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It is important to keep the close link between members and constituents.

Many people including me were concerned about the size of the parliamentary constituencies with Brecon Radnor and Cwmtawe stretching from Knighton and Presteigne on the English border to lower Brynamman and Gwaun Cae Gurwen on the Carmarthenshire border being one example.

To create a 6-member constituency it will involve joining Brecon, Radnor and Cwmtawe either northwards with Montgomery and Glyndwr, westwards with Ceredigion and Preselli or with Carmarthenshire. Southwards produces a choice of Monmouthshire, Neath and Swansea East, Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney or Merthyr Tydfil and Aberdare.

Whichever way of creating a 6-member constituency, the constituency will be very large and involve communities with little in common.

Whilst this is the most extreme example there will be many others outside the cities which will also be covering a large geographical area.

If we go to sixteen, six-member constituencies, we will have a greater difficulty of members relating to constituents and more crucially constituents relating to members.

That is why I support 32 three-member constituencies.

Regards

Mike

