

Most of the proposals are sensible and suggest themselves. The one anomaly, in my view, is the proposal to extend the Brecon/Radnor constituency all the way to the coast to take in the current Swansea East constituency. Aside from the resulting geographical size of the new constituency, this would mean that a densely populated urban centre would be paired with a large rural area, thus potentially distorting parliamentary representation. I suggest it would be more sensible to pair Brecon/Radnor with Monmouthshire. Although this would still create a physically large constituency, it would mean the creation of a constituency with a higher degree of internal logic, and reduce the likelihood of voting patterns in industrial/post-industrial areas drowning out those of constituents in scattered, rural areas. If Brecon/Radnor were to be paired with Monmouthshire, then consequential changes could be as follows:

Aberavon/Maesteg and Swansea East

Torfaen with Blaenau Gwent/Rhymney

Caerffili with Pontypridd

Merthyr/Aberdare with Rhondda



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Mae mwyafrif y cynigion yn synhwyrol ac yn eu hawgrymu eu hunain. Yr unig wyriad, yn fy marn i, yw'r cynnig i ymestyn etholaeth Aberhonddu/Maesymfed yr holl ffordd i'r arfordir er mwyn cynnwys etholaeth bresennol Dwyrain Abertawe. Ar wahân i faint daearyddol yr etholaeth newydd o ganlyniad i hynny, byddai'n golygu bod canolfan drefol drwchus ei phoblogaeth yn cael ei pharu ag ardal wledig fawr, a allai ystumio cynrychiolaeth seneddol. Hoffwn awgrymu y byddai'n fwy synhwyrol paru Aberhonddu/Maesymfed â Sir Fynwy. Er y byddai hynny'n dal i greu etholaeth fawr o safbwynt daearyddol, byddai'n golygu creu etholaeth y mae ei chyfansoddiad yn fwy rhesymegol, a byddai'n lleihau'r tebygolrwydd bod patrymau pleidleisio mewn ardaloedd diwydiannol/ôl-ddiwydiannol yn boddi patrymau pleidleisio etholwyr mewn ardaloedd gwledig, gwasgaredig. Pe bai etholaeth Aberhonddu/Maesymfed yn cael ei pharu â Sir Fynwy, gallai'r newidiadau o ganlyniad i hynny fod fel a ganlyn:

Aberafan/Maesteg â Dwyrain Abertawe

Torfaen â Blaenau Gwent/Rhymni

Caerffili â Phontypridd

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