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Neath Port Talbot Green Party Consultation Response.

Noting the 'Improving Democracy in Wales' report which substantially influenced Senedd Reform. It is disappointing that point two, "introducing the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral system" was not taken forward. It is the view of NPT Greens that this vital reform not being introduced has created unsuitable 'mega-constituencies'. It is our view that the proposed closed list system does not benefit local democracy nor improve transparency in the electoral process and system in which we choose our representatives. Furthermore, it is our view that electing representatives via Local Authority Boundaries or combined local authority boundaries would have provided a geographical link for residents who would feel more likely to engage in the democratic process. Senedd seats would still be proportionate in this system. However, in the context that these proposals have been created and the guiding principle that mega-constituencies should be connected by road. It is recognised that these pairings are sensible.

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