

Polling station scheme and responses to the Returning Officer's Proposals

Electorates as at 1 February 2017

Anston and Woodsetts Ward, Rother Valley Constituency

Polling District	Parish	Electorate	Current Polling Place	Number of polling stations
AA	Anston	1678	Anston Greenlands Primary School, Edinburgh Drive	1
AB	Anston	1609	Anston Park Junior School, Park Avenue	1
AC	Anston	2114	Anston Parish Hall, 15A Ryton Road	1
AD	Anston	1989	Anston Hillcrest Primary School, Hawthorne Avenue	1
AE	Woodsetts	1468	Woodsetts Village Hall, Gildingwells Road	2 (polling place is also used for district DF – Dinnington Ward)

The Headteacher at Anston Hillcrest Primary School has asked the Returning Officer to consider alternative venues to avoid closing the school.

Two alternative venues have been suggested, South Anston Methodist Community Hall on Sheffield Road and the Pre-School building at the rear of the school. The Pre-School is small with limited parking, so it is not considered to be suitable. The Methodist Community Hall is considered to be a suitable venue for polling, containing a large room with good facilities for voters, and having disabled access.

Consultees were asked whether they approved of the use of the Methodist Community Hall as a polling place.

Responses

Cllr Jepson has responded that whilst he has no objections with regard to the use of the Community Hall, he does have concerns with regard to the amount of traffic in and out of the polling station on an already busy stretch of road, and has asked for some form of traffic management system to be put in place.

Colleagues in Highways would support Electoral Services in an attempt to prevent any on street car parking in proximity to the polling station, thereby avoiding any potential obstruction of the road.

No other responses have been received.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Methodist Community Hall, Sheffield Road is used as a polling place for AD polling district in future elections.

Brinsworth and Catcliffe Ward, Rotherham Constituency

Polling District	Parish	Electorate	Current Polling Place	Number of polling stations
CA	-	802	Rotherham West Community Centre, Brinsford Road	1
CB	Brinsworth	2909	Brinsworth Community Hall, Brinsworth Lane	2
CC	Brinsworth	1240	Brinsworth Howarth Primary School, Whitehill Lane	1
CD	Brinsworth	1554	Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School, Howlett Drive	1
CE	Brinsworth	1220	St Andrews Church, Bonet Lane	1
CF	Catcliffe	1528	Catcliffe Memorial Hall, Old School Lane	1
CG	Catcliffe	307	AMRC Design Prototyping & Testing Centre, Wallis Way	2 (polling place is also used for district KG – Rother Vale Ward)

The council has been asked to consider an alternative venue for polling district CG and KG, as the AMRC Design Prototyping and Testing Centre has become much busier in recent times, and is not ideal for polling.

The Returning Officer's staff have visited the area and consider that the nearby AMP Technology Centre, Brunel Way, is a more suitable venue. A large meeting room is available on the first floor, with lifts available. There is also on-site parking and good facilities.

Consultees were asked whether they approved of the use of the AMP Technology Centre as a polling place.

Responses

There have been no responses received about this proposal.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the AMP Technology Centre, Brunel Way is used as a polling place for CG and KG polling districts in future elections.

Maltby Ward, Rother Valley Constituency

Polling District	Parish	Electorate	Current Polling Place	Number of polling stations
IA	Maltby	1340	Maltby Linx Youth Centre, Lilly Hall Road	1
IB	Maltby	527	The Grange Warden Centre, St. Bartholomew`s Close	2 (polling place is also used for district IH)
IC	Maltby	1659	Maltby Manor Academy, Davy Drive	1
ID	Maltby	1199	Maltby Service Centre, Braithwell Road	1
IE	Maltby	1135	Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road	1
IF	Maltby	1158	Maltby St Marys Catholic Primary School, Muglet Lane	1
IG	Maltby	918	Ascension Close Warden Centre, Ascension Close	1
IH	Hooton Levitt	101	The Grange Warden Centre, St. Bartholomew`s Close	2 (polling place is also used for district IB)
II	Maltby	650	Charles Foster Community Centre, Woodland Gardens	1

As part of the council's Library Strategy, Maltby Library is scheduled to move into the Maltby Joint Service Centre on Braithwell Road in spring/summer 2017. This means that we will no longer be able to use the meeting room on the ground floor of the Service Centre as a polling place. There are meeting rooms on the first floor, but these are not as accessible or convenient for voters, and there could be issues with congestion.

The Maltby Linx Youth Centre, in Lilly Hall Road, which is currently used as a polling place for the IA polling district, could easily accommodate another polling station. However, this would not be the preferred option, due to problems with parking in the area.

The Returning Officer's staff have approached other venues, including the Wesley Centre in Blyth Road. The Wesley Centre is considered to be a suitable venue for polling, containing a large hall with good facilities for voters, and having disabled access.

Consultees were asked whether they approved of the use of the Wesley Centre as a polling place.

Responses

One member of the public has responded that he fully supports the relocation of the polling station from Maltby Service Centre to Matlby Wesley Centre.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Wesley Centre, Blyth Road is used as a polling place for the ID polling district in future elections.

Rother Vale Ward, Rother Valley Constituency

Polling District	Parish	Electorate	Current Polling Place	Number of polling stations
KA	Treeton	2435	Treeton Youth Centre, Church Lane	1
KB	Orgreave	577	Mobile Library Unit, Rotherwood Avenue	1
KC	Aston-cum-Aughton	1497	Swallownest Community Centre, Rotherham Road	2 (polling place is also used for district FD – Holderness Ward)
KD	Aston-cum-Aughton	617	Aston Fence J & I School, Sheffield Road	1
KE	Ulley	137	Ulley Village Hall, Main Street	1
KF	Thurcroft	4223	Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall, Green Arbour Road	2
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KG	Orgreave	771	AMRC Design Prototyping & Testing Centre, Wallis Way	2 (polling place is also used for district CG – Brinsworth and Catcliffe Ward)

The council's Mobile Library service has been withdrawn from April 2017, and is no longer available for use as a polling station.

There are no obvious options for a polling place in KB polling district, and it is not considered practical to site a portacabin on-street nor at the recreation ground.

However, Aston Fence Junior and Infant School, in Sheffield Road, which is currently used as a polling place for the KD polling district, could easily accommodate another polling station. This has good facilities for voters, and is around a 3 minute drive from Rotherwood Avenue.

Consultees were asked whether they approved of the use of Aston Fence Junior and Infant School as a polling place for the KB polling district.

Responses

There have been no responses received about this proposal.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Aston Fence J & I School is used as a polling place for the KB polling district (as well as the KD polling district) in future elections.

It is also recommended that the AMP Technology Centre, Brunel Way is used as a polling place for CG and KG polling districts in future elections (see p.3).