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Dear Commission,

2026 Review of Senedd constituencies: Revised proposals

Thank you very much for the invitation to respond officially to the revised proposals for constituency names. We are pleased to have the opportunity to respond again as statutory consultees. We have, of course, been responding to specific queries about the names during the formulation of the revised proposals and the report already conveys that we are satisfied with the orthography of the forms proposed.

We must congratulate you on the new proposed names. They reflect the fact that you listened carefully and responsively to the feedback given during the initial consultation. The revised names are far more practical, clear and concise as a result. It is easy to imagine how they could gain traction in the minds of constituents and all those interested in Welsh democracy.

They are names that give precedence to the Welsh language and celebrate the richness of its place-names. But all of the names and elements chosen are also well-known and widely recognised. You have managed to find suitable individual names for the majority of constituencies with the exception of those which use compass points. We understand this is a particular challenge and I'm sorry we don't have convenient alternative names to offer this time. The most obvious way to arrive at single names in these cases would be to decide to use only the Welsh forms. Having one name to use in both languages would ultimately be of benefit to the user and a way to remove any possible ambiguities and inconsistencies. However, if more suitable proposals are received through the consultation

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process, I would like to emphasise again that my Place-names Standardisation Panel would be available to provide further advice.

We are therefore pleased to support the proposed revised list of names and feel that the names are in keeping with the spirit of the Act which creates a requirement for all Parliamentary constituencies to have an individual name unless the Commission considers that this would be unacceptable. It is quite clear that the Commission has taken this direction very seriously and has made every effort to produce a list that is not only sensible, but also a statement in support of the status of Welsh in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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