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Dear Ms. Hatcher,

I enclose the completed consultation response form in respect of proposed draft Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill.

Yours sincerely,

A Jauncey
Clerk

p.p. Old Radnor Community Council

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Annexe 1

Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill

Consultation Response Form

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As part of its Stage 1 consideration, the National Assembly for Wales' **Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee** is calling for evidence on the general principles of the **Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill**.

Please return this form to the National Assembly for Wales, by 31 January 2013. Should you have any queries please contact Bethan Davies, Clerk 02920 89 8120 or Leanne Hatcher, Deputy Clerk 029 2089 8147.

Responses should be sent to:

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Your name:

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The Local Government Boundary Commission

Question 1: Is there a need for a Bill to make changes to the constitution and functions of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales ("the Commission") and to make various provisions relating to local government?			
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please expand on your answer			
WE THINK REVISIONS MUST SQUARE REPRESENTATION			

Question 2: Do you think the Bill will improve the delivery of the statutory roles and functions of the Commission? (paragraph 3.1 of the explanatory memorandum)

Yes

No

Please expand on your answer

WE HOPE SO

Question 3: Do you think the changes being made to the Commission are appropriate? (Part 2 of the Bill)

Yes

No

Local Government arrangements

Question 4: Do you think the provisions relating to procedures for local government reviews are appropriate? (Chapter 4 and 5)

Yes

No

Please expand on your answer

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO JUDGE
THESE THINGS?

Question 5: Do you think the arrangements for local government in relation to:

- Duties of the Commission
- Duties of a principal council

are appropriate? (Chapter 1)

Yes

No

Please expand on your answer

SEE ANSWERS

Question 6: Do you think the arrangements for local government in relation to:

- Democratic Services Committees (Section 56)
- Audit Committees (Section 57)
- Standards Committees (Section 63)

are appropriate?

Yes

No

Please expand on your answer

SEE ANSWERS

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Question 7: Do you think the provisions relating to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales are appropriate? (Chapter 5, Sections 58-62)

Yes No

Please expand on your answer

*THIS WILL COST TO UNIFORMITY
ACROSS ALL COUNCILS*

Access to information (Town and Community Councils)

Question 8: Do you think the provisions relating to improving access to information (Town and Community Councils) are appropriate?

Yes No

Please expand on your answer

*WE ARE CONCERNED WITH WHAT THAT WILL
COST (EXTRA COUNCIL HOURS ETC),*

Chairing of Principal Councils (Chairs and Mayors of Principal Councils)

Question 9: Do you think the provisions relating to the Chairing of Principal Councils (Chairs and Mayors of Principal Councils) are appropriate?

Yes No

Please expand on your answer

General Provisions of the Bill

Question 10: What are the potential barriers to implementing the provisions of the Bill (if any) and does the Bill take account of them?

Please expand on your answer

*LACK OF I.T. KNOWLEDGE
FINANCIAL CONSTRAINT*

Question 11: What are the financial implications of the Bill, if any? In answering this question you may wish to consider Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum (the Impact Assessment), which estimates the costs and benefits of implementation of the Bill.

Please expand on your answer

*THAT IS GOING TO BE DUPLICATION, AS WE
WILL HAVE TO ISSUE INFO COPY AROUND
OUR AREA + ADDITIONAL COST OF
I.T. AS EXPANDED IN Q 8 & 10.*

Question 12: What are your views on powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (i.e statutory instruments including regulations and orders) (section 5 of the Explanatory Memorandum)?

Please expand on your answer

WE ARE UNDERWHELMED

Question 13: Are there any other comments you wish to make about specific sections of the Bill?

DO YOU INTEND THAT SUBTRONIC
MEANS THAT YOU WILL TAKE WILL
SUPRESEDS THE PREVIOUS TRAD & TESTED
SUCCESSFUL HISTORY OF COMMUNICATING
WITH OUR PUBLIC IN THE PAST?