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Carmarthenshire

Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru
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12th January 2025

To whom it may concern,

RE: 2026 Review, Revised Proposals

We are writing, as a family, to express strong support for the proposal to merge the two UK parliamentary constituencies of Caerfyrddin and Llanelli into a single, cohesive Senedd constituency for Carmarthenshire. As local residents, we believe this consolidation represents the most practical and effective approach for the people of our county.

This proposed alignment with Carmarthenshire County Council's boundaries not only simplifies governance but also strengthens the advocacy of our shared interests. To pair Caerfyrddin or Llanelli with any other parliamentary constituency would risk severing longstanding and significant local ties, which are deep rooted in our shared history, culture, geography and administrative framework.

Carmarthenshire has a rich and unique identity, and maintaining these connections is vital to ensuring coherent representation at Senedd level. A unified Carmarthenshire constituency would reflect the natural boundaries of our county and ensure that local concerns are addressed with a stronger, unified voice.

We are in agreement with the adoption of the county name as the new constituency name. We are, however, disappointed that the revised proposal is for this to be monolingual. This runs counter to the duty in law to give equal weight to Welsh and English. A more equitable name for the constituency would be the bilingual 'Sir Gâr / Carmarthenshire' – styled after 'Cyngor Sir Gâr / Carmarthenshire County Council'. Not least as this is a county where, according to the latest Census data of 2021, some 60% of residents are not Welsh speakers¹.

Many thanks.

Regards,

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¹ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/censusareachanges/W06000010/>