



Our ideas for the new Senedd Voting Areas of Wales

We want to know what you think

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About us



We are the **Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru**. We are an **independent group**.



This means we are not controlled by government. The decisions we make are based on what we think is best.



Our job is to look at Senedd voting areas in Wales. These are also called **constituencies**.



The **Senedd** is the **Welsh Parliament**. It is where laws and decisions are made about Wales.



The people of Wales vote for who they want to represent them and their area in the **Senedd**.



The **constituencies** (voting areas) have been set by a law called **Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act 2024**.



We will call this **the Act** in this guide.



We must review and write a report about the constituencies by April 2025. There are going to be a lot of changes. We are calling this the **2026 Review**.



You may like to read the guide we made in July called [Reviewing the Senedd Voting Areas of Wales](#)
[An easy read guide to the review.](#)



This will help explain what is happening and why.



This document is about our ideas for **16 new Senedd constituencies**.



We want to know what you think about the changes we are suggesting.



Please read this document then tell us what you think.



You can tell us your views by emailing us at:
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By writing to us at:
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Or by going to our website portal here:
<https://senedd2026.reviewswales.wales>



You can give your views from **3 September to 30 September 2024.**



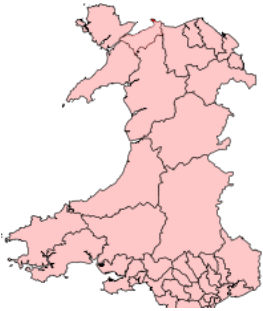
When telling us your views please make sure you say which **constituency** you are talking about.



Please tell us if you disagree with something or agree with something.



If you disagree with something, please tell us what you think should be done instead.



Please remember that these are just about **Senedd constituencies**. They are not to do with any other constituencies or changes to any services.



We will publish what people say. But we will not share any personal information.

What we had to think about



The Act says that we must make **16 Senedd constituencies**. At the moment there are 40.



We are going to do this by joining the **32 UK Parliamentary Constituencies**.



The **UK Parliamentary constituencies** are used for voting in general elections.



The **Senedd constituencies** are for voting for the **Welsh Senedd** and the things Wales controls.



The joined areas must be next to each other.

We have also needed to think about things like:



- The boundaries of local councils.



- The size and shape of an area. And how easy it is to travel around. For example, could mountains or rivers affect getting around.



- Any local links that would be affected by the changes. We do not want to separate local communities where possible.

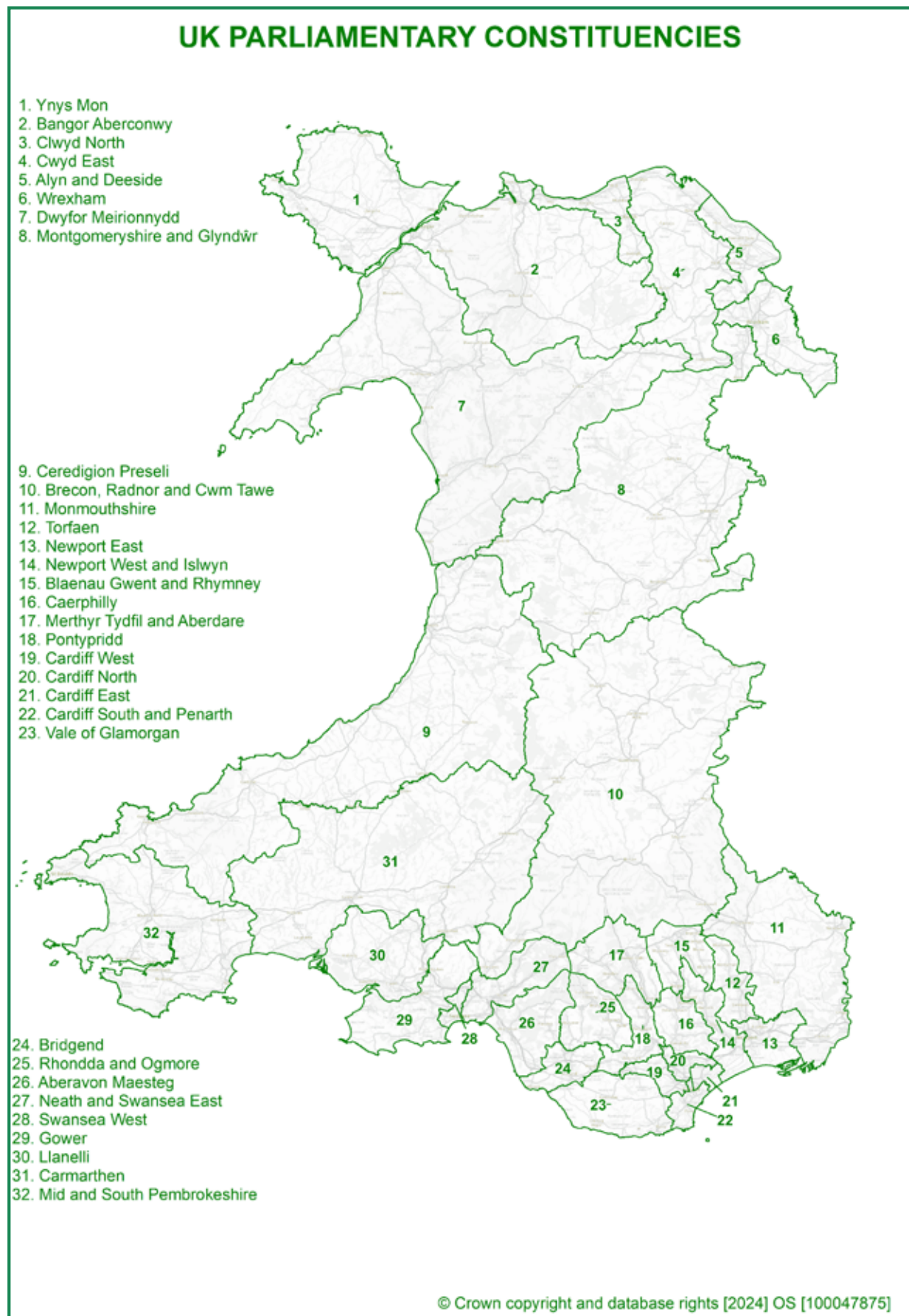


We also need to suggest names for the **16 constituencies**. These will usually be in Welsh and English.

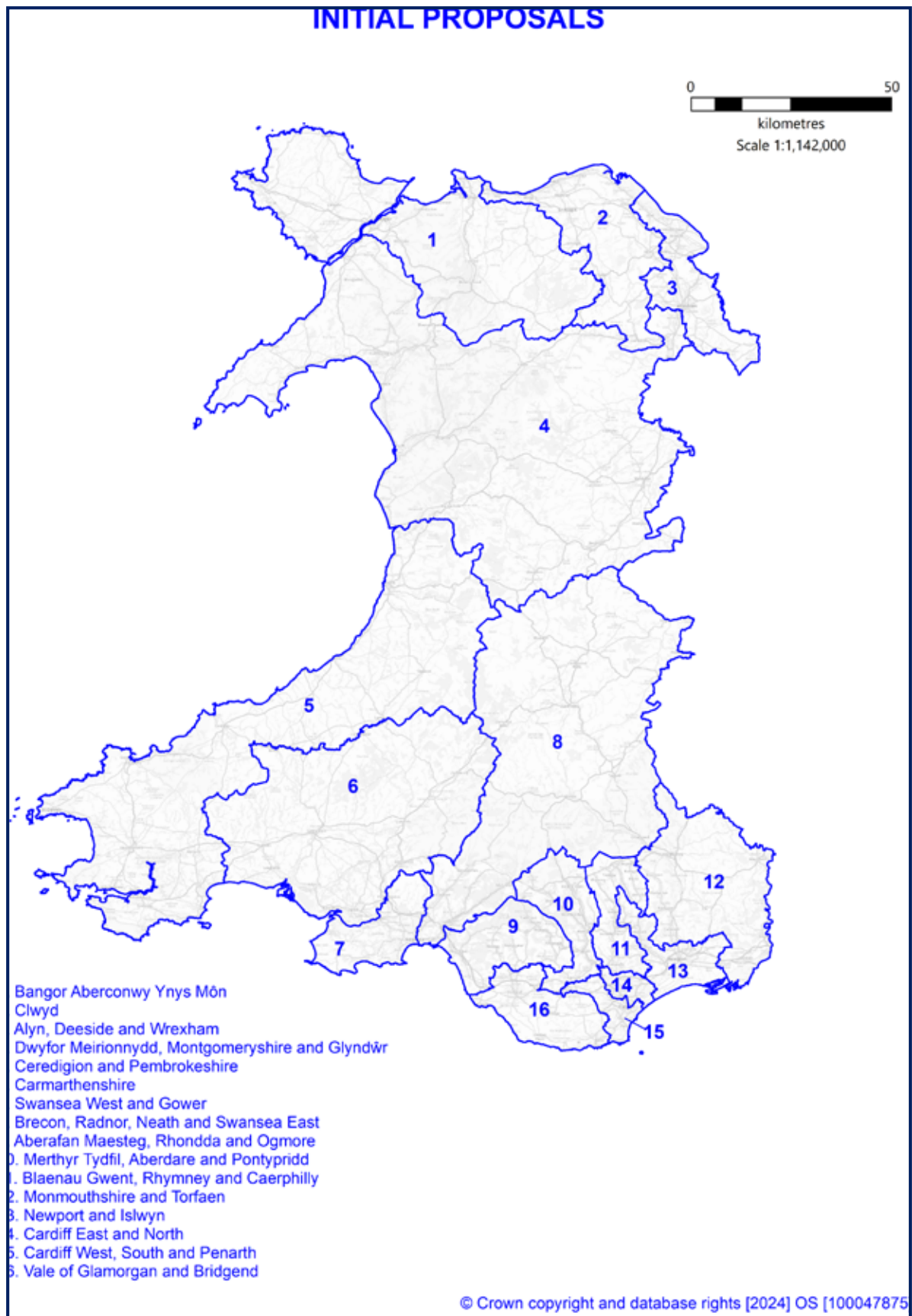


We welcome people's views about other names.

This is a map of the **UK Parliamentary Constituencies**:



This is a map of our ideas for the new **16 Senedd Constituencies**.



1. Bangor Aberconwy Ynys Môn

This would be made from:



1. The Bangor Aberconwy UK Parliamentary constituency,
and:
2. The Ynys Môn UK Parliamentary constituency.



We think this would make a very good constituency. Because of good transport links.



We think this constituency should be called **Bangor Aberconwy Ynys Môn**. This works well in English and Welsh.

2. Clwyd

This would be made from:



1. The Clwyd East UK Parliamentary constituency, and:
2. The Clwyd North UK Parliamentary constituency.



We think these areas are well connected.



We think Clwyd is a good name for this constituency. Because they are 2 areas of Clwyd that would be joined.

3. Alyn, Deeside and Wrexham (Alun, Glannau Dyfrdwy a Wrecsam)

This would be made from:



1. The Alyn and Deeside UK Parliamentary constituency,
and:
2. The Wrexham UK Parliamentary constituency.



We think these areas are well connected by transport links.



We think the name represents the constituency.
The Welsh Language Commissioner thinks we should use 1 spelling of Alun for Welsh and English.

4. Dwyfor Meirionnydd, Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr (Dwyfor Meirionnydd, Maldwyn a Glyndŵr)

This would be made from:



1. The Dwyfor Meirionnydd UK Parliamentary constituency
and:
2. The Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr UK Parliamentary constituency.



We think there are good road links between these areas.



We do think the area is large, but it is still the best option. We need to join 2 parliamentary areas.



The Welsh Language Commissioner agreed with this name.

5. Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire (Ceredigion a Sir Benfro)

This would be made from:



1. The Ceredigion Preseli UK Parliamentary constituency,
and:
2. The Mid and South Pembrokeshire UK Parliamentary constituency.



Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire would be joined to make 1 constituency.



We think road links between these areas are good.



We think we need to use both English and Welsh names.

6. Carmarthenshire (Sir Gaerfyrddin)

This would be made from:



1. The Caerfyrddin UK Parliamentary constituency, and:
2. The Llanelli UK Parliamentary constituency.



We think there are good road links and other links between these areas.



We think having an English name and a Welsh name works well.

7. Swansea West and Gower (Gorllewin Abertawe a Gŵyr)

This would be made from:



1. The Gower UK Parliamentary constituency, and:
2. The Swansea West UK Parliamentary constituency.



There are good road links and other links between these 2 areas.



Clydach would be split and be part of 2 separate constituencies. This matches changes made to this voting area in 2021.



We think a Welsh name and an English name are needed.

8. Brecon, Radnor, Neath and Swansea East (Aberhonddu, Maesyfed, Castell-nedd a Dwyrain Abertawe)

This would be made up of:



1. The Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe UK Parliamentary constituency,
and:
2. The Neath and Swansea East UK Parliamentary constituency.



We think there are good road links between these areas.



Part of Clydach would also become part of this constituency. This matches changes made to this voting area in 2021.



The areas of Cimla and Pelenna will also be split across 2 constituencies. This matches changes made to this voting area in 2021.



Parts of Cimla and Pelenna will be in this constituency. Other parts will come under the Aberafan Maesteg, Rhondda and Ogmore constituency.



We think a Welsh and English name are needed. We think joining the names of the old constituencies would be too long.

9. Aberafan Maesteg, Rhondda and Ogmore (Aberafan Maesteg, Rhondda ac Ogwr)

This would be made up of:



1. The Aberafan Maesteg UK Parliamentary constituency,
and:
2. The Rhondda and Ogmore UK Parliamentary constituency.



There are good road and other links between these areas.



To match changes made in 2021, parts of Cimla and Pelenna will come under this new constituency.



The areas of Pyle, Kenfig Hill and Cefn Cribwr will come under the **Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend** constituency.



We think a Welsh name and an English name are needed. Putting the 2 old constituency names together would be too long.

10. Merthyr Tydfil, Aberdare and Pontypridd (Merthyr Tudful, Aberdâr a Phontypridd)

This will be made up of:



1. The Merthyr Tydfil and Aberdare UK Parliamentary constituency,
and:
2. The Pontypridd UK Parliamentary constituency.



There are good road links with these areas.



To match other changes made in 2021, parts of Pontyclun would become part of the **Cardiff West, South and Penarth** constituency.



We think a Welsh name and an English name are needed.

11. Blaenau Gwent, Rhymney and Caerphilly (Blaenau Gwent, Rhymni a Chaerfilli)



This would be made up of:

1. The Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney UK Parliamentary constituency,
and:
2. The Caerphilly UK Parliamentary constituency.



We think there are good road links between these areas. And this would build on links that already exist in the areas.



To match other changes made in 2021, Cefn Fforest would become part of the **Newport and Islwyn** constituency.



We think a Welsh name and an English name are needed.

12. Monmouthshire and Torfaen (Sir Fynwy a Thorfaen)

This would be made up of:



1. The Monmouthshire UK Parliamentary constituency,
and:
2. The Torfaen UK Parliamentary constituency.



We think there are good road and other links between these areas.



We think an English name and a Welsh name are needed.

13. Newport and Islwyn (Casnewydd ac Islwyn)

This would be made up of:



1. The Newport East UK Parliamentary constituency,
and:
2. The Newport West and Islwyn UK Parliamentary constituency.



There are already good links between these areas.



We think there needs to be an English and a Welsh name, otherwise the name will be too long.

14. Cardiff East and North (Dwyrain a Gogledd Caerdydd)

This would be made up of:



1. The Cardiff East UK Parliamentary constituency, and:
2. The Cardiff North UK Parliamentary constituency.



We think there are good links between these areas.



We think a Welsh name and an English name is needed. Putting the names of the old areas together would be too long.

15. Cardiff West, South and Penarth (Gorllewin Caerdydd, De a Phenarth)

This would be made up of:



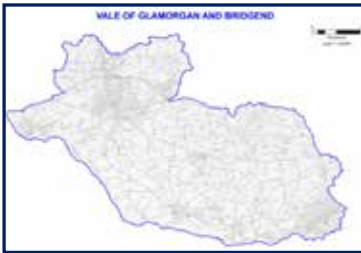
1. The Cardiff South and Penarth UK Parliamentary constituency,
and:
2. The Cardiff West UK Parliamentary constituency.



To match other changes made in 2021, this would include parts of the Pontyclun area.

16.Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend (Bro Morgannwg a Phen-y-bont)

This would be made up of:



1. The Bridgend UK Parliamentary constituency, and:
2. The Vale of Glamorgan UK Parliamentary constituency.



We think there are good links between these areas.



To match other changes made in 2021, Pyle, Kenfig Hill and Cefn Cribwr would be split across this area and the **Aberafan Maesteg, Rhondda and Ogmore** constituency.



The new names would need to be in English and Welsh.



Please give us your feedback through the contact details on **page 7 and 8.**