

# Ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus ar Wasanaethau Dwyieithog cyn y broses ddeddfu

Tystiolaeth gan Neil Wareham

Dear Sirs,

My concerns about the proposed bill is that it sets a precedent; that bilingual services will gradually roll out to the whole of the Welsh public sector. Does this matter? Well it does to the 80% of the non-Welsh-speaking Welsh citizens, who will end up excluded from some of the best-paid jobs in Wales.

I know the Welsh media often quotes the statistic that 20% of the Welsh population speaks Welsh, but as we all know, the statistic should be; 20% speaks Welsh and furthermore 99% of the Welsh population also speaks English, the exception being people from ethnic minorities.

When English was decreed the official language of Wales, long before its population could speak English, it was a crime. But, now after 500 years, it is not entirely beneficial to dilute that process. The fact that most of Wales speaks a world-language: English, as its first tongue is a historical gain, which should not be lost or frittered away.

Yours Sincerely,  
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