



# **REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN RESPECT OF PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PRESERVED COUNTIES OF GWENT AND MID GLAMORGAN**

## **Summary of Representations**

**May 2004**

The Commission welcome correspondence and telephone calls either in English or Welsh.



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## APPROVAL

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| 1  | Torfaen County Borough Council                     | As boundaries of Torfaen are not proposed to be altered, then the proposed recommendations will be supported by the council.  |
| 2  | Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council           | Supports inclusion of St Brides Major and Llandow/Ewenny within Vale of Glamorgan.  |
| 3  | The Welsh Conservative Party                       | Supports proposals for Gwent/Mid Glamorgan.   |
| 4  | Welsh Labour                                       | Fully supports provisional recommendations in all aspects.  |
| 5  | Conservative Party - SE Wales branch               | Welcomes the proposals for Gwent/Mid-Glamorgan. Especially pleased that there will be no changes to the constituencies of Newport East, Newport West, Monmouth & Torfaen.   |
| 6  | Blaenavon Labour Party                             | Supports proposals to include the Blaenavon Ward within the County Borough of Torfaen for social, economic & cultural reasons.  |
| 7  | Bridgend Conservative Association                  | Approves proposals for Bridgend constituency for geographical & logical reasons and because they are in the best interests of the electorate.   |
| 8  | Caerphilly Conservative Association                | Supports the proposals to combine the Preserved Counties of Gwent & Mid-Glamorgan and the number of constituencies. Approves Proposals for Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhymney, Newport East & West, Rhondda & Torfaen. |
| 9  | Cardiff South & Penarth Labour Party               | Broadly supports the proposals for South Glamorgan . Approves inclusion of Pentyrch and Cregiau/St. Fagans in Cardiff West and St. Brides Major and Llandow/Ewenny in the Vale of Glamorgan constituency.               |
| 10 | Cardiff West Constituency Labour Party             | Approves proposal to include Creigiau/St Fagans & Pentyrch electoral divisions in the Cardiff West constituency.  |
| 11 | Cynon Valley Constituency Labour Party             | Supports general recommendations. Also supports proposal to include Cilfynydd and Glyncoch in the Cynon Valley constituency.  |
| 12 | Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney Constituency Labour Party | Approves recommendations in respect of the Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney Constituency.   |
| 13 | Monmouth Constituency Labour Party                 | Monmouth Constituency Labour Party approves the proposals for Monmouth.   |
| 14 | Newport East Constituency Labour Party             | Newport East Constituency Labour Party supports the recommendations for Newport East.   |

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| 15 | Newport West Constituency Labour Party | Newport West Constituency Labour Party approves the proposals for Newport West.   |
| 16 | Torfaen Constituency Labour Party      | Torfaen Constituency Labour Party supports the proposals for Torfaen.   |
| 17 | Mr Huw Edwards MP                      | Supports proposal to keep the status quo in Monmouth.   |
| 18 | Mr Paul Flynn MP                       | Mr Flynn wished to record his support for the proposals.  |
| 19 | Mr Dai Havard MP                       | Supports provisional recommendations in respect of Gwent and Mid Glamorgan.   |
| 20 | Rt Hon Alan Howarth CBE MP             | Mr Howarth approves the proposals for the Newport East constituency.  |
| 21 | Rt Hon Paul Murphy MP                  | Approves proposals for Gwent, in particular the retention of Torfaen's existing borders, which respect local ties.  |
| 22 | Mr Leighton Andrews AM                 | Supports the Commission's recommendations in relation to Rhondda.   |
| 23 | Ms Lorraine Barrett AM                 | Considers Pentyrch and Cregiau/St. Fagans must be included in Cardiff West and St. Brides Major and Llandow/Ewenny in the Vale of Glamorgan constituency.                               |
| 24 | Ms Christine Chapman AM                | Supports the proposals for the Cynon Valley constituency.   |
| 25 | Mr John Griffiths AM                   | Mr Griffiths supports the proposals for Newport East.   |
| 26 | Mr Huw Lewis AM                        | Agrees with the provisional recommendations of the Commission particularly in respect of the Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney constituency.   |
| 27 | Ms Lynne Neagle AM                     | Agrees with Commission's provisional recommendations particularly in respect of the Islwyn constituency.  |
| 28 | Cllr Jeff Jones                        | Fully supports proposals for the Bridgend and Ogmore constituencies for reasons of logic and to prevent future development in Bridgend creating an imbalance in the number of electors. |
| 29 | Mr John S Coduri                       | Supports the proposals in respect of Pontypridd.  |

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## **OBJECTION**

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| 30 | Cefn Cribwr Community Council | Vehemently opposes as historic links with the rest of the Bridgend Constituency could be destroyed if proposals were to take effect.            |
| 31 | Cefn Cribwr Community Council | Petition with 372 signatures sent in objecting to transfer of Cefn Cribwr to the Ogmore constituency for social, political & practical reasons. |

- 32 Laleston Community Council Given a long relationship of close co-operation between the Community Councils of Laleston and Cefn Cribwr, it is felt appropriate that the relationship would be best served by Cefn Cribwr remaining within the Bridgend Constituency.
- 33 Pontypridd Town Council Strongly opposes the proposals to move Cilfynydd & Glyncoch from Pontypridd to the Cynon Valley constituency for geographic and community reasons.
- 34 Pyle Community Council Objects to moving Cefn Cribwr from Bridgend Constituency as this would break historic link between it and Pyle Community.
- 35 Bryntirion Branch Labour Party Objects to Cefn Cribwr becoming part of the Ogmores constituency for social & historic reasons. Wants it to remain in Bridgend.
- 36 Cefn Cribwr Labour Party Objects to proposals for Cefn Cribwr on grounds of community and accessibility of elected representatives.
- 37 Plaid Cymru - Cynffig Branch Objects to recommendations affecting the village of Cefn Cribwr for social & geographic reasons. Community gravitates more towards communities of Kenfig Hill and Pyle. Wants Cefn Cribwr to remain in Bridgend constituency.
- 38 Ewenny & Vale Branch Labour Party Objects to transfer of Ewenny, Wick & St Brides Major from Bridgend to the Vale of Glamorgan for historical, cultural, geographic & community reasons. Suggests alternative where Penarth moves to the Vale and parts of western Vale to Bridgend.
- 39 Pontypridd CLP Objects to the proposals that specifically affect Cilfynydd, Glyncoch, Creigiau, Pentyrch and Gwaelod y Garth.
- 40 Cefn Cribwr WI The Cefn Cribwr Women's Institute objects to the proposals to transfer Cefn Cribwr from Bridgend to the Ogmores constituency for historic, geographic, social & practical reasons.
- 41 Mr Win Griffiths MP Objects to proposals in respect of Cefn Cribwr on grounds of community and that public opinion should be tested before proceeding.
- 42 Dr Kim Howells MP Objects on grounds that community and economic ties of Cilfynydd and Glyncoch are with Pontypridd and not with other local towns in the Cynon Valley.
- 43 Dr Kim Howells MP Dr Howells again strongly objects to the proposals relating to Cilfynydd & Glyncoch because of the strength of ties to Pontypridd. In support he enclosed 325 copies of letters recently received from residents objecting to the proposals.
- 44 Ms Jane Davidson AM Objects to proposals for Glyncoch and Cilfynydd on the grounds of local and historical ties. Enclosed petitions with 499 signatures.
- 45 Ms Jane Hutt AM Has reservations in respect of moving St Brides Major into the Vale of Glamorgan constituency.

- 46 Mr Carwyn Jones AM Mr Jones objects to the proposals regarding Cefn Cribwr and Aberkenfig as they involve the breaking of local ties. He thinks consideration should also be given to the position of Pen-y-fai, Coity & Coychurch.
- 47 Cllr. H A Andrews Objects to proposal to transfer the electoral divisions of Bargoed & Gilfach from Caerphilly to Islwyn. Includes petition signed by 160 local residents.
- 48 Cllr. Steve Belzak Cllr Belzak, Councillor for the Cilfynydd Ward, has submitted a petition signed by 71 residents objecting to the proposals to transfer Cilfynydd to the Cynon Valley constituency.
- 49 Cllr. Edith M Hughes MSc BSc Objects to the transfer of Cefn Cribwr on grounds of historic links and sense of community.
- 50 Mr & Mrs Gaynor & Keith Bennett Object to Cilfynydd joining the Cynon Valley constituency for historic, geographic & practical reasons. Suggest Edwardsville, Trelewis or Nelson are more suitable areas to move. Want to remain in Pontypridd.
- 51 Dr E A Bowers Objects to transfer of St Brides Major from Bridgend to Vale of Glamorgan for geographic & cultural reasons. Would prefer to include Kenfig Hill & Pyle within Aberavon, due to long-standing links.
- 52 Mr Kevin George Burnell Objects to recommendations affecting the village of Cefn Cribwr for social & geographic reasons. States community gravitates more towards communities of Kenfig Hill and Pyle. Wants Cefn Cribwr to remain in Bridgend constituency.
- 53 Ms Edna A David Objects to transfer of Cefn Cribwr to the Ogmore constituency for social & historic reasons and in the interests of the community.
- 54 Mr Graham Davies Petition with 162 names objecting to proposals to move Cilfynydd & Glyncoch to the Cynon Valley constituency for geographic, historic, cultural, social, political, economic & admin reasons and because of the strength of community ties to Pontypridd.
- 55 Ms Ceri Griffiths Opposes provisional recommendation to move Cefn Cribwr out of Bridgend Constituency.
- 56 Mrs Muriel Gulliford JP Objects to proposals for Cilfynydd and Glyncoch on grounds of historic links and sense of community.
- 57 Mr & Mrs M & D Jones Object to proposals to move Cilfynydd for social, political & historic reasons. Want it to remain in the Pontypridd constituency.
- 58 Mr Lee Mainwaring ACMA MBA Concerned about the change to the boundary of the Pontypridd Constituency to include Cilfynydd in the Aberdare area.
- 59 Mrs Dianne Mears Objects to proposals for Cilfynydd and Glyncoch as it would affect community links.

- 60 Mrs V R Pole Objects to transfer of Cefn Cribwr from Bridgend to Ogmore for social, political, geographic, cultural & practical reasons. Argues that Pen-y-Fai or Coychurch are better candidates for transfer.
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## **PART APPROVAL/PART OBJECTION**

- 61 Bridgend County Borough Council Objects to proposed transfer of Cefn Cribwr to the Ogmore constituency for historic, social, economic & geographical reasons and the interests of the community. Approves other proposals for Bridgend/Ogmore.
- 62 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council The Council has no comment to make on the inclusion of Pentyrch etc in Cardiff West. However, it objects to the proposals to transfer of Cilfynydd & Glyncoch to the Cynon Valley constituency.
- 63 Welsh Liberal Democrats Maintains proposals contravene Rule 7(b) of the Rules of Redistribution of Seats in respect of local ties. Highlights long association between Cilfynydd, Glyncoch and Pontypridd. Supports proposals for Cefn Cribwr and Aberkenfig.
- 64 Islwyn CLP Objects to Bargoed & Gilfach proposals for geographic & historic reasons. Wants them to remain in Caerphilly constituency. Argues that it would be better to move Aberbargoed & Maescymmer due to their close links with Islwyn.
- 65 Mr Wayne David MP Expresses concern over proposals for Gilfach and Bargoed.
- 66 Mr Don Touhig MP Objects to proposals for Bargoed and Gilfach but accepts Aberbargoed. Suggests moving Maescymmer into Islwyn. Has support of Wayne David MP.
- 67 Mr Jeff Cuthbert AM Proposes moving Aberbargoed and Maescymmer Communities to Islwyn as this gives better respect to local ties than the provisional recommendations and at the same time improves the electorate balance.
- 68 Ms Irene James AM Supports the proposed number of seats allocated to SE Wales but objects to the proposed changes to the boundary of Islwyn & Caerphilly as the River Rhymney provides a natural, practical boundary. Suggests transferring Aberbargoed & Maescymmer to Islwyn.
- 69 Mr D Fox Wants constituencies to follow LA lines e.g. Bridgend: Bridgend, Maesteg constituencies RCT: Rhondda, Cynon, Pontypridd & Llantrisant (NEW) Merthyr: Merthyr Tydfil. Caerphilly: Caerphilly & Islwyn. Approves Torfaen, Newport & Monmouth.

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## OTHER

70 Pontyclun Community Council	Wants anomaly of Ynysddu addressed. Currently part of Ogmores constituency but is integral part of Pontyclun and should therefore be in Pontypridd constituency like the rest of Pontyclun. Stresses social and community links to Pontyclun.
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The main objections to the provisional recommendations are in respect of the transfer of the Cefn Cribwr and Aberkenfig electoral divisions from the Bridgend Constituency to the Ogmores Constituency, the transfer of the Cilfynydd and Glyncoch electoral divisions from the Pontypridd constituency to the Cynon Valley constituency and the transfer of the Aberbargoed, Bargoed and Gilfach electoral divisions from the Caerphilly constituency to the Islwyn constituency. The following table gives details of the representations made in respect of these issues and the representations that support the provisional recommendations for this area.

	<b>Representations</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Objection – Cefn Cribwr &amp; Aberkenfig</b>	30,31(+372 name petition),32,34,35,36,37,40,41,46,49,52,53,55,60,61	16 (+372)
<b>Objection – Clifynydd &amp; Glyncoch</b>	33,39,42,43(+293 letters),44(+499 name petition),48(+71 name petition),50,54(+162 name petition),56,57,58, 59,62,63	14 (+1,025)
<b>Objection - Aberbargoed, Bargoed &amp; Gilfach</b>	47(+160 name petition),64,65,66,67,68	6 (+160)
<b>Approval – for all or for a particular area</b>	1 – 29	29