

Appendix 2 – Polling place scheme and final proposals

Electorate figures are based on 1 September 2023 and include projected increases due to proposed housing developments.

Anston & Woodsetts ward

Anston & Woodsetts ward is currently within the Rother Valley constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
ANA	Anston (Anston North)	Anston Greenlands Primary School, Edinburgh Drive, North Anston, Sheffield S25 4HD	1,282	No
ANB	Anston (Anston North)	Anston Park Junior School, Park Avenue, North Anston, Sheffield S25 2QZ	1,128	No
ANC	Anston (Anston North)	Anston Parish Hall, 15A Ryton Road, North Anston, Sheffield S25 4DL	1,657	No
AND	Anston (Anston South)	South Anston Methodist Community Hall, Sheffield Road, South Anston, Sheffield S25 5DW	1,395	No
ANE	Woodsetts	Woodsetts Village Hall, Gildingwells Road, Woodsetts, Worksop S81 8QB	972	No
ANF	Dinnington St John's (Dinnington Park Avenue)	Anston Park Junior School, Park Avenue, North Anston, Sheffield S25 2QZ	246	No
ANG	Thorpe Salvin	Harthill Village Hall, Winney Hill, Harthill, Sheffield S26 7YL	266	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- ANA: Approx 20 properties with an estimated polling station electorate increase of 28
- ANC: Approx 38 properties, with an estimated polling station electorate increase of 48

The (Acting) Returning Officer did not propose any changes to the existing arrangements.

There were two consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Anston & Woodsetts ward.

- a) *The first response objected to the continued use of Harthill Village Hall as the polling place for ANG (Thorpe Salvin), raising concerns that the polling place was in Wales Ward, and it would be more appropriate for it to be located within Anston & Woodsetts ward. Alternative suggestions provided were South Anston Community Hall and St Peter's Church in Thorpe Salvin.*

The (Acting) Returning Officer has considered St Peter's Church, but it is not fully accessible as the main entrance has a step at the start of the path, which comes directly from the road. As there is not a pavement between the road and the stepped entrance, it is not possible to use a ramp. There is second entrance through the graveyard, but this also has steps and electors would have to walk across the grass, as there is no path. Therefore the (Acting) Returning Officer does not consider this to be a suitable building for a polling place.

Whilst using South Anston Methodist Community Hall would mean the polling place for ANG would in the ward, it would be difficult for electors without a car to get too. Harthill is around 15-minute journey by bus from Thorpe Salvin. In comparison, travelling to South Anston would require electors to get a bus, passing through Harthill, to get a train from Kiveton Park to Worksop and then a bus through to South Anston. Therefore the (Acting) Returning Officer feels that although out of the ward, Harthill Village Hall is a more convenient location for electors.

Added to this, there has not been any complaints or comments from electors about the location since Harthill has been used as the polling place for ANG. It is therefore felt that with no suitable locations within ANG, Harthill Village Hall is the most convenient location for electors.

b) The second response also raised concerns that the polling place for ANG (Thorpe Salvin) was not within the ward. They raised several concerns including Harthill being inaccessible to electors without a car, an aging demographic in ANG polling district, and that other communities of a similar size have a polling place in their area. They also raised concerns of voter confusion in Harthill when the polling place was used for ANG during a recent by-election in the Dinnington ward.

Alternative suggestions provided were the Parish Oven Public House on Worksop Road, St Peter's Church on Harthill Road or the use of a mobile unit.

The (Acting) Returning Officer's comments on St Peter's Church are covered in the response above.

The (Acting) Returning Officer is of the opinion that Harthill Village Hall is accessible to electors without a car, as there is a bus between Thorpe Salvin and Harthill, which takes approximately 15 minutes.

Whilst some similarly sized communities do have polling places within their area, this will be because there is an available and suitable building that can be used, and this is unfortunately not the case for Thorpe Salvin.

The Parish Oven Public House does not have a separate function room and are therefore not able to accommodate a polling station.

The use of mobile unit as a polling station is not ideal due to their limitations in terms of size, especially given the additional requirements for the provision of a private area for checking voter ID. There are also significant issues in ensuring mobile units are fully accessible, especially when they are only sited for a short period of time. The (Acting) Returning Officer was not able to identify a suitable site within the polling district where a mobile unit with an access ramp, generator and portable toilet could be sited.

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Aston & Todwick ward

Aston & Todwick ward is currently within the Rother Valley constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate* (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
ASA	Aston-Cum-Aughton (Aston-Cum-Aughton South)	Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall, Rosegarth Avenue, Aston, Sheffield S26 2DB	755	No
ASB	Aston-Cum-Aughton (Aston-Cum-Aughton South)	Aston Hall Junior & Infant School, Church Lane, Aston, Sheffield S26 2AX	2,321	No
ASC	Aston-Cum-Aughton (Aston-Cum-Aughton South)	Aston Lodge Primary School, Lodge Lane, Aston, Sheffield S26 2BL	1,862	No
ASD	Todwick	Todwick Village Hall, Kiveton Lane, Todwick, Sheffield S26 1HJ	972	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- ASB: Approx 227 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 294
 - ASC: Approx 354 properties, with an estimated polling station electorate increase of 465
1. The (Acting) Returning Officer notes that polling district ASB's electorate could slightly exceed the recommended maximum number of polling station electors when considering the potential housing developments. Given these are projected figures and the turnout at the last Parliamentary election in 2019 was 67.6%, the (Acting) Returning Officer does not propose any changes at this time. However, the polling station electorate and turnouts will be kept under review and if necessary, an interim review will be conducted to consider changes to the polling district.

The (Acting) Returning Officer did not propose any changes to the existing arrangements.

There were two consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Aston & Todwick ward.

- a) *A response was received from Aston Hall Junior and Infants school objecting to the use of the school as it must close on polling day, which impacts on the education of the children, especially as the date tends to be close to SATs. No specific alternatives venue suggestions were provided.*
- b) *An elector in the ward also objected to the use of Aston Hall Junior and Infants school. Anston Hall Hotel was proposed as an alternative.*

The (Acting) Returning Officer has considered Aston Hall Hotel, but the long driveway to the building does not have a footpath, makes it unsuitable for electors who are walking to the polling station, especially in the evenings as the driveway only has low-level lighting. Whilst

There are suitable rooms that could be used for polling stations; however, their availability could not be guaranteed for any by-elections or short notice elections such as UK Parliamentary General election.

The (Acting) Returning Officer has also considered the Church of All Saints on Church Lane. The accessibility is not as good as the school, the available room would be quite tight for space and there is very limited parking available by the church.

Anston Hall Junior School is located centrally within the polling district, whereas both Aston Hall Hotel and the Church of All Saints are situated to the north of the polling district, which if used, would mean electors in the south of the polling district having much further to travel to vote.

As neither alternative is a better option for electors, the (Acting) Returning Officer proposes the continued use of Aston Hall Junior and Infants School.

The are no changes to the proposal to continue with the existing arrangements.

Aughton & Swallownest ward

Aughton & Swallownest ward is currently within the Rother Valley constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate* (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
AUA	Aston-Cum-Aughton (Aston-Cum-Aughton North)	Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall, Rosegarth Avenue, Aston, Sheffield S26 2DB	1,138	No
AUB	Orgreave	Aston Fence J&I School, Sheffield Road, Woodhouse Mill, Sheffield S13 9ZD	380	No
AUC	Aston-Cum-Aughton (Aston-Cum-Aughton West)	Swallownest Community Centre, Rotherham Road, Swallownest, Sheffield S26 4UR	1,104	No
AUD	Aston-Cum-Aughton (Aston-Cum-Aughton West)	Aston Fence J&I School, Sheffield Road, Woodhouse Mill, Sheffield, S13 9ZD	460	No
AUE	Ulley	Ulley Village Hall, Main Street, Ulley, Sheffield S26 3YD	88	No
AUF	Aston-Cum-Aughton (Aston-Cum-Aughton North)	Swallownest Community Centre, Rotherham Road, Swallownest, Sheffield S26 4UR	732	No

AUG	Aston-Cum-Aughton (Aston-Cum-Aughton North)	Aughton Early Years Centre, Main Street, Aughton, Sheffield S26 3XH	1,032	No
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Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- AUC: Approx 77 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 92
- AUF: Approx 15 properties, with an estimated polling station electorate increase of 18

1. The (Acting) Returning Officer is aware that previously there have been requests have been made not to use Aughton Early Years Centre as the polling place for AUG. Consideration has been given to the use of Windy Ridge and Heighton View Neighbourhood Centres, however, they are quite small, with limited parking. Windy Ridge is also on a hill, which may be problematic for electors with mobility issues. Therefore, it is proposed that Aughton Early Years Centre be retained as the polling place for AUG.

The (Acting) Returning Officer did not propose any changes to the existing arrangements.

There were no consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Aughton & Swallownest ward.

The are no changes to the proposal to continue with the existing arrangements.

Boston Castle ward

Boston Castle ward is currently within the Rotherham Parliamentary constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate* (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
BCA	n/a	The Unity Centre, St Leonards Road, Rotherham S65 1PD	466	Yes: Relocated from Myplace Rotherham
BCB	n/a	Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham S60 2TH	737	Yes: Relocated from Talbot Lane Methodist Church
BCC	n/a	United Methodist Church Clifton, Lister Street, Rotherham S65 2AX	642	No
BCD	n/a	Beeversleigh Community Centre, Clifton Lane, Rotherham S65 2AD	583	No
BCE	n/a	Broom Valley Club Room, Guest Place, Rotherham, S60 2SE	1,225	Yes: Split to create BCE and BCI
BCF	n/a	Boston Castle, Boston Castle Grove, Rotherham, S60 2BA	1,132	No

BCG	n/a	Canklow Woods Primary School, Wood Lane, Rotherham, S60 2XJ	1,224	Yes: Original BCI merged into BCG
BCH	n/a	Garden Building, Clifton Park, Clifton Lane, Rotherham, S65 2AA	442	
BCI	n/a	Broom Valley Club Room, Guest Place, Rotherham, S60 2SE	1,496	Yes: Created by splitting BCE

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- BCA: Approx 125 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 97
 - BCD: Approx 15 properties with an estimate polling station electorate of 14
 - BCE: Approx 112 properties with an estimate polling station electorate of 149
 - BCG: Approx 31 properties with an estimate polling station electorate of 41
 - BCH: Approx 158 properties with an estimate polling station electorate of 188
 - BCI: Approx 224 properties with an estimate polling station electorate of 176
1. The polling place for BCA, Myplace Rotherham, is no longer available for use. The Unity Centre was used as an alternative for elections in 2022. Whilst the Unity Centre is located in a different ward, Rotherham East, it is only a short distance from Myplace Rotherham, therefore limiting any inconvenience to electors. The (Acting) Returning Officer proposes to designate the Unity Centre as the polling place for BCA.
 2. The polling place for BCB, Talbot Lane Methodist Church, is no longer available for use due to a change of ownership and use. The Town Hall was used as an alternative for elections in 2021 and 2022. The (Acting) Returning Officer proposes to designate the Town Hall as the polling place for BCB.
 3. The polling place for BCI, The Hub, is no longer available for use. Canklow Woods Primary School was used as an alternative in 2022, which is also the polling place for BCG. There are no suitable alternatives in the polling district and given

BCG and BCI have low polling station electorates, it is proposed that BCI polling district is merged into BCG and Canklow Woods Primary School remains the polling place.

4. The BCE polling district exceeds the new recommended number of electors to be allocated to a polling station. Potential housing developments in the polling district will also mean the electorate may increase in the future. The (Acting) Returning Officer proposes to split the BCE polling district into two new smaller polling districts. The new boundary to create two polling districts would run down the middle of Broom Valley Road from the north of the current polling district, then running behind 33-41 Brunswick Road before running down the centre of Oakwood Grove before meeting the ward boundary with Sitwell ward by running along the boundary of 39 Beaconsfield Road. The new polling district to the left of the new boundary will be named BCE and the new polling district to the right will be named BCI.

The polling place for the current BCE is polling district is Broom Valley Club Room which is centrally located for both the two proposed new polling districts, with level access and sufficient space for two polling stations. Therefore the (Acting) Returning Officer proposes to allocate Broom Valley Club Room as the polling place for the new BCE and new BCI polling districts.

There was one consultation response regarding the polling districts and polling places in Boston Castle ward.

1. *There was one response to the consultation from the Garden Building at Clifton Park stating they were happy to continue being used as the polling place for BCH.*

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Bramley & Ravenfield ward

Currently polling district BRA is in Rother Valley constituency, with the rest of the ward's polling districts in the Wentworth & Dearne constituency. Under the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries, all of Bramley & Ravenfield ward will be in the Rawmarsh & Conisbrough constituency.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward)	Polling Place	Electorate* (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
BRA	Bramley (Bramley South)	Bramley Youth Centre, Flash Lane, Bramley, Rotherham S66 1TS	1,570	No
BRB	Bramley (Bramley North)	St Francis Church, 88 Main Street, Bramley, Rotherham S66 2SQ	1,331	Yes: relocating polling place from Bramley Parish Hall
BRC	Bramley (Bramley North)	St Francis Church, 88 Main Street, Bramley, Rotherham S66 2SQ	1,129	Yes: BRF merged into BRC and relocating polling place from Bramley Parish Hall.
BRD	Ravenfield	Ravenfield Parish Hall, Birchwood Drive, Ravenfield, Rotherham S65 4PT	1,761	No
BRE	Hooton Roberts	Thrybergh Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh, Rotherham S65 4BP	99	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- BRB: 757 properties, with an estimated polling station electorate increase of 768.
 - BRD: 180 properties, with an estimated polling station electorate increase of 217.
1. In 2021 Bramley Grange Primary School, which is the polling place for BRF, requested not to be used due to the COVID-19 pandemic and because they had to close when being used for elections. St Francis Church was identified as a good temporary alternative and is not far from the school, therefore limiting any inconvenience for electors. It has good accessibility, level access and parking facilities. There were no known issues with using St Francis Church and it was used for BRC again in 2022.
 2. Polling districts BRB, BRC and WYF (Wickersley North ward) are allocated to Bramley Parish Hall which is within Wickersley North Ward. To help with social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, BRC polling place was temporarily relocated to St Francis Church in 2021 and 2022. BRC polling district was created due to previous proposals that would have put the area covered by BRC into a different Parliamentary constituency to the rest of the ward. As these proposals did not go ahead, it is now proposed that due to BRC's low electorate and being allocated to the same polling place as BRF, the two polling districts be merged and designated as BRC, using St Francis Church as the polling place. BRC and BRF are both part of the same Parish Ward (Bramley North Ward of Bramley Parish Council) so the merger is possible.
 3. BRB polling district uses Bramley Parish Hall along with WYF as its polling place, which is in Wickersley North ward. Currently both BRB and WYF polling districts are in the same Parliamentary constituency, however, they will be in different Parliamentary constituencies when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force. To facilitate the smooth running of Parliamentary elections and to avoid confusion as to which constituency electors should be voting in, it is proposed that BRB is allocated to St Francis Church. This will have minimum impact on electors, as St Francis Church is just across the road from Bramley Parish Hall, and it is within Bramley & Ravenfield ward.

There was one consultation response regarding the polling districts and polling places in Bramley & Ravenfield ward.

- a) *The consultation response was from Thrybergh Parish Council stating they are happy for Thrybergh Parish Hall to continue being used as the polling place for BRE.*

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Brinsworth ward

Brinsworth ward is within the Rotherham Parliamentary constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate* (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
BWA	n/a	Rotherham West Community Centre, Brinsford Road, Brinsworth, Rotherham S60 5DT	564	No
BWB	Brinsworth	The Centre, Brinsworth Lane, Brinsworth, Rotherham S60 5BU	2,122	No
BWC	Brinsworth	Brinsworth Howarth Primary School, Whitehill Lane, Brinsworth, Rotherham S60 5JR	844	Yes: Ten properties moved from BWD
BWD	Brinsworth	Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School, Howlett Drive, Brinsworth, Rotherham S60 5HT	1,049	Yes: Six properties moved to BWB Ten properties moved to BWC One property moved to BWE
BWE	Brinsworth	St Andrews Church, Bonet Lane, Brinsworth, Rotherham S60 5NF	924	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- BWE: Approx 34 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 47
1. The (Acting) Returning Officer is aware that Brinsworth Howarth Primary School do not wish to be used as the polling place for BWC. Unfortunately, there are no suitable alternatives in the polling district.

The (Acting) Returning Officer did not propose any changes to the existing arrangements.

There was one consultation response regarding the polling districts and polling places in Brinsworth ward.

1. *A representation was received objecting to the use of the school due to it having to close for polling day and that there were issues with accessibility due to the school being on a steep hill. It was felt the polling place should be relocated or consideration given to merging BWC and BWD polling districts and using Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School was put forward.*

As part of the representation, it was suggested that if a merger was not possible that eight houses on Whitehill Lane between the junction of Orchard Way and Whitehill Road be moved into the BWC polling district as it would be more convenient for the electors. Additionally, the representation highlighted that Brinsworth Lane was currently split between BWB and BWE polling districts except for six houses which are currently within BWD. The suggestion is to move these six houses into either BWB or BWE.

The (Acting) Returning Officer has not been able to identify any suitable alternative venues within the polling district. Whilst the (Acting) Returning Officer acknowledges that the hill to access Brinsworth Howarth School may give some electors difficulties, it is a better option than them having to travel a considerably further distance to use Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School, should BWB and BWE polling districts be merged. Whilst there are some cut throughs, not all electors will be comfortable using them, particularly in the dark and would prefer to use the main roads.

The (Acting) Returning Officer agrees that it would be more convenient for the electors at numbers 69 to 83 Whitehill Lane to go to Brinsworth Howarth School to vote, therefore it is proposed to amend the polling district boundary to move the properties from BWD into the BWC polling district. Whilst considering this option, it was identified that four properties on Orchard Way, which is part of BWC, are currently part of the BWD polling district. The polling district boundary will be amended to move them into BWC.

The (Acting) Returning Officer agrees that it would be more convenient for the electors at numbers 58 to 68 Brinsworth Lane to vote at The Centre on Brinsworth Lane. It is therefore proposed to amend the polling district boundary to move the properties from BWD to BWB. Whilst considering this option, it was identified that this proposal would leave 56 Brinsworth Lane as the only property on the road in BWD polling district. It is proposed to amend the polling district boundary to move 56 Brinsworth Lane from BWD to BWE so that the electors would vote at St Andrews Church, Bonet Lane, as their neighbours do.

The final proposals for this ward include the amendments of the polling district boundaries detailed above.

Dalton & Thrybergh ward

Currently polling districts DAA and DAB are in the Wentworth & Dearne constituency, with the majority of the ward's polling districts in Rotherham constituency. Under the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries, all of Dalton & Thrybergh ward will be in the Rotherham constituency.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate* (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
DAA	Thrybergh (Thrybergh North)	Thrybergh Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh, Rotherham S65 4BP	1,063	No
DAB	Thrybergh (Thrybergh North)	Staple Green Neighbourhood Centre, Staple Green, Thrybergh, Rotherham S65 4DA	715	No
DAC	Thrybergh (Thrybergh South)	Thrybergh Parish Hall, Park Lane, Thrybergh, Rotherham S65 4BP	1,122	No
DAD	Dalton (Dalton North)	Happy Kids Preschool Nursery, Foljambe Drive, Dalton, Rotherham S65 4HQ	602	No: Building name change
DAE	Dalton (Dalton North)	Trinity Croft CE J&I School (Parish Room), Dalton Lane, Dalton Parva, Rotherham, S65 3QJ	771	No
DAF	Dalton (Dalton North)	Dalton Parish Hall, Doncaster Road, Dalton, Rotherham S65 3EW	565	No
DAG	n/a	High Greave Junior School (Sports Hall), High Greave Road, Rotherham S65 3LZ	1,273	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- DAA: Approx 403 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 534
- DAC: Approx 75 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 92
- DAD: Approx 176 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 153
- DAE: Approx 5 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 6
- DAG: Approx 38 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 48

1. It should be noted that the polling place for DAD has not changed, but the building has been renamed to Happy Kids Preschool Nursery.

The (Acting) Returning Officer did not propose any changes to the existing arrangements.

There was one consultation response regarding the polling districts and polling places in Dalton & Thrybergh.

1. *The consultation response was from Thrybergh Parish Council stating they are happy for Thrybergh Parish Hall to continue being used as the polling place for DAA & DAC.*

The are no changes to the proposal to continue with the existing arrangements.

Dinnington ward

Dinnington ward is currently within the Rother Valley constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
DIA	Laughton-en-le-Morthen	Laughton Village Hall, Firbeck Avenue, Laughton-en-le-Morthen, Sheffield S25 1YD	748	No
DIB	Thurcroft (Thurcroft South)	Monksbridge Community Centre, Monksbridge Road, Dinnington, Sheffield S25 3QS	1,123	No
DIC	Dinnington St John's (Dinnington Town)	Monksbridge Community Centre, Monksbridge Road, Dinnington, Sheffield S25 3QS	283	No
DID	Dinnington St John's (Dinnington Town)	Dinnington Resource Centre, Laughton Road, Dinnington, Sheffield S25 2PS	1,162	Yes: Split to create DID and DII
DIE	Dinnington St John's (Dinnington Town)	St Joseph's RC Church Hall, Swinston Hill Road, Dinnington, Sheffield S25 2RX	2,259	No
DIF	Gildingwells	Woodsetts Village Hall, Gildingwells Road, Woodsetts, Worksop S81 8QB	58	No
DIG	Letwell	Letwell Village Hall, Barker Hades Road, Letwell, Worksop S81 8DF	70	No
DIH	Firbeck	Firbeck Village Hall, New Road, Firbeck, Worksop S81 8JY	257	No

DII	Dinnington St John's (Dinnington Town)	Dinnington Resource Centre, Laughton Road, Dinnington, Sheffield S25 2PS	1,461 (current) 3,484 (Projected increase due to housing development)	Yes: Created by splitting DID
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Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- DIC: Approx 62 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 76
- DID: Approx 1,591 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 2,341
- DIE: Approx 253 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 316
- DIH: Approx 32 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 46

1. Polling station electorate for the DID polling district exceeds the new recommended maximum allocated polling station electorate of 2,250 and has the potential for significant housing development in the future. The (Acting) Returning Officer proposes to split DID into two new polling districts with the new boundary running along Outgang Lane, down Laughton Road and along New Street. The new polling district to the south will be named DID and the new polling district to the north will be named DII. Dinnington Resource Centre is centrally located for both the proposed polling districts, therefore it will be allocated as the polling place for both DID and DII.

The proposed DII polling district will have a current polling station electorate of 1,461. Should the proposed housing developments go ahead, the projected electorate is 3,484. Given the large number of potential developments, the (Acting) Returning Officer will consider an interim review of the DII polling district once a significant proportion of the potential housing development has been built.

2. The (Acting) Returning Officer notes that when taking into account the proposed housing developments in the DIE polling district, the forecast electorate is at the recommended maximum electorate. The (Acting) Returning Officer will keep this under review and if necessary, carry out an interim review to consider changes to the polling district.

There were three consultation response regarding the polling districts and polling places in Dinnington ward.

- a) *The first representation was a general objection to the use of schools and a suggestion to use alternative venues such as village halls and public houses.*

The (Acting) Returning Officer uses a variety of buildings including parish halls, community centres and churches. There must be due regard to the legislation and Electoral Commission guidance on polling district and polling places. This includes ensuring there is a maximum of 2,250 polling station voters allocated to a polling station and to have regard for geographical features. This means polling districts are generally small areas and this can mean there are few suitable buildings within the polling districts other than schools.

All public buildings have a duty in the law to make themselves available for use as a polling place by the (Acting) Returning Officer. Where there are no suitable alternatives to using a school, the decision to close the school on polling day lies with the Headteacher. Electoral Services will work with schools to see if there is a way to keep the school open while considering safeguarding issues.

- b) *The second representation raised comments about polling districts DIA and DIF.*

The comments for DIA polling district raised concerns that the polling district was too large geographically as it covered several communities which are very inaccessible including Brookhouse, Slade Hooton, Carr and Newhall Grange that have no safe walking route or public transport options to get to Laughton-en-le-Morthen Village Hall. The suggestion was to split the existing polling district so that Laughton-en-le-Morthen was in one polling district and the smaller villages in another with the polling place at the Traveller's Rest public house in Brookhouse.

The (Acting) Returning Officer has not received any complaints or comments from electors in the DIA polling district over their polling place from previous elections. For electors living in the remote communities mentioned in the representation, they would need to travel into Laughton-en-le-Morthen or Dinnington to access shops and other services. There are buses from Brookhouse and Slade Hooton to Laughton-en-le-Morthen. Whilst a polling place at the Traveller's Rest would benefit the small number of electors in Brookhouse, it would not solve the accessibility issues raised for Slade Hooton, Carr or Newhall Grange electors. Given there hasn't been any concerns raised with the (Acting) Returning Officer at previous elections about the location of the polling place and lack of an alternative suitable venue, there are no amendments proposed for DIA polling district.

The comments for DIF polling district, which covers Gildingwells, highlight that the current polling place is Woodsetts Village Hall, which is in Anston & Woodsetts ward. During the recent Dinnington ward by-election, using Woodsetts Village Hall caused confusion for electors in Anston & Woodsetts ward. It is also felt that Woodsetts Village Hall is inaccessible to electors in DIF. The suggestion is the use of a mobile unit located outside the village notice board on Woodsetts Road.

The (Acting) Returning Officer disagrees that Woodsetts is inaccessible to electors in DIF who don't have a car, as there is a bus route which runs between Gildingwells and Woodsetts. The use of mobile units is a last resort due to their limited size, making it difficult to meet the requirements for a private area for checking voter ID and issues in terms of making them accessible. The (Acting) Returning Officer was not able to identify a suitable site within the polling district where a mobile unit with an access ramp, generator and portable toilet could be sited. The only alternative would be to relocate the polling place for DIF to Letwell Village Hall, which would then be within the ward. However, this would be more inconvenient for electors who rely on public transport, as they would have to travel to Letwell via Woodsetts and Dinnington, which would take over 3 hours based on current bus timetables. It is therefore felt that the existing arrangements are the most suitable.

c) Firbeck Village Hall stated they are happy to continue to be used (DIH) and they are centrally located within the parish, with car parking, disabled access, toilets and kitchen.

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Greasbrough ward

All of the Greasbrough ward is within the Rotherham Parliamentary constituency and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
GRA	n/a	Greasbrough Library, Coach Road, Greasbrough, Rotherham S61 4ED	2,317 (current) 4,746 (Projected increase due to housing development)	Yes: Relocation from Greasbrough Primary School
GRB	n/a	Rockingham Professional Development Centre, Roughwood Road, Rotherham S61 4HY	1,168	No
GRC	n/a	Wingfield Academy, Wingfield Road, Rotherham S61 4AU	977	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- GRA: Approx 2,194 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 3,110
1. The current polling station electorate for GRA slightly exceeds the new recommended maximum of 2,250. With turnout at the last Parliamentary election at 43%, it is not proposed to make any changes to the polling district currently. Given the potential for significant housing development in this polling district, it would be too difficult to predict the best way to split the current polling district without the developments being underway. Therefore the (Acting) Returning Officer will carry out an interim review when housing development is underway.

There were two consultation response regarding the polling districts and polling places in Greasbrough ward.

- a) *An objection to the use of Greasbrough Primary School as the polling place for GRA polling district was received from Willow Tree Academy, and the alternative of Greasbrough Library was put forward.*

The (Acting) Returning Officer agrees that Greasbrough Library is a suitable alternative that has level access and parking facilities.

- b) *Wingfield Academy submitted a response objecting to their use as a polling station for GRC polling district, but no alternatives were put forward.*

The (Acting) Returning Officer has searched for suitable alternatives but has not been able to identify any.

Forty Martyrs Church has been closed since COVID-19 pandemic and they currently have no plans to reopen.

Consideration has been given to GRC polling district being allocated to Rockingham Professional Development Centre, which is already used as the polling place for GRB. However, Rockingham Professional Development Centre is a busy training centre that remains open on polling day, meaning there is only limited space available, and it would not be sufficient for two polling stations. Added to this, the parking availability can be very limited when the building is in use and, whilst there are pedestrian refuges, there are no pedestrian crossings on Roughwood Road, making it difficult for electors in GRC to cross the road to get to Rockingham Professional Development Centre.

The final proposals have been amended to include proposing the use of Greasbrough Library as the polling place for GRA.

Hellaby & Maltby West ward

Hellaby & Maltby West ward is currently within the Rother Valley constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
HEA	Hellaby	Centenary Hall, Bateman Road, Hellaby, Rotherham S66 8HB	1,076	No
HEB	Maltby (Maltby West)	Maltby Redwood Academy, Redwood Dr, Maltby, Rotherham S66 8DL	1,292	Yes: Relocated from Hilltop School Slit to form HEB and HEF
HEC	Maltby (Maltby West)	Bevan Crescent Neighbourhood Centre, Bevan Crescent, Maltby, Rotherham S66 8AN	1,005	Yes: Relocated from Maltby Linx Youth Centre.
HED	Maltby (Maltby West)	The Grange Neighbourhood Centre, St Bartholomew's Close, Maltby, Rotherham S66 8NH	441	No
HEE	Hooton Levitt	The Grange Neighbourhood Centre, St Bartholomew's Close, Maltby, Rotherham S66 8NH	67	No
HEF	Maltby (Maltby West)	Maltby Redwood Academy, Redwood Dr, Maltby, Rotherham S66 8DL	1,492	Yes: Relocated from Hilltop School Created by splitting HEB and HEF

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- HEA: Approx 447 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 593
 - HEB: Approx 119 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 158
 - HED: Approx 14 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 17
1. Polling district HEB exceeds the new recommended maximum allocated polling station electorate of 2,250. It is proposed that HEB polling district be split into two new polling districts, with the new boundary would run along the edge of the treeline parallel to Fordoles Head Lane, then along Lilly Hall Road. The new polling district to the left of Fordoles Head Lane and Lilly Hall Road will be named HEB and the new polling district to the right named HEF.
 2. The polling place for the current HEB polling district, Hilltop School, is no longer suitable to use. Currently the only available space is a portacabin, and this does not provide sufficient space for the size of the electorate or to allow for a separate area where electors could have their photo ID checked in private. Whilst the portacabin has a ramp and is accessible, it could be difficult for electors with a disability due to the limited space once inside.

It is proposed that Maltby Redwood Academy is allocate as the polling place for HEB and the proposed HEF polling districts. By using the Community Room as the polling station and separating it from the rest of the school, it will be possible for the school to remain open to pupils on polling day.

3. The polling place for the current HEC, Maltby Linx Youth Centre, has not been available since 2020. Bevan Crescent Neighbourhood Centre has been used as an alternative for elections in 2021 and 2022 without any issues. Therefore, it is proposed that Bevan Crescent Neighbourhood Centre is designated the polling place for HEC.

There was no consultation response regarding the polling districts and polling places in Hellaby & Maltby West ward.

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Hooper ward

Hooper ward is currently in the Wentworth & Dearne constituency and will be in the Rawmarsh & Conisbrough constituency when the new Parliamentary boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
HOA	Brampton Bierlow	Brampton Bierlow Parish Hall, Knollbeck Lane, Brampton Bierlow, Barnsley S73 0TX	2,286	Yes: Split to create HOA and HOJ
HOB	Wentworth (Wentworth)	Wentworth Mechanics Institute, Main Street, Wentworth, Rotherham S62 7TL	105	No
HOC	n/a	West Melton Primary School, Stokewell Road, Wath upon Dearne, Rotherham S63 6NF	2,322	No
HOD	n/a	Christchurch Hall, Christchurch Road, Wath upon Dearne, Rotherham S63 6NW	1,224	No
HOE	Wentworth (Wentworth)	Wentworth Mechanics Institute, Main Street, Wentworth, Rotherham S62 7TL	285	No
HOF	Wentworth (Harley)	Harley Village Mission Rooms, Harley Road, Harley, Rotherham S62 7UD	392	No
HOG	Wentworth (Harley)	Trinity Community Centre, Sough Hall Avenue, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham S61 2QJ	51	No
HOH	Wentworth (Wentworth)	Wentworth Mechanics Institute, Main Street, Wentworth, Rotherham S62 7TL	52	No
HOI	n/a	Wath upon Dearne RUFC Clubhouse, Moor Road, Wath upon Dearne, Rotherham, S63 7RT	771	No

HOJ	Brampton Bierlow	Brampton Bierlow Parish Hall, Knollbeck Lane, Brampton Bierlow, Barnsley S73 0TX	997	Yes: Created by splitting HOA into HOA and HOJ
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Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- HOA: Approx 374 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 511.
- HOC: Approx 213 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 275.
- HOD: Approx 164 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 208.

1. The HOA polling district electorate currently exceeds the new recommended maximum for polling station electors. With proposed housing developments, there could be an estimated additional 5 polling station electors.

It is proposed that the HOA polling district is split into two new smaller polling districts, with the new boundary running along Knollbeck Lane from the borough boundary, before running behind the odd numbered properties on Knollbeck Lane. It will then run behind the properties on Knollbeck Crescent before continuing behind the Sid Bailey Care Home and Brampton Parish Hall to join the existing boundary in the middle of Westfield Road. The new polling district to the south of the new boundary will be named HOA and the new polling district to the north named HOJ.

Given the lack of other suitable buildings in the new HOA and HOJ polling districts, it is proposed the polling place for HOA and HOJ is Brampton Bierlow Parish Hall. This is currently used for the HOA polling district, so would not change for electors in the new HOA and HOJ polling districts.

2. When considering the potential new housing developments, the projected polling station electorate for the HOC polling district may exceed the new recommended maximum. As the projected figure is less than 100 electors over the recommended maximum and the turnout at the last Parliamentary election in 2019 was 45.7%, the (Acting) Returning Officer does not propose to make changes at this time. The polling district electorate will be monitored and if necessary, an interim review will be carried out to consider changes to the polling district.
3. It should be noted that the polling place for HOF has changed its name from Harley Church to Harley Village Mission Rooms.

There was one consultation response regarding the polling districts and polling places in Hoover ward.

- a) *There was one consultation response from the Trinity Community Centre stating they are happy to continue being used as a polling place for HOG polling place.*

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Keppel ward

Keppel ward is within the Rotherham Parliamentary constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
KEA	n/a	Trinity Community Centre, Sough Hall Avenue, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham S61 2QJ	1,942	No
KEB	n/a	Scholes Cricket Pavilion, Scholes Village, Rotherham S61 2RQ	105	No
KEC	n/a	Roughwood Primary School, Roughwood Road, Rotherham S61 3HL	767	No
KED	n/a	Chislett Centre, Kimberworth Park Road, Rotherham S61 3JT	1,011	No
KEE	n/a	St John's Church, St John's Green, Rotherham S61 3JL	1,605	Yes: Split to create KEE and KEG
KEF	n/a	ArtWorks Community Centre, Brook Hill, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham S61 2QF	1,339	No
KEG	n/a	St John's Church, St John's Green, Rotherham S61 3JL	1,272	Yes: Created by splitting KEE into KEE and KEG

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- KEA: Approx 72 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 88
 - KEE: Approx 11 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 14
 - KEF: Approx 119 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 156
1. The (Acting) Returning Officer is aware that some electors feel that the KEB polling place, Scholes Cricket Pavilion, is too small, however, there are no other suitable alternatives, and the polling district station electorate is only just over 100.
 2. The KEE polling district exceeds the new recommended number of electors to be allocated to a polling station. The (Acting) Returning Officer proposes to split the KEE polling district into two smaller new polling districts. The new boundary would run down the middle of Kimberworth Park Road and continue along the treeline behind the properties on Warren Drive, Warren Mount and Watson Close, before meeting the polling district boundary at Low Lane. The new polling district to the right of the new boundary would be named KEE and the new polling district to the left would be named KEG. As there have been no issues or concerns with the current KEE polling place, St John's Church, and that it is located near to the new boundary line and accessible to both new polling districts, the (Acting) Returning Officer proposes to allocate St John's Church as the polling place for KEE and KEG.

There were four consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Keppel ward.

- a) *The Trinity Community Centre stated they were happy to continue being used as a polling place for KEA.*
- b) *A response was received from Roughwood Primary School (KEC) objecting to the use of the school as they feel it is no longer the best place to be used and are concerned about the disruption to education and the preparation for SATS. No suitable alternatives were provided.*

The (Acting) Returning Officer has not been able to identify any suitable alternative buildings in the polling district. The only potential building is the Kimberworth Park public house, but they do not have a separate function room and are therefore not able to accommodate a polling station.

- c) *A response was received from St John's Church stating they are happy to continue being used as the polling place for KEE, as they are centrally located in the estate's shopping area, and they have disabled access.*

d) A response was received from Artworks Community Centre, polling place for KEF, who stated they are happy to continue being used.

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Kilnhurst & Swinton East ward

Kilnhurst & Swinton East ward is currently in the Wentworth & Dearne constituency and when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force, it will be in the Rawmarsh & Conisbrough constituency.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
KIA	n/a	Kilnhurst Community Resource Centre, Victoria Street, Kilnhurst, Mexborough S64 5SQ	592	No
KIB	n/a	The Brookfield Centre, Lime Grove, Swinton, Mexborough S64 8TQ	1,659	No
KIC	n/a	St Thomas CE Primary School, Meadow View Road, Kilnhurst, Mexborough S64 5UA	1,153	No
KID	n/a	Piccadilly Methodist Church, Wentworth Road, Swinton, Mexborough S64 8JZ	1,472	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- KID: Approx 32 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 41.

The (Acting) Returning Officer did not propose any changes to the existing arrangements

There were no consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Kilnhurst & Swinton East ward.

The are no changes to the proposal to continue with the existing arrangements.

Maltby East ward

Maltby East ward is currently within the Rother Valley Parliamentary constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
MAA	Maltby (Maltby East)	Maltby Manor Academy School, Davy Drive, Maltby, Rotherham S66 8JN	1,327	No
MAB	Maltby (Maltby East)	The Wesley Centre, Blyth Road, Maltby, Rotherham S66 8JD	953	No
MAC	Maltby (Maltby East)	Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road, Maltby, Rotherham S66 7NQ	1,854	Yes: MAF merged into MAC
MAD	Maltby (Maltby East)	Maltby St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Muglet Lane, Maltby, Rotherham S66 7JU	980	No
MAE	Maltby (Maltby East)	Ascension Close Neighbourhood Centre, Ascension Close, Maltby, Rotherham S66 7HQ	759	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- MAB: 41 properties, with an estimated polling station electorate increase of 51
 - MAC: 550 properties, with an estimated polling station electorate increase of 576
1. MAF polling place, Charles Foster Community Centre, have not been available since 2021. Electors from MAF polling district have been voting at MAC polling place, Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, for the elections in 2021 and 2022 without any issues. As MAC and MAF are part of the same Town Council ward, it is proposed that polling district MAF is merged into

polling district MAC, with Edward Dunn Memorial Hall being used as the designated polling place. As MAF electors have been voting at Edward Dunn Memorial Hall for the last two years, it is not envisaged this change would cause any issues for elector.

There were no consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Maltby East ward.

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Rawmarsh East ward

Rawmarsh East ward is currently in the Wentworth & Dearne constituency and when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force, it will be in the Rawmarsh & Conisbrough constituency.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
RAEA	n/a	Rawmarsh Customer Service Centre, Barbers Avenue, Rotherham S62 6AA	1,564	
RAEB	n/a	Rawmarsh Ryecroft Infants School, South Street, Rawmarsh, Rotherham S62 5QW	841	
RAEC	n/a	Marshall Close Neighbourhood Centre, Marshall Close, Rawmarsh, Rotherham S62 6DB	921	
RAED	n/a	Rawmarsh Sandhill Primary School, Kilnhurst Road, Rawmarsh, Rotherham S62 5LH	1,140	Yes: Split into RAED and RAEE
RAEE	n/a	Rawmarsh Sandhill Primary School, Kilnhurst Road, Rawmarsh, Rotherham S62 5LH	1,492	Yes: Created by splitting RAED into RAED and RAEE

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- RAEA: Approx 12 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 14.
- RAED: Approx 458 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 571.

1. Considering the potential housing developments for RAED polling district, the estimated polling station electorate would exceed the new recommended maximum electorate. It is proposed that the RAED polling district is split into two new smaller polling districts, with the new boundary running along Kilnhurst Road. The new polling district to the south of Kilnhurst Road will be named RAED and the new polling district to the north of Kilnhurst Road named RAEE.

The (Acting) Returning Officer is not aware of any issues or concerns about the current polling place for RAED, therefore it is proposed that Rawmarsh Sandhill Primary School, which is located on the new boundary between RAED and RAEE polling districts is allocated as the polling place for both polling districts.

There were no consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Rawmarsh East ward.

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Rawmarsh West ward

Rawmarsh West ward is currently in the Wentworth & Dearne constituency and when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force, it will be in the Rawmarsh & Conisbrough constituency.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
RAWA	n/a	Manor Farm Community Centre, Harding Avenue, Upper Haugh, Rotherham S62 7ED	2,154	No
RAWB	n/a	Monkwood Primary Academy, Monkwood Road, Rawmarsh, Rotherham S62 7JD	1,971	No
RAWC	n/a	Salvation Army Hall, Quarry Street, Rawmarsh, Rotherham S62 7DB	792	No
RAWD	n/a	Rawmarsh Methodist Church, High Street, Rawmarsh, Rotherham S62 6LN	367	No
RAW E	n/a	Rawmarsh Ashwood Primary School, Ashwood Road, Parkgate, Rotherham S62 6HT	886	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- RAWA: Approx 325 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 424.
- RAWD: Approx 16 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 16.
- RAW E: Approx 250 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 886.

1. The (Acting) Returning Officer is aware that Rawmarsh Ashwood Primary School, polling place for RAWE, would prefer not to be used. Unfortunately, the (Acting) Returning Officer is not aware of any suitable alternative and therefore is not able to propose any changes.
2. The (Acting) Returning Officer did not propose any changes to the existing arrangements.

There was one consultation response regarding the polling districts and polling places in Rawmarsh West ward.

- a) *A representation was received from Rawmarsh Ashwood Primary School who do not wish to be used as the polling place for RAWE. They state the space previously used is no longer available and the whole school would have to close. Alternative suggestions provided were the Spiritualist Church next door on Ashwood Road, High Street Centre on Rawmarsh Hill and Rawmarsh Church.*

The (Acting) Returning Officer has not been able to contact the Spiritualist Church to discuss the possibility of using their building. There is some concern about accessibility of the church due to there being a step from the pavement on to the church property. The (Acting) Returning Officer will continue to try and contact the Church so it can be assessed and considered for use in the future.

The High Street Centre at Rawmarsh Methodist Church is not within the polling district and is already used as the polling place for RAWD. The Church of St Mary the Virgin is also not within the polling district. Both locations are uphill from RAWE and could pose an issue for electors in terms of accessibility if they do not use a car.

As there are no alternatives in the polling district, the school remains the only suitable building to be used as a polling place for RAWE.

The are no changes to the proposal to continue with the existing arrangements.

Rother Vale ward

Currently RVA and RVB polling districts are in the Rotherham constituency and RVC and RVD and in the Rother Valley constituency. When the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force, all of Rother Vale ward will be in the Rotherham constituency.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
RVA	Catcliffe	Catcliffe Memorial Hall, Old School Lane, Catcliffe, Rotherham S60 5SP	1,336	No
RVB	Waverley	Waverley Junior Academy, Waverley Walk, Rotherham S60 8DD	1,567	Yes: relocation from AMP Technology Centre Realignment of the polling district boundary with RVD
RVC	Treeton	Treeton Village Community & Resource Centre, Pit Lane, Treeton, Rotherham S60 5UY	1,957	
RVD	Waverley	Waverley Junior Academy, Highfield Lane, Catcliffe, Rotherham S60 5BL	1,355 (current) 4,476 (Projected increase due to housing development)	Yes: relocation from AMP Technology Centre Realignment of the polling district boundary with RVB

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- RVA: Approx 64 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 79
 - RVB: Approx 300 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 276
 - RVC: Approx 45 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 58
 - RVD: Approx 2820 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 3,688
1. AMP Technology Centre is the polling place for RVB and RVD polling districts and is located on a commercial estate. With continued housing developments in the area, the electorates are increasing and the (Acting) Returning Officer is aware that the space available at AMP Technology Centre will soon not be big enough. Added to this, the location of AMP Technology Centre may be difficult for some electors to access, however at the time it was designated the polling place for RVB and RVD, there were no other suitable buildings in the polling districts. Since the last review, Waverley Junior Academy has opened, which is located within the residential area and accessible to both polling districts, as it is located on the boundary between RVB and RVD. Whilst the (Acting) Returning Officer's preference is to minimise the use of schools, in this case, it is the most suitable building in terms of accessibility and location for electors in both polling districts. Therefore the (Acting) Returning Officer proposes that Waverley Junior Academy is allocated as the polling place for RVB and RVD polling districts.
 2. The current polling district boundary between RVB and RVD polling districts was designated before some of the current housing was built and follows the current Parliamentary constituency boundary between Rotherham and Rother Valley. The location of this boundary has meant that as new properties have been built, the polling district and Parliamentary constituency boundary line runs through some of the houses. Therefore, the (Acting) Returning Officer proposes to align the polling district boundary between RVB and RVD polling districts so that it runs down the middle of Highfield Lane after the next Parliamentary General Election has taken place, when RVB and RVD will be in the same constituency. This will not impact on electors in either polling district, as they go to the same polling place. It is likely this will be implemented when the revised register is published following the next General election.
 3. Given the potential for significant housing development in the RVD polling district, it would be too difficult to predict the best way to split the current polling district without the developments nearing completion. As the current polling station electorate is considerably below the recommended maximum polling station electorate, the (Acting) Returning Officer does not propose any changes currently. However, an interim review will be carried out when some of the potential developments near completion.

There were two consultation response regarding the polling districts and polling places in Rother Vale ward.

- a) *The first suggests the merger of RVB and RVD polling districts or if this was not possible, was supportive of the polling district boundary being realigned along Highfield Lane.*

Merging RVB and RVD polling districts would not be possible at the current time, as they are in different Parliamentary constituencies. After the next Parliamentary General election, RVB and RV will be in the same Parliamentary constituency, however, due to the potential building development in RVD, the electorate is likely to exceed the recommended maximum, therefore merging RVB and RVD.

The polling district boundary between RVB & RVD will be realigned to follow the middle of Highfield Lane on 1 December following the next UK General Election.

- b) *The second representation objected to the polling place for RVB and RVD moving away from AMP Technology Centre. The objection is based on it being less disruptive to the community and the Centre has parking and disabled access.*

As set out in the original proposals, The (Acting) Returning Officer feels that with the growing electorate in RVB and RVD, the rooms available at AMP Technology are too small. If there is an event on at the Centre, there is no guarantee as to which room will be available for use as a polling station and car parking availability is much reduced.

The (Acting) Returning Officer must also consider electors who do not drive. AMP Technology is located on a business park some distance from the houses in RVB and RVD and as more houses are built to the East, they will be even further away. Electors would also need to cross Highfield Spring, which is a very busy road. Waverley Junior Academy is situated amongst the housing, has parking facilities, disabled access and is far more accessible for all electors.

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Rotherham East ward

Rotherham East ward is within the Rotherham Parliamentary constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
ROEA	n/a	Eastwood Village Community Centre (Zone 2) Erskine Road, Rotherham S65 1RF	626	No
ROEB	n/a	The Unity Centre, St Leonards Road, Rotherham S65 1PD	424	No
ROEC	n/a	St James Vestry (St Francis Room), Cambridge Street, Rotherham S65 2SX	1,449	No
ROED	n/a	Rotherham Baptist Church Hall, Badsley Moor Lane, Rotherham S65 2QR	1,845	No
ROEE	n/a	Mowbray Gardens Community Centre, Mowbray Gardens, Rotherham S65 2UH	621	No
ROEF	n/a	Springwell Gardens Community Centre, Eastwood View, Rotherham S65 1NH	497	No
ROEG	n/a	The Place Young Peoples Centre (next to Coleridge Primary School), Coleridge Road, Rotherham S65 1LW	996	No
ROEH	n/a	Bakersfield Neighbourhood Centre, Longfellow Drive, Rotherham S65 2LH	281	No

ROEI	n/a	St Mary's Catholic Church (parish room), Herringthorpe Valley Road, Rotherham, S65 3BA	764	No
ROEJ	n/a	Herringthorpe Infants School, Chatterton Drive, Rotherham, S65 2JW	637	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- ROEB: Approx 30 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 27
- ROED: Approx 13 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 17

The (Acting) Returning Officer has not proposed any changes to the current arrangements.

There were three consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Rotherham East ward.

1. *Rotherham Baptist Church responded to the consultation to state they are happy to continue being used as the polling place for ROED.*
2. *An elector from Rotherham East ward queried why they had to go to Rotherham Baptist Church, when there is a polling station across from their road at the United Methodist Church Clifton.*

The elector making the representation lives in the ROED polling district of Rotherham East ward. The polling place they are referring too, The United Methodist Church Clifton, is the polling place for BCC polling district in Boston Castle ward.

3. *Willow Tree Academy submitted a representation regarding the use of Herringthorpe Infant School (ROEJ), that also impact Herringthorpe Juniors. and request an alternative location is used due to the impact on education and preparation for KS2 SATs. No alternative suggestions were provided.*

The (Acting) Returning Officer has not been able to identify any suitable alternatives within the polling district.

The are no changes to the proposal to continue with the existing arrangements.

Rotherham West ward

Rotherham West ward is within the Rotherham Parliamentary constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
ROWA	n/a	St Thomas Community Hall, High Street, Rotherham S61 2BH	1,314	No
ROWB	n/a	Blackburn Primary School, Baring Road, Blackburn, Rotherham S61 2BU	839	No
ROWC	n/a	Meadow View Primary School, (Community Room) Meadowhall Road, Rotherham S61 2JD	934	No
ROWD	n/a	Kelford School, Oakdale Road, Rotherham S61 2NU	920	No
ROWE	n/a	Ferham Primary School, Ferham Road, Rotherham S61 1AP	784	No
ROWF	n/a	Henley Neighbourhood Centre, Oates Close, Rotherham S61 1TP	1,283	No
ROWG	n/a	Thornhill Primary School, Clough Bank, Rotherham S61 1TD	467	No
ROWH	n/a	Liberty Church, Station Road, Rotherham S60 1JH	534	Yes: Relocated from Masbrough & Thornhill Community Centre
ROWI	n/a	Kimberworth Community Primary School, Kimberworth Road, Rotherham S61 1HE	1,213	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- ROWE: Approx 10 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 10
- ROWF: Approx 500 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 528
- ROWG: Approx 50 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 81

1. Since a change of ownership in 2022, the polling place for ROWH, Masbrough & Thornhill Community Centre, has not been available. For the elections in 2022 the Liberty Church on Station Road was used without any issues. The Liberty Church is a suitable building as a polling place, with level access, good interior space and car parking. The (Acting) Returning Officer proposes that the Liberty Church be designated as the polling place for ROWH polling district.

There were no consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Rotherham West ward.

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Sitwell ward

Currently the SIH polling district is in the Rotherham constituency and the remainder of the ward is in the Rother Valley constituency. Under the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries, all of Sitwell ward will be in the Rother Valley constituency.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
SIA	n/a	Herringthorpe United Reformed Church, Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 4JN	980	
SIB	n/a	St Cuthberts Church Hall, Bent Lathes Avenue, Rotherham S60 4BN	754	
SIC	n/a	Broom Methodist Church, Broom Lane, Rotherham, S60 3NW	992	
SID	n/a	Newman Additional Resource (next to Newman School) East Bawtry Road, Whiston, Rotherham S60 3LX	1,213	
SIE	Whiston	Whiston J&I School, Saville Road, Whiston, Rotherham S60 4DX	941	
SIF	Whiston	Whiston Worry Goose J&I School, Hall Close Avenue, Whiston, Rotherham S60 4AG	1,859	
SIG	Whiston	Whiston Parish Hall, Well Lane, Whiston, Rotherham, S60 4HX	937	
SIH	n/a	St Bernards Catholic High School, Herringthorpe Valley Road, Rotherham S65 3BE	394	

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There is potential for the following housing developments:

- SID: Approx 149 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 178
 - SIF: Approx 667 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 824
 - SIG: Approx 219 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 240
1. The (Acting) Returning Officer is aware there are proposed building works for SID polling place, at Newman School that could impact on the availability of Newman Additional Resource. If the building works take place at the time of an election, it may be necessary for the (Acting) Returning Officer to consider a temporary change to the polling place.
 2. The (Acting) Returning Officer is aware that Whiston J & I School, polling place for SIE, have expressed a desire not to be used. However, the Returning Officer is not aware of any suitable alternative in the polling district and neighbouring polling places would not be big enough to accommodate the additional electors. Therefore the (Acting) Returning Officer was not able to propose any changes, but welcomes suggestions for suitable alternatives

There were no consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Sitwell ward.

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Swinton Rockingham ward

Swinton Rockingham ward is currently in the Wentworth & Dearne constituency and when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force, it will be in the Rawmarsh & Conisbrough constituency.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
SWA	n/a	Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary School, Broadway, Swinton, Mexborough, S64 8HF	1,330	No
SWB	n/a	Swinton Queen Primary School, Queen Street, Swinton, Mexborough, S64 8NE	1,504	No
SWC	n/a	Swinton Civic Hall, Station Street, Swinton, Mexborough, S64 8PZ	1,112	No
SWD	n/a	Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary School, Broadway, Swinton, Mexborough, S64 8HF	873	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- SWB: Approx 70 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 84

The (Acting) Returning Officer did not propose any changes to the existing arrangements

There were no consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Swinton Rockingham ward.

The are no changes to the proposal to continue with the existing arrangements.

Thurcroft & Wickersley South ward

Thurcroft & Wickersley South ward is currently within the Rother Valley Parliamentary constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
THA	Wickersley (Wickersley South)	The Church Barn, Church Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 1ES	2,357	No
THB	Thurcroft (Thurcroft North)	Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall, Green Arbour Road, Thurcroft, Rotherham S66 9DD	1,902	Yes – Current THB polling district split into THB and THC due to electorate size.
THC	Thurcroft (Thurcroft North)	Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall, Green Arbour Road, Thurcroft, Rotherham S66 9DD	1,696	Yes – Current THB polling district split into THB and THC due to electorate size.

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- THA: Approx 209 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 239
 - THB: Approx 40 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 51
1. When considering the potential new housing developments in polling district THA, the projected polling station electorate may exceed slightly exceed the recommended maximum. As the last Parliamentary election in 2019 was 70.2%, the (Acting) Returning Officer does not propose to make changes at this time. The polling district electorate will be monitored and if necessary, an interim review to consider any necessary changes.
 2. The current THB polling district polling station electorate exceeds the new recommended maximum. It is proposed that the current THB polling district to be split into two, with the new boundary running down the middle of Morthen Road, Woodhouse Green and Green Arbour Road.

The new polling district to the right of the new boundary will be named THB and the new polling district to the left will be named THC.

As there have been no issues with the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall and it is centrally located on the new boundary line between THB and THC, it is proposed that it would be the polling place for the new THB and THC polling districts.

There were no consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Thurcroft & Wickersley South ward.

The initial proposals for this ward remain unchanged.

Wales ward

Wales ward is currently within the Rother Valley Parliamentary constituency, and this will remain the case when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
WAA	Harthill-with-Woodhall	Harthill Village Hall, Winney Hill, Harthill, Sheffield S26 7YL	925	No
WAB	Wales (Wales)	Wales-Kiveton Methodist Church, School Road, Wales, Sheffield S26 5QJ	1,276	No
WAC	Wales (Kiveton Park)	Old Colliery Offices (training room), Colliery Road, Kiveton Park, Sheffield S26 6LR	1,257	No
WAD	Wales (Kiveton Park)	Kiveton Park & Wales Village Hall, Walesmoor Avenue, Kiveton Park, Sheffield S26 5RF	2,089	No
WAE	Wales (Wales)	Peregrine Way Neighbourhood Centre, Peregrine Way, Harthill, Sheffield S26 7UP	223	No
WAF	Wales (Kiveton Park)	Viking Way Neighbourhood Centre, Viking Way, Kiveton Park, Sheffield S26 6RX	547	No

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There is potential for the following housing developments:

- WAA: Approx 50 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 61
- WAB: Approx 194 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 239
- WAD: Approx 428 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 593
- WAF: Approx 100 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 123

The (Acting) Returning Officer did not propose any changes to the existing arrangements

There were no consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Wales ward.

The are no changes to the proposal to continue with the existing arrangements.

Wath ward

Wath ward is currently in the Wentworth & Dearne constituency and when the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force, it will be in the Rawmarsh & Conisbrough constituency.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
WHA	n/a	Wath Community Library, Montgomery Square, Wath, Rotherham S63 7RZ	1,039	No
WHB	n/a	The Base Community Hub, Fir Close, Wath, Rotherham S63 7NU	928	No
WHC	n/a	St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, Carr Road, Wath upon Dearne, Rotherham S63 7AA	1,884	No
WHD	n/a	Newhill Chapel, Varney Road, Wath upon Dearne, Rotherham S63 7HS	1,868	No
WHE	n/a	Wath upon Dearne RUFC Clubhouse, Moor Road, Wath upon Dearne S63 7RT	379	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- WHA: Approx 28 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 32
- WHC: Approx 690 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 777
- WHE: Approx 49 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 68

The (Acting) Returning Officer did not propose any changes to the existing arrangements

There was one consultation response regarding the polling districts and polling places in Wath ward.

- a) There was one consultation response from St Joseph's Catholic Church stating they are happy to continue being used as the polling place for WHC.*

The are no changes to the proposal to continue with the existing arrangements.

Wickersley North ward

Currently WYB and WYC polling districts are in Rotherham constituency, with the majority of the ward in Wentworth & Dearne constituency. When the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries come into force, all of Wickersley North ward will be in Rotherham constituency.

Polling District	Parish (Parish ward, if applicable)	Polling Place	Electorate (Excluding postal votes)	Proposed changes
WYA	Dalton (Dalton East)	Sunnyside Community Centre, Flanderwell Lane, Sunnyside, Rotherham S66 3RL	733	No
WYB	Dalton (Dalton East)	Sunnyside Community Centre, Flanderwell Lane, Sunnyside, Rotherham S66 3RL	381	No
WYC	Dalton (Dalton South)	Listerdale Primary School, Beech Avenue, Brecks, Rotherham S65 3HN	843	No
WYD	Dalton (Dalton East)	Flanderwell Early Excellence Centre, Flanderwell Primary School, Greenfield Court, Flanderwell, Rotherham S66 2JF	1,059	No
WYE	Dalton (Dalton East)	Sunnyside Community Centre, Flanderwell Lane, Sunnyside, Rotherham S66 3RL	1,106	No
WYF	Bramley (Bramley West)	Bramley Parish Hall, Cross Street, Bramley, Rotherham S66 2SA	899	No
WYG	Wickersley (Wickersley North)	Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Northfield Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2HF	2,305	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

There is potential for the following housing developments:

- WYC: Approx 206 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 286
 - WYG: Approx 45 properties with an estimated polling station electorate of 62
1. In the future, once a UK Parliamentary General election has taken place on the proposed constituency boundaries, consideration can be given to merging polling districts WYA and WYB.
 2. When considering the potential housing developments, WYG polling district's polling station electorate may slightly exceed the recommended maximum polling station electorate by less than 100 electors. The (Acting) Returning Officer does not propose any changes at this time but will keep this polling district under review and if necessary, will carry out an interim review to consider any necessary changes.

The (Acting) Returning Officer did not propose any changes to the existing arrangements

There were no consultation responses regarding the polling districts and polling places in Wickersley North ward.

The are no changes to the proposal to continue with the existing arrangements.