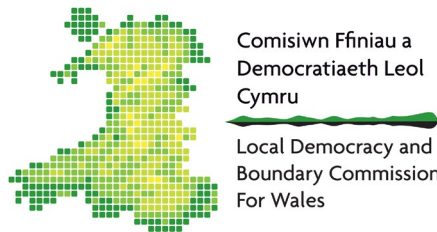


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Vale of Glamorgan Draft Proposals – suspension of consultation

24 March 2020

The Commission has decided to suspend its consultation in relation to its draft proposals for the future electoral arrangements for the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Commission [published its draft proposals on 13 February 2020](#). The 12-week consultation period in relation to the draft proposals commenced on 20 February 2020 and was due to close on 13 May 2020.

The Commission has been made aware that Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council is focusing its resources on the emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic and it is unable to respond to the Commission's draft report. The Council has requested that the Commission take steps to enable the Council to respond once its normal operations are restored.

In the light of this request and the potential difficulties for other consultees due to the current pandemic, the Commission is suspending the consultation in relation to its Vale of Glamorgan draft proposals with effect from **24 March 2020**.

At present, the Commission intends to re-start this consultation on **15 June 2020**. A suspension until that date will provide a window of 12 weeks for Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council and other consultees to adjust their working arrangements in order to be able to respond to the Commission's consultation.

Before 15 June 2020 the Commission will review the position in the light of wider developments and will provide further notice to consultees. The Commission will re-start its consultation only once it is satisfied that consultees have had sufficient opportunity to mitigate the disruption to their ability to respond due to the current pandemic.

When the consultation period re-starts, there will remain a period of **50 days** for interested parties to submit representations to the Commission in relation to the Vale of Glamorgan draft report. After this period the Commission will consider all the representations it has received, prepare Final Recommendations and submit these to Welsh Government.

Any questions in relation to the suspension of this consultation may be sent to consultations@boundaries.wales or

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