go to Port Talbot, which is 40 minutes away, this change would see us having to go to Brecon to get rid of Plasterboard, over an hour away and forcing us to drive through the Brecon Beacons to get there. We already struggle with Health Board confusion, because the Doctors Surgery is mostly in Powys and/or Carmarthenshire, so we have to travel an hour to a hospital in Carmarthenshire, instead of 20 minutes to the one in Swansea, we already struggle with a total lack of bus services to either Pontardawe or Swansea, our nearest large towns, we already struggle to get access to local public services because of our location on the border of Swansea, NPT, Powys and Carmarthenshire Councils, there is a vast area of National Park between us and Brecon, it takes over an hour to drive there by road, a fairly huge 33 miles away, is impossible to get there by public transport and has absolutely no history with us, whereas, we are 15 miles north of Swansea, 11 miles North of Pontardawe, 5 miles East of Ammanford, 20 miles north East of Llanelli, 13 miles North of Neath... this is lunacy! The lower boundary of the Brecon constituency should be the southern boundary of the Brecon Beacons, moving the boundary this far south, just makes absolutely zero sense! We live in an area with very close social and historic links to Swansea, Neath and Llanelli, where there is urban land, properties, populated villages, industry, business, etc. every mile or so without fail, all the way to Ammanford, Llanelli, Swansea and Neath, yet you're proposing moving us to a constituency where there's 30 miles of national park and quite literally mountains between us and the area you want to make us part of!

**BCW-10319 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

I write to express my concern at the proposal to transfer several wards currently in the Neath constituency to the Brecon and Radnorshire constituency. There is no historic link between these areas and Brecknockshire, and I feel constituents in my area would be disenfranchised by any such change.

**BCW-10320 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend**

I agree with the proposed boundary changes that effect my constituency to enable the reduction of constituencies.

**BCW-10321 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

The creation of 'Gower and Swansea West' (effectively a merger of 2 radically different existing constituencies - one rural, one urban) will mean that, at any one time, around 50% of constituents will be unrepresented. I expect that the needs and priorities of Gower residents are very different to the needs of the urban residents. Any prospective MP will be unable to adequately balance these two opposites and effectively represent their constituents.

This perverse blending of rural and urban constituents has been repeated with the creation of 'Swansea Central and North' - I struggle to see how the needs of those living in Llwyn-Gweno can be met at the same time as those living in Uplands.

Merging the entire East side of Swansea with Neath is ridiculous - the constituency will sprawl over two Councils - who already do things very differently.

**BCW-10322 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

I wish to register my opposition to the proposed boundary restructure that would see Alltwn/Pontardawe which is currently a part of Neath Port Talbot and instead become a part of Brecon Radnor.

I love Brecon. It's a very beautiful part of Wales. I have absolutely nothing against it as an area but how can two areas that hold such different political views be joined together? Brecon is traditionally a Conservative area and Alltwn/Pontardawe is traditionally a Labour area. It's seems insane that one of the areas will more than likely be served by a political party that they don't feel represents their political views.

I'm incredibly concerned that we would have a different local authority to the Westminster constituency, so we could end up with a Conservative MP as a choice of farmers etc in Brecon & Radnor, but a more socialist council & local councillors.

From what I understand concerns been raised re gerrymandering by the Tories as these proposals, looking at historical voting tendencies, would result in more tory strongholds by abolishing traditional Labour or Plaid seats.

The areas have such huge differences in culture, industry & history.

Alltwn/Pontardawe has more common ground with Neath & Swansea than the Welsh marches.

I believe that this is completely against the will of both areas and such huge changes should be scrapped immediately.

**BCW-10323 / [REDACTED] / Risca**

So, it may finally happen after all these years of speculation Risca (and surrounding areas) with joined to Newport.

How this affect us remains to be seen

**BCW-10324 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

It makes no sense to place Pontardawe with Brecon & Radnor - we are so far removed from the heart of Brecon.

Pontardawe forms part of a different County Borough Council, Police Force and Health Board than the majority of the original Brecon and Radnorshire constituency areas

The Swansea Valley as a post-industrial area experiences issues that are far more in common with the Neath Valley than the predominantly rural areas of Powys.

We have far more in common with Swansea (or dare I say Neath) than we do the rural area of Brecon & Radnor.

I assume Pontardawe has been added to place XX,XXX thousands of people into the proposed constituency.

I wish to place on record my opposition to this proposal.

**BCW-10325 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun**

I appreciate that it must be difficult for people who are not part of a community to understand how a local community is orientated. This is exacerbated in Wales if those reading maps do not understand contours and the physical and historical geography.

Have they found anyone in Pontyclun who considers themselves to be citizens of Cardiff, or anyone in Llanharry, Pontyclun who thinks they live in the Rhondda? Why put a boundary between Llanharry and Pontyclun when they have the same Postcode and use the same shops?

You have to put a boundary somewhere but it looks as if those making these proposals have very little understanding of these how people have "a sense of belonging".



**BCW-10326 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

I have major concerns around adding Rhos, Alltwen and Pontardawe (Cwmtawe) into Brecon and Radnor - I work across Swansea, Neath and Powys, and the communities could not be more different.

Therefore an elected representative for this pooled area would not be able to accurately reflect and represent the views of these communities - Brecon and Radnor have much larger pockets of affluence and a much older population in comparison to Cwmtawe. Brecon especially relies heavily on hospitality for its income generation and the issues and struggles that are felt are very different to those of the valleys. The industry and mining history of Cwmtawe is another marked difference e.g. Gleision mining disaster of nearly 11 years ago was in the Cilybebyll community and is far removed. We have more in common with Swansea and Neath. A glance at the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation indicates this. This approach seems very disjointed in my opinion and I do not support this proposal.

**BCW-10327 / [REDACTED] / Caersws**

the new area for Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr is very odd.

Why is there such a change of geometry and character in the 'bump' on the north east of this new area.. Wrexham and south west of it has been carved up.

The voting characteristics of mid wales are not like that of parts of Wrexham, linked to old industries and traditions.

suggest this is looked at again, currently I don't agree with the new boundaries

**BCW-10328 / [REDACTED] / Llantwit Fadre**

i disagree with the reduction of seats from 40 to 32 in wales.

it means there will be a decreased voice for wales in westminster, with the resulting possibility of us being further overlooked. maybe that is their intention. where will it lead? will wales eventually only have 1 seat in westminster? is it leading to the dissolution of the senedd, with wales eventually becoming part of england?? that is unthinkable.

i don't agree with the suggestion that the boundaries have been decided with a head count. the people living in the more sparsely populated areas will have further the travel if they need to visit the m p's surgery. there needs to be more seats not less.

**BCW-10329 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

Skewen is a part of Neath as it is our nearest town.

**BCW-10330 / [REDACTED] / Crickhowell**

Once again Wales is stitched up by the Conservative party. What a good way to eliminate a few pesky non Conservative seats. Wales is different from much of the rest of the UK in having large areas less densely populated and a few much denser urban/industrial areas. This has led in the past to some illogical constituencies, in an effort to keep the number of constituencies reasonable. Reducing drastically the overall number, based purely on mathematics, makes that much, much worse. Brecon and Radnor is a good example of this in that it is largely a huge and sprawling rural area, but at least having a degree of character homogeneity (rural/farming), even if Rhayader is miles away and has little relevance to say Crickhowell. Even so, under the old system Ystradgynlais was tagged on to the constituency as an outlying projection, although this makes no sense at all as it is separated by a major pass and is of a totally different character to the remainder to the north. Now, even more of the Swansea Valley, even further away down this outlying dogleg, has been added. Thus the current absurdity is exacerbated, in an effort to stick to a strict mathematical approach that bears no relationship to the reality on the ground. Rather than be complicit in this absurdity, the Boundary Commission for Wales should dig in its heels and insist that the use of protected constituencies is justified in several places in Wales in order to sensible and defensible outcomes. Brecon, Radnor and Cwm-tawe fails on all fronts and cannot possibly be put forward as a single constituency. The people of Cwm-tawe are not going to be well served by this proposal and it must be rejected as a solution. How that can be squared with anything else I do not know as the strict mathematical approach, having little or no regard to density or size/character, has been foisted upon us and has led to impossible decisions. Such decisions should simply not be made if they cannot be justified. It should be Brecon and Radnor and no element of the Swansea Valley should be included

**BCW-10331 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend**

I do not wish Pencoed to be part of the Rhondda area. I want it to stay within Bridgend CBC

**BCW-10332 / [REDACTED] / Llandudno**

This proposal is terrible. Wales needs more, not less, representation in Parliament. This would reduce the total number of Welsh MPs and adversely affect Wales. I am strongly against it.

**BCW-10333 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

Keep the boundaries as they are because they fit the communities that exist

**BCW-10334 / [REDACTED] / Ystradgynlais**

Including pontardawe and ystalyfera in Brecon and Radnorshire is utter lunacy, these areas have nothing in common with rural farming communities in Powys. This needs to be changed as needs are completely different!

**BCW-10335 / [REDACTED] / Altrincham**

I am surprised that the proposed constituency of Montgomeryshire and Glyndwyr has been retained in the revised proposals. As I point out in my original submission for North Wales (BCW-9002), there are no direct transport links between the two parts of this constituency. As also pointed out by other respondents, including those submitted under BCW-9622 (p.15 of the first pdf) and BCW-10070 (p.19), the Berwyn Mountains form a natural barrier. The only way of travelling between the two parts is to go through Oswestry in Shropshire (not even in Wales!). In fact, the revised proposals are even worse than the initial proposals because Corwen is now cut off from the rest of "Glyndwyr" as Llangollen has been moved to Clwyd East.

To rectify this serious flaw in the make-up of constituencies in North Wales, all three submissions recommended the creation of a Montgomeryshire and Meirionnydd constituency. I note that the Assistant Commissioners recommended this, but their proposal still includes part of Glyndwyr to compensate for the inclusion of parts of the existing Montgomeryshire seat in a revised Brecon and Radnor seat (Mid and South Powys - which the Commission has, rightly in my view, rejected). The knock-on effect on the rest of the area produces improved constituencies, may be with the exception of having to split the town of Wrexham from the built-up areas to the north and west.

In their report (p.139, para 22.3), the Commission state that they received "significant support for the initial proposal; this support focused on the retention of the existing Montgomeryshire constituency." However, I suspect that residents in Chirk, for example, would have not supported the make-up of this constituency. In addition, "many of the respondents stated that Montgomeryshire has good links with the areas in Clwyd South to the north of the existing constituency." I am not sure what these links are and what evidence has been produced to substantiate this statement, as the boundary between the two areas is a mountain range!

I refer to my original submission which I re-attach, together with a supporting map from the Boundary Assistant app. These can, of course, be tweaked if necessary to take account of local ties. However, the main point is that Montgomeryshire is still part of a single, albeit expanded, constituency.

I urge the Commission to reconsider the make-up of constituencies within this area, even at this late stage.

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

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

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

2. Alyn - comprising:

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

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

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

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

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

4. Dwyfor, Arfon and Conwy - comprising:

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

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

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

5. Montgomeryshire and Meirionnydd - comprising:

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

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

6. Vale of Clwyd - comprising:

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

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

7. Wrexham and Glyndwr - comprising:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gwernymynydd	Flintshire	1,399
Higher Kinnerton	Flintshire	1,373
Hope	Flintshire	2,042
Leeswood	Flintshire	1,627
Llanfynydd	Flintshire	1,483
Mold Broncoed	Flintshire	2,134
Mold East	Flintshire	1,556
Mold South	Flintshire	2,201
Mold West	Flintshire	1,956
New Brighton	Flintshire	2,414
Penyffordd	Flintshire	3,543
Treuddyn	Flintshire	1,346
Brymbo	Wrexham	3,021
Bryn Cefn	Wrexham	1,543
Coedpoeth	Wrexham	3,482
Gwenfro	Wrexham	1,217
Gwersyllt East and South	Wrexham	3,601
Gwersyllt North	Wrexham	1,995
Gwersyllt West	Wrexham	2,263
Llay	Wrexham	3,513
Minera	Wrexham	1,870
New Broughton	Wrexham	2,842
Rossett	Wrexham	2,643

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**Delyn and Deeside CC**
**72,032**

Aston	Flintshire	2,508
Bagillt East	Flintshire	1,413
Bagillt West	Flintshire	1,625
Brynford	Flintshire	1,789
Caerwys	Flintshire	2,050
Cilcain	Flintshire	1,519
Connah's Quay Central	Flintshire	2,213
Connah's Quay Golftyn	Flintshire	3,688
Connah's Quay South	Flintshire	4,494
Connah's Quay Wepre	Flintshire	1,647
Ewloe	Flintshire	4,327
Ffynnongroyw	Flintshire	1,474
Flint Castle	Flintshire	1,426
Flint Coleshill	Flintshire	2,938
Flint Oakenholt	Flintshire	2,538
Flint Trelawny	Flintshire	2,710
Greenfield	Flintshire	1,983
Gronant	Flintshire	1,257
Halkyn	Flintshire	1,427
Hawarden	Flintshire	1,623
Holywell Central	Flintshire	1,465



Holywell East	Flintshire	1,383
Holywell West	Flintshire	1,762
Mancot	Flintshire	2,516
Mostyn	Flintshire	1,458
Northop	Flintshire	2,596
Northop Hall	Flintshire	1,398
Queensferry	Flintshire	1,248
Saltney Mold Junction	Flintshire	1,100
Saltney Stonebridge	Flintshire	2,672
Sealand	Flintshire	2,026
Shotton East	Flintshire	1,219
Shotton Higher	Flintshire	1,669
Shotton West	Flintshire	1,464
Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor	Flintshire	1,496
Whitford	Flintshire	1,911

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**Dwyfor Arfon CC**
**70,850**

Bryn	Conwy	1,390
Capelulo	Conwy	1,284
Pandy	Conwy	1,463
Pant-yr-afon/Penmaenan	Conwy	2,167
Aberdaron	Gwynedd	698
Abererch	Gwynedd	986
Abersoch	Gwynedd	519
Arllechwedd	Gwynedd	1,091
Bethel	Gwynedd	1,025
Bontnewydd	Gwynedd	865
Botwnnog	Gwynedd	734
Cadnant	Gwynedd	1,514
Clynnog	Gwynedd	736
Criccieth	Gwynedd	1,280
Cwm-y-Glo	Gwynedd	753
Deiniol	Gwynedd	920
Deiniolen	Gwynedd	1,463
Dewi	Gwynedd	1,301
Dolbenmaen	Gwynedd	900
Efail-newydd/Buan	Gwynedd	1,026
Garth	Gwynedd	556
Gerlan	Gwynedd	1,696
Glyder	Gwynedd	1,257
Groeslon	Gwynedd	1,374
Hendre	Gwynedd	940
Hirael	Gwynedd	1,066
Llanaelhaearn	Gwynedd	1,187
Llanbedrog	Gwynedd	709
Llanberis	Gwynedd	1,613

Llanengan	Gwynedd	847
Llanllyfni	Gwynedd	915
Llanrug	Gwynedd	1,396
Llanwnda	Gwynedd	1,507
Llanystumdwy	Gwynedd	1,547
Marchog	Gwynedd	1,579
Menai (Bangor)	Gwynedd	1,548
Menai (Caernarfon)	Gwynedd	1,724
Morfa Nefyn	Gwynedd	945
Nefyn	Gwynedd	1,003
Ogwen	Gwynedd	1,697
Peblig (Caernarfon)	Gwynedd	1,603
Penisarwaun	Gwynedd	1,365
Pentir	Gwynedd	2,159
Penygroes	Gwynedd	1,369
Penrhyndeudraeth	Gwynedd	1,826
Porthmadog East	Gwynedd	1,178
Porthmadog West	Gwynedd	1,329
Porthmadog-Tremadog	Gwynedd	933
Pwllheli North	Gwynedd	1,528
Pwllheli South	Gwynedd	1,310
Seiont	Gwynedd	2,233
Talysarn	Gwynedd	1,399
Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygai	Gwynedd	1,628
Tudweiliog	Gwynedd	668
Waunfawr	Gwynedd	1,298
Y Felinheli	Gwynedd	1,803

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**Montgomery and  
Meirionnydd CC**

**71,795**

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Aberdovey	Gwynedd	907
Abermaw	Gwynedd	1,591
Bala	Gwynedd	1,413
Bowydd & Rhiw	Gwynedd	1,235
Brithdir & Llanfachreth/Ganllwyd/Llanelltyd	Gwynedd	1,132
Bryn-crug/Llanfihangel	Gwynedd	772
Corris/Mawddwy	Gwynedd	1,023
Diffwys & Maenofferen	Gwynedd	779
Dolgellau North	Gwynedd	953
Dolgellau South	Gwynedd	1,072
Dyffryn Ardudwy	Gwynedd	1,169
Harlech	Gwynedd	1,516
Llanbedr	Gwynedd	768
Llandderfel	Gwynedd	1,135
Llangelynin	Gwynedd	1,625

Llanuwchllyn	Gwynedd	686
Teigl	Gwynedd	1,355
Trawsfynydd	Gwynedd	1,088
Tywyn	Gwynedd	2,476
Banwy	Powys	847
Berriew	Powys	1,102
Blaen Hafren	Powys	1,876
Caersws	Powys	1,831
Churchstoke	Powys	1,292
Dolforwyn	Powys	1,652
Forden	Powys	1,215
Glantwymyn	Powys	1,701
Guilsfield	Powys	1,827
Kerry	Powys	1,607
Llanbrynmair	Powys	798
Llandinam	Powys	1,155
Llandrinio	Powys	1,763
Llandysilio	Powys	1,441
Llanfair Caereinion	Powys	1,301
Llanfihangel	Powys	895
Llanfyllin	Powys	1,217
Llanidloes	Powys	2,149
Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant/Llansilin	Powys	1,815
Llansantffraid	Powys	1,563
Llanwddyn	Powys	846
Machynlleth	Powys	1,701
Meifod	Powys	1,069
Montgomery	Powys	1,107
Newtown Central	Powys	2,122
Newtown East	Powys	1,401
Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North	Powys	1,796
Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West	Powys	1,447
Newtown South	Powys	1,215
Rhiwcyonon	Powys	1,724
Trewern	Powys	1,066
Welshpool Castle	Powys	962
Welshpool Gungrog	Powys	1,995
Welshpool Llanerchuddol	Powys	1,602
<b>Vale of Clwyd CC</b>		<b>75,993</b>
Kinmel Bay	Conwy	4,607
Llansannan	Conwy	1,495
Towyn	Conwy	1,845
Bodelwyddan	Denbighshire	1,612
Denbigh Central	Denbighshire	1,462
Denbigh Lower	Denbighshire	3,483
Denbigh Upper/Henllan	Denbighshire	2,265

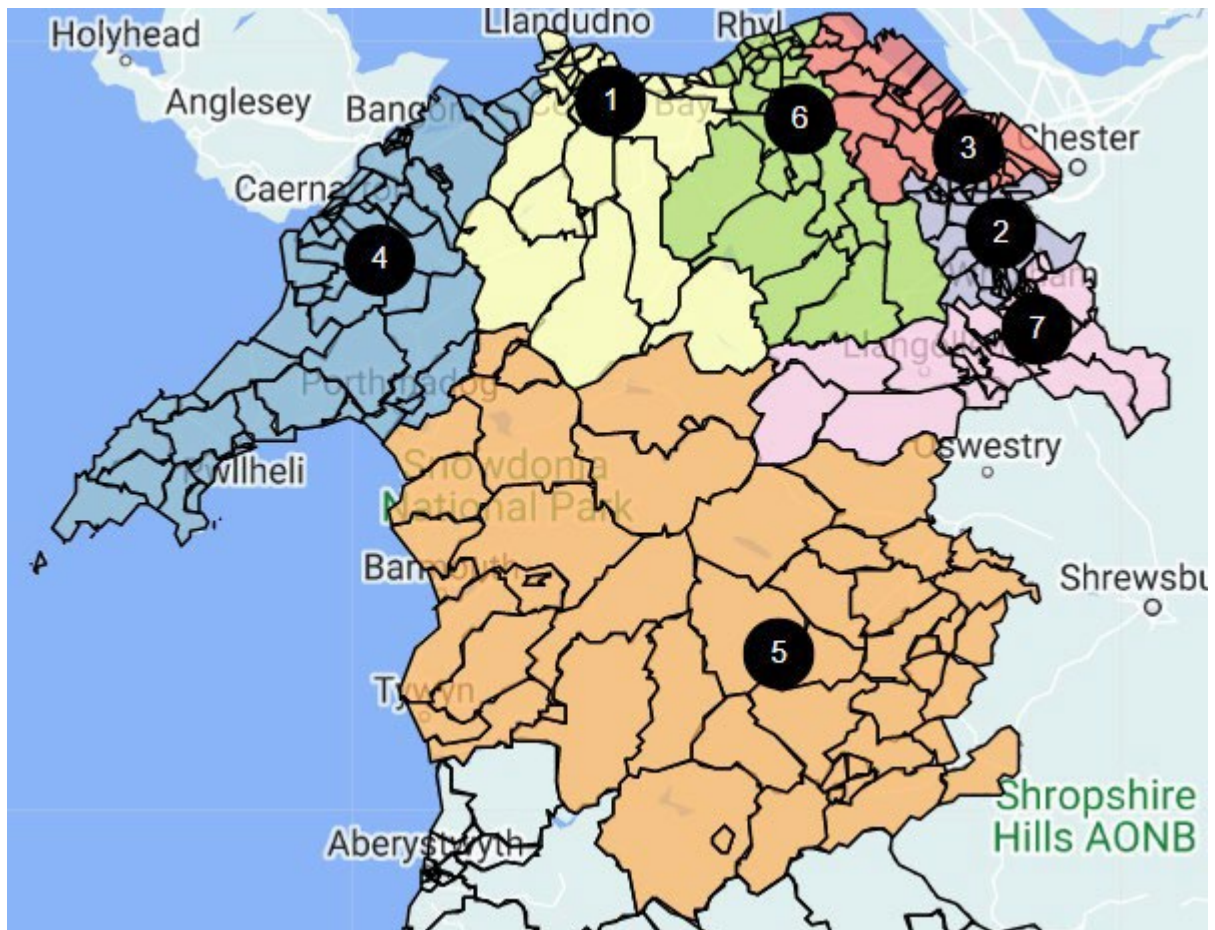
Dyserth	Denbighshire	1,882
Efenechtyd	Denbighshire	1,321
Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla	Denbighshire	2,033
Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal	Denbighshire	1,170
Llandyrnog	Denbighshire	1,765
Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern	Denbighshire	1,830
Llanrhaeadr-yng-Nghinmeirch	Denbighshire	1,496
Prestatyn Central	Denbighshire	2,829
Prestatyn East	Denbighshire	3,162
Prestatyn Meliden	Denbighshire	1,529
Prestatyn North	Denbighshire	4,729
Prestatyn South West	Denbighshire	2,861
Rhuddlan	Denbighshire	2,913
Rhyl East	Denbighshire	3,693
Rhyl South	Denbighshire	2,874
Rhyl South East	Denbighshire	6,253
Rhyl South West	Denbighshire	3,732
Rhyl West	Denbighshire	3,283
Ruthin	Denbighshire	4,260
St.Asaph East	Denbighshire	1,472
St.Asaph West	Denbighshire	1,290
Trefnant	Denbighshire	1,503
Tremeirchion	Denbighshire	1,344

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**Wrexham and Glyndwr CC**
**75,760**

Corwen	Denbighshire	1,799
Llandrillo	Denbighshire	931
Llangollen	Denbighshire	3,302
Acton	Wrexham	2,177
Borras Park	Wrexham	1,968
Bronington	Wrexham	2,620
Brynyffynnon	Wrexham	2,477
Cartrefle	Wrexham	1,545
Cefn	Wrexham	3,768
Chirk North	Wrexham	1,846
Chirk South	Wrexham	1,503
Dyffryn Ceiriog/Ceiriog Valley	Wrexham	1,685
Erddig	Wrexham	1,444
Esclusham	Wrexham	2,013
Garden Village	Wrexham	1,656
Gresford East and West	Wrexham	2,337
Grosvenor	Wrexham	1,698
Hermitage	Wrexham	1,544
Holt	Wrexham	2,479
Johnstown	Wrexham	2,461
Little Acton	Wrexham	1,843

Llangollen Rural	Wrexham	1,631
Maesydre	Wrexham	1,420
Marchwiell	Wrexham	1,830
Marford and Hoseley	Wrexham	1,824
Offa	Wrexham	1,428
Overton	Wrexham	2,710
Pant	Wrexham	1,528
Penycae	Wrexham	1,525
Penycae and Ruabon South	Wrexham	2,026
Plas Madoc	Wrexham	1,169
Ponciau	Wrexham	3,521
Queensway	Wrexham	1,377
Rhosnesni	Wrexham	2,827
Ruabon	Wrexham	2,078
Smithfield	Wrexham	1,376
Stansty	Wrexham	1,641
Whitegate	Wrexham	1,594
Wynnstay	Wrexham	1,159



1. Aberconwy
2. Alyn
3. Delyn and Deeside
4. Dwyfor Arfon
5. Montgomeryshire and Meirionydd
6. Vale of Clwyd
7. Wrexham and Glyndwr

**BCW-10336 / [REDACTED] / Ammanford**

I have lived in Lower Brynaman since 1967, it seems that our community is pushed from pillar to post with boundary changes with little regard to the community at one time we were in Gower, then Lliw Valley and now Neath Port Talbot, we have more in common with the Amman Valley than Brecon and Radnorshire. Just leave us alone to live in peace in our villages and not move us where we don't want to go !!

**BCW-10337 / [REDACTED] / Haverfordwest**

Another disgraceful waste of money. Money wasted by yet another 'Administration'. It doesn't take a lot of thought to understand why this country is a mockery across the globe.

**BCW-10338 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend**

Combining Bridgend with Ogmore is logical. However shaving off the eastern and western boundaries of the Country Borough is not. Just to balance the numbers. Will BCW review boundaries again whenever there is a significant housing development ?

**BCW-10339 / [REDACTED] / Deganwy**

There are far too many constituencies in the south area where there are very few already in north wales  
I demand that any changes only take place to reduce the number in south wales

**BCW-10340 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

As has been the case for a long time placing Briton Ferry with Port Talbot makes no sense. People from the Ferry shop, go to pubs, play and support clubs in Neath and not Port Talbot. My post is quite often addressed to me as [REDACTED], Neath and never Port Talbot. To get to some parts of the Neath constituency from Neath, it is quicker travelling by Briton Ferry than through the constituency itself - that is just plain stupid. Coming from a family that has lived in Neath and Briton Ferry for over 200 years, I do and have never felt any affinity for Port Talbot. Sadly as always this will be rubber stamped but, at least, I got an opportunity to voice an opinion.

**BCW-10341 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff**

It appears that you are taking parts of surrounding areas  
Purely to enable Cardiff to keep 4 constituencies.  
Towns/cities of corresponding size in England have 2 or at most 3 constituencies.  
Why gerrymander the seize of the city? Surely the extra constituencies would be better used in some of the huge rural areas?

**BCW-10342 / [REDACTED] / Merthyr Tydfil**

Scrap Westminster's attempt to dilute opposition.

**BCW-10343 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

Yet more turmoil that is not needed this will cost the public a lot of money in a massive inflationary time it will cut Valleys to seaside towns and Docklands and will effect our MP's into uncontrollable areas please stop this action and let our areas be as they are

**BCW-10344 / [REDACTED] / Rhyl**

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

I say: Try harder. It's crazy to put Rhyl in the same constituency as Colwyn Bay when its local ties, geographical factors and local govt boundaries are all towards the east in Prestatyn.

Rhyl & Prestatyn have been twin resorts for generations. They are closer together geographically., culturally and economically.

I cannot believe that, in a time of financial crisis, so much public money has been spent on this.

Keep the Vale of Clwyd as it is!

**BCW-10345 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

To have parts of Wrexham with places such as Newtown is ludicrous! Have any of you ever set foot in places like Bersham, Johnstown or Ruabon? These places pay their council tax to the CITY of Wrexham. They have absolutely no connection, whether it be political or cultural with such distant places. Do you realise how long it takes to drive from Ruabon to Machynlleth? This is insane and only serves to seriously undermine the supposed impartiality and credibility of the boundary commission. In other words, we think you're cheating.

**BCW-10346 / [REDACTED] / Dolgarrog**

I'm appalled that such an important issue and consultation has just popped up in Facebook. Surely this is something that should drop through everyone's letterbox. I strongly object to the new boundary of Aberconwy. It seems ridiculous to split Bangor as it is now and to extend Conwy so far!



**BCW-10347 / [REDACTED] / Kidwelly**

Anything that makes the election a fairer representation of what the population wants is a good thing.

**BCW-10348 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Putting Johnstown, Rhos and Cefn in Montgomery and Glyndwr is ridiculous. We are part of Wrexham and that's where we should stay. What is the point of taking these villages away from Wrexham? Was this a 'slip of the pen' on your map because quite frankly that's what it looks like!

**BCW-10349 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

The ward of Cefn Mawr in the constituency of Clwyd South has more ties traditionally to Wrexham and to place them in with Montgomery is a farce - the constituency is too large and will be detrimental to residents with regards to access and time to their MP.

**BCW-10350/ [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Cefn Mawr has always been linked to Llangollen, traditionally being in Denbighshire before Wrexham, Cefn has more ties both culturally and traditionally to Llangollen and therefore should remain close and be in Clwyd East and not Montgomery

**BCW-10351 / Cllr Matthew Bailey / Swansea**

I do not agree with the proposed changes to the boundary of Clydach to be included within Neath and Swansea East. Clydach sits within the unitary authority area of Swansea. Clydach has all statutory services managed by the local authority of Swansea, such as social care, environmental health, licensing, education, libraries, births, deaths and much more. Whilst I recognise that a local authority and parliamentary Constituency are different, they do share the same interests in terms of representing constituents.

Constituents don't care where a boundary is, they care who is going to provide the services they rely on every day. To have one boundary for a local authority and another boundary for an MP would cause severe confusion for constituents and is likely to further remove them from local democracy.

I would propose that any boundary changes must be aligned to local authority boundaries. I would also suggest that the Gower ward is part of the ancient lordship of Gower and therefore also carries historical significance.

**BCW-10352 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Having seen the map showing the proposed new boundaries I am very concerned that the area Rhostyllen through to Chirk is posposed to change from Wrexham to Montgomery & Glyndwr.

Rhostyllen & Bersham are barely 2 miles away from the Wrexham City centre.

The areas on the map above Chirk ie Ruabon, Cefn Mawr, Coedpoeth, Bersham & Rhostyllen historically form part of the old Denbighshire Coalfield known locally as the Wrexham coalfield.

Wrexham had ironworks, brickworks, steelworks, breweries which will mean that a big part of Wrexham's heritage is to be moved into Montgomeryshire.

Thankyou for giving me the opportunity to make my opinions known.

**BCW-10353 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

Hello

I believe that the current proposals for the constituencies regarding Swansea are very odd and would not represent us well.

For starters, my proposed Constituency, would join with Neath. Despite living in Swansea, I will be sharing my vote with people that are completely outside the interests of Swansea.

This is similar for Swansea West and its joining with Gower. These constituencies feel like they were joined in this way to diminish the vote of Swansea by forcing us to share with more rural voters, who tend to vote more Conservative while we vote Labour.

Naturally this could be a byproduct of the struggles of drawing boundaries that fit 70000 people, but it still comes as a slap in the face and I would hope to see more changes be made on this front.

**BCW-10354 / [REDACTED] / Tonyrefail**

hello,

ive just been made aware that there is a proposed boundary change that will place my hometown within the Rhondda.

my hometown is situated in the ELY VALLEY and has no point within its ever expanding boundary, within the confines of the Rhondda. why on earth would the boundary commission change this?

there are some ideas of why.

1) politics and political seats

2) financial - a bigger area having to share the same pot of money granted for what is currently the rhondda constituency.

please leave the boundary alone and spend youre time more wisely...

**BCW-10355 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon**

The name of the Dwyfor-Meirionnydd constituency contains no acknowledgement of the most populated part of the constituency, i.e. Arfon. The name is therefore completely misleading.

The name should be changed to Arfon-Dwyfor-Meirionnydd or Gwynedd.

Thank you

**BCW-10356 / [REDACTED] / Tregaron**

Your target audience is clear, and the gerrymandering blatant!

A quick look at any map of language usage across Ceredigion and Preseli alone would make the case! Water down the strong welsh culture, welsh speaking, area of Ceredigion, with the wealthy english retirees, 'return to the (much cheaper), countryside' and build a cosy little business, Tory voters of Preseli! Little chance then for Plaid Cymru, the powerhouse of Welsh national politics, to achieve any actual, effective difference in culture or infrastructure, and make the case for WALES. Just washed out, thinned out, homogenised Britdom.

All part of the demolition of rights and REPRESENTATION by the so-called 'Conservative' Party of England.

**BCW-10357 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Why on earth has the Ponciau South Ward and many of the other wards closer to Wrexham been put what is called the Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr Ward?????? We live in North East Wales NOT Mid Wales!!

**BCW-10358 / [REDACTED] / Trebanos**

The upper Swansea Valley has no connection whatsoever with Brecon and Radnor. The whole of the Swansea valley needs to be kept together preferably together with Neath or Swansea. The areas of Clydach, Pontardawe, Ystalyfera and Ystradgynlais fit well together. As one example there is a Swansea Valley rugby cup comprising of these areas. Pre the previous boundary mistake all the areas all the towns and villages from Clydach, Pontardawe and Ystalyfera went to the same comprehensive schools. Most from Clydach shop in Pontardawe either Tescos Lidl's or Farm Foods.

During the lockdowns we had the nonsensical scenario of one street between split between local areas where a person could officially walk over the road. People couldn't go the local garage 10 minutes walk away for petrol but were required to travel 4 miles because they were in a different local authority.

The whole valley needs to be kept in 1 constituency. Brecon and Radnor is largely rural. The Pontardawe, Ystradgynlais area is largely industrial. People move for work towards Swansea and Neath not Brecon and Builth.

**BCW-10359 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

I find it weird the new boundaries do not reflect the current councils. These county boroughs reflect community areas and the new boundaries do not seem to have considered the consequence.

Previously it was Neath and Swansea valley as one constituency and Port Talbot as another. The new version has placed parts of Swansea east with Neath and taken the Swansea valley out.

I think it's unwise to change from a constituency of two valley communities, that will have a lot of commonalities, to placing a valley with a city suburb

**BCW-10360 / [REDACTED] / Porth**

Proposal to include half of Gilfach Goch in the Rhondda, but not all, makes no sense.

Including Heol-y-Cyw and Pencoed in the Rhondda makes no sense at all - they are Bridgend and the issues they face will be completely different to Treherbert. The boundary lines look like somebody just had to put them somewhere.

It would have made more sense to include Llantrisant in to the Rhondda!

**BCW-10361 / [REDACTED] / Cardigan**

Cardigan, despite being the second largest town in Ceredigion, is in my opinion, seen as being out of sight, out of mind by the council. This is almost certainly due to its geographical location on the very southern tip of the county, and the siting of the two principal council offices in the North and mid part of the county area.

I would support the extension of the county boundary as proposed, in the hope that we in Cardigan, would feel more inclusive, instead of being on the fringe.

**BCW-10362 / [REDACTED] / Rhaeadr**

Including the Ystradgynlais area in the Brecon and Radnorshire constituency and the county of Powys has always been an anomaly. I believe that the whole of the Tawe valley should be in the same county. For Ystradgynlais to be in Powys, Ystalafera and Pontardawe Neath Port Talbot, and Treforys in Swansea is patent nonsense. The Swansea valley is one community and this should be expressed in the political and electoral boundaries.

**BCW-10363 / [REDACTED] / Tonyrefail**

I guess it makes sense for Tonyrefail to be part of Rhondda. I hope that there is some extra focus/help for Tonyrefail. I feel like we are always left in no man's land between Pontyclun and The Rhondda.

To put Pencoed in Rhondda is absolute madness! It looks like you slipped with the pen!

**BCW-10364 / [REDACTED] / Pembroke**

To provide effective government in Wales, we require more representation not less, and goal posts that do not move. I find it disgusting that you plan to change this without decent consultation with the Welsh population (ie referendum), and that Wales is once more held to financial cuts / policy that are out of its control. This looks a lot like trying to manipulate the next set of voting by trying to change the outcome up-front and I am completely and 100% AGAINST that.

There is enough corruption and "unfairness" within the UK political system at the moment without adding to it.

Most of the UK population want a General Election NOW, not in 2 years time, so bringing this point up now is completely unacceptable during the increasing clamour & demand for a General Election. To change these constituency boundaries now, would be undemocratic, unfair and, undoubtedly, absolutely reeks of another attempt at a power grab by a Conservative Party that is desperate to avoid total and complete electoral wipeout by the moving of the goal posts and rearrangement of constituencies to suit their areas of support.

Thoroughly disgusted tbh!!! As I am with the Tory Party, Tory Ministers and MPs and Tory voters in general.

Independence for Wales!!!!

**BCW-10365 / [REDACTED] / Tonyrefail**

Moving Tonyrefail and the surrounding area into the Rhondda Constituency makes sense as many within the local population feel a link to the Rhondda. However, the Pencoed and Heol-Y-Cyw areas do not have such links with the Rhondda. They are more closely associated with Bridgend and should remain within that Constituency.

**BCW-10366 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

I'm a member of the public who has taken part in canvassing. The fact that the city of Swansea is split into three constituencies each with a large rural area attached will make it less likely that I'll be able to take part in election activities, especially without a car. It's strange to split of such a narrow area of the city to make Swansea Central and North and to split Uplands from Sketty. Some of us will be walking or cycling across 3 constituencies as we commute, shop and visit friends. On the other hand, parts of the proposed new constituency are not easy for me to get to or for residents to visit constituency offices.

I would also like to comment on Pontardawe being added to Brecon and Radnorshire as a new constituency. The nature of those communities is very different, with people from Pontardawe more likely to travel to Neath and Swansea than Brecon.

**BCW-10367 / [REDACTED] / Rhayader**

Less representation in Westminster for Wales and no real consultation/information provided to make any assessment of the benefits or most likely losses. I'm not in agreement with the changes being pushed through.

**BCW-10368 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon**

Why do we need to waste money on changes its been working fine the last council elections showed that people have lost an interest in local politics the boundary commission changed the boundary for the council election why then we still have 65 County Council there is no need, it's on us the rate payers I am sure that we could use the money in a better way. What would be the purpose in these changes.

**BCW-10369 / [REDACTED] / Cwmbran**

It is good to see the anomalous areas to the East of Cwmbran have been brought into the constituency - Croesyceiliog, Llanfrechfa, Llanyrafon are obviously part of Torfaen not Monmouthshire or Newport. Ponthir is more tricky to position as it is between Cwmbran and Caerleon/Newport. I think it is a fair decision.

Having the constituency boundary the same as the local authority is very helpful.

**BCW-10370 / [REDACTED] / Altrincham**

I bring to your attention my original comment on the initial proposals, BCW-8971, which I restate in full:

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

This is similar to the Labour Party proposal but leaves the ward of Mayals in Gower and Swansea West (as you have now named it). This avoids splitting a community for the reasons set out above. However, it appears that you have not considered this suggestion and I ask you now to do so, as it produces a more coherent constituency (Swansea Central) and less disruption to the existing configuration of seats.

As a general observation, you appear to have taken into account counterproposals from the main political parties throughout your report, but do not appear to have considered counterproposals from members of the public, which I understand should have equal standing.

**BCW-10371 / [REDACTED] / Altrincham**

You have made some revised proposals in the South Wales valleys to address specific concerns such as the inclusion of the orphan ward of Nelson in the Merthyr Tydfil and Aberdare constituency, and the inclusion of parts of the town of Bridgend in Aberafon Porthcawl. While these changes are justifiable, the knock-on impact on two constituencies are unsatisfactory:

1. By retaining the three wards which comprise the town of Skewen in Aberafon Porthcawl, the two elements of the revised constituency of Neath and Swansea East are completely cut off from each other, joined by a ward boundary which does not have any transport connections.
2. The reconfigured constituency of Rhondda includes communities in Bridgend County Borough which are considerably isolated from the rest of the seat and are connected by a very minor road through a narrow gap in the boundary.

To rectify these issues, I propose making the following adjustments to the revised proposals:

1. Keep the town of Skewen in Aberafon Porthcawl to retain the road links between Neath and east Swansea. This means that the Swansea City ward of Landore can be returned to Neath and Swansea East.
2. To compensate for the loss of the three wards now retained in Bridgend, transfer the wards of Cefn Cribwr and Aberkenfig to Aberafon Porthcawl.
3. Retain the wards of Felindre, Hendre and Penpyrsg in Bridgend and, instead, transfer the 6 wards of Blackmill, Blaengawr, Llangeinor, Nant-y-Moel, Ogmores Vale and Pontycymmer to Rhondda. Although these wards comprise two small valleys which are separate to the Rhondda, there are good transport links between them.

This results in electorates as follows:

Aberafon Porthcawl - 70,028

Bridgend - 71,218

Rhondda - 71,962

It may be appropriate to rename Rhondda as Rhondda and Ogmores.

**BCW-10372 / [REDACTED] / Risca**

I agree with the overwhelming majority of comments in my area pertaining to the proposal to link Newport West with Islwyn. The two areas have very little in common. I agree that Rogerstone Highcross etc have more in common with Islwyn.

Please review this and why not merge Newport west and east?



**BCW-10373 / [REDACTED] / Newport**

Excellent! Happy to see the numbers of MPs in Westminster reduced.

On a side note, our current member of parliament is less than useless - she's invisible! No attempt to get back to me when contacted.

**BCW-10374 / [REDACTED] / Pontyclun**

I support the new constituency boundaries

**BCW-10375 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

The people of Pontardawe and the upper Swansea valley have no connection with Brecon and Radnor. We are in a former industrial area, whereas Brecon and Radnor are farming areas.

There are no transport links to Brecon from Pontardawe. Any authority based in that area would be so remote from Pontardawe that it would make contact difficult, if not impossible for the majority of residents of Pontardawe.

Local council offices for Neath & PT have been closed in Pontardawe, but offices in Neath can be reached by public transport within a short time.

The boundary commission has totally ignored the topography of this area, we are separated from Brecon by mountains that create a natural boundary between the two areas.

The whole concept of joining Pontardawe with Brecon is beyond ridiculous.

**BCW-10376 / [REDACTED] / Porthcawl**

I think having the Porthcawl constitution joined to aberrant which is another coastal region is a good idea but I wonder if joining Barry to the constitution also so there is one big coastal region. Maybe join Penaeth as well, the resorts have similar pros and cons being seaside resorts and it may be beneficial to join them all having a mega constituency?

**BCW-10377 / [REDACTED] / Llangollen**

Geographically it makes sense for us NOT to be part of Wreccsam CBC. They do not want to serve us well as we are in an area which really does not belong in the WCBC due to its distance from the city. We deserve to belong to a county which will include us. Diolch yn fawr

**BCW-10378 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

To remove Pontarddulais from the Gower seat, and add Swansea West is essentially gerrymandering a Tory seat, from a safe Labour one. I do not support this change. It also reflects a lack of understanding of the locality, and where and how the towns and villages of the northern edge of Gower link together.

**BCW-10379 / [REDACTED] / Ammanford**

A historical industrial area of the Upper Amman Valley being thrown in with agricultural Brecon and Radnor beggars belief.

Do you honestly think that adding Cwmtawe to the name will appease the residents of the area affected.

Paper exercise carried out in an office somewhere far away from reality.

I could understand if the Brynaman, GCG area was included with the Carmarthen electoral area.

Look at the map. There is even a distinct geographical separation. Complete nonsense.

Money wasted at a time when belt tightening should be happening.

On a wider scale the Neath constituency has been carved up - some in with Swansea, other areas with Porthcawl.

Proof that the UK is quickly becoming a nation which acts on issues which are unimportant and are unable to utilise resources where needed, namely:

NHS

Social Care (and the effect on the NHS)

Education (forever changing without improvement)

Transport - M4 link, local infrastructure.

**BCW-10380 / [REDACTED] / Cwmparc**

Your new proposals are even worse than the last ones. Not content with splitting the Cynon Valley in half and shoe-horning Merthyr onto it (completely ignoring the natural flow of the local geography, and ensuring that the new MP would be spread over two county boroughs), you've now shoe-horned Pencoed onto the Rhondda...doing exactly the same thing there, and ensuring that now a second RCT MP will be spread over two county boroughs.

**BCW-10381 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

I oppose any dilution of Welsh representation in Westminster.

A Government that has built its foundation on racism, discrimination, prejudice and social exclusion ... who seeks to rollback devolution ... that gerrymanders additional seats with the English boundaries commission to lower Scottish and Welsh representation in Westminster ... that cannot be trusted to work in the best interests of our economy our nation or our people's ... should not be allowed to propose such fundamental inequality for party political reasons.

**BCW-10382 / [REDACTED] / Usk**

Please move the boundary from being split through Llandegfedd dam. It is a piece of critical south Wales infrastructure and needing to deal with two councils to complete project work is an unnecessary inefficiency. As no properties would be affected by moving the boundary one way or another it should not be overly challenging.

**BCW-10383 / Cllr Jonathan Bishop / Pontypridd**

Taff's Well, Pontyclun and Pentyrch should be moved into Pontypridd. All rely on Taff Ely NHS Cluster services and are otherwise associated with Taff Ely which Pontypridd covers in terms of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and the former Taff Ely Borough.

Abercynon and Penrhiwceiber should be moved into Cynon Valley as they are more closely associated with that part of Rhondda Cynon Taf.

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**BCW-10384 / [REDACTED] / Caernarfon**

So you are moving Bangor back to the Conwy constituency as it was some 20 years ago. At the time, I opposed the move to have Bangor in the Gwynedd constituency but now I believe Bangor is better off being represented in the Gwynedd area as Cyngor Gwynedd is the local authority covering the city and it is well represented at Parliamentary level by the incumbent MP.

**BCW-10385 / [REDACTED] / Llandudno**

This draws a very unnatural boundary. The river Conwy would be better. Llandudno and Colwyn Bay have always had links as neighbouring holiday resorts and work well together. Splitting will end up with Colwyn Bay going further down than it already is. There are no links between Llandudno and Bangor, but there is between Bangor and Caernarfon. Use the river Conwy as a boundary and just have the former Gwynedd and Clwyd counties, but move the boundary slightly . Have no more than 12 countries for Wales and it would save a fortune, with enough population to support the Councils and bigger departments that can deliver the required services. While you are at it one police force, fire service and two health boards..

**BCW-10386 / [REDACTED] / Haverfordwest**

Wales should have more representation not less. We need strong Westminster government to counter the lunatic left in Cardiff.

**BCW-10387 / Cllr Jan Butler / Penperlleni**

I am the County Councillor for Goytre Fawr and I fully endorse this proposal which will make it easier for residents to understand the democratic process.

NEW CONSTITUENCY: CYNONDAR TYDFIL FECHAN

First, please let me address a considered moral issue of community, identity and togetherness: and for whatever reason the BCW is not only content with creating a hard border in the Cynon Valley but has an historical record of seemingly wishing to tear my constituency apart. We are a valley, not a city, we cannot be parted on some grid system.

Every proposal I have seen published by the BCW going back more than a decade has wanted to impose a split. Do you remember the proposal to lump us with the Rhondda - NO!

I am informed by a well-placed source that you are aware of the utter contempt residents hold for your illogical and lazy proposal, but that you believe yours is an easier option, while leaving the likes of Rhondda and Merthyr Tydfil alone.

It is reported that you have said there is no other option. That's not true. For some peculiar reason you suggest cutting off the lower half of Cynon to Pontypridd, yet joining the lower half of Merthyr Tydfil - then there is no point hiving off Mountain Ash and below.

Furthermore, you have deemed it necessary to rename your proposal as something or other and "Upper Cynon", with the lower half of the Cynon Valley killed off under the Pontypridd brand. No! Even if your proposal stands the name must be Cynon Valley & Merthyr or Aberdare & Merthyr. But to be helpful to you, I have provided maps indicating my proposal as a constituency that retains the Cynon Valley with no continental drift tearing us apart; I have also included the Upper ends of Merthyr nearest to the Heads of the Valley, while correctly identifying the historic name for those areas, with a tweak, thus CynonDar Tydfil Fechan.

This is a much more realistic proposal and could garnish more support than your offering.

I realise you will need to bastardise your formation for Merthyr, but that is not my issue, it is theirs and yours! Tread carefully as the Cynon MUST remain an entity.

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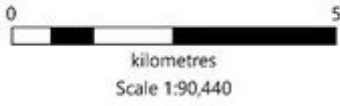
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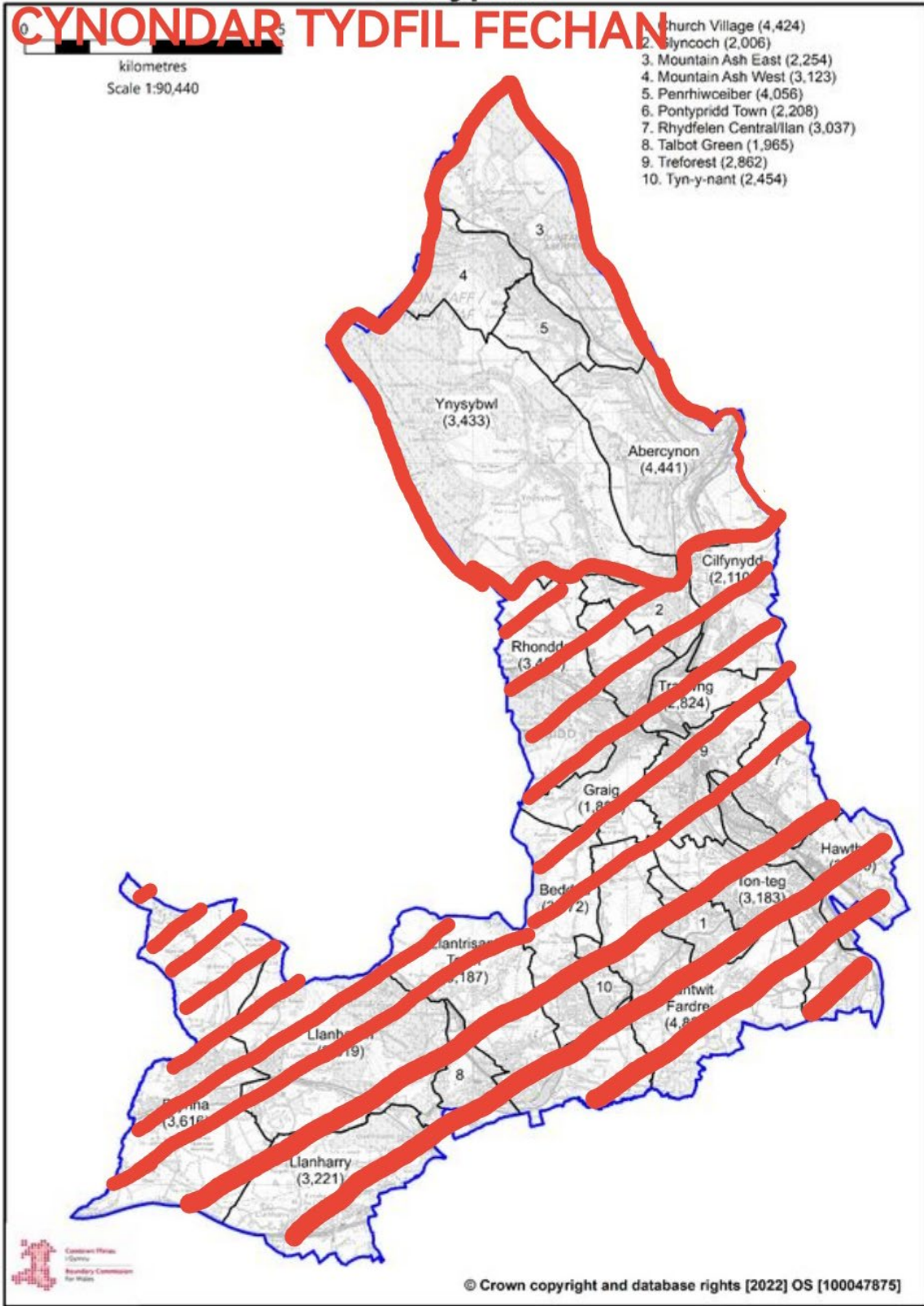


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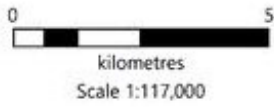


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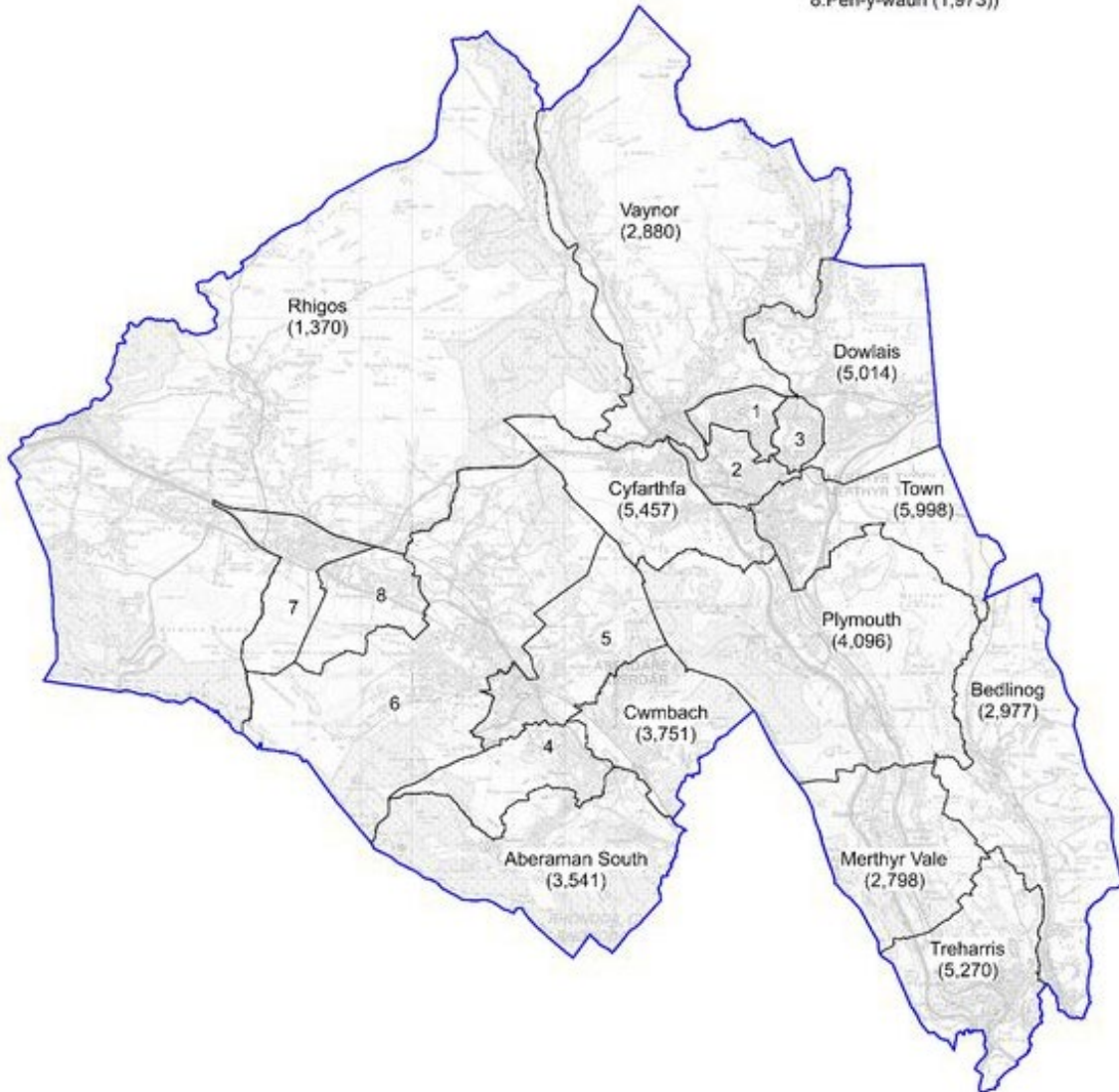
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**BCW-10389 / [REDACTED] / Bridgend**

What you trying to do rig elections. Looks like it. Who gives u a democratic right to do this the public who u should be answering to No! Redrawing map to make less and creating a new by taking Porttallbot out of Neath porttallbot and Porthcawl Pyle out of Bridgend to create a new area of Aberafan and Porthcawl. Looks like fools play and a lie as creates another one which did not exist to cut the numbers I think not. It's about rigging the system in one party favour. And u are not elected to make changes. The public should have a vote on this. As clear trying to rig the elections.

**BCW-10390 / [REDACTED] / Meifod**

I agree with the proposed new boundaries for this constituency which reflects the history and demographics of the area. I agree that this proposed change should be confirmed.

**BCW-10391 / [REDACTED] / Brecon**

Given the geographical size and logistical issues that size raises I think the last thing needed is to make it bigger. Pontardawe isn't even within the County of Powys. We don't see a great deal of the current MP now, add in another area and we will surely see even less.

**BCW-10392 / [REDACTED] / Monmouth**

It seems logical to have the parliamentary boundary to be as the County Council area. A lot less confusion for everyone.

**BCW-10393 / [REDACTED] / Trebanos**

Sadly the new suggested area does not represent our village we have close ties and values to both Swansea and neath. These changes places a suburban community with rural ones. We have very different needs and the boundaries will not represent us fully

**BCW-10394 / [REDACTED] / Holywell**

This proposal is barking mad. It results in the MP for the seat having oversight of three separate county councils. It also Splits Holywell and Flint and Mold. These towns economies are intertwined.

There was nothing wrong with the previous boundary proposal.

**BCW-10395 / [REDACTED] / Newport**

Change by stealth. Typical of this government! This should be heavily publicised for people to make an informed choice!

**BCW-10396 / [REDACTED] / Maesteg**

The proposal that Wales loses 20% of its representation in Westminster is ludicrous. It needs more not less. In recent years the UK Government have done more to promote independence in Wales than Plaid Cymru could ever do by their totally England centric focus. Why are constituencies based purely on numbers? This is a very simplistic formula and virtually guaranteed to ensure that smaller countries of the UK are penalised. It goes without question that England will be advantaged. I note that they are picking up the 10 seats lost by Wales and Scotland and reiterate my point above.

In relation to the proposed Bridgend constituency. I note that e.g. Porthcawl is to be aligned to Aberafan and Pencoed to the Rhondda. These are currently different local authority areas so does this mean that another (expensive) reorganisation of local authorities will be required?

I also recall that the Bridgend and Ogwr constituencies were formed in 1983 after the former (safe Labour) Ogmore constituency was deemed to be impenetrable by the then Conservative government. Bridgend currently has a Conservative MP - I will say no more!

Please note that the needs of the valley communities to the north of the proposed new constituency have little in common with e.g. the town of Bridgend. As outlined above purely using numbers to determine the boundaries does not take account of e.g. the differing demographics, economics and challenges.



**BCW-10397 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Dear Boundary Commission officers

I read with quite frank amazement the following comments in relation to where I reside and hence the area where I vote, which are extracted from Wrexham.com regarding the proposal to include the whole Ponciau ward within Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr:

The Commission received representations that recommended adding the Ponciau, Pant and Johnstown electoral wards to the initial proposal, although many representations argued that this area has strong links with Wrexham.

“The Conservative Party proposed changes to the initial proposal and felt a desirable outcome could be achieved by splitting the electoral ward of Ponciau and placing the Rhosllanerchrugog and Ponciau elements of the ward in Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr, and the Esclusham element in Wrexham. There was support for the proposal, and representations stated that there is a clear divide between Rhosllanerchrugog and Esclusham so this would be a sensible way to split the area”.

Having considered the representations... the Commission believes that there is significant support for retaining the existing Montgomeryshire constituency and combining it with wards to the north in Clwyd and on the outskirts of Wrexham. The Commission does not agree with the representations in favour of splitting the electoral ward of Ponciau and therefore proposes a constituency that takes in the whole of the Ponciau electoral ward.”

Basically this means that the villages of Bersham and Rhostyllen which are , as I am sure you have been made fully aware, geographically on the Wrexham side of the A483 (which forms a convenient marker) and quite literally on the outskirts of Wrexham are to be moved to a new constituency which encompasses areas with which we share no links barring being within Wales. Whilst accepting that the commission has a job to do and therefore the boundaries will be redrawn, to miss this opportunity to put Bersham and Rhostyllen within the clearly obviously more logical Wrexham constituency appears to me to be ill-judged and ill thought out.

Contrast this with the Commission's thoughts on Brymbo and Minera (quite literally up the road and the OTHER side of the A483), again extracted from Wrexham.com:

The report today notes some of the local feedback, “The Commission received a number of representations, including from the MPs for Wrexham and Clwyd South, that stated that the electoral wards of Brymbo and Minera share local ties and community links with Wrexham, rather than with Alyn and Deeside to the north. These representations argued that these wards should not be included in this proposed constituency and should remain within a Wrexham constituency.”

“There was a consensus amongst the political parties that the electoral wards of Brymbo and Minera should be returned to a proposed Wrexham constituency. The Conservative Party also included the areas of Bagillt and Flint in an Alyn and Deeside constituency. Plaid Cymru split the area and included Flint in an Alyn and Deeside constituency, and Bagillt in a Delyn constituency. The Liberal Democrats proposed retaining the areas within a Delyn constituency.”

Having considered the representations... the Commission agrees with the representations that stated that the Brymbo and Minera electoral wards should be included in a Wrexham constituency, and the representations that stated that the areas of Bagillt and Flint share more local ties with the wards included in Alyn and Deeside”.

As a Bersham resident I cannot in all conscience support any change to the boundary that sees villages further away from Wrexham included in Wrexham but our village separated by what appears to be purely numerical happenstance.

I would request that the Commission re-thinks its proposals in this instance.

Thank you for your time in reading this view on the proposal.

Regards



Bersham, Wrexham.

**BCW-10398 / [REDACTED] / Maesteg**

1. The people of Wales are already vastly underrepresented at Westminster - reducing the number of Welsh MPs would disadvantage Wales even further. Whoever drew up these plans have demonstrated a clear lack of understanding and respect for the people of Wales and the issues they face and a clear bias toward (generally right-wing) English constituencies. Did they think we wouldn't notice?!
2. The current plan to lump the Ogmore constituency in with Bridgend again shows a clear lack of understanding of the social and economic demographics of these distinct areas. Bridgend is relatively affluent dormitory town which is steadily growing and changing. Maesteg, for example, is a socially deprived area which has been suffering from a lack of investment. I doubt whether a Bridgend elected MP would focus their efforts beyond that town (the current MP for Bridgend is a conservative - 'nuff said!).
3. The minimum number of electors seems to be an arbitrary number plucked out of the air. I would be interested in how this number was decided on. In any case, as I've alluded to above, the nature and demographics of a constituency should surely be the deciding factor rather than a number.

Thank you.

**BCW-10399 / [REDACTED] / Haverfordwest**

Seems strange that Pembrokeshire is being split a different way to last time? Why not just try to put Pembrokeshire all together?

**BCW-10400 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

This proposal to move Chirk and the surrounding area to Montgomeryshire is totally stupid. Chirk has a long affiliation with Wrexham as this is the major town in our area. Indeed Chirk has more affiliation with Oswestry ( England) than any town in Montgomeryshire. I urge the commission to reconsider this utterly absurd decision. The best outcome would be to re-instate the constituency of Clwyd South or failing that, move Chirk and the surrounding area to the Wrexham Constituency

## **BCW-10401 / Cllr Louise Brown / Monmouthshire**

Boundary Commission

Review of Parliamentary Constituencies- 2023- Wales

Dear Sir/Madam,

I understand that there are no changes for Monmouthshire to these revised proposals from the initial proposals that were published in 2021 and its proposed the new parliamentary constituency will follow the local authority boundary rather than the cross boundary situation we currently have with Newport East and Torfaen.

I very much support this proposal as it is both a sensible and rational proposal to have the boundaries for the MP to match the boundaries of Monmouthshire County Council and for it also to be called Monmouthshire.

Yours faithfully

Cllr Louise Brown  
Monmouthshire County Councillor  
Shirenewton Ward

## **BCW-10402 / [REDACTED] / Goodwick**

I want to stay part of North Pembrokeshire. The historical connections are very important to me.

## **BCW-10403 / [REDACTED] / Gwynedd**

The changes will be too big for anyone to represent?  
Very similar to what the health services have done in the North, too large geographically, and we are all aware of the problems with Betsi Cadwaladr. It would not be fair to the electorate, and it would be impossible for any member to get to know the whole area and represent it.

If there must be change, let it be just Gwynedd and Anglesey.

## **BCW-10404 / [REDACTED] / Colwyn Bay**

Totally against any expansion of the boundaries. In a time of economic crisis the last thing we need is an extra cost of bureaucracy. The Clwyd West reorg is ridiculous as it combines two County areas which will be confusing anyway. This is a total waste of money and so typical of Welsh gov.

**BCW-10405 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff**

The community of Dinas Powys and the surrounding hamlets and residences have always had strong links with Barry and the rural vale of Glamorgan. There is no desire in the community to be joined with Cardiff West.

Our local authority is the Vale of Glamorgan Council. It makes no sense to be linked with the capital city of Cardiff.

**BCW-10406 / [REDACTED] / Clynderwen**

My husband & I are really unhappy about the proposal of our property being in the new Ceredigion Preseli area. If the council offices stay in Aberaeron, it really is too far away from us.

The boundary is puzzling. Why would we NOT stay in Pembrokeshire, where we are very happy.

**BCW-10407 / [REDACTED] / Corwen**

The proposed constituency is absolutely disgraceful with regard to Corwen, Cynwyd and Llandrillo wards. There are no geographical or historical connections with the towns of Montgomeryshire or the industrial villages of Wrexham.

Most of the children here in the Llandrillo and Cynwyd area go to secondary school in Bala (and some to Llangollen). Corwen and Bala are the towns for shopping and socialising.

Dwyfor Meirionnydd would be a much more natural home for the Cynwyd, Llandrillo and Corwen area. There are no links with Montgomeryshire!

**BCW-10408 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff**

I refer to the name of the proposed "Dwyfor Meirionnydd" constituency. Most of the Arfon district is included as part of this new constituency, including Caernarfon itself. The communities of Arfon are not represented at all within the name "Dwyfor Meirionnydd".

Would it be possible to change the name to reflect the fact that the communities of Arfon, and Caernarfon, the administrative town for the whole of Gwynedd, are part of this new constituency?

A name such as "(Caern)arfon, Dwyfor and Meirion(nydd)" would reflect all of the areas within the constituency's boundaries, not just the two areas in the current name.

Or for a simple, well-known name, how about "Gwynedd"?

**BCW-10409 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

To include Cwmtawe in the Brecon And Radnor Constituency is the most blatant anti-democratic gerrymandering. Culturally politically and linguistically these communities are fundamentally different from the rural English speaking Tory voting Powys. But of course that's the point isn't it? Cancel out the Labour votes. The communities of Cwmtawe will be forgotten, the poor relation and a forgotten corner the culture and language will be unsupported superseded by the wants and needs of its older wealthier rural constituents.

**BCW-10410 / [REDACTED] / Ammanford**

I am concerned that Wales is getting reduced representation.

**BCW-10411 / [REDACTED] / Llandudno**

As long as it means FEWER MPs and the savings are put to education & social care it has to be a good thing

**BCW-10412 / [REDACTED] / Newport**

A reduction in Welsh MPs is a reduction of the Welsh voice in UK political decision making and any potential reduction should be rejected.

**BCW-10413 / [REDACTED] / Newport**

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**BCW-10414 / [REDACTED] / Blackwood**

Absolutely ridiculous. What idiot drew up these borders. Cefn Forest is being split in half. It would be far better to use natural boundaries such as rivers to distinguish between county lines.

**BCW-10415 / Wayne David MP / Caerphilly**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in support of the revised proposals from the Boundary Commission relating to the parliamentary constituencies of Caerphilly and Newport West.

I am appreciative that the Boundary Commission has clearly listened to a groundswell of public opinion in the Lower Rhymney Valley against the initial proposals from the Boundary Commission. The Commission has recognised that there was strong opposition to the proposal to link the Caerphilly Basin to Newport West. You have recognised that this suggestion is unsustainable because it sought to link two areas that have few geographic, communication, social historic and cultural links.

You have also recognised that it is far more sensible, and in line with public opinion, to maintain the links between the Caerphilly Basin and its immediate Valley hinterland. At the same time, you have recognised that the Sirhowy and Ebbw Valleys provide a 'natural' orientation towards the western part of Newport.

The revised proposals have been warmly received by the many individuals and the community groups in the greater part of the existing Caerphilly constituency who made representations to you.

Yours faithfully



**Wayne David MP**

**Labour Member of Parliament for Caerphilly**

[Redacted signature block containing several lines of blacked-out text]

**BCW-10416 / Cllr James Pritchard / Caerphilly**

Dear Sir/Madam

In response to the revised proposals from the Boundary Commission relating to the parliamentary constituencies of Caerphilly and Newport West, I write to support the recommendations. The proposed constituency of Newport West & Caerphilly attracted a considerable amount of opposition, not least because of the vast differences in the geographic, communication, social historic and cultural links.

You have also recognised that it is more appropriate to link wards within a new constituency to those within the same Local Authority. This is a much welcome change to the prior proposal. The revised proposals have been warmly received by the many individuals and the community groups in the locality.

Many thanks,

Cllr Jamie Pritchard, Deputy Leader of CCBC & Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Regeneration & Climate Change

**BCW-10417 / Cllr Chris Morgan / Caerphilly**

Dear sir/madam

I am writing to you to thank you for the opportunity of speaking to you at Swansea earlier this year and to thank you for listening.

I fully support and endorse your latest proposal for the Caerphilly Constituency.

Sincerely

Chris

Cllr Chris Morgan

**BCW-10418 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

I have heard from Wayne David MP that you are minded to revert the Parliamentary Boundaries so that Caerphilly remains with its natural hinterland of Llanbradach, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed and Pontllanfraith. I am so glad to hear this. It will preserve the integrity of Caerphilly – whereas the other plan, linking Caerphilly to Newport West, made no sense at all.



**BCW-10419 / [REDACTED] / Abergele**

I am shocked to only find this on Facebook! Living in Llanfairtalhaiarn we naturally look to Abergele and the coast for all our shopping, secondary schools, hospitals access to health services. For some reason we have been 'chopped off' / left out on a limb, from where we draw these. We have nothing in common with Bangor, we do not use Ysbyty Gwynedd, rarely if ever go that far west so I'm not sure how one MP will be able to understand the needs of such a hugely diverse constituency. It looks as if we've been put there to make up the numbers!

When we were flooded by Storm Ciara our local MP understood our needs as our surrounding areas suffered same - if not to the same extent. These boundaries make no sense and show a lack of understanding of North Wales.

**BCW-10420 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in support of the revised proposals from the Boundary Commission relating to the parliamentary constituencies of Caerphilly and Newport West.

I am appreciative that the Boundary Commission has clearly listened to public opinion in the Lower Rhymney Valley against the initial proposals from the Boundary Commission. The Commission has recognised that there was strong opposition to the proposal to link the Caerphilly Basin to Newport West. You have recognised that this suggestion is unsustainable because it sought to link two areas that have few geographic, communication, social historic and cultural links.

I am also very appreciative the Commission considered and recognised that it is far more sensible, and in line with public opinion, to maintain the links between the Caerphilly Basin and its immediate Valley hinterland. At the same time, you have recognised that the Sirhowy and Ebbw Valleys provide a 'natural' orientation towards the western part of Newport.

The revised proposals have been warmly received by the many individuals and the community groups in the greater part of the existing Caerphilly constituency who made representations to you.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

(In a personal capacity as a Caerphilly resident)

**BCW-10421 / [REDACTED] / Brynamman**

In this ward we are already a forgotten part of a large constituency. We benefit in no way from our LA and are largely overlooked. To move us to a much larger constituency, covering such a huge geographical area, fills me with dread. We will go from being largely overlooked, to completely invisible. How will we be represented in this new area. It's ludicrous. This consultation has been poorly publicised and major changes will I'm sure come as a surprise to many.

**BCW-10422 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

Good morning

I'd like to express my delight at the change to the proposal originally put forward for the new boundaries for Caerphilly. This latest proposal, championed by Wayne David MP, makes so much more sense to us living in the Caerphilly area.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Caerphilly resident

**BCW-10423 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare**

Dear team,

I write to you to reconsider the proposed boundary name of MERTHYR and UPPER CYNON to that of Merthyr and Aberdare or Merthyr and Aberdare Valley.

It is applauded that the proposed boundary changes to combine Merthyr and Aberdare (and it's surrounding built up areas) are sensible because of their historic cultural, geographical and political representation between the two, which go back as far as the first Representation of the People's Act (1918).

However, the name UPPER CYNON should be reconsidered and must not be included in these changes for the reasons below:

Firstly, Aberdare (including the surrounding areas (Aberaman, Cwmbach, Abercwmboi, Llwydcoed, Penywaun and Hirwaun) is the 13<sup>th</sup> most populated town area within Wales and also it should be noted that the town ABERDARE (and surrounding areas) is also 97<sup>th</sup> in most populated areas of the UK, (Source: ONS population statistics – Aberdare 30,000+ population <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/localarea?compare=W37000399> )

The Aberdare area is used on geographical post codes and is the postal boundary too.

Put simply, ABERDARE (and it's area) is the 13<sup>th</sup> largest area in Wales and for fair representational and identity needs it should have it's name (like that of Merthyr) included in the proposed boundary change. By including the name ABERDARE it will only help to strengthen engagement within one of Wales' largest population and geographic areas. UPPER CYNON is a name which is a non-identical term that does not exist in the geographic coverage of the area. The reasoning of which clearly goes against the considerations you list in of your directives for changing the boundary name.

Please consider the name ABERDARE or ABERDARE VALLEY in this boundary proposal title. You have kept the name Merthyr in the title.

Also, research shows that in your proposals you have held many other town names within the titles and these towns have more than half the population than Aberdare and it's area. One example is the town area of Carmarthen (15,000 population), which I list here, as it too is also a market town like Aberdare. Yet several of these towns, like this, have retained the name within your boundary proposal changes. UPPER CYNON is not an identity by any geographical means nor is it an identity that is used by people within the ABERDARE area. I ask you how is using a name which no-one feels represents them, isn't used in a geographic sense will help this area engage with parliamentary business and voting in the future.

You have included Merthyr Tydfil. Please include the name Aberdare or Aberdare Valley in the title.

Also, 'Upper Cynon' is a term which also splits the valley and divides geography. It goes against the geography and cultural life of the current valley. The historic ties in both geography and parliamentary history between Merthyr and Aberdare are to be applauded in your reasoning and there is a lot to feel this change will strengthen this, since these two areas have strong historic ties which first began in the Represent of the People Act of 1918 and subsequent Acts through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

I want my children and my generations of family from the ABERDARE area to feel that their home town and area are represented in the naming of the parliamentary seat. We look to our MPs for our parliamentary identity of democracy and to be represented in name will be a source of identity and political engagement. However, if the proposed non-identity of the wording UPPER CYNON in the title will only add to a mis-representation in terms of identity, geography and political profiling, in any forthcoming political coverage through the media, voting engagement, voting representation and parliamentary business. In short, the name ABERDARE must surely therefore be considered to be included in the proposed boundary change.

Finally, I am someone who has no affiliations with ANY political party but I write this with reluctance yet passion after reading your proposed changes. I'm a resident and born in the area. In the future, parliamentary business must foster a continued strength of pride and belonging from Aberdare (as I imagine those residents in Merthyr and other towns will feel with their name of their town area in the title of the new parliamentary seat).

I ask you to reconsider the name 'MERTHYR and UPPER CYNON' and propose the boundary constituency as '**Merthyr and Aberdare Valley**' or '**Merthyr and Aberdare**' as the new name and parliamentary boundary identity.

Yours sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.

Resident in the Aberdare area

**BCW-10424 / [REDACTED] / Pontllanfraith**

The division of the Pontllanfraith / Blackwood area is total nonsense and should all be within the same constituency. We are affectively , and I include Oakdale in this, one community that should have the same M. of P.. to avoid all confusion.

I note that even though I live on the outskirts of Pontllanfraith where I normally vote and have done all my life, you have placed me now outside it. NP12 should be in Pontllanfraith.

**BCW-10425 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

Wherever possible parliamentary constituencies should not straddle more than on local authority area. This makes both easier to understand and have a feeling for by the electorate.

Also this whole exercise seems to me aimed at reducing the representation of Wales in Westminster thus giving greater influence to English members. Is there a party political plan? I leave that as a question.

**BCW-10426 / [REDACTED] / Aberystwyth**

As a resident of Ceredigion, I support the proposed new area of Ceredigion Preseli.

**BCW-10427 / [REDACTED] / Welshpool**

I do not agree with the changing of the boundary for my constituency because I believe it is a ploy by the current Westminster government to increase the chances of the Conservative party winning future elections.

**BCW-10428 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

I disagree with the new boundaries as it devalues the town of Neath. Also Briton Ferry should not be coupled with Port Talbot as it is a part of Neath. I say this without prejudice as the current MP for Neath has been absolutely useless & rarely seen in the town of Neath!

The new boundaries which include us amalgamating with the larger city of Swansea means that Neath will be under represented in the new amalgamation & the voices of the town will not be heard.

**BCW-10429 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

There are, by the evidence of this review, too many Welsh MP's

It also follows the Senedd should NOT be expanded.

The recommendations of this report must be implemented in full.

**BCW-10431 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

At the moment any enquiries I have are centred on Wrexham.  
Where will the new centre for operations be based?

**BCW-10432/ [REDACTED] Pencoed Town Council / Pencoed**

Good morning

Please accept this email as a formal response from Pencoed Town Council in relation to the above which is currently out for consultation

"There would seem to be even more confusion over what is being proposed for the Pencoed area by the Boundary Commission ,to the extent that logic does not prevail, when you consider that the County Boundary for Pencoed was changed for the May 2022 elections.The review would place Pencoed in the Rhondda area.

If this suggestion /proposal goes ahead it is likely that we will have 3 separate boundaries for electoral matters i.e Community,Borough and Parliamentary. This will only add to confusion for the electorate which is currently in existence. Consequently PTC opposes the proposed change and ask that Pencoed and Peprysg remain as part of the new Constituency of Bridgend."

Regards

[REDACTED]

Town Clerk

**BCW-10433 / [REDACTED] / Barry**

Why ???

More bureaucracy and waste of public money.

Boundary Commission for Wales  
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22 October 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Review of Parliamentary Constituencies**

I write in response to the Boundary Commission for Wales' revised proposals, published on the 19 October 2022. I would be grateful if you would consider the following observations, which should be read in conjunction with my letter dated 24 October 2021.

I note that the revised proposals do not deviate from the original proposal to transfer the upper Amman and Swansea valley areas to Brecon and Radnorshire, with the proposed new constituency named Brecon Radnorshire and Cwmtawe. As stated in my initial letter to you, the upper Amman and Swansea valley areas have no traditional links with Brecon and Radnorshire, as they have always been part of the industrial areas of either Gower or Neath. Indeed, it is extremely disappointing to note that the Amman valley is not even mentioned in the report.

As a retired Neath Port Talbot Councillor, I was proud to have represented the village of Tai'rgwaith, where the late D J Williams, MP for Neath, lived. The late D J Williams was first elected to parliament in 1945 and, Tai'rgwaith, a former mining village, where there were three deep mines - East Pit, Maerdy Pit and Steer Pit - has traditionally been part of either the Gower or Neath constituencies.

I note from the revised proposals that it is considered that there are good road links between Pontardawe and Ystradgynlais. That may be so. However, the distance between Pontardawe and Ystradgynlais is only around 6 miles. As stated in my previous letter, according to the RAC route planner, the distance between Trebanos in the south of the proposed new constituency to Beguildy in the north is just over 79 miles and takes 1 hour 58 minutes to travel. This is based on travelling by private car. Travelling by public transport is almost impossible. Indeed, I understand that travelling by public transport from Pontardawe to Rhyder involves a journey of over 4.5 hours, one way. Therefore, a constituency that is arguably already geographically too big, would be extremely difficult for members of the public who reside in the upper Amman and Swansea valleys to access.

Consequently, I must once again register my objection to these proposals. Of course, I fully understand that, in objecting, it would also be incumbent on me to offer an alternative, counter proposal. Therefore, I would respectfully suggest the following:

The upper Amman and Swansea valley areas should form part of the proposed new Neath and Swansea East Constituency. In removing the total electorate for those areas (17,259) the following areas should be transferred to Brecon and Radnorshire:

Aberaman South (3,541), from Merthyr Tydfil and Upper Cynon.  
Cruomey (1,773) and Llanelly Hill (3,286), from Monmouthshire.  
Llandoverly (1,963) and Llangadog (1,629), from Carmarthenshire.  
Blain Hafren (1,876), Llanidloes (2,149), Llandinam (1,115), Kerry (1,607) and Churchstoke (1,292) from Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr.

Transferring the above wards to Brecon and Radnorshire would not affect the required threshold of electors in the respective constituencies e.g:

Merthyr Tydfil and Upper Cynon would remain at 71,264  
Monmouthshire would remain at 67,622  
Carmarthen would remain at 69,091; and  
Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr would remain at 68,914

This would give Brecon and Radnorshire a total electorate of 67,848, after taking away the upper Amman and Swansea valleys (17,259). I fully accept that this would result in the total electorate falling very slightly short of the required threshold of electors. However, it would still be within 3% of the lower threshold and, in view of the large geographical size of Brecon and Radnorshire and travelling difficulties, I firmly believe that the constituency should be given special status, as has been agreed for the Isle of Anglesey.

Turning to Neath and Swansea East, I would propose that St Thomas (5,514) and Landore (4,821) be transferred to Swansea Central and North, giving that constituency an electorate of 81,713. Adding the electorate of the upper Amman and Swansea valleys to Neath and Swansea East would then result in an electorate of 79,096.

Again, I appreciate that the electorate in both Neath and Swansea East, and Swansea Central and North, would be slightly higher than the proposed threshold. However, as the geographical size of those constituencies are more manageable, it would be a far more acceptable proposition, and would retain the historical links associated with these areas.

The main purpose of my proposals are, and always have been, to retain the upper Amman and Swansea valley areas in a parliamentary constituency where they have traditionally been associated. I must again stress that the upper Amman and Swansea valleys do not have any close ties with Brecon and Radnorshire and are more suited to the industrial heartland of south west Wales.



Additionally, the suggested changes that I am putting forward are located around the boundary of Brecon and Radnorshire - north, east and south and would fit with the rural makeup of the constituency. Additionally, all the areas that I have suggested be added to Brecon and Radnorshire are represented on the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority by their respective local authorities. Neath Port Talbot is not, and never has been. This further strengthens the case that the upper Amman and Swansea valleys have no ties whatsoever with Brecon and Radnorshire. Therefore, I sincerely hope that the Boundary Commission for Wales will see fit to consider and implement these counter proposals in their final report.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully



**BCW-10435 / [REDACTED] / Cricieth**

The proposed name is completely unsuitable. It refers to the current constituency and excludes Arfon. I suggest GWYNEDD as a more appropriate name for the new constituency

**BCW-10436 / Cllr Shayne Cook / Caerphilly**

Good afternoon

In regards to the proposals from the Boundary Commission relating to the parliamentary constituencies of Caerphilly and Newport West, I write in support of the new recommendations of no merger. The previously proposed constituency of Newport West & Caerphilly was very unpopular with the majority of Caerphilly residents due to the lack of historical, social and geography links.

The new proposal for Caerphilly is very sensible as the residents that will be brought into this new boundary from areas such as Pontllanfraith already share social and historical links and sit in within the same local authority. In summary the revised proposals are warmly welcomed and make sense moving forward.

Regards

**Cllr Shayne Cook**

Aelod Cabinet dros Dai | Cabinet Member for Housing  
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili | Caerphilly County Borough Council

**BCW-10437 / [REDACTED] / Newbridge**

I don't feel that it would be possible to give fair representation if the constituency were to become Islwyn and Newport West as these areas have very different needs. Islwyn has a substantial number of ex-mining communities which are still in need of redevelopment and investment while Newport West is quite affluent. How to balance and reconcile these differences if represented by the same constituent?

**BCW-10438 / [REDACTED] / Colwyn Bay**

I live in Colwyn Bay. We are closely linked with Llandudno and Conwy and far less so with Rhyl, St Asaph and Denbigh. Colwyn Bay should be in the same constituency as Llandudno and Conwy.

**BCW-10439 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

The current proposal for Pontardawe places us on the edge of the proposed new constituency of Brecon, Radnor and Cwmtawe - and just across the border from the proposed new constituency of Neath and Swansea East.

I realise that there are going to be issues wherever borders are drawn, but in the 33 years that I have lived here, the "natural draw" has been towards Neath and Swansea. I might go to Swansea and / or Neath 3 times a week, whereas I might go to Ystradgynlais 3 times a year.

I suspect that the majority of people who live in Pontardawe feel likewise.

I presume that we will still be part of Neath Port Talbot County Borough, which is another reason why I think that it would make more sense for Pontardawe to be part of Neath and Swansea East rather than Brecon, Radnor and Cwmtawe.

**BCW-10440 / [REDACTED] / Abercarn**

These proposed changes for Islwyn are so drastic that I feel compelled to share my sense of doom.

Whilst I appreciate you cannot recommend any constituencies that contain less than 69,724 electors or more than 77,062 electors, to include the lower Islwyn valley with part of the city of Newport is a travesty. The valley people have little or nothing in common with the people of Michaelston-y-fedw, or Marshfield; from being a forgotten part of Caerphilly County Borough, we will, in addition, become the forgotten part of the Newport West constituency! At least as the Islwyn constituency we had a voice; now you want to take that away from us!

I live in the Islwyn Constituency and the fact that two constituencies sit, in their entirety, within the Caerphilly County Borough is very helpful for local democracy.

The merging of Newport West and Islwyn is not a sound proposal.

It seems that the wholesale reduction proposed is based on drawing lines on a map without any consideration to the communities within and I would argue that it does nothing for local democracy.

**BCW-10441 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

I live very close to the existing boundary between Powys and Neath Port Talbot. This causes many problems eg my GP is in Powys, but my health care is Swansea Bay health board. I have had excellent care which is local to where I live. If the boundary changes I'm concerned my health care would not be local and I would have to change consultants and travel much further to hospitals etc.

The new boundary would leave me sandwiched between two new authorities potentially causing more confusion. As an environmental scientist and disabled person being able to use local facilities and services is very important e.g. my local library is in Powys not Neath Port Talbot, fortunately they have agreed to allow me to join and use their services. Putting half of Swansea Valley into another constituency is not helpful, as in practice residents associate themselves with the Valley in which they live and issues are often Valley linked. More information as to the consequences of this change now and into the future is vital, more community consultation is required.

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 27 October 2022 13:04

**To:** Shereen Williams [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Rep BCW-10441 - clarification on change to Parliamentary Constituency

Shereen,

Thanks for your prompt reply, it's nice to know these are read.

The reason I mentioned this is because the person I vote for needs to be able to influence the services I and other voters use. If the elected representatives are in a different constituency to the services I use how are they able to implement the policy they are promoting. E.g. my elected representatives could be conservative, but my services delivered by a labour led authority? Or visa versa, I'm sorry my point did not come over clearly. It's a big problem when you live on a boundary, remember the problems during COVID lockdown on the Welsh/English border. My cul de sac entry road is in Powys and the bottom of my garden is Powys, when Local Authority lockdowns were implemented, if I'd followed the rules I would have been house bound, unable to go anywhere!

Under the revised boundary my location would be a narrow corridor between other constituencies.

Does this make my point any clearer? If not please let me know.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**BCW-10442 / [REDACTED] / Crosskeys**

I am against the merging of Islwyn constituency with Newport. The needs of the two locations are completely different.

Islwyn has had changes from Risca UDC, to Islwyn which is a valley location we have very little in common with town communities. Our needs and aspirations are different. The local town Newport is an absolute disgrace. Walk down the High Street and its doorways used for homeless people. Shops have closed down.

Our area has always been at the bottom of a council area but if we are joined to a town one we will be lost altogether.

**BCW-10443 / [REDACTED] / Chepstow**

The people of Monmouthshire should have a vote on if it should be part of Wales, there was never a vote when the county got annexed in the earlier 1970's boundary changes.

**BCW-10444 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Why was this kept so quiet ?? Where are the public consultations being held not everyone has a computer. I object, I live in the County of Wrexham, you keep changing boundaries like you think of us as chess pieces, we don't want it under your leadership heading towards a dictatorship where we have to bow down to your will. There is NO reason to change the amount of counties in Wales. I object to this change.

**BCW-10445 / [REDACTED] / St Davids**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am against the plans for the new constituencies of Pembrokeshire. Mid & South Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion Preseli.

Pembrokeshire should have its own one united constituency and not split in half, especially in areas as St Davids Peninsula which will now be split into two constituencies.

At a very least, I would propose that all of the St Davids Peninsula which includes the council wards of St Davids, Llanrhain and Solva come into the same constituency of Mid & South Pembrokeshire and from Fishguard upwards would come into the Ceredigion Preseli Constituency.

**BCW-10446 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

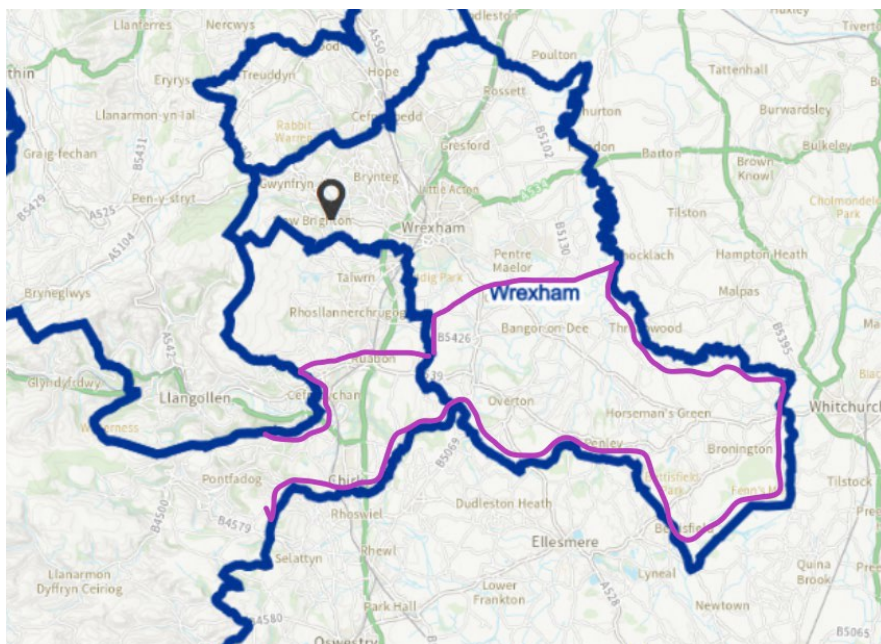
The new boundaries removing Clwyd South and expanding Wrexham and the new "Montgomeryshire & Glyndwr" make little geographical, cultural or common sense, other than fulfilling the numerical criteria.

Montgomeryshire is a predominantly rural area with most parts of Clwyd South being industrial/post industrial. Most of the Clwyd South's population is within Wrexham council's area, it's postal address area and most people identify as being "from/living in" Wrexham.

Rhostyllen boundary is one mile from the city centre, Rhosllanerchrugog & Johnstown another 1 or 2 miles. These are Wrexham villages. Instead, their constituency offices will be 28 miles away in Welshpool, so democracy & their MP will be distant. Additionally, the challenges and concerns facing these villages are similar to Wrexhams, sharing a common history. The challenges are entirely different to rural Powys.

The only counterbalance I can suggest is to transfer the more rural areas to the east of the Dee into Montgomeryshire, including Overton, Pandy, Horsemans Green possibly Bangor on Dee etc. Whilst this would bring its own challenges, at least the constituency character would be more similar.

I have attached a rough map outlining my suggestion. I have not done the maths with regards to population numbers but the boundaries could be altered whilst still keeping the principle of as many Wrexham urban/industrial villages being actually in Wrexham constituency



**BCW-10447 / [REDACTED] / Tregynon**

I am very happy with this revised proposal. It is vital that we keep the historic county and constituency of Montgomeryshire intact as well as adding other local neighbouring communities that have similar landscapes and needs. This also better represents the modern demographics of the population; and this proposal achieves this.

Montgomeryshire shares many strong links with parts of Clwyd South, including the area around Llangollen, I am happy to hear that current proposals will unite this area with Montgomeryshire as part of a larger Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr, creating a constituency more in line with national averages for electors per constituency. We are far better suited to being represented in a unified constituency than being split off and divided amongst other, further away constituencies with which we have fewer links or connections.

I support the proposal for Montgomeryshire with Glyndwr

**BCW-10448 / [REDACTED] / Treynon**

The revised proposals from the Boundary Commission are welcome. I was concerned by previous proposals that suggested dividing Montgomeryshire. As I am sure you are aware, Montgomeryshire is a historic and close-knit community, with many having close ties across the county. By maintaining Montgomeryshire within a new Parliamentary constituency shows a clear balance with meeting the commissions parameters, whilst also preserving communal identity.

**BCW-10449 / [REDACTED] / Cardiff**

The existing boundaries work well, the proposed ones are way too large, especially Cardiff Central. I would however create a new ward for Roath, as it is a separate area to Plasnewydd

**BCW-10450 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

I object to Landor becoming part of Neath and Swansea East. Landore is the other side of the river, and completely detached from the other areas that you are combining, such as St Thomas and Bonymaen. We have nothing in common with Neat Port Talbot, I doubt any of the residents have ever been to Neath what with Swansea being on their doorstep. The MP should represent their locality.

**BCW-10451 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

I find the new proposals utterly disgraceful. I live just over one mile south of Wrexham and yet my "local" representative is to be based in Welshpool. This government cannot play political games with constituency boundaries without expecting revolt at the next election.

**BCW-10452 / [REDACTED] / Lower Brynamman**

The Gwaun Cae Gurwen and Lower Brynamman Ward should not be part of the new Brecon, Radnor and CwmTawe Constituency. I have lived here almost all of my life, and our closest town is Ammanford, which is in Carmarthenshire. Lower Brynamman itself, although in Neath, is sandwiched between 2 Carmarthenshire wards. If any movement was to be done, it should be to Carmarthenshire, and away from Neath. The constituency would be far too big geographically for one MP to cover. Our needs here are totally different to mid Powys. If anything, Ystradgynlais should come towards Neath, as there is a huge distance from there to centre of Powys. Please re look at this, as at the moment the boundaries suggested are nonsensical.

**BCW-10453 / [REDACTED] / Dinas Powys**

Historically and geographically Dinas Powys has had limited social and economic synergy with Penarth and Cardiff. Dinas Powys is and has always been a Vale of Glamorgan town which is why the proposed boundary changes fail the communities of Dinas Powys, Penarth and Cardiff West. Surely these points should be taken into account to stop towns/areas becoming isolated in revised constituencies.

**BCW-10454 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

The proposed change does not make sense when some constituents have to travel significant distances to meet their MPs. Some areas like Llangollen and Cefyn Y Bedd are closer to Wrexham than the proposed allocation. This unfair especially with the increased cost of living and travel as well.

I am not really sure why this change is required. And if the change is actually proposed for the benefit for the public or is it for playing politics?



**BCW-10455 / [REDACTED] / Ammanford**

1. There is no natural connection between this part of the current Neath constituency and the Brecon and Powys area. There are huge mountains between us and it would not be feasible to go and meet a Member of Parliament who is so far away. The village of Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen has links with Swansea and Neath – public transport, health services, shops and jobs.
2. As part of the huge rural and agricultural South Powys constituency, which also tends to be politically conservative, our part of the Swansea Valley area, which is urban, post-industrial and radical in its politics, will be marginalised and forgotten.
3. There will be no correlation between the County Council, the Senedd constituency and the Westminster constituency, which will lead to weakening the specific and comprehensive representation of our area. For example, it will be more difficult to coordinate effective responses to problems with local services.
4. Will there be a risk that our health, police and fire services will be provided from Powys in the future?
5. Why should we accept any reduction in the number of Welsh constituencies, when we are still waiting for a comprehensive and fair devolution settlement, which includes justice and policing, railways, significant energy infrastructure, culture and media, and benefits?

**BCW-10456 / [REDACTED] / Swansea**

We are on the south west edge of Swansea Central and North. We were previously in Swansea West. This seems a very disparate group of localities cobbled together that we now join. What is the point of these changes ? It must be wasting a lot of money initiating it.

**BCW-10457 / [REDACTED] / Holywell**

I hope this doesn't affect the amount of grant the local council receives as it is a more rural area in the proposal.

I am also concerned about how it affects voting for politicians as currently we have been disenfranchised by the actions of our local MP. I would like to see proportional representation at a British level.

I am also concerned that it separates us from our usual community boundaries so we may have differing issues from the more rural areas which may dilute our needs being met

**BCW-10458 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

I am not happy that the number of MPs representing Welsh constituents will be reduced while the number representing English constituencies will increase. This is reducing the voice of Wales at Westminster. Also it is likely that our MP will be based further from us and therefore less accessible to us. This is an attack on our democratic right for our voice to be heard in Westminster.

**BCW-10459 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

I do not think that constituents living in my village and surrounding areas will gain anything from being in a mid Wales constituency. Our nearest town is Wrexham and my children go to school there so having an MP that I'd not based in the local area and that represents a constituency that is mainly in Powys will be of no use whatsoever to those of us living in the Wrexham area.

I strongly oppose the merger to the extent that for the first time ever I would probably not vote in the general election!

**BCW-10460 / [REDACTED] / Newport**

Dear Boundary Commission,

I would like to voice my concerns about the proposed boundary changes for the Islwyn constituency. Islwyn has been a parliamentary constituency for nearly 40 years with a real constituency identity. It covers much of Caerphilly County Borough, including the towns of Blackwood, Newbridge, Abercarn and Risca.

However, under the recently revised proposals, the constituency would cease to exist and the majority of it would be submerged into a larger Newport West seat.

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[REDACTED]

**BCW-10461 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Why oh why are we allowing the English government to change electoral boundaries, they did it in Scotland they did it in Northern England all to break up the voting power of citizens that they don't really care about. This has to stop.

**BCW-10462 / [REDACTED] / Ton Pentre**

The proposed Rhondda constituency looks fine from the point of view of a Rhondda Valley resident, but won't make any sense to a resident of Pencoed. It may also create practical difficulties for the MP.

**BCW-10463 / [REDACTED] / Pontardulais**

There are far too many small constituencies in the south.

**BCW-10464 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

We do not have anything in common with the other areas in this proposal.

The majority of the population of Pontardawe is not rural/farming like Brecon etc which means the needs will be very different, therefore the MP will never be able to service the population as a whole.

It's a huge geographic area which also make It unmanageable.

This proposal will be at a detriment to the area of Pontardawe and it is likely we will get completely disregard.

**BCW-10465 / [REDACTED] / Ruabon**

Ridiculous to have us as part of Montgomery - Look at the map.

We should obviously be part of either Wrexham or Clydd East.

This is another case of people with no idea just trying to make the numbers for the size of constituency. Why else would that small parcel of land be included in Montgomery.

We come under Wrexham for council tax, refuse collection, housing and medical purposes - have you gone mad.

Lets forget this ridiculous proposal and let common sense prevail

**BCW-10466 / [REDACTED] / Mold**

The current 1st past the post voting system fails to provide representation for most of the public. These proposals do nothing to encourage anyone that feels so disaffected by the 1st past the post system to partake.

The communities that have been included in Clwyd East are culturally disconnected with different views that the losers in any election will feel so disaffected that most will disconnect from the political process altogether. This will lead to unpredictable community response.

**BCW-10467 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

The proposal to divide up Wrexham and Clwyd South make no sense for residents living in the communities who have very long and established links to Wrexham. The villages added to Deeside and Montgomery boundaries will have no connection with these areas. The MP for these constituencies will be based a distance from these villages and unlikely to be able to be as active in these remote areas and provide the necessary support.

[REDACTED]  
28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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the new constituencies are:

Swansea North and Central (Green) which now includes Landore

Neath and Swansea East (Purple) which now includes Coedffranc but no longer includes Landore or Pelenna

Port Talbot (formerly Aberafan Porthcawl) (Orange) which now includes Maesteg and Pelenna but no longer includes Porthcawl or Coedffranc

Bridgend (Yellow) which now includes Pencoed and Porthcawl but no longer includes the Ogmere and Garw valleys, and much of the upper Llynfi valley

Rhondda-Ogmere (brown) which no longer includes Pencoed but now includes the Ogmere and Garw valleys.

All of my proposed constituencies have appropriately sized electorates and meet the rules and guidance for boundaries set by the boundary commission.

I sincerely hope my proposals are considered by the commission.





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Crumlin residents especially have a strong identity as valley folk, our landscape is a perfect example of the valleys as a mining community.

Please take into consideration our identity and revert back to the original suggestion.

Yours sincerely,



**BCW-10472 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

This is an utterly ridiculous proposal with people from Bersham and Rhostyllen areas being reshuffled out of Clwyd south into an area where the mp office is likely to be 25 to 30 miles away with the elected mp knowing nothing of the area! Leave the north alone and move bandings within if necessary. Why not wrexham or Clwyd east?

Rhostyllen and Bersham are only 1 mile (or less) from Wrexham yet are being shoved with mid Wales.

**BCW-10473 / [REDACTED] / Hengoed**

I fully support reducing the number of members. The less the better.

**BCW-10474 / [REDACTED] / Newport**

Your new proposal for Newport West and Islwyn is much better than your original one, which took no account of the reality of community linkages.

However, it is quite ridiculous to exclude Pontllanfraith ward, yet include Blackwood, Penmaen and Argoed to the north of it.

You should prioritise community cohesion over balancing voter numbers in each constituency. Everyone knows that population is declining in the valleys and expanding on the coastal strip in South Wales, so your attempted balancing act will soon be outdated anyway.

**BCW-10475 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

This is a much better configuration than previously. Caerphilly basin has no ties with Newport, despite attempts to put it in a larger Gwent area . Caerphilly basin's natural affinity is with Cardiff, due to its proximity and transport links.

**BCW-10476 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

I think it's important that the Caerphilly mountain (St Martins) area of Watford and the other side of the mountain, mountain road should be serviced by Cardiff based hospitals. As a result Ambulances will have easier access and less distance to travel rather than travelling to Royal Gwent Hospital.

It's a waste of paramedics time, fuel, and wear on vehicles. In addition the main benefit is less time travelling can save lives. The political side for the government is it lessens the carbon footprint due to the unnecessary extra distances travelled.

The obvious effect and benefit of applying this proposal is that it will also save a considerable amount of money from the ambulance service and improve response times.

**BCW-10477 / [REDACTED] / Pencoed**

It makes no sense for Pencoed to be part of RCT.

Pencoed has always had stronger links with Bridgend for work, travel, education, healthcare and socialising. The matters that affect Pencoed are usually connected with Bridgend and the surrounding areas. There is a major drive to try and provide more options for the development of Pencoed by closing the level crossing which again I feel is more connected with the links and development of Bridgend. A lot of the issues facing Pencoed and its future development are very similar/connected to Bridgend Coychurch and the surrounding areas rather than the issues facing the Valleys and the Rhondda.

It really does not make any sense to annex Pencoed away from Bridgend, it doesn't even look a very practical or a common sense idea when looking at the map. Please review this idea.

**BCW-10478 / [REDACTED] / Mold**

Looks like the boundaries bottom of Middle to the North have been made bigger and fewer while South Wales has more. Cull a few boundaries down South to even it out and allow the rest of Wales to have a voice and be heard. Not to mention to save some money too.

**BCW-10479 / [REDACTED] / Pontlottyn**

I fully support the proposal for Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney.

## **BCW-10480 / Cllr Sarah Thomas / Cwmgors**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 28 October 2022 12:03

**To:** Enquiries <[enquiries@boundaries.wales](mailto:enquiries@boundaries.wales)>

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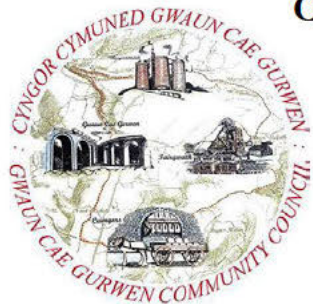
Hi,

Please find attached a letter in response to the Parliamentary Boundary Review Revised Proposals from the Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council.

Kind Regards | Cofion Caredig,

**Sarah Thomas**

**Councillor for Tairgwaith | Cyngorydd am Tairgwaith**



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Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**REFERENCE: PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW**

**Wards Effected:** Alltwen, Cwmllynfell and Ystalyfera, Godre'r Graig, Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynamman, Pontardawe, Rhos & Trebanos.

To Whom it May Concern,

It has been proposed the above listed wards, collectively known as the Upper Amman and Swansea Valleys, be moved from the Neath Parliamentary Constituency to the Brecon and Radnorshire Parliamentary Constituency.

It is the feeling of this Council that this would have a negative impact on all members of our community, by:

- Creating huge inconvenience to the individuals and communities affected.
- Causing significant geographical difficulties, which would be a result of Parliamentary representation being placed in Brecon and Radnorshire's already huge and land locked region.
- Diminishing every individual's right to convenient access to Parliamentary representation. Indeed, it isn't possible to get to the current Member of Parliament for Brecon and Radnorshire's Constituency Office and back again in a single day via public transport. This is particularly concerning as many members of our community are dependent on public transport.
- Severing long held ties with other valley communities within the Neath area.
- Moving Parliamentary representation outside of the geographical boundaries of the Parliamentary Constituency which serves these valleys, thereby creating a barrier to ease of access to critical services.
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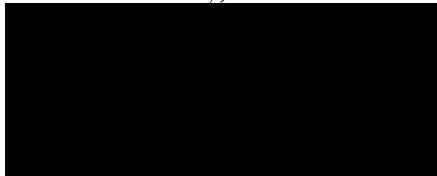


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- Cutting links with many West Glamorgan regional partnerships both within the statutory and voluntary sectors. These partnerships serve these wards well and promote community cohesion and integrated provision.
- Excluding people from the preserved County of West Glamorgan which dates back to the ancient County of Glamorgan. West Glamorgan remains a preserved County for H.M Lieutenancy and Shrievalty. These functions feature prominently in the civic life of these valley communities and they promote and encourage the voluntary sector and individual volunteering.

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It is the firm belief of this Council and the communities it represents that the wards of the Upper Swansea and Amman Valleys should remain where they belong... within the Neath Constituency for all political representation at all levels of government.

Yours Sincerely,



**Cllr. Sarah Thomas**

**CHAIR – GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**





**BCW-10481/ [REDACTED] / Unknown**

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**BCW-10482 / [REDACTED] / Abercarn**

I wish to protest in the strongest possible terms about the boundary changes affecting the constituency of Islwyn.

The lumping together of Islwyn and Newport West is the most ridiculous proposition. The two constituencies have little or nothing in common. The wants, needs and problems of valleys communities bear no resemblance to those of Michaelstone, Marshfield, Peterstone Wentlooge and others. I have no doubt they feel the same way.

This whole issue is a "numbers" exercise which pays no heed to the people actually living in these areas. I urge you to reconsider this proposal.

Furthermore, I wish to complain about your website, Facebook page as it is the most difficult site I have ever had the misfortune to encounter. It concerns me that many people who would like to offer an opinion but are being deterred by the process...a most undemocratic process.

I feel that the electorate in Islwyn are, once again being ignored and can only hope that you see reason.

**BCW-10483 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

I think that there would be more logic if the new Wrexham Constituency consisted of the whole of the city council area.

**BCW-10484 / [REDACTED] / Newport**

Having moved from Newport BC to Carephilly BC, I am gutted that we will be back under Newport BC.

Caerphilly is 100% better with regard to recycling. I do not want more than one bin for my recycling. In Newport the garden was taken up with boxes. Living on a hill, which catches the wind, if we have to have boxes, rubbish will blow everywhere.

I appreciate that the above will seem petty to most, but it's an important matter to me.

**BCW-10485 / [REDACTED] / Pwllheli**

Making Dwyfor Meirionedd larger is a positive step as it will create a more diverse constituency. At present, there is a lack of local worldly wise ,intelligent forward thinking people in the area. The narrow minded make a big noise and manage to push through rules and regulations that damage the whole of Wales and which take us further away from the rest of the UK causing a great many of us non Welsh speaking Welsh and other non Welsh speaking residents to feel unwelcome and blocked from jobs here in the North (and now this is happening in the mid and south) Going smaller only allows for our area to stay isolated and backward. A larger constituency will give a more balanced voice. Only the noisiest of people in our area seem to be heard abd their views adopted.

See attached suggestions for tweaks to the proposed Rhondda and Montgomeryshire & Glyndŵr constituencies, to improve connectivity and coherence.

## Wales boundary review – third round submission

October 29, 2022

### 1 Introduction and general comments

This is a third round submission for the parliamentary boundary review for Wales. I made a first round submission, reference 9766.

I will concentrate on a couple of areas where I think the revised proposals have left awkward boundaries and poorly connected constituencies, and where I think these can be improved by moving just a handful of wards and with no knock-on effects; these concern the proposed Rhondda and Montgomeryshire & Glyndŵr constituencies.

There is a third constituency which I think has similar problems, the proposed Neath & Swansea East. However I haven't been able to find a similar "tweak" to fix this; all the options I've found have significant knock-on effects.

### 2 Rhondda

The proposed Rhondda constituency includes the Pencoed area of Bridgend County Borough. This area is connected to the rest of the constituency only by a very narrow "neck" in the uplands, far from the populated areas either in Rhondda itself or in Pencoed. Furthermore Pencoed is not really a "Valleys" community, being right on the M4 motorway and the South Wales Main Line, and is thus not a good fit. This constituency should be reconsidered.

I will suggest two options below, each of which only affects the proposed Rhondda constituency and one neighbouring constituency.

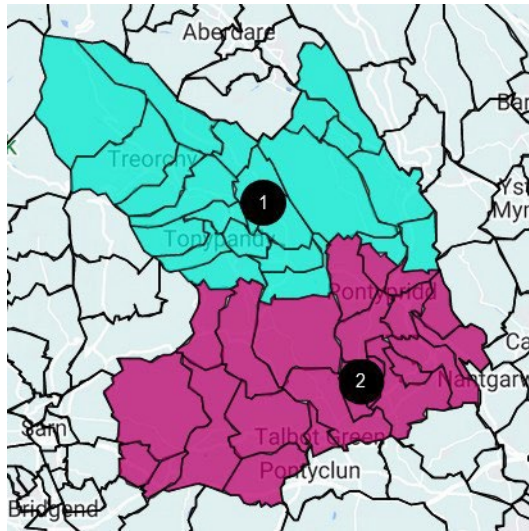


Figure 1: Suggested constituencies for Rhondda option 1. Map drawn using Boundary Assistant.  
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## 2.1 Option 1: Rhondda & Mountain Ash

In my original submission I suggested adding the Mountain Ash area of the current Cynon valley constituency to the existing Rhondda constituency. While Mountain Ash is not very well connected to the Rhondda, there is a minor road connection between the Cynon and Rhondda Fach valleys, no worse a connection than that to Pencoed, and it is at least a Valleys community with similar interests and history to the Rhondda.

If this were done, then the numbers can be balanced by including the two Tonyrefail wards in the Pontypridd constituency, where they are now, and also including Pencoed in this constituency, to which it is reasonably connected along the A473 road and the South Wales Main Line. The northern boundary of the current Pontypridd constituency would be retained, but I would suggest that the extent of the constituency would be better described by the name “Pontypridd & Llantrisant”. A map appears in Figure 1.

The wards included in the revised proposals’ Pontypridd which I would include in Rhondda & Mountain Ash are **Abercynon, Cilfynydd, Glyncoch, Mountain Ash East, Mountain Ash West, Penrhiwceibir, Ynysybwl**. All other wards in the revised proposals’ Pontypridd would be included in **Pontypridd & Llantrisant**.

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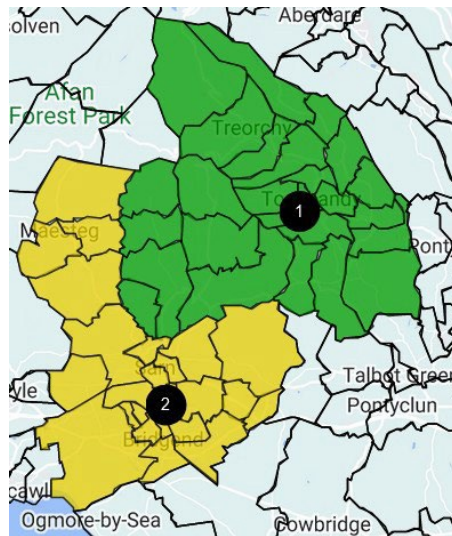


Figure 2: Suggested constituencies for Rhondda option 2. Map drawn using Boundary Assistant.  
 (1) Rhondda & Ogwr (2) Bridgend

## 2.2 Option 2: Rhondda & Ogmore

Another Valleys area which neighbours the Rhondda is the Ogwr valley in Bridgend County Borough, and there is a mountain pass connecting the two. It would be possible to include Pencoed in Bridgend but to transfer the Ogwr valley and the neighbouring Garw valley to the Rhondda constituency, which I would then suggest naming “Rhondda & Ogwr”.

A map appears in Figure 2.

The wards included in the revised proposals’ Bridgend which I would include in Rhondda & Ogwr are **Bettws, Blackmill, Blaengarw, Llangeinor, Nant-y-moel, Ogmore Vale, Pontycymmer**. All other wards in the revised proposals’ Bridgend would be included in **Bridgend**.

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Electorates: Rhondda & Ogwr **73557**, Bridgend **72671**.

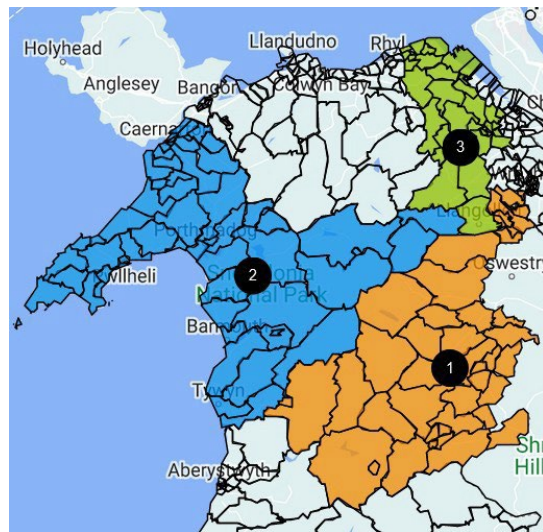


Figure 3: Suggested altered constituencies for north and mid Wales. Map drawn using Boundary Assistant.

(1) Montgomeryshire & Ruabon (2) Caernarfon Meirionnydd (3) Bryniau Clwyd

### 3 The Corwen area

The revised proposals propose including the two Denbighshire wards of Corwen and Llandrillo in the Montgomeryshire & Glyndŵr constituency. They have no connection at all to Montgomeryshire (the boundary following the Berwyn mountains) and their connection to the Ruabon area passes through Llangollen, which is not included in the proposed constituency. As such they would be extremely isolated.

The obvious alternative for Corwen and Llandrillo would be to include them in the proposed Clwyd East constituency, but that would make that constituency too large. An alternative is to note that Corwen is actually in the historic county of Meirionnydd, and was in that constituency until 1983. There are reasonable connections along the A494 and the Dee valley to Bala, certainly much better than those to Montgomeryshire, so I suggest restoring this link by adding them to the proposed Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency.

Removing those two wards from Montgomeryshire & Glyndŵr would allow it to include the Llangollen Rural ward of Wrexham County Borough, which in spite of its name would fit better with the other Wrexham wards. It is of note that this ward was actually transferred from Denbighshire to Wrexham in 1997; see Statutory Instrument 1996 No. 2914.

Llangollen itself would remain a little isolated in the proposed Clwyd East, but there is at least a connection along the Horseshoe Pass.

As far as names are concerned, I think that it would be better to use **Montgomeryshire & Ruabon** rather than use the name of a long-abolished district whose boundaries were not actually a very good fit

for the area in question. I'd also suggest the names **Caernarfon Meirionnydd**, restoring the name of that historic town to the constituency map, and **Bryniau Clwyd**, referring to the Clwydian Range, the range of hills which forms a dominant feature of the proposed "Clwyd East" constituency.

A map of these three constituencies appears in Figure 3.

The wards included in the revised proposals' Montgomeryshire & Glyndŵr which I would include in Caernarfon Meirionnydd are **Corwen, Llandrillo**. All other wards in the revised proposals' Montgomeryshire & Glyndŵr would be included in **Montgomeryshire & Ruabon**, and all wards in the revised proposals' Dwyfor Meirionnydd would be included in **Caernarfon Meirionnydd**.

A single ward, **Llangollen Rural**, from the revised proposals' Clwyd East would be included in Montgomeryshire & Ruabon. All other wards in the revised proposals' Clwyd East would be included in **Bryniau Clwyd**.

Electorates: Montgomeryshire & Ruabon **75854** Caernarfon Meirionnydd **72533** Bryniau Clwyd **74764**



**BCW-10487 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Cefn Mawr is 8 miles from Wrexham . To move us to Montgomeryshire And glyndwr . Our main town and offices would be Welshpool 25 miles away . This is madness . There is this little bubble that cefn Mawr is in why can't we be added to the surrounding counties . We are losing 10 MPs England gaining 10 . What is happening to our country

**BCW-10488 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

I support the new proposal for Caerphilly. The previous suggestion that the lower part of the present Caerphilly constituency be linked to the Western part of Newport West was clearly practically and socially unacceptable.

Caerphilly does not identify with Newport for leisure or business activities and engagement is with Cardiff. As well as the historical links and geographical proximity there are much better travel links to Cardiff, be it by car or public transport. These are many of the same issues that drive the resentment of people in the Caerphilly basin at being pushed into the greater Gwent arrangement and particularly at having to use the distant and difficult to reach Grange Hospital in Cwmbran when UHW Cardiff is less than 5 miles away!

**BCW-10489 / [REDACTED] / Mold**

I am a resident of Mold in the former Delyn Constituency. The proposed Clwyd East constituency would be a mish-mash of disparate communities having no significant historical connection. The corralling of Flint and Holywell, (both of which have strong connections with Mold) into the Deeside constituency looks like blatant Gerrymandering. The Boundary Commission should be non-partisan - this proposal suggests it is not.

**BCW-10490 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

I have concerns about the moving of boundaries as suggested. I live closer to Wrexham and Mold than to areas of Montgomery and Powys. The proposed changes will take us into a very rural area. Clwyd South is a good mixture of industrial and rural areas. I believe that this proposal will not be beneficial to the public .

**BCW-10491 / [REDACTED] / Blackwood**

This ham fisted approach to the proposal to reduce the number of Welsh constituencies beggars belief. It would appear that its sole purpose is to tear apart longstanding communities just to redraw a boundary line. Once again it is the case of bureaucracy over local needs and wishes. The idea that Caerphilly constituency should be divided between 4 new constituencies is ludicrous. The way the boundary lines have been placed makes no sense whatsoever. I can't see how this proposal would logically work. Instead of simplifying it will make things much harder for everyone and in the long run cost far more. By making the constituencies so diverse and covering such large geographic areas every community within that constituency cannot possibly be represented adequately.

**BCW-10492 / [REDACTED] / Colwyn Bay**

I am struggling to see the link between Greater Colwyn Bay and Rhyl/ Prestatyn and Rhuddlan.

I believe that the area of Colwyn would better be tied to Llandudno.

**BCW-10493 / [REDACTED] / South Wales**

Instead of reducing constituencies to suit Westminster's idea of control and government ideologies which serve only 1% of the populatio... We need to fight back for full independence and have full control of our own country.

It's the only way to survive and thrive. The UK government is hell bent on destroying things.

**BCW-10494 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

We are in Wrexham County. The villages of Rhosllanerchrugog, Ruabon, Rhosymedre, rural area of Llangollen north and others including Cefn Mawr and Cefn Bychan and Acrefair currently have historical strong links with Wrexham. Indeed, currently Wrexham has the World Heritage Site of Pontcysyllte within its boundaries and locals and councils have worked hard to raise the profile for tourism. Yet you are moving this small cluster (like a sore thumb sticking up) of villages with a strong historical past with Wrexham County into a rural area which is an extremely large area geographical area from north to south, west to east. I fail to see, given the lack of infrastructure and the mountains how one MP can serve the constituents effectively.

Suggest that you keep these and surrounding one in the current Wrexham Constituency. Not balanced at all (apart from numbers but North and Mid Wales are more sparsely spread than South Wales where numbers perhaps work better. Although the electoral areas are not county boundaries, it does affect how an MP can relate and fight in Parliament for the area.

**BCW-10495 / [REDACTED] / Aberdare**

Splitting the Cynon Valley in 2 is such a mistake.  
Creating a Mountain Ash to Llantrisant region doesn't make sense.  
While I'm sure time has been spent considering boundaries the proposed changes are not right and will not work for the people of the Cynon Valley.

**BCW-10496 / [REDACTED] - Newcastle Emlyn Community Council / Newcastle Emlyn**

I disagree with the proposed plans for a number of reasons.

1. The size of the constituency which will make the member of parliament's work more difficult. The constituency covers approximately 100 miles from south to north, this is unreasonable for an MP to attend meetings, events etc.
2. Less representation from across Wales in the House of Commons, we lose one constituency when Ceredigion and north Pembrokeshire are merged. A weaker voice for the people of Wales in a democratic country.

The risk of cutting back on services that are already struggling, e.g. social services and support for people in rural areas.

**BCW-10497 / [REDACTED] / Colwyn Bay**

I have just found these proposals by accident on Facebook, this is a shameful and inappropriate way to inform us of these changes and was done, presumably to limit objections. I strongly object to Rhos on Sea being part of Clwydd North, we are more closely linked to Penrhyn Bay eg for GP, library services.

**BCW-10498 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

I have never heard anything so stupid. I live 3 miles from Wrexham and I don't know how many miles/hours from Montgomery and Glyndwr.

Johnstown, Rhosllanerchrugog, Ruabon, Ponciau and Penycae should all be left within Wrexham. These villages are part of the Wrexham Community and should stay there.

How one person is going to cover such a huge area is beyond me and whoever drew up this stupid boundary needs to reconsider.

**BCW-10499 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

Rhostyllen should be part of Wrexham rather than the proposed constituency. There is little in common between where we live and the proposed constituency, and we share much more economically, socially and culturally with Wrexham.

I am not in agreement with the boundary changes as they reduce Welsh representation in UK parliament. I think this will move Wales further towards wanting independence from England

**BCW-10500 / [REDACTED] / Caerphilly**

To maintain historical continuity and homogeneity Bargoed, Blackwood, Markham and Argoed should be retained within Caerphilly constituency. In order to balance the population requirements, Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen, together with Rudry and Draethen could be moved within Newport West. This would restore the Rhymney river at Bedwas Bridge as the boundary. This would offer a more matched population in both constituencies and would be historically appropriate as Bedwas bridge was the old county boundary between Glamorgan and Monmouthshire. It would also make Rhymney and Ebbw Vale a "Heads of the Valleys" constituency, with a good transport link in the A465 (and hopefully strengthen the case for a northern horizontal link as part of the proposed South . Wales Metro development). Travel in a north-south axis from Bargoed to Rhymney and from Blackwood to Tredegar/Ebbw Vale is currently not straightforward and these communities have better links within Caerphilly Borough and closer cultural ties to a Caerphilly constituency for national election purposes.

**BCW-10501 [REDACTED] / Newport**

How ridiculous putting Newport West in with Islywn surely the logical solution is to make Newport one area

Why make things more complicated

Typical Welsh Assembly

**BCW-10502 / [REDACTED] / Machynlleth**

I live North of Machynlleth, in Montgomeryshire. The river at the bottom of my garden serves as the county boundary between Montgomeryshire and old Merionethshire.

It irks me that for voting expediency, I will now find myself in a northern constituency with which I have nothing, nothing remotely at all, to relate to.

I'll have to travel well over an hour on difficult roads to its "new county hall" wherever that may be located. Bus services are more or less none existent, notwithstanding that Dr Beeching erased with stealth efficiency all train services in that direction. The alternative is to travel east to England then North back into Wales, at least in this direction it has half a decent road to travel along and there is a rail service. Either way it would take the best part of the day to attend anything. Things are difficult enough at the present time trying to reach Llandrindod Wells, county hall town for Powys.

If anything should happen in this part of western Montgomeryshire, I'd rather be in the Ceredigion catchment area as all my health appointments are in Aberystwyth. Indeed the nearest general hospital to me, with a fully functioning A&E department, is Bronglais in Aberystwyth. My nearest bank is in Aberystwyth, most of my daily needs are served in Aberystwyth if Machynlleth doesn't have what I need. It certainly is of much easier reach, in half an hour at the most, with a good road, a bus and a rail service.

This Machynlleth area is much more akin to be in the Ceredigion catchment than over the mountains in a northern place, difficult to reach, with nothing to relate to, that either can identify, care for or know of each other.

**BCW-10503 / [REDACTED] / Neath**

Combining Neath and Swansea East does not make sense when the county is Neath Port Talbot. County issues will be split with the proposed boundaries. It has taken several years for Neath and Port Talbot to integrate. Often Neath has been over looked in favour of Port Talbot It would seem more sensible to mirror county boundaries when feasible. There are no links between Neath and Swansea East.

**BCW-10504 / [REDACTED] / Prestatyn**

Prestatyn has strong social and cultural links with Rhyl and should be in the same constituency along with the other coastal towns with which it has most in common. Therefore I believe strongly that Prestatyn should be part of Clwyd North rather than Clwyd East.

**BCW-10505 / [REDACTED] / Milford Haven**

I disagree with the proposal in respect of North Pembrokeshire.

**BCW-10506/ [REDACTED] / Unknown**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 October 2022 09:54  
**To:** BCW <[bcw@boundaries.wales](mailto:bcw@boundaries.wales)>  
**Subject:** Newport West/Islwyn.

To who it may concern.

The proposed creation of the new Newport West/Islwyn parliamentary constituency by the boundary commission is on the whole fair.

My main concern is for people living in the Argoed Ward which will be to the north of the proposed new parliamentary constituency of Newport West and Islwyn. The concern is that if the new MP's office is to be located in let us say Newport itself, many people in the Argoed Ward who are elderly, unemployed, on low income and have no transport of their own and are dependent on public transport will find it very difficult to get to these offices to contact their MP.

Yours Sincerely.

**BCW-10507 / Cllr Alex Williams / Pencoed & Penprysg**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 October 2022 11:05  
**To:** BCW <[bcw@boundaries.wales](mailto:bcw@boundaries.wales)>  
**Subject:** Revised Parliamentary Proposals - Pencoed & Penprysg

Good morning,

As one of the County Borough Councillors for Pencoed & Penprysg, I would like to register my concerns about the revised proposals to include Pencoed & Penprysg in the new Rhondda constituency. Pencoed & Penprysg have absolutely no affinity with any of the other communities within this proposed revised constituency and we gravitate towards Bridgend. In my view, it would have been far more appropriate to include the Ogmere valley wards of Blackmill, Ogmere Vale and Nantymoel within the newly formed Rhondda and Ogmere Valley constituency. In my and my constituents' view, it would have made far more sense for Pencoed & Heol-y-Cyw to have been included in the new Bridgend constituency given the fact that we have close links with both Bryncethin to the west and Bridgend to the south. For me and the constituents I represent, this appears to be simply a proposal based on population statistics without ensuring that parliamentary communities ensure that affinities and historical links with communities are maintained. I therefore strongly urge the Commission to re-examine these proposals based on these considerations.

Kind regards

Alex Williams

**Y Cyng | Cllr Alex Williams (Pencoed & Penprysg)**

**Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr | Bridgend County Borough Council**

**BCW-10508 / [REDACTED] / Wrexham**

The boundary proposed for the new constituency has me dumbfounded.

It's as if someone worked from the North of Wales down and then from the South of Wales up only to realise that there was a discrepancy in the middle which had to be fudged to make the numbers fit.

Our area is commercially, industrially and culturally linked to North Wales and in particular to Dee Valley and Wrexham areas so this boundary change proposal has basically aligned our relatively small industrial area of Wrexham borough to rural areas further south where links are much weaker.

It's plain to see that this is a "numbers game" and our new proposed constituency is the loser. It is clear for everyone to see on the map that it is a ridiculous proposal and it should be rectified.

**BCW-10509 / [REDACTED] / Pontardawe**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 30 October 2022 13:06

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

**Subject:** Continued Opposition to the Proposed Boundary Changes incorporating Alltwen into Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe Constituency

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find below my continued opposition to the proposed boundary changes incorporating Alltwen into Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe Constituency.

### **Proposals for boundary changes in Wales**

I would like to register my **continued opposition** to the proposed addition of Alltwen into the Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe Constituency.

### **Accessibility to Constituency office**

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

### **Proposals will lead to increased CO2 Emissions**

With global warming the distances involved in travelling across an enormous area of Wales will lead to greater carbon emissions if consultation and meetings with the MP are needed.

### **Constituency events**



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

### **River Boundaries**

The boundaries, it is claimed, have been influenced by rivers. The river Tawe flows through Pontardawe, and Alltwen is on the Neath side of the river. In the new proposed constituency there are very few houses on the east side of the river in the Swansea valley apart from the neighbouring village of Rhos in the new proposed constituency. My home is in the Clydach valley, not the Swansea valley.

### **Church and Spiritual life**

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

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

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

## **Community spirit**

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

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

## **Trustee of the Friends of Neath Abbey Iron Company**

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

## **Constituent representation**

It is stated that my MP will only represent the constituents living in her constituency, so rather than travelling four miles to Neath I will have to travel to Brecon to the constituency office or depending on the urgency of the matter, the next constituency surgery which could be up to two and a half hours drive away.

I hope that you take my views into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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30th October 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam,

### **Proposals for boundary changes in Wales**

I would like to register my **continued opposition** to the proposed amalgamation of Alltwen into the Brecon, Radnor and Cwm - Tawe Constituency.

#### **Accessibility to Constituency office and Cost of accessibility**

- Brecon and Radnor constituency is already a large rural constituency and my Ward is not rural but post Industrial in character.
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- There is a regular bus service and cycle track to Neath where my current MP's Constituency office is based.
- All of my past MPs' offices have been based in Neath.
- To access the proposed MP's Constituency office in Llandrindod Wells would mean a minimum of one and a half hour's drive by car (61.5 miles- one way) across the Beacons which in winter can be daunting due to the high altitude of the Beacons and inclement weather. A taxi fare one way is £92.

- Bus travel takes a minimum of 3 hours 7 minutes (64 miles) from Neath to Llandrindod Wells. Ticket prices vary from £ 8 to 12 (one way).
- Train travel takes a minimum of 2 hours 44 minutes (77 miles) from Neath to Llandrindod Wells. Ticket prices vary from £40 to £60 (one way).
- Poorer families, young adults or elderly people might not have a car/ transport therefore access to a MP and democracy would be drastically diminished.

### **Global warning**

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

### **Constituency events**

- Constituency events in the proposed new Constituency would be difficult to attend since a car journey of 2.5 hours would be required one way to attend an event in the northernmost part of the Constituency.
- In Neath, all constituency events can be accessed by a maximum of 1/2 hour travel.
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### **River Boundaries**

- The boundaries , it is claimed have been influenced by rivers.
- The river Tawe, flows through Pontardawe, and the Alltwen ward is on the east (Neath) side of the river.

- There are very few houses on the east (Neath) side of the river in the Swansea Valley apart from the neighbouring village of Rhos in the new proposed constituency.
- **The river Clydach ( not to be confused with Clydach, Swansea or Clydach, Abergavenny) rises in Cilybebyll, across the valley, and where I live in Alltwen is Cwm Clydach and not the Swansea Valley.**

### **Church and Spiritual life**

- I play an active part in Church life in St Matthews, Dyffryn, Neath.
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- With the introduction of the proposed new boundaries if there are queries with my Church I will need to visit my MP in Llandrindod Wells, out of our Diocese.
- With the distances involved in covering the proposed new constituency, the MP in Brecon will have vast distances to cover and will probably never attend a service or a Church event in our area .
- It will be impossible for her to have a grasp of the spiritual life of my small community.
- In the past, our MPs have attended our Church's Christmas Fayres and other events. This provided a good opportunity for both the MP and the constituents of Neath to meet.

### **Community spirit**

- There will no longer be a community spirit linked to our MP since she will live and work miles away.
- I didn't choose to live in a rural constituency when we purchased our house.
- There is an inherent post industrial urban Welsh culture in our village of Alltwen which will be lost with the amalgamation into the vast rural constituency of Brecon and Radnor which is dominated by farming.

### **Soroptimist International**

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

### **Trustee of the Friends of Neath Abbey Iron Company**

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

### **Constituent representation**

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

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

I hope that you take my views into consideration.

Best wishes,

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**BCW-10511 / [REDACTED] / Unknown**

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Dear Boundary Commission,

I would like to voice my concerns about the proposed boundary changes for the Islwyn constituency. Islwyn has been a parliamentary constituency for nearly 40 years with a real constituency identity. It covers much of Caerphilly County Borough, including the towns of Blackwood, Newbridge, Abercarn and Risca.

However, under the recently revised proposals, the constituency would cease to exist and the majority of it would be submerged into a larger Newport West seat.

The original proposals of September 2021 to revise Gwent's electoral map would have seen Islwyn survive and be combined with four wards in the Caerphilly area. The addition of Ystrad Mynach, St Cattwg, Llanbradach and Hengoed to Islwyn would be fitting, given the shared communities within the area. Hengoed and Masycwmmmer are linked by the Viaduct flowing into Ystrad Mynach and Llanbradach, while St Cattwgs borders Pengam. These communities are therefore a natural addition to the constituency.

Instead, the adopted counter proposal would amend the proposed Newport West & Caerphilly constituency.

Pontllanfaith, Cefn Fforest, Maesycwmmmer and Pengam would be taken from Islwyn, creating a Caerphilly seat and a so-called Newport West and Islwyn seat would be created from the rump of the existing constituency.

To divide Newbridge from Blackwood and Pontllanfraith makes no sense. The area of Pontllanfraith, Newbridge and Blackwood are inextricably connected with shared families and communities. No Islwyn Primary schools feed into secondary schools outside of the constituency. The catchment area for the new Islwyn High based in Oakdale includes schools from Pontllanfraith. In transport terms, there is no train link between Islwyn and Newport.

As a concerned resident of Islwyn, I oppose these new proposals and I oppose the decision to remove Islwyn as a constituency. I do not wish my resident town to be absorbed into Newport West.

I do not feel that there are enough important local, historic or cultural ties with Newport West to warrant the loss of the Islwyn constituency.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**BCW-10512 / [REDACTED] / Caersws**

I support the boundary amendment