



Ordnance Survey

Romsey Road, SOUTHAMPTON, SO9 4DH.

Tel: Dial direct or Switchboard 0703 792000

Fax: 0703 792404 Minicom: 0703 792045

Mr W F Jones

Direct Tel : 0703 792568

Direct Fax : 0703 792660

Your ref :

Our ref :

Date : 28 October 1994

Dear Mr Jones

I have the information you requested concerning the depiction of Monmouthshire on Ordnance Survey maps.

Ordnance Survey reflects changes to definite detail in the landscape such as buildings, roads and fences and these changes are incorporated into the maps at the earliest practical opportunity. Boundaries do not exist as definite detail, for instance they cannot be seen on the ground as a feature but they are linked to definite detail. This process is known as mereing. Change to the course of a boundary can only be made as a result of an Act of Parliament.

Ordnance Survey only changes boundaries on its maps as a result of an Act of Parliament, and the boundaries affected in this way are local government boundaries and parliamentary boundaries.

Prior to the Local Government Act of 1972, which was operative April 1974, Monmouthshire was shown in England. Since that date, however, it has been shown as Gwent in Wales.

This confirms your understanding of the situation as stated in your letter dated 11 October.

I have not written to the South Wales Argus, but if you want to inform them of the official reason for the 'movement' of Monmouthshire from England to Wales please feel free to use this letter.

Yours sincerely

Phil Aldridge
Press Office

