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# Notification of Consultation: Community Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements Review

## **Re: Consultation — Review of Community Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements**

We are writing to inform you that Newport City Council is undertaking a comprehensive review of community boundaries and electoral arrangements across the principal council area, in line with the requirements of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013.

The purpose of this review is to ensure that the boundaries of our communities continue to reflect local identities, facilitate effective and convenient local government, and provide fair and robust electoral arrangements. The review is being conducted under sections 25 and 31 of the Act and will address both existing community boundaries and any consequential changes to electoral arrangements, as well as potential changes in the absence of boundary alterations.

The review commenced in September 2025, with the final recommendations scheduled for submission to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru in July 2026. Any changes arising from the process will be introduced for the Local Government Elections in 2027.

## **Scope of the Review**

The Council will consider:

- Whether to recommend changes to existing community boundaries
- The names of communities and, where relevant, community wards
- Whether changes to the electoral arrangements of communities are necessary, including arrangements for the division of communities into wards and the number of councillors representing each area

Our guiding principle is to “seek to ensure effective and convenient local government.” We are particularly interested in arrangements that are internally coherent, mirror patterns of settlement and communication, and allow for meaningful engagement by all electors in their communities.

## **Consultation Process**

As a statutory consultee, your organisation is invited to participate actively in the consultation. The review will begin with an initial publicity period, during which all interested parties—including statutory consultees—are encouraged to submit representations and suggestions. These may include support

for the current arrangements, proposed changes, or alternative solutions, provided they are supported by relevant evidence and address the matters under consideration. The initial consultation is open now and will close on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

Following this initial stage, the Council will publish a Draft Proposals Report. This will be followed by a formal consultation period, where you will again have the opportunity to respond and provide feedback on the proposals. We will write to you again to remind you of the second period of consultation which will run between 26<sup>th</sup> January and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026. All submissions received will be given full consideration before final recommendations are made to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru.

### **How to Participate**

The consultations will be available on the Newport City Council website during the periods when they are live. The consultation page can be found here:

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To ensure your comments and submissions are considered:

- Responses must be received by 11:59 pm on the deadline stated in the published material for each stage of the review.
- All submissions must include the name and address of the sender. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.
- Submissions should demonstrate how maintaining the status quo or making changes would be desirable for effective and convenient local government.

Please note that the review and any proposals will relate solely to community arrangements. Senedd or Parliamentary constituency boundaries, school catchment areas, and service provision by the Council will not be addressed as part of this process.

### **Further Information**

We will communicate with all statutory consultees throughout the review, deposit copies of relevant reports at the Civic Centre and some other public locations, and publish documents on the Council's website. If you have any initial questions or require further information, please contact [democratic.services@newport.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@newport.gov.uk)

We value your input as a statutory consultee and encourage you to share your views as part of this important process for Newport's communities.

Yours sincerely,



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