

# Report to Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee

Date 16 September 2014

Report of: Director of Finance and Resources

Subject: REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

#### SUMMARY

The Council has a statutory duty to keep under review the polling districts and polling places it uses for parliamentary (and other) elections. The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 requires that a review be undertaken before 31 January 2015. This report explains the process and puts forward proposals which may be incorporated into a draft scheme for consultation.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee considers the proposals set out in Appendix A to this report and determines a draft scheme for consultation.

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1. In accordance with the Electoral Administration Act 2006, the Council has a statutory duty to keep under review the polling districts and polling places it uses for parliamentary (and other) elections. The last review was undertaken in 2011 and new regulations contained in The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and places. The next compulsory review must now be started and completed between 1 October 2013 and 31 January 2015.
- 2. The Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee has delegated powers to undertake such a review and to recommend a final scheme to the Council for adoption.
- 3. This report outlines the process for the 2014 review, explains what has been done so far and invites the Committee to approve draft proposals for further consultation. The Committee will be asked at its next meeting to consider any further comments received and to recommend a final scheme for adoption by Council for the next four years.

#### THE LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

- 4. The Representation of the People Act 1983 requires the local authority to divide its area into polling districts for the purpose of parliamentary elections and to keep such districts under review. Polling districts may also be designated for local government elections and in practice they follow the same boundaries as the parliamentary ones. Essentially, polling districts are the geographical sub-divisions of an electoral area, whether that is a constituency, a county division or a borough ward. Neither the parliamentary constituency boundaries, nor the local government wards and division boundaries may be changed by this process.
- 5. A local authority is also required to designate a polling place for each polling district. A polling place is a building or an area in which polling stations are located. The location of a polling station within a polling place is a matter for the Returning Officer and, as part of this review, the Returning Officer is required to make formal comment on polling stations currently or likely to be used in any parliamentary (or other) election.
- 6. In undertaking a review the local authority must seek to ensure that all electors in a constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances. It must also seek to ensure that so far as is practicable every polling station is accessible to electors who are disabled. A polling place should preferably be located within the polling district, but the Act recognises this is not always feasible,
- 7. The process for undertaking a review is largely prescribed by the Act and regulations but minor alterations can be implemented between major reviews to satisfy the reasonable requirements of electors or to consider the accessibility to disabled persons of polling stations within a designated polling place.

8. If the local authority in carrying out a review fails to meet the reasonable requirements of the electors or does not take sufficient account of the accessibility to disabled persons of polling stations within a designated polling place, then representations may be made to the Electoral Commission. The Commission may then direct the authority to make alterations to the polling places designated in the review.

#### **THE 2014 REVIEW**

- 9. It was decided to conduct the review in three broad stages in order to give maximum opportunity for public comment to inform the review:
  - Stage One: Collate and publish data; give notice of the review; undertake preliminary consultation with interested parties and statutory consultees; commence inspection of current and potential polling places as necessary; prepare draft proposals.
  - Stage Two: Publish draft recommendations as determined by the Committee at this meeting; invite further comment from interested parties and statutory consultees; complete inspection of current and potential polling places as necessary.
  - Stage Three: Committee at its November meeting to consider comments received and recommend a final scheme to Council; adoption of the final scheme; public notice given; Electoral Registration Officer to implement and publish register of electors before 31 January 2015. Returning Officer to have regard to the scheme in the conduct of elections.
- 10. The processes in stage one have been undertaken. Officers have taken expert advice on accessibility, as required in the legislation and also consulted with accessibility groups.
- 11. The review now needs to move to stage two, with a draft scheme approved by the Committee for further consultation.

#### THE DRAFT SCHEME

- 12. Attached to this report at Appendix A is the detail of polling districts for each ward, together with a note of the current polling place and electorate (as at 1 August 2014). Any comments which have been received are also noted, as are the suggested response and recommendations for the draft scheme. For some wards there are options to be considered and it may well be that the Committee will want those options to remain in the draft scheme pending further comment from consultees.
- 13. The proposals for each ward, in summary, are:

Fareham East	FE2 – Consider alternative venue
Fareham North	FN1 – Consider alternative venue
Fareham South	FS1 - Consider alternative venue
Fareham West	FW4 - Consider alternative venue
	FW4 - Redraw boundaries if alternative venue agreed
Fareham North-West	No change to current scheme
Hill Head	No change to current scheme
Locks Heath	No change to current scheme
Portchester East	PE1 - Consider alternative venue
	PE2 – Consider alternative venue
Park Gate	Consider alternative polling places for PG2 and PG3. Consider district boundary review
Portchester West	No change to current scheme
Sarisbury	No change to current scheme
Stubbington	Consider alternative polling places for ST1 and ST2
Titchfield Common	No change
Titchfield	TI1 & TI3 - Consider alternative polling places.
Warsash	No change to current scheme

- 14. Officers are still in the process of examining the detailed composition of polling districts and may have some further modifications to suggest. In addition, the re-inspection of existing polling places and checking the suitability and availability of possible alternative venues is still on-going. Where available, updated information will be given at the meeting. As far as the use of schools is concerned, the Returning Officer does have authority to requisition the use of a school for polling but the on-going security of pupils has to be a priority. Many schools find it difficult to accommodate the use of their premises for polling and find it disruptive to the life of the school. A number of electors have complained about the closure of schools to accommodate polling, when so many other days are lost to pupils. In light of the views on use of schools, the Council has always taken the stance that where suitable alternative premises exist it will use such premises for polling in preference to a school.
- 15. Members are asked to consider the detailed proposals in Appendix A with a view to approving the responses and recommendations as the basis of a draft

scheme which will be presented for further consultation at the next meeting.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

16. The Committee is reminded that undertaking this review fulfils the Council's statutory obligations, However, failure to meet the reasonable requirements of electors or not taking sufficient account of accessibility to disabled persons may lead to representations to the Electoral Commission who may direct changes to be made. In undertaking the review the Council may ensure that it is taking reasonable steps to enable all electors to participate in the democratic process.

#### CONCLUSION

17. The Council is required to undertake a review of the polling districts and places used in parliamentary (and other) elections before 31 January 2015. It must observe certain criteria, not least of which is accessibility to polling places by disabled persons. The draft proposals set out in Appendix A to this report have been formed taking account of the preliminary comments of statutory consultees and having regard for housing developments in the next four years, when the next review will be undertaken. The Committee is asked to approve a draft proposal, based on the comments in Appendix A, which may proceed to consultation. Any comments received will be brought back to the Committee at its next meeting, with a view to recommending a final scheme to Council for adoption.

#### **Background Papers:**

Comments of Returning Officer - Fareham

Comments of Returning Officer - Gosport

Comments of ward councillors

Comments of third parties

Comments of Access Officer

#### **Reference Papers:**

Representation of the People Act 1983

The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections)

Regulations 2006

Electoral Commission circular EC19 (2010)

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013

#### **Enquiries:**

For further information on this report please contact Elaine Wildig (Ext 4587).

#### **APPENDICES**

**Appendix A** - Draft proposals

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## Review of polling places and polling districts

2014

### DRAFT SCHEME

#### **FAREHAM EAST WARD**

Fareham East District 1

Polling Place:
Wallington Village Hall
Broadcut
Wallington
Fareham

Boarhunt Road, Chalk Lane, Clifton Mews, Cornfield, Delme Drive, Drift Road, East Hill Close, Forest Lane, Foxgloves, Furzehall Avenue, Greenbanks Gardens, Harebell Close, Military Road, North Wallington, Pallant Gardens, Pook Lane, Radclyffe Road, Riverside Avenue, Spurlings Road, St Christopher Avenue, St Sebastian Crescent, St Thomas Close, Swallow Wood, Swivelton Lane, The Heights, The Maltings, The Meadows, Wallington Shore Road, Waterside Gardens, Whitedell Lane, Wickham Road All properties north of North Hill Junction), Woodlands

Electorate 1506

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This hall has been used as a polling station for many years and local people are used to voting here. No complaints have been made regarding the use of this building. Access and car parking is good for all voters on site.

#### Response

**RECOMMEND:** No change

Fareham East District 2

Polling Place Harrison Primary School Harrison Road Fareham

Serpentine Road, The Tollgate, Uplands Crescent, Wickham Road (2-52/1-50), William Price Gardens

Coghlan Close, Furneaux Gardens, Giles Close, Hanover

Gardens, Harrison Road (1-25/2-8), Mead Way, North Hill, Old

School Court, Old Turnpike, Park Lane (8-66), Poyner Close,

Electorate 1489

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This school building has been used as a polling station for many years and local people are used to voting here although a number of complaints are received each year regarding the closure of the school. It is considered that combining this polling station with the United Reform Church (FE3) would be a better location for voters and be within the heart of the community. In addition, it is the Council's policy to avoid the use of schools where an alternative is available.

#### Response:

RECOMMEND: Change the polling place to United Reform Church, as a double station with FE3

#### Fareham East District 3

Polling Place: United Reform Church Osborn Road South Fareham

Electorate 1369

Archery Lane, Bath Lane, Bridgefoot Drive, Church Path, Church Place, Clarkes Court, Deanes Park Road, Earl Godwin Close, East Street, Harrison Road (14-22/27-41), Hartlands Road, High Street, Kings Road, Madison Court, Malthouse Lane, Northwood Square, Old School Court, Osborn Road, Osborn Road South, Palmerton Avenue, Portland Street, Quay Street, Queens Road, Trinity Street (54, 70a & 84), Union Street, West Street (1-161/2-144), Westborn Road, Westbury Road, Western Road

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Good facilities and ease of access. The Returning Officer considers this location is large enough to accommodate two polling stations (FE2 and FE3)

#### Response:

RECOMMEND: Change to double polling station FE2 and FE3

Fareham East District 4

Polling Place
Baptist Church Hall
Fareham Baptist Church
Gosport Road
Fareham

Alders Road, Bosuns Close, Earls Road, Eastern Parade, Elms Road, Farrier Way, Fen Avenue, Geoffrey Crescent, Gosport Road (110-254 / 225-375), Hoeford Close, Johns Road, Laburnum Road, Lower Quay, Lower Quay Close, Lower Quay Road, Mainsail Drive, Old Gosport Road, Paddon Place, Salterns Estate, Salterns Lane, Seabird Way, The Halliards, The Moorings, Upper Wharf, Watersmeet

Electorate 1686

#### **Comments**

Returning Officer: This building has been used as a polling station for many years and local people are used to voting here. No complaints have been received from voters.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change

#### **General Comments:**

Councillor Mrs Trott comments that she has not received any complaints and people are used to where they currently vote.

#### **FAREHAM NORTH WARD**

Fareham North District 1

Polling Place
The Miners Arms
Funtley Road
Funtley
Fareham

Deer Leap, Funtley Hill, Funtley Lane, Funtley Road, Holly Grove, Honey Lane, Iron Mill Lane, Kiln Road (93-113/98-134), Lakeside, Lechlade Gardens, Marlow Close, Red Barn Lane(Timbers / 75-91 / 1-12 /48-92), Roebuck Avenue, Stag Way, Sunbury Court, The Waters, White Lodge Gardens, Wickham Road (north of motorway)

Electorate 1084

#### Comments

Ward Councillors: Councillors Mr and Mrs Bryant comment that it would be more convenient for electors in the Red Barn area who currently vote at this polling station to vote at Funtley Court.

#### Response:

RECOMMEND: To make enquiries regarding the use of Funtley Court as a polling place.

Fareham North District 2

Polling Place: Uplands Primary School Morshead Crescent Fareham Bruce Close, Burnham Wood, Crawford Drive, Green Hollow Close, Greenwood Close, Highlands Road (1-19 /2-20A), Irvine Close, Kiln Road (1-91 / 2-96), Longstaff Gardens, Lynton Gardens, Mallory Crescent, Maylings Farm Road, Morshead Crescent, North Hill, Norton Drive, Odell Close, Potters Avenue, Saville Gardens, Tanglewood, Tensing Close, The Cedars, The Mallards, Wakefield Avenue, West Downs Close

Electorate 1444

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This school building has been used as a polling station for many years and local people are used to voting here.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change.

Fareham North District 3

Polling Place
Uplands Primary School
Morshead Crescent
Fareham

Arundel Drive, Beaufort Avenue, Bentley Crescent, Byron Close, Chaucer Close, Denbigh Drive, Dryden Close, Hillary Close, Leigh Road, Miller Drive, Oxford Close, Park Lane, Somervell Drive Tennyson Gardens, The Drive

Electorate 1612

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Although this polling place is located outside the polling district, it affords adequate facilities to accommodate two polling stations. The building has been used as a polling station for this district for many years and local people are used to voting here. No alternative venue identified.

#### Response

#### Fareham North District 4

Polling Place Fareham Fire Station Station Approach Fareham Brook Farm Avenue, Colenso Road, Crescent Gardens, Crescent Road, Derlyn Road, Gordon Road, Grove Road, Gudge Heath Lane (2-118/1-123), Lawrence Road, Maytree Road, Murray Close, New Road, Nicholas Crescent, Orme Court, Riches Mews, Rowland Road, Russell Place, Stephen Road, Trinity Gardens, Trinity Street, West Street (155-237 + Western Court 150-204B)

Electorate 1568

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This location was used as a polling station for the first time for the elections in May 2014. Parking is limited at the site but no complaints were received

Response:

#### **FAREHAM SOUTH WARD**

Fareham South District 1

Polling Place
Fareham Working Men's
Club
8 Mill Road
Fareham

Alexander Grove, Beaconsfield Road, Belvoir Close, Briarwood Close, Compass Point, Coombe Farm Avenue, Eden Rise, Elmhurst Road, Fayre Road, Gosport Road (1-203), Holbrook Road, Mill Road

Electorate 1261

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Conveniently located station with good parking and access. The lighting level is generally low, but arrangements are made on polling day to provide individual lighting for the voting compartments. The lighting is a concern together with the charge made in respect of hiring the hall. It is suggested that alternative venues are considered as part of this review.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: Consider alternative venues in the area and report to the next meeting of this committee.

Fareham South District 2

Polling Place: St Johns Church Hall St Johns Church Upper St Michaels Grove Fareham Avenue Road, Broadacre Place, Chamberlain Grove, Highfield Avenue, Paxton Road, Redlands Lane, Romyns Court, St Annes Grove (2-2a/1a,1b,1c), St Michaels Grove(2-68a/1-67), The Avenue (21-25), Upper St Michaels Grove, Wallisdean Avenue, Westfield Avenue, Westley Grove

Electorate 1916

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This building has been used as a polling station for many years and local people are used to voting here. Parking and access arrangements are good.

#### Response:

**RECOMMEND:** No change

Fareham South District 3

Polling Place West End Chapel St Annes Grove, Fareham Berwyn Walk, Biggin Walk, Bishopsfield Road, Blaven Walk, Bredon Walk, Broadlaw Walk, Bulbarrow Walk, Butser Walk, Cannock Walk, Carran Walk, Chiltern Walk, Coniston Walk, Cranbourne Walk, Crossfell Walk, Fairfield Avenue, Longfield Avenue (92-126), Longmynd Drive (92-98), St Annes Grove (4a-98/1d-97)

Electorate 1423

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Although the hall is small, no adverse comment has been received and appears to be conveniently located.

#### Response

Fareham South District 4

Polling Place
Trafalgar Court Communal
Lounge
Trafalgar Court
Fairfield Avenue
Fareham

Cambrian Walk, Cheviot Walk, Cotswold Walk, Eastfield Avenue, Endofield Close, Fort Fareham Road, Holmefield Avenue, Longfield Avenue (2-90/1-109), Malus Close, Midfield Close, Northfield Avenue, St Michaels Grove (68b-86/67d-99), Trafalgar Court, Tudor Court

Electorate 972

#### **Comments**

Returning Officer: This is a convenient station with no complaints from voters. Good signage is required from the road to ensure ease of access.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change

Advice to Returning Officer: Ensure adequate signage is provided on polling day.

#### **General Comments:**

Councillor Steadman suggests no change at present.

#### **FAREHAM WEST WARD**

Fareham West District 1

Polling Place
The Heathfield Arms
Blackbrook Road
Fareham

Abbey Road, Alan Grove, Anjou Crescent, Beech Road, Blackbrook House Drive, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Blackbrook Road, Brookmeadow, Ferneham Road, Haddon Close, Harlequin Grove, Margarita Road, Marigold Close, Oak Road, Priory Road, Spicewood, Veryan, Woodstock Close, Woodvale

Electorate 1468

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This venue has been used as a polling station for a number of years without any problems. The car parking facility is good and is located in the centre of the community.

Response

**RECOMMEND:** No change

Fareham West District 2

Polling Place: The Heathfield Arms Blackbrook Road Fareham Abbeyfield Drive, Abbots Way, Ashlyn Close, Barnwood Road, Bradly Road, Chalford Grange, Dalewood Road, Greyfriars Road, Heath Lawns, Heathfield Avenue, Highlands Road (140-252 / 159-245), Jonathan Road, Julie Avenue, Meadowbank Road, Minster Close, Napier Crescent, Newlands, Place House Close, Regency Place, Shenley Close, Southmead Road, Stanley Close, The Cloisters

Electorate 1548

Comments

Returning Officer: See comments above.

Response

RECOMMEND: See comments above

Fareham West District 3

Polling Place
St Philip Howard Church
Hall
Bishopsfield Road
Fareham

Electorate 1778

Ash Close, Bardon Way, Blackbrook House Drive, Brecon Close, Brendon Road, Cedar Way, Cherry Tree Avenue, Clee Avenue, Cleveland Drive, Craigbank Court, Dunstable Walk, Ellison Gardens, Haddon Close, Helsby Close, Jasmine Walk, Justin Close, Lambourn Close, Lasham Walk, Longfield Avenue (128-142), Longmynd Drive, Magnolia Close, Malvern Avenue, Mendips Road, Mendips Walk, Middleton Close, Pennine Walk, Pine Trees Close, Poplar Drive, Purbeck Drive, Purbeck Walk, Scafell Avenue, Silver Birch Avenue, Snowdon Drive, The Avenue (4-86 / 31-73), Veryan, Whitebeam Close, Willow Tree Gardens, Woodstock Close

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Good facilities and off-street car parking. Car park is used by visitors to neighbouring school and is often full at the end of the school day; car parking spaces designated for polling station use would be useful.

#### Response

Note to Returning Officer: Seek allocation of reserved parking spaces.

Fareham West District 4  Polling Place Ranvilles Infant School	Alverston Avenue, Aust Road, Charfield Close, Cromhall Close, Glenbrook Walk, Greyshott Avenue (1-25), Hayling Close, Langstone Walk, Oldbury Way, Patchway Drive, Peak Drive, Peak Lane, Pilning Close, Prinsted Walk, Sandisplatt, Sharpness Close,
Oldbury Way	Sibland Close, Thorney Close, Tortworth Close
Fareham	
Electorate 736	

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This polling place is just outside the polling district, situated within Titchfield (TI3). The premises are used to accommodate two stations serving both districts. In the past some general comments have been made opposed to the use of the school due to the closure of the school for the day and the adjacent community centre has been suggested as a possible alternative venue. This has been investigated but due to other commitments, they have been unable to make the facility available on polling day.

The number of voters allocated to this district is disproportionate to the other three districts serving Fareham West ward and it is considered that the boundaries should be redrawn when considering an alternative polling place.

Councillor comment: Councillor Miss Harper has spoken to Ranvilles Community Centre and they are happy to consider making the facility available.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: The Community Centre management to be approached as an alternative venue.

Subject to an alternative venue being considered, consider redrawing the boundaries of the district.

#### **FAREHAM NORTH WEST WARD**

Fareham North-West District 1

Polling Place
North West Community
Centre
Henry Cort Drive, Fareham

Atkins Place, Caroline Gardens, Cort Way, Fareham Park Road, Henry Cort Drive, Hillson Drive, Nashe Way, Neptune Road, Norset Road, Park Farm Avenue, Park Farm Close, Poppy Gardens, Privett Road, Tewkesbury Avenue, Thorni Avenue, Valentine Close, Whinchat Close, Wynton Way

Electorate 1592

#### Comments

Returning Officer: A conveniently located station with good parking.

Response:

RECOMMEND: No change

Fareham North-West District 2

Polling Place: Hill Park Working Men's Club

Highlands Road, Fareham

Electorate 1455

Badger Close, Barfleur Close, Burt Close, Coppice Way, Craven Court, Fareham Park Road, Gibraltar Close, Gifford Close, Glenesha Gardens, Gudge Heath Lane, Hammond Road, Heather Gardens, Highlands Road, Hill Walk, Hillson House, Hornet Close, Iron Mill Close, Lea-Oak Gardens, Lovatt Grove, Nashe Close, Ocean Close, Park Walk, Pelican Close, Richardson Drive, Shannon Close, Stow Crescent, Sunlight Gardens, Triumph Close

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This polling station is convenient for voters and has good car parking. There is disabled access through the rear of the building which is adequate but only allows access to the polling station through the bar area.

Response

Fareham North-West District 3

Polling Place
Hill Park Working Men's
Club
Highlands Road, Fareham

Beaumont Close, Beaumont Rise, Chantrell Walk, Green Walk, Greendale Close, Hayes Close, Henley Gardens, Highmead, Hill Park Road, Hillbrow Close, Kennedy Avenue, Kingston Gardens, , Pennington Way, Runnymede, Thames Drive, The Copse, The Glade, The Greendale, Walton Court, Winnington, Winnington Close

Electorate 1445

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This polling station is convenient for voters and has good car parking. There is disabled access through the rear of the building which is adequate but only allows access to the polling station through the bar area.

Response

**RECOMMEND:** No change

Fareham North-West District 4

Polling Place Frosthole Close Community Lounge Frosthole Close Fareham Aberdeen Close, Angus Close, Argyle Crescent, Balmoral Road, Bartlett Close, Braemar Close, Culloden Close, Dundee Close, Elgin Close, Frosthole Close, Frosthole Crescent, Glenelg, High Walk, Highlands Road, Hill Drive, Hoylecroft Close, Inverness Avenue, Mary Rose Close Rannoch Close, Woodhall Way

Electorate 1191

#### **Comments**

Returning Officer: This polling station is convenient for voters and is situated centrally within the community.

Response

**RECOMMEND:** No change

#### General comments:

Returning Officer: This ward was the subject of a comprehensive review in 2011.

Councillor Davies is happy with the current arrangements in Fareham North West

#### **HILL HEAD WARD**

#### Hill Head District 1 Ashton Way, Bell Davies Road, Berkeley Close, Beverley Road, Boyd Close, Bramble Close, Bulwark Road, Caspar John Close, Corfe Close, Cottes Way, Cottes Way East, Crofton Avenue, Polling Place Crofton Lane (2-42/1-69), Dallington Close, Ellerslie Close, Crofton Hammond Infant Elsfred Road, Farm Edge Road, Hurst Close, Illustrious Road, School Invincible Road, Link Way, Monks Way, Mulberry Avenue, Mancroft Avenue Pilgrims Way, Robinson Road, Salterns Road, Sanross Close, Stubbington Sea Lane, Seafield Park Road, Seamead, Springfield Way, Fareham Stubbington Lane (129-181/120-198), Swordfish Close, Tamarisk Close, Valsheba Drive Electorate 1537

#### **Comments**

Returning Officer: Although this polling place is located outside the polling district, it affords adequate facilities to accommodate two polling stations. No alternative venue identified within the district. Comments have been made regarding the disabled access which has been addressed by providing a purpose made ramp for polling day. Further improvements to the position of the ramp to be in place for future elections.

Car parking can be a problem as teachers use the parking spaces closest to the polling station but this can easily be addressed before polling day.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change

Returning Officer to ensure adequate parking spaces are provided close to the polling station.

Hill Head District 2	Andrew Place, Bells Lane, Cremyll Close, Crofton Lane (48-
	88/71-115), Deans Gate, Denham Close, Ferncroft Close, Glyn
Polling Place:	Drive, Glyn Way, Goodsell Close, Harriet Close, Lanes End,
Crofton Hammond Infant	Mancroft Avenue, Mayflower Close, Midways, Moody Road,
School	Nursery Lane, Old Farm Lane, Seaton Close, Solent Court, Stuart
Mancroft Avenue	Close, Stubbington Lane (39-127/5-67), The Glebe, The Grove,
Stubbington	Violet Avenue, Walnut Drive, Wedgewood Close, Westgate
Fareham	
Electorate 1530	

#### **Comments**

Returning Officer: See comments as for district 1 above.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: As district 1.

#### Hill Head District 3

Polling Place
Anne Dale Junior School
Cuckoo Lane,
Stubbington
Fareham

Barlow Close, Berry Lane, Carisbrooke Avenue, Cliff Road, Cowdray Park, Crabthorn Farm Lane, Dover Close, Fernie Close, Fitzwilliam Avenue, Fury Way, Great Gays, Haven Crescent, Hill Head Road, Knights Bank Road, Little Gays, Old Street (2-168/5-67), Osborne View Road, Pembroke Crescent, Pytchley Close, Short Road, Solent Road, The Scimitars, Whaddon Chase

Electorate 1554

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Although this polling place is located outside the polling district, it affords adequate facilities to accommodate two polling stations. No alternative venue identified within the district.

#### Response

**RECOMMEND:** No change

#### Hill Head District 4

Polling Place
Anne Dale Junior School
Cuckoo Lane,
Stubbington
Fareham

Angelus Close, Biscay Close, Blankney Close, Bramham Moor, Cromarty Close, Cuckoo Lane, Fair Isle Close, Faroes Close, Fastnet Way, Finisterre Close, Fisher Close, Forth Close, Forties Close, Hawk Close, Hebrides Close, Humber Close, Lundy Walk, Malin Close, Old Street (180-220), Plover Close, Plymouth Drive, Robins Close, Sea Kings, Shannon Road, The Gannets, Upper Old Street (1), Vicarage Lane (Glamis Court/ 10-40), Viking Close, Vixen Close

Electorate 1525

#### Comments

Returning Officer: See comments as for district 3 above

#### Response

#### **LOCKS HEATH WARD**

Locks Heath District 1

Polling Place
Lockswood Community
Centre
Locks Heath District Centre
Locks Heath

Centre Way, Chine Close, Dingle Way, Downland Close, Erica Close, Fell Close, Headland Drive, Heath Road South, Hedera Road, High Oaks Close, Hollybrook Gardens, Honeysuckle Close, Ilex Crescent, Locks Road (124-248/115-229), Lockswood Road, Meadow Avenue, Moorland Close, Old Common, Old Common Gardens, Oleander Close, Richards Close, Southwood Gardens, The Glades. Weald Close

Electorate 1400

#### **Comments**

Returning Officer: This Centre has been used as a polling station for many years and local people are used to voting here. No complaints have been made regarding the use of this building. Car parking is good with adequate disabled spaces. Access is good for wheelchair users and mobility scooters.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change

Locks Heath District 2 Bryony Close, Burgundy Close, Conference Drive, Crescent Road, Danehurst Place, Edgehurst, Exeter Close, Field Close, Grenadier Close, Grovebury, Heath Road, James Grieve Avenue, Polling Place Jesmond Grove, Lambourne Drive, Lawn Drive, Laxton Close, **Lockswood Community** Locks Road (2-118/1-75), Lydney Road, Maytree Close, Monarch Centre Locks Heath District Centre Close, Monterey Drive, Orchard Road, Pershore Close, Peters Locks Heath Road(41-89/58-92), Raley Road, St Davids Road, St Georges Road, St Michaels Road, Stillmeadows, The Chestnuts, Electorate 1936 Woodbind Walk (6-9)

#### **Comments**

Returning Officer: Although this polling place is located outside the polling district, it affords adequate facilities to accommodate two polling stations. No alternative venue identified within the district.

#### Response

#### Locks Heath District 3

Polling Place St Johns Church Centre Church Road Locks Heath Admirals Road, Beatty Close, Brewer Close, Chancel Road, Crispin Close, Cunningham Drive, Daisy Lane, Drake Close, Hardy Close, Home Rule Road, Hood Close, Laurel Close, Laurel Gardens, Laurel Road, Lodge Road, Malcolm Close, Montpelier Close, Northmore Close, Northmore Road, St Cuthberts Close, St Cuthberts Lane, St Joseph Close, St Simon Close, The Haven, Topiary Gardens

Electorate 1331

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Although this polling place is located outside the polling district, it affords excellent facilities and accommodates two polling stations adequately. No alternative venue identified within the district.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change

Locks Heath District 4

Polling Place St Johns Church Centre Church Road Locks Heath Capstan Gardens, Cardinal Way, Church Close, Church Road, Coombedale, Deacon Road, Glendale, Hazel Grove, Kingfisher Copse, Nightingale Mews, St Johns Road, St Tristan Close, Sunnyside, The Brackens, The Vale, Woodpecker Copse

Electorate 1048

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This polling place is also identified for polling district 3, see comments above.

#### Response

**RECOMMEND:** No change

#### General comments:

Councillor Mrs Bayford and Councillor Evans agreed that the present arrangements work well.

#### PORTCHESTER EAST WARD

Portchester East District 1	Anson Grove, Benedict Way, Carlton Road, Colinton Avenue,
	Conifer Mews, Edward Grove, Hill Road, Kelvin Grove, Leith
Polling Place	Avenue, Montrose Avenue, Morningside Avenue, Mountview
The Fire Station	Avenue, Nelson Lane, Newtown, Pentland Rise, Portchester
Kelvin Grove	Heights, Portobello Grove, Portsdown Road, Portsview Avenue,
Portchester	Portsview Gardens, Seaview Avenue, Skew Road, Southwick
	Avenue, Station Road,
Electorate 1729	

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This polling station has been used since 2012 and after a number of initial issues regarding the car parking and siting of the polling station, no complaints have been received from voters.

The Fire Service has taken the opportunity to promote fire safety outside the polling place to demonstrate a joint working arrangement within the community.

Portchester East ward was reviewed by the Licencing and Regulatory Affairs committee on 19 November 2013 and no further changes are considered necessary.

Councillor comments: Councillor Walker has suggested Portchester Parish Hall could be considered as an alternative venue if there are problems with the Fire Station location.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: The Returning Officer considers the existing polling station to be adequate but If the Committee considers an alternative polling station is required, to investigate the use of Portchester Parish Hall.

Portchester East District 2	Barbican Mews, Castle Street, East Street, Hospital Lane, , Postern Close, The Keep, West Street (1-39 and 2-44) Wicor Path
Polling Place	, 1,
Castle Street Centre	
Castle Street	
Portchester	
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Electorate 804	
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#### Comments

Returning Officer: Conveniently sited polling place for electors. Portchester East ward was reviewed by the Licencing and Regulatory Affairs committee on 19 November 2013 and no further changes are considered necessary.

Councillor comments: Councillor Walker has suggested Portchester Parish Hall could be considered as an alternative location.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: The Returning Officer considers the existing polling station to be adequate but If the Committee considers an alternative polling station is required, to investigate the use of Portchester Parish Hall.

#### Portchester East District 3

Polling Place
Portchester Community
Centre
Westlands Grove
Portchester

Alton Grove, Bayly Avenue, Beachway, Benham Grove, Castle View Road, Cooper Grove, Denville Avenue, Edgar Crescent, Grove Avenue, Kenwood Road, Lansdowne Avenue, Lonsdale Avenue, Merton Avenue, Merton Crescent, Neville Avenue, Norman Close, Olive Crescent, Roman Grove, Webb Road, Westbrook Road, White Hart Lane (1-117 / 2-114, 267 & 269), Windsor Road. York Gardens

Electorate 1691

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Four polling stations are now located within Portchester Community Centre which is located in the centre of the community. This is a purpose built facility with good parking and disabled access. This works well providing adequate signage is displayed and there is clear division between the polling stations.

Response:

RECOMMEND: no change

#### Portchester East District 4

Polling Place
Portchester Community
Centre
Westlands Grove
Portchester
Electorate 1816

Allenby Grove, Carberry Drive, Castle Grove, Clive Grove, Coppins Grove, Coral Close, Foxbury Grove, Frobisher Grove, Gladstone Gardens, Harbour View, Jubilee Road, Kent Grove, King George Road, Marina Grove, Marlborough Grove, Myrtle Avenue, New Priory Gardens, Norgett Way, Queen Mary Road, Seaway Grove, Sunningdale Road, Vincent Grove, Wellington Grove, White Hart Lane (119-185 / 116-166), Windmill Grove

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This polling place also serves polling district 3, 5 and 6. Comments as above.

Response

RECOMMEND: no change

#### Portchester East District 5

Polling Place
Portchester Community
Centre
Westlands Grove
Portchester

Shrubbery Close, St Helena Way, St James Way, The Close, The Crossway, The Downsway, The Fairway, The Kingsway, The Leaway, The Queensway, West Street (excluding 1-39 and 2-44), Westlands Grove, White Hart Lane (168-238/217-265)

Electorate 1491

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This polling place also serves polling district 3, 4 and 6. Comments as above.

#### Response

#### Portchester East District 6

Polling Place
Portchester Community
Centre
Westlands Grove
Portchester

Albion Close, Audret Close, Cador Drive, Central Road, Cornaway Lane (2-66), Cranleigh Road (2-106), Gatehouse Road, Heritage Gardens, Kenya Road, Kilwich Way, King John Avenue, Moraunt Drive, Nelson Avenue, Orchard Grove, Sandport Grove, Seafield Road, Sissinghurst Road, Tattershall Crescent, Wessex Gardens, White Hart Lane (271-307/246-272), Whitehaven, Wicor Mill Lane, Wicormarine

Electorate 1348

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This polling place also serves polling district 3, 4 and 5. Comments as above.

#### Response

#### **PARK GATE WARD**

Park Gate District 1

Polling Place St Margaret Mary Church Hall Middle Road Park Gate Applewood, Badgers Copse, Bastins Close, Beacon Bottom, Beacon Close, Beacon Mount, Beacon Way, Botley Road (7-73/2-104), Collingworth Rise, Dove Gardens, Duncan Road, Eastbrook Close, Lind Way, Little Fox Drive, Little Park Farm Road, Lower Duncan Road, Middle Road, Park Mews, Red Oaks Drive, Sarisbury Gate, Squirrel Close, Station Road, Westbrook Close

Electorate 1392

**Comments** 

Returning Officer: This polling place is centrally located and has good car parking.

Response

RECOMMEND: No change to this polling district

Park Gate District 2

Polling Place
Sarisbury Green Social
Club
Bridge Road
Park Gate

Electorate 1731

Addison Road, Ambledale, Barnbrook Road, Barnes Close, Barnes Lane (4-108/1-23), Bridge Road (2-110/1-135), Coldeast Way, Columbus Drive, Deerbrook Close, Dene Close, Dormy Close, Edenbridge Way Ekless Court, Holly Close, Ironbridge Crescent, Jellicoe Drive, Mansion House Close, Melville Gardens Montefiore Drive, Mountbatten Drive, Norwich Close, Painswick Close, Rayleigh Walk, Sherwood Gardens, Springfield, Stableyard Mews, Stalybridge Close, Uxbridge Close, Valley Rise, Vine Close, Weybridge Close Winnards Park, Woodthorpe Gardens

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Park Gate has been the subject of several reviews as it is a growing ward. This polling station was previously located at Brookfield School but was the subject of numerous complaints from voters and the parents of school children. Alternative venues were considered such as the British Legion Club and the Community Hospital in Brook Lane but they were unavailable.

The polling station has been located at Sarisbury Green Social Club since 2012 but there have been a few complaints from voters living in Brook Lane regarding the distance to the polling station.

Councillor comments: Councillor Bayford has suggested approaching the Community Hospital again or Lord Wilson School as an alternative polling place. Another option would be to allocate residents in the southern part of Brook Lane to PG4. Councillor Mrs Ellerton comments that the Social Club works well but complaints are received from residents living in Brook Lane, in the circumstances, the British Legion Club is an alternative

#### Response

RECOMMEND: To consider the Community Hospital, British Legion Club, Lord Wilson School as an alternative polling place or allocate Brook Lane residents to Priory Park (PG4)

Park Gate District 3

Polling Place
Sarisbury Green Social
Club
Bridge Road
Park Gate

April Grove, Battle Close, Beck Close, Brook Close, Brook Lane (136-364), Brook Lane (127-243), Brookfield Gardens, Cecil Gardens, Chichester Close, Cumber Road, Delft Close, Greenacres Road, Heath Road North, Highnam Gardens, Holland Park, Leabrook, Littlewood Gardens, Marken Close, Parklands, Peters Close, Peters Road (1-35/2-34), Pine Walk, Rothschild Drive, Rowe Ashe Way, Strawberry Hill, Tulip Gardens, Twiggs End Close, Wildern Close

Electorate 1292

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Comments as Park Gate 2

#### Response

RECOMMEND: To consider the Community Hospital, British Legion Club, Lord Wilson School as an alternative polling place or allocate Brook Lane residents to Priory Park (PG4)

Park Gate District 4

Polling Place
Priory Park Community
Hall
Upper Brook Drive
Park Gate

Bilberry Close, Bluebell Close, Buttercup Way, Celandine Avenue, Clover Close, Cornflower Close, Cowslip Close, Elder Close, Gorse Close, Kingcup Avenue, Knotgrass Road, Larkspur Close, Mallow Close, Pennycress, Pimpernel Close, Poppy Close, Primrose Way, Shepherds Purse Close, Silverweed Court, Snapdragon Close, Snowdrop Close, Sorrel Close, Speedwell Close, Stonecrop Close, Wild Rose Crescent, Willow Herb Close, Woodbind Walk, Woodrush Crescent, Yarrow Way

Electorate 1846

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This Hall has been used as the polling place for a number of years and local people are used to voting here. No complaints have been made regarding the use of this building.

Response

#### PORTCHESTER WEST WARD

Portchester West	Buriton Close, Caer Peris View, Dore Avenue (1-153/2-124), Exton
District 1	Gardens, Froxfield Gardens, Harting Gardens, High View, Hill View
	Road, Island View Walk, Kilmiston Drive, Laverock Lea, Leckford Close,
Polling Place	Linden Lea (2-52/1-71), Nyewood Avenue, Richmond Rise, Roegate
Northern Junior	Gardens, Steep Close, The Hillway, Waltham Close, Weyhill Close
School	
Richmond Rise	
Portchester	
Electorate 1474	

#### **Comments**

Returning Officer: This school has been used as a polling place for many years and local people are used to voting here. No complaints have been made regarding the use of this building. There are steps at the entrance to the polling station but a permanent ramp is also provided.

Response

**RECOMMEND:** No change

Portchester West	Boxwood Close, Camelot Crescent, Canons Barn Close, Danes Road,
District 2	Dore Avenue (193-245/190-218), Eleanor's Wood, Grindle Close,
	Hawthorn Close, Jute Close, Lancaster Close, Linden Lea (54-110 / 73-
Polling Place	83), Merlin Gardens, Redwood Drive, Robinson Court, Saxon Close,
Northern Junior	Simpson Close, Solent View, Tudor Close, Upper Cornaway Lane
School	
Richmond Rise	
Portchester	
Electorate 881	
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#### Comments

Returning Officer: Although this polling place is located outside the polling district, it affords adequate facilities to accommodate two polling stations and is suitably located to serve both districts. Comments as above.

#### Response

Portchester West District 3

Polling Place
Wicor Primary
School
Hatherley Crescent
Portchester

Ashtead Close, Avon Walk, Beaulieu Avenue, Brenchley Close, Cornaway Lane (5-65), Cranleigh Road (1-27), Dore Avenue(300), Hatherley Crescent, Merrow Close, Portchester Road (56a-142/35-81), Quintrel Avenue, Ribble Gardens, Rockingham Way, Romsey Avenue, Rudgwick Close, Severn Close, Stoneleigh Close, Tamar Close, Trent Walk, Winnham Drive

Electorate 1356

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This school has been used as a polling place for many years and local people are used to voting here. No complaints have been made regarding the use of this building.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change

Portchester West District 4

Polling Place Cams Hill School Shearwater Avenue Fareham

Electorate 2069

Alum Way, Audley Court, Birdwood Grove, Cams Bay Close, Cams Hill, Chaffinch Way, Champneys Gardens, Charlemont Drive, Condor Avenue, Cormorant Close, Crest Close, Curlew Drive, Cygnet Court, Down End Road, Eagle Close, East Cams Close, Falcon Close, Flamingo Court, Goldcrest Close, Grebe Close, Hawkwell. Kingfishers, Lapwing Grove, Magpie Close, Osprey Court, Oysell Gardens, Paradise Lane, Partridge Close, Peacock Close, Portchester Road (34-56/5-22), Rooksway Grove, Shearwater Avenue, St Catherines Way, Swancote, Teal Close, The Causeway, The Dell, The Linnets, The Peregrines, The Pines, The Ridgeway, The Spinney, The Thicket, Tor Close, Ventnor Way, Wagtail Way, Wallington Shore Road, Widgeon Court, Wrenway

#### **Comments**

Returning Officer: This school has been used as a polling place for many years and local people are used to voting here. Although the district electorate is large, one polling station is sufficient to accommodate this number of voters at this venue and consideration will be given to engaging additional polling staff at peak periods.

#### Response

#### **SARISBURY WARD**

Sarisbury District 1	Andalusian Gardens, Arabian Gardens, Berber Close, Brabant
	Close, Breton Close, Burmese Close, Camargue Close,
Polling Place	Clydesdale Road, Connemara Crescent, Exmoor Close, Gull
Whiteley Community	Coppice, Haflinger Drive, Hanoverian Way, Hispano Avenue,
Centre	Java Drive, Jutland Close, Lipizzaner Fields, Mustang Avenue,
Gull Coppice	Oldenburg, Palomino Drive, Persian Drive, Pinto Close, Shire
Whiteley	Close, Suffolk Drive, Timor Close,
Electorate 1346	

#### Comments

Returning Officer: The polling place has good facilities and access and is large enough to accommodate both polling districts.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change

Sarisbury District 2	Ashley Close, Botley Road (112-314/149-285), Burridge Road,
	Caigers Green, Calabrese, Caspian Close, Castilian Way,
Polling Place	Danube Drive, Glen Road, Green Lane, New Road, Rookery
Burridge Sports & Social	Grange, Shetland Rise, Sopwith Way, Swanwick Lane (1-149/10-
Club	148), Whiteley Lane, Yew Tree Court.
Botley Road, Burridge	
Electorate 1080	

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This polling place has been refurbished since the last review and now provides good access for all voters.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change.

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Sarisbury District 3	Allotment Road, Anglers Way, Barnes Lane (190-220/157-211),
	Bentham Way, Bramble Lane, Bridge Road (120-286/139-261a),
Polling Place	Bye Road, Chapel Road, Coal Park Lane, Coldeast Close,
Sarisbury Parish Rooms	Crableck Lane, Embsay Road, Glen Road (1-55/2-54), Green
Barnes Lane	Lane, Hawthorn Lane, Hillside Mews, Holly Hill Lane, Lawson
Sarisbury Green	Close, Lower Swanwick Road, Mistletoe Gardens, Mulberry Lane,
	New Inn Court, Old Swanwick Lane, Oslands Lane, Pond Road,
Electorate 1940	Quay Haven, Querida Close, Regents Gate, Sarisbury Court,
	Silvertrees, Spring Road, St Pauls Road, Swan Close, Swanwick
	Lane (155-355,170-288), Swanwick Shore Road, The Green,
	Tollgate Road, Walpole Lane, Wayside, Woodlands Close.
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#### Comments

Returning Officer: This building has been used as a polling station for a number of years and local people are used to voting here. No complaints have been received. Access and parking is satisfactory for all voters.

#### Response

Sarisbury District 4	Andersen Close, Austen Gardens, Barrie Close, Blake Close,
	Bronte Gardens, Browning Close, Buchan Avenue, Chesterton
Polling Place	Place, Christie Avenue, Coleridge Drive, Conrad Gardens, Defoe
Whiteley Community	Close, Dickens Drive, Dumas Drive, Eliot Close, Fielding Road,
Centre	Fitzgerald Close, Fyfield Close, Hemingway Gardens, Ibsen
Gull Coppice, Whiteley	Close, Jerome Street, John Bunyan Close, Keats Close, Kingsley
	Way, Kipling Close, Maryat Way, Rattigan Gardens, Sheridan
Electorate 1566	Gardens, Steinbeck Close, Verne Close, Wells Close,
	Wordsworth Place.

#### Comments

Returning Officer: The polling place has good facilities and access and is large enough to accommodate both polling districts.

#### Response

#### STUBBINGTON WARD

Stubbington District 1	Ajax Close, Brune Lane, Cherque Lane, Conqueror Way, East House Avenue, Elizabeth Road, Eric Road, Fay Close, Francis
Polling Place	Place, Glenthorne Close, Gosport Road, Jersey Close,
Crofton Youth Club	Kingsmead Avenue, Leviathan Close, Martin Avenue, Northways,
Stubbington Lane,	Orion Close, Shoot Lane, Southways, Tonnant Close, Victory
Stubbington	Road, Westways, William Close.
Electorate 1305	

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This building was used for the 2014 election as a report was considered by the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee at its meeting on 19 November 2013 which highlighted the high cost of the previously used Crofton Community Centre. No complaints were received from residents as a result of the move

Councillor comments: Councillor Knight comments that he represents Crofton Community Association as the nominated Council representative. He points out that smaller rooms are available in the Community Centre and the manager should be contacted to ensure that there has been a proper consideration of what the Crofton Community Centre can offer.

Councillor Wood comments that a number of residents complained to him about the use of Crofton Youth Centre this year. They feel it is not large enough for a parliamentary election and didn't know where it was located.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: Consider using a smaller room in the Crofton Community Centre as an alternative venue

Stubbington District 2	Albert Road, Alfred Road, Bells Lane, Belmont Close, Beresford Road, Croftlands Avenue, Cutlers Lane, Dale Road, Halletts
Polling Place	Close, Harold Road, Marks Road, Mayfield Close, Newgate Lane
Crofton Youth Club	(7-245+/130), Oakdown Road, Park Lane, Queens Crescent,
Stubbington Lane,	Ravens Close, Rectory Close, Spencer Court, Stubbington Green,
Stubbington	Stubbington Lane (1-29/26-26A), The Byres, Vicarage Lane (1-
	47), Village Close, Woodcote Lane
Electorate 1394	
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#### Comments

Returning Officer: See comments for ST1

#### Response

RECOMMEND: Consider using a smaller room in the Crofton Community Centre as an alternative venue

Stubbington	District	3
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Polling Place Methodist Church Hall Mays Lane, Stubbington

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Burnt House Lane, Cains Close, Darren Close, Derwent Close, Ditton Close, Ennerdale Road, Foster Close, Garnett Close, Grasmere Way, Green Road, Herons Close, Longs Lane, Mays Lane, Metcalfe Avenue, Morgans Drive, Peak Lane, Peartree Close, Pembury Road, Pinewood Close, Scott Close, Stroud Green Lane, Sumar Close, Summerleigh Walk, Swanton Close, Tangves Close. The Croft. Thirlmere Close. Three Ways Close. Titchfield Road. Windermere Avenue

#### **Comments**

Returning Officer: This building has been used as a polling station for a number of years and local people are used to voting here. No complaints have been received.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change to polling place.

Stubbington District 4

Polling Place Stubbington Baptist Church Jay Close Stubbington

Anker Lane, Anzac Close, Canterbury Road, Country View, Cuckoo Lane, Deal Close, Discovery Close, Dolphin Court, Farm House Close, Garnett Close, Hazelwood, Jay Close, Kestrel Close, Lychgate Green, Marks Tey Road, Newton Close, Oakcroft Lane, Old Street (73-109), Puffin Crescent, Spartan Close, St Marys Road, Tawny Owl Close, The Oakes, The Paddock, Titchfield Road, Turtle Close, Upper Old Street (evens)

Electorate 1406

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This building has been used as a polling station for a number of years and local people are used to voting here. No complaints have been received.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change to polling place.

#### TITCHFIELD COMMON WARD

Titchfield Common District

1

Polling Place Locks Heath Free Church Hunts Pond Road Locks Heath Beverley Close, Birchen Close, Birchen Road, Gillcrest, Grassymead, Hertsfield, Hunts Pond Road (1-177/4-146), Lichfield Road, Lincoln Close, Little Fox Drive, Longacres, Lyndale Road, Mayridge, Merryfield, Nutash, Park Glen, Segensworth Road, Southampton Road, The Pastures, Westminster Gardens, Wheatlands.

Electorate 1582

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This polling station was first used in 2012 following the previous review. It has good car parking and is easily accessible. A few complaints have been received from residents at the northern end of Hunts Pond Road as the polling station in Middle Road is closer for them but this serves Park Gate ward and is not large enough to accommodate two polling stations.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change

Titchfield Common District

2

Polling Place Locks Heath Free Church Locksheath Park Road Locks Heath

Electorate 1997

Alpine Crescent, Ascot Close, Bedford Drive Belfry Walk, Bishops Gate, Cleric Court, Course Park Crescent, Font Close, Goodwood Close, Holmgrove, Horseshoe Close, Hunts Pond Road (148-402/179-415), Kensington Gardens Louis Road Lower Church Road, Lynn Crescent, Maud Avenue, Noble Road Peckham Close, Priestfields, Ravenswood, Ryecroft, Spire Close, Stable Close, Steeple Way, The Chantry, The Chase, The Gallops, The Hurdles, Tillingbourn, Verger Close, Wellow Gardens Wellsmoor. Warsash Road (381 – 439),

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Comments on venue as above.

#### Response

Titchfield Common District

Polling Place
Abshot Community Centre
Kelsey Close
Titchfield Common

Abshot Close, Cambridge Green, Chestnut Way, Churchill Close, Clare Close, Coxdale, Cyprus Road, Emmanuel Close, Girton Close, Hawksworth Place, Huntingdon Close, Kites Croft Close, Magdalene Way, Netley Road, Oaklands Gardens, Oaklands Way, Pound Gate Drive, Robin's Meadow, Sycamore Close, The Farthings, The Tanners, 361, 373 Warsash Road

Electorate 1028

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Although this polling place is located outside the polling district, it is reasonably well-located to serve the district. No alternative venue has been identified within district 3. The building has been used as a polling station for a number of years and local people are used to voting here. Accessibility is good. No complaints have been received about the station but better signage and directions are needed.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change.

Advice to Returning Officer: Additional signage to be provided

Titchfield Common District

4

Polling Place Abshot Community Centre Kelsey Close Titchfield Common Abshot Road, Ashwood, Balliol Close, Brasenose Close, Chartwell Close, Clarendon Crescent, Huxley Close, Kelsey Close, Locksheath Park Road, Milton Grove, Old Garden Close, Oriel Drive, Orwell Crescent, Penhale Gardens, St. Edmund Close, Sloetree Close, Streamleaze, Summerfields, Talland Road, Trevose Way, Warsash Road (271 - 355)

Electorate 1577

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This polling place accommodates polling stations for two districts, but facilities are good. Comments as above

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change.

Advice to Returning Officer: Additional signage to be provided

#### TITCHFIELD WARD

Polling Place Abbeycroft Nursery 77 Segensworth Road Titchfield

Titchfield District 1

Electorate 1181

Amarylis Close, Bellflower Way, Branewick Close, Courtenay Close, Eastway, Farm Road, Fern Way, Gardenia Drive, Grevillea Avenue, Hillcroft, Jacaranda Close, Merecroft, Mimosa Close, Northway, Orpine Close, Park Cottage Drive, Poinsettia Close, Purslane Gardens, Segensworth Road, Southampton Road, Southway, St Leonards Close, Titchfield Grange, Titchfield Park Road, Valerian Avenue, Westway, Whiteley Lane, Wild Flower Drive.

#### Comments

Returning Officer: A portacabin provides accommodation for the polling station. Car parking is provided on site. Facilities are adequate but problems have occurred with the generator and leaks which has resulted in emergency measures undertaken to ensure the polling station remains available. If a building is available in the district, it might be a better solution for the convenience of voters. In addition, the cost of hiring a portacabin is considerably more than the hiring of many of the halls which serve as polling stations, The Holiday Inn has been considered as an alternative venue but this is poorly sited for voters walking to the polling station as there is neither pavement nor bus route.

Councillor comments: Councillor Mrs Hockley comments that this polling station is not ideal but there is no other suitable and available building in the Segensworth area.

#### Response

Whilst the portacabin is convenient in terms of position, consideration should be given to seeking an alternative venue which provides better facilities.

RECOMMEND: Consider alternative venue.

Polling Place Titchfield Parish Rooms High Street Titchfield

Titchfield District 2

Electorate 1901

Barn Close, Bellfield, Bridge Street, Brownwich Lane, Chapelside, Church Path, Church Street, Coach Hill, Common Lane, East Street, Frog Lane, Gainsborough Mews, Gardner Road, Garstons Close, Garstons Road, Guessens Lane, Hewett Close, Hewett Road, High Street, Meon Road, Mill Street, Occupation Lane, Posbrook Lane, Protea Gardens, Ransome Close, Rosedale Close, Sandy Lane, South Street, Southampton Hill, Southampton Road (302-326), St Margarets Lane, The Square, Titchfield Hill, Titchfield Road, Triangle Lane, West Street.

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This building has been used as a polling station for many years and local people are used to voting here. No complaints have been received about the station. A free public car park is situated nearby with disabled car parking spaces and a level path to the station.

#### Response

Titchfield District 3

Polling Place Ranvilles Infant School Oldbury Way Fareham

Electorate 1617

Brookview Close, County Gardens, Devonshire Way, Duncans Drive, Fairacre Rise, Fairacre Walk, Frogmore, Gatcombe Gardens, Gaylyn Way, Gracefields, Greyshott Avenue(10-62/33-55), Harcourt Road, Hollam Close, Hollam Crescent, Hollam Drive, Ingleside Close, Lynden Close, Middle Mead, Oxleys Close, Ranvilles Lane, Sandringham Road, Shepards Close, Tammys Turn, Templemere, The Avenue (The Conifers, 87-127/90-108), Thornbury Close, Wild Ridings

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This polling place is used to accommodate two polling stations, one of which is in another ward (Fareham West 4). In the past some general comments have been made opposed to the use of the school due to the closure of the school for the day and the adjacent community centre has been suggested as a possible alternative venue. This has been investigated but due to other commitments, they have been unable to make the facility available on polling day.

The number of voters allocated to this district is disproportionate to the other three districts serving Fareham West ward and it is considered that the boundaries should be redrawn when considering an alternative polling place.

Councillor comment: Councillor Miss Harper has spoken to Ranvilles Community Centre and they are happy to consider making the facility available.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: The Community Centre management to be approached as an alternative venue.

Titchfield District 4

Polling Place Catisfield Memorial Hall Catisfield Lane Fareham Appleton Road, Beechcroft Close, Catisfield Lane, Catisfield Road, Chatsworth Close, Cherrygarth Road, East Lodge, Fishers Hill, Forneth Gardens, Friars Pond Road, Hampton Grove, Harvester Drive, Hunters Lodge, Larches Gardens, Maple Close, Mill Lane, Mount Drive, South Lodge, The Timbers, Woodbourne Close.

Electorate 1098

#### Comments

Returning Officer: This building has been used as a polling station for many years and local people are used to voting here. No complaints have been received about the station. Good parking facilities are available on site. There is no independent lighting outside the hall; this does not cause any difficulty to voters, only to polling staff at the close of poll and is addressed as part of the risk assessment.

Catisfield Memorial Hall Secretary comments: we have made considerable efforts to improve accessibility by levelling the floors, high contrast decoration and installing an accessible toilet. With off-street parking, people with reduced mobility can get right to the doors of the Hall to make access easier.

#### Response

#### **WARSASH WARD**

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	Warsash District 1	Albacore Avenue, Argosy Close, Brigantine Road, Campion
		Close, Canoe Close, Catamaran Close, Clipper Close,
	Polling Place	Cockleshell Close, Coracle Close, Corvette Avenue, Cutter
	Victory Hall	Avenue, Enterprise Close, Galleon Close, Greenaway Lane (4-
	Warsash Road	38/5-39), Highfields, Horseshoe Lodge, Kayak Close, Knights
	Warsash	Close, Laser Close, Mirror Close, Sampan Close, Saxon Close,
		Schooner Way, The Fairway, Trimaran Road, Warsash Road (99-
	Electorate 1320	205/98-206), Wayfarer Close, Westerley Close.

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Although the polling place is located outside this polling district it is well-located to serve the ward. The building has been used as a polling station for all four polling districts in the ward for many years and local people are used to voting here. No complaints have been received about the station. Car parking and access is good for all voters. The station is large enough to accommodate all four Warsash polling districts but some confusion can arise on entering the hall regarding direction to the correct polling station. To overcome this situation, a "greeter" is appointed who directs voters to the correct polling station within the hall.

Ward Councillor: Councillor Cartwright considers the present arrangements are adequate and recommends no change.

#### Response

**RECOMMEND:** No change

Warsash District 2	Brook Avenue, Brook Lane (1-121/2-120), Brookside Drive,
	Cawtes Reach, Coleridge Close, Crofton Way, Dibles Road, Foy
Polling Place	Gardens, Garden Mews, Gilchrist Gardens, Greenaway Lane (46-
Victory Hall	112/51-127), Hamble Close, Havelock Road, Mackenzie Close,
Warsash Road	Mariners Way, Newtown Road, Passage Lane, Queens Road,
Warsash	Sartoris Close, Shore Road, Spinnaker Mews, Thornton Avenue,
	Warsash Road (1-93/2-80), Wightway Mews, Yorkdale
Electorate 1586	

#### **Comments**

Returning Officer: the polling place is located in this district but is used as the identified polling place for all four polling districts in this ward. See comments above.

#### Response

Warsash District 3	Aspen Avenue, Beechwood Close, Bevis Close, Birchdale Close,
	Cheviot Green, Church Road, Elmdale Close, Glenda Close,
Polling Place	Hewetts Rise, Hornby Close, Howerts Close, Jumar Close,
Victory Hall	Larchdale Close, Lower Spinney, McGovern Mews, Meadcroft
Warsash Road	Close, New Road, Oakwood Close, Osborne Road, Pitchpond
Warsash	Road, Romford Road, Rossan Avenue, Sandycroft, Shellcroft,
	Spenser Close, Spruce Close, Upper Spinney, Wynsdale Chase
Electorate 1408	

#### Comments

Returning Officer: Although the polling place is located outside this polling district it is well-located to serve the ward and is identified as the polling place for all four polling districts. See comments above.

#### Response

RECOMMEND: No change

Warsash District 4	Chilling Lane, Cowes Lane, Fleet End Bottom, Fleet End Road,
	Gray Close, Green Lane, Harvey Crescent, Hook Lane, Hook
Polling Place	Park Road, Little Abshot Road, Miles Place, Needlespar Court,
Victory Hall	New Road, Newbury Place, Raley Road, Shorewood Close,
Warsash Road	Sixpenny Close, Solent Breezes, Solent Drive, Sovereign
Warsash	Crescent, The Florins, Victoria Close, Wakeford Place, Warsash
	Road (213-269/210-390), Workmans Lane.
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#### **Comments**

Returning Officer: Although the polling place is located outside this polling district it is well-located to serve the ward and is identified as the polling place for all four polling districts. See comments above.

#### Response