

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Consultation Paper

Consultation Period runs from 4 February to 26 April 2019

1. Background to the Review

Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the council has a duty to divide its area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district for Parliamentary elections. The arrangements made for parliamentary elections are also used at other elections, and the council must keep the arrangements under review.

The Electoral Administration Act 2006, as amended, introduced a duty on all local authorities in Great Britain to review their polling districts and polling places at least once every five years. Rotherham council undertook the last full compulsory review between November 2013 and December 2014, so another full review is now due and should be completed by December 2019.

2. Boundary changes

The Local Government Boundary Commission carried out an electoral review of the Rotherham Borough between September 2016 and October 2017. The aim of the electoral review was to recommend ward boundaries that mean each councillor represents approximately the same number of voters.

The Boundary Commission's final recommendations have been made law through the Rotherham (Electoral Changes) Order, made on 8 March 2018. The new ward boundaries will take effect from May 2020. The ward boundary changes are significant, affecting each area of Rotherham:

- Instead of 21 wards, there will be 25 wards
- Each ward will be represented by two or three councillors
- The number of councillors will reduce from 63 to 59

A map of the new wards is reproduced at p.6, and a list of the new wards and the number of councillors that will represent each ward is set out on p.7.

Further information about the electoral review can be found at <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/yorkshire-and-the-humber/south-yorkshire/rotherham>

As a result of the changes to electoral wards, the polling districts in the borough need to be reviewed and amended. The polling district boundary changes required are included in this compulsory review of polling districts and polling places.

Maps of the current wards and polling districts and the new wards and polling districts can be found on the council's website at www.rotherham.gov.uk/elections or are available from Electoral Services.

It should be noted that electors will continue to be electors of their current ward in the event of any local by-election occurring before the May 2020 elections.

The Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England has recently published its final recommendations for new constituency boundaries, which will now be subject to parliamentary approval. If approved, the Wentworth and Dearne constituency would be renamed Wentworth and Hoyland, and it would take in three different wards from Barnsley MBC. The current Wickersley Ward would be in the Rotherham parliamentary constituency rather than the Wentworth constituency, and so this potential change must be taken into account when reviewing the polling arrangements for the new Bramley & Ravenfield and the Wickersley North Wards.

Neither the ward boundaries, nor the parliamentary constituency boundaries, can be changed as part of the council's review of polling districts and polling places, as they are the responsibility of the relevant Boundary Commission.

3. Definitions

"Polling districts" are geographical electoral areas into which wards and constituencies may be sub-divided. In areas with parishes, each parish should be its own polling district.

"Polling places" are the buildings or areas designated by the council where electors in a polling district go to vote in person.

The polling place should in normal circumstances be situated within the polling district for which it is designated, but in some circumstances, for example where no suitable polling place can be found, then the polling place may be designated outside the polling district.

"Polling stations" are the number of issuing desks in the building that is the designated polling place, which generally range from one to three. The Returning Officer determines the number of polling stations depending on the electorate at a particular election. Wherever possible there should be no more than 2,500 electors (excluding postal voters) allotted to a polling station.

4. The Review Process

A preliminary review has been undertaken by council officers to inform the proposals now set out in the representations of the (Acting) Returning Officer. The proposals have been included in this consultation paper, from p. 8, and the council invites comments on these proposals.

The main issues considered in the development of the proposals were:

- a) To try and identify new polling places in areas where the existing provision is unsuitable or unavailable.
- b) To consider, as appropriate, feedback received following recent elections raised by members of the public, elected members and other stakeholders.

- c) To ensure, as far as practicable, that any new polling places are accessible to people with disabilities.
- d) To ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
- e) To try and minimise disruption to schools. It should be noted that the Returning Officer is entitled to use schools and academies free of charge¹. However, where alternative premises exist which can provide better facilities for voting, they may be considered.
- f) To minimise any inconvenience to voters where polling district boundaries are altered as a result of the ward boundary changes.

The council is required to publish a notice of the holding of a review. Information about the review is made available on the council's website. The consultation paper will be sent to councillors, Members of Parliament, local political parties, parish councils, and any other interested groups or persons, including those who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

5. Making comments

The council would welcome comments on the proposals. We would encourage anyone making representations to suggest alternative polling districts or places to those proposed where appropriate, along with their reasons, so that they may be given full consideration.

Anyone registered as an elector in the Rother Valley, Rotherham or Wentworth and Dearne constituencies may make representations to the council. Please note that all representations are required by law to be published.

Representations will also be considered from persons who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for person who have different forms of disability.

Any representations must be received by **Friday 26 April 2019**, and should be addressed to:

Electoral Services, Riverside House, Main Street, Rotherham, S60 1AE

or emailed to: electoral.services@rotherham.gov.uk

The sheet at Appendix 1 may be used for submitting your views. Or you can respond using our online form via www.rotherham.gov.uk/consultations

¹ Rule 22, Sch 1, Representation of the People Act 1983

6. The Review Timetable

Publication of notice of review	Monday 4 February 2019
Publication of consultation paper including (Acting) Returning Officer's proposals	Monday 4 February 2019
Closing date for representations	Friday 26 April 2019
Council's Cabinet meeting – recommendation of polling place changes	5 August 2019 (tbc)
Council meeting – ratification of polling district and polling changes	4 September 2019 (tbc)
Publication of Electoral Register on new wards and polling district boundaries	1 December 2019
Rotherham Borough Council Elections /Parish elections / Police and Crime Commissioner elections	Thursday 7 May 2020

7. Completion of review

The council will publish:

- The results of the review
- The minutes of council meetings concerning the review
- All correspondence received in connection with the review
- All representations made by any person in connection with the review

8. Role of the Electoral Commission

The council will follow guidance issued by the Electoral Commission in undertaking the review.

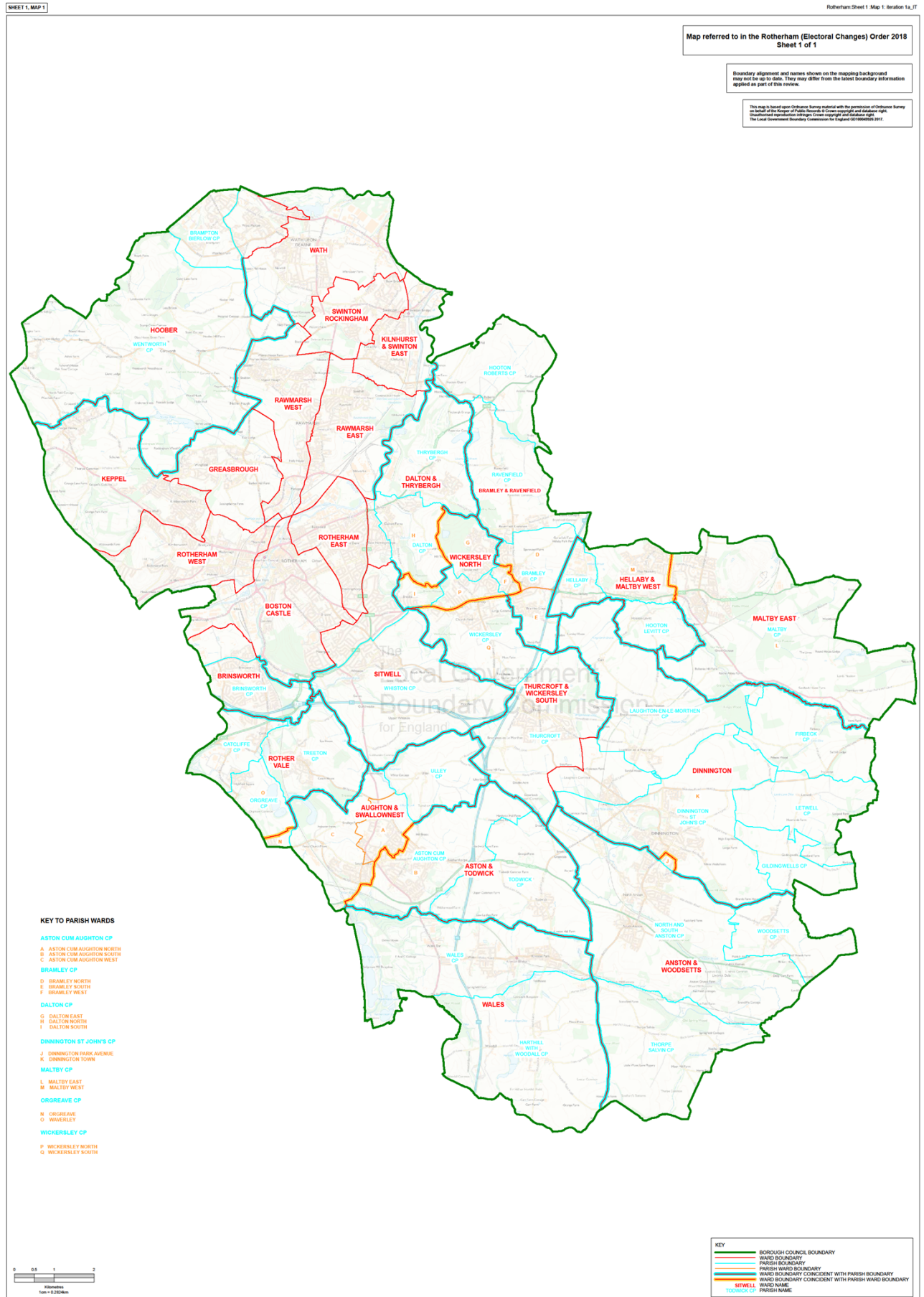
Although the Electoral Commission has no role in the review process itself, it can consider comments if people do not think that the review has met the reasonable requirements of electors or taken sufficient account of the needs of disabled electors.

The following people can make representations to the Electoral Commission:

- 30 or more registered electors
- any person who made comments during the review
- any parish council or parish meeting for the area
- any non-electors who the Commission feels has sufficient interest in the accessibility of disabled persons

The Electoral Commission has the ability to direct the council to make alterations to polling places if it thinks that is necessary.

New Borough and Parish Wards coming into effect for May 2020 local elections



List of new wards from May 2020

Ward	Number of Councillors	Electorate (2022)
Anston & Woodsetts	3	9,714
Aston & Todwick	2	7,348
Aughton & Swallownest	2	6,849
Boston Castle	3	10,526
Bramley & Ravenfield	2	7,423
Brinsworth	2	7,715
Dalton & Thrybergh	2	7,503
Dinnington	3	10,089
Greasbrough	2	6,567
Hellaby & Maltby West	2	6,467
Hoober	3	10,286
Keppel	3	11,058
Kilnhurst & Swinton East	2	6,342
Maltby East	2	6,945
Rawmarsh East	2	7,365
Rawmarsh West	2	7,286
Rother Vale	2	6,550
Rotherham East	3	10,917
Rotherham West	3	10,812
Sitwell	3	10,285
Swinton Rockingham	2	6,447
Thurcroft & Wickersley South	2	7,573
Wales	2	7,480
Wath	2	6,854
Wickersley North	3	9,862
Totals:	59	206,263

Polling station scheme and Returning Officer's Proposals

Electorates as at 1 July 2018 (electorate figures are approximate in the case of new / amended polling districts)

1 - Anston & Woodsetts Ward (Rother Valley Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
AA	ANA	Anston (North Ward)	1,278	Anston Greenlands Primary School, Edinburgh Drive	Single	None	No
AB	ANB	Anston (North Ward)	1,197	Anston Park Junior School, Park Avenue	Double (polling place will be shared with ANF)	None	No
AC	ANC	Anston (North Ward)	1,587	Anston Parish Hall, 15A Ryton Road	Single	None	No
AD	AND	Anston (South Ward)	1,377	South Anston Methodist Community Hall, Sheffield Road	Single	None	No
AE	ANE	Woodsetts	1,011	Woodsetts Village Hall, Gildingwells Road	Double (polling place is also used for DIF – Dinnington Ward)	None	No
DE (12%)	ANF	Dinnington St John's (Park Avenue Ward)	261	Anston Park Junior School, Park Avenue	Double (polling place shared with ANB)	Previous DE polling district split – 12% to this ward, and 88% remaining in Dinnington ward	Existing polling place, but these voters previously voted at Dinnington St Joseph's Catholic School.

RB	ANG	Thorpe Salvin	276	Harthill Village Hall, Winney Hill	Double (polling place is also used for WAA – Wales Ward)		No
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Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Anston & Woodsetts ward is based on the previous Anston and Woodsetts ward with the addition of part of Dinnington Parish and Thorpe Salvin Parish.

Anston Park Junior School has asked the Returning Officer to consider alternative venues to avoid closing the school. No alternatives have been identified to date, but suggestions for alternatives are welcome.

A new polling district of ANF will need to be created for electors in the Borrowdale Crescent and Park Avenue area which is being transferred from Dinnington Ward, as this is a new parish ward as a result of the boundary changes. Previously, these electors would have voted at Dinnington St Joseph's Catholic School in Dinnington Ward. It is desirable to avoid sharing polling places across wards, to minimise confusion for voters and complications at the counting of votes. The new polling district is too small and without any suitable polling place within its boundaries to justify having its own polling station. The proposed polling place for this new polling district is Anston Park Junior School, as this is situated in the Anston and Woodsetts Ward. . The voters affected would not have to pass their previous polling place on the way to the new assigned polling place.

2 - Aston & Todwick Ward (Rother Valley Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electo rate (exclud ing postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
FA (44%)	ASA	Aston-cum-Aughton (South Ward)	869	Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall, Rosegarth Avenue	Double (polling place shared with AUA)	Previous FA polling district split – 44% to this ward, and 56% to Aughton & Swallownest Ward	No
FB	ASB	Aston-cum-Aughton (South Ward)	1,945	Aston Hall Junior & Infant School, Church Lane	Single	None	No
FC	ASC	Aston-cum-Aughton (South Ward)	1,361	Aston Lodge Primary School, Lodge Lane	Single	None	No
RC	ASD	Todwick	967	Todwick Village Hall, Kiveton Lane	Single	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Aston & Todwick Ward is made up of part of the previous Holderness ward with the addition of Todwick Parish and the removal of part of Swallownest.

The polling district of ASA will consist of nearly half of the former FA polling district. The voters from FA would have previously voted at Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall, and we propose that this continues. Although this would mean sharing a polling place between Aston & Todwick Ward and Aughton & Swallownest Ward, the polling place is considerably more convenient for the affected voters and is large enough to contain two polling stations.

3 - Aughton & Swallownest Ward (Rother Valley Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
FA (56%)	AUA	Aston-cum-Aughton (North Ward)	1106	Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall, Rosegarth Avenue	Double (polling place shared with ASA)	Previous FA polling district split – 56% to this ward, and 44% to Aston & Todwick Ward	No
KB	AUB	Orgreave	385	Aston Fence J&I School, Sheffield Road	Double (polling place shared with AUD)	None	No
KC	AUC	Aston-cum-Aughton (West Ward)	1027	Swallownest Community Centre, Rotherham Road	Double (polling place shared with AUF)	None	No
KD	AUD	Aston-cum-Aughton (West Ward)	454	Aston Fence J&I School, Sheffield Road	Double (polling place shared with AUB)	None	No
KE	AUE	Ulley	101	Ulley Village Hall, Main Street	Single	None	No
FD	AUF	Aston-cum-Aughton (North Wd)	740	Swallownest Community Centre, Rotherham Road	Double (polling place shared with AUC)	None	No

FE	AUG	Aston-cum-Aughton (North Ward)	1020	Aughton Early Years Centre, Main Street	Single	None	No
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Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Aughton & Swallownest Ward is made up part of the of the previous Holderness and Rother Vale wards with the addition of Ulley and Orgreave parishes.

The polling district of AUA will consist of over half of the former FA polling district. The voters from FA would have previously voted at Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall, and we propose that this continues. Although this would mean sharing a polling place between Aston & Todwick Ward and Aughton & Swallownest Ward, the polling place remains convenient and is large enough to contain two polling stations.

The Head of the Aughton Early Years Centre, and others, have asked the Returning Officer to consider alternative venues to avoid closing the Centre. Prior to 2015, the polling place for AUG was Aughton Junior Academy, Turnshaw Avenue. It has been suggested that this was a better polling place.

Electoral Services officers have visited a number of premises to assess their suitability as a polling place for the AUG polling district, including Aughton Junior Academy, Windy Ridge and Heighton View Neighbourhood Centres, and Aston-cum-Aughton Leisure Centre.

Aughton Junior Academy is not considered ideal in terms its approach from the road and limited parking. There are no rooms which could be used to prevent closing the school for the day. The two Neighbourhood Centres are quite small, with limited parking and it is likely that their use as a polling place would inconvenience the neighbouring residents. It has not been confirmed that the Leisure Centre can accommodate being designated as a polling place, and Aston Academy does not appear suitable or appropriate.

Therefore it is proposed that Aughton Early Years Centre be retained as the polling place for AUG, at is considered to be the most suitable venue.

4 - Boston Castle Ward (Rotherham Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
BA	BCA	n/a	350	MyPlace Rotherham, St Ann's Road	Single	None	No
BB	BCB	n/a	682	Talbot Lane Methodist Church, Moorgate Street	Single	None	No
BC	BCC	n/a	658	United Methodist Church Clifton, Lister Street	Single	None	No
BD	BCD	n/a	604	Beeversleigh Community Centre, Clifton Lane	Single	None	No
BE	BCE	n/a	2,498 (2249 as amended – see Table 1 below)	Broom Valley Club Room, Guest Place	Double	See Table 1 below	No
QJ (40%)		n/a	445			Previous QJ polling district split – 40% to this ward, and 60% to Rotherham East Ward (See table 1 below)	Existing polling place, but these voters previously voted at Herringthorpe Infant School.
BF	BCF	n/a	857 (1106 as amended – see below)	Boston Castle, Boston Castle Grove	Single	See Table 1 below	No

BG	BCG	n/a	586	Canklow Woods Primary School, Wood Lane	Single	None	No
BH	BCH	n/a	269	Garden Building, Clifton Park, Clifton Lane	Single	None	No
BI	BCI	n/a	366	The Hub, 103 Canklow Road	Single	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The Boston Castle Ward is largely unchanged, with the addition of part of the former QJ polling district from the former Valley Ward.

The voters from QJ would have previously voted at Herringthorpe Infant School. While it is proposed that Herringthorpe Infant School is retained for the voters transferring to Rotherham East ward, it would be more appropriate for the voters transferring to this ward to vote in a polling place for the Boston Castle ward.

The part of the QJ polling district transferring to Boston Castle is quite small and does not contain a suitable polling place. However, simply adding this area to BCE would make the polling district too big for one polling place, and the electorate would increase to approximately 2943.

Therefore we propose to amend the boundary between BCE and BCF and reassign some of the electors from the Broom Valley Club Room to the Boston Castle polling station. This would be a more convenient polling station for the electors shown in Table 1 and it would relieve some of the pressure from the Broom Valley Club Room. The net polling station electorate in BCE would decrease to 2694 and the electorate in BCF would increase to 1106.

This would also mean that the use of Broom Valley Community School as a polling place could be avoided, although it would be a suitable contingency.

Table 1 – Properties to be transferred from BCE to BCF			
Roads	No of properties	No of electors	No of electors excluding postal voters (approximately)
Hall Grove	12	21	12
Hall Road	78	139	90
Heather Close	20	34	20
Moorgate Chase	34	23	12
Moorgate Grove	24	40	32
Moorgate Lane	5	8	1
Moorgate Road (no. 43 to 71 only)	18	41	13
Rotherstoke Close	30	38	18
Welham Drive	17	34	21
Whiston Grove	25	50	30
Total	263	428	249

5 - Bramley & Ravenfield Ward (Rotherham Constituency; Rother Valley Constituency; Wentworth & Dearne / Hoyland Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
EB	BRA	Bramley (South Ward)	1639	Bramley Youth Centre, Flash Lane	Single	None	No
NG	BRB	Bramley (North Ward)	618	Bramley Parish Hall, Cross Street	Triple (Polling place is also used for BRC and WYF in Wickersley North Ward)	None	No
TC (22%)	BRC	Bramley (North Ward)	273	Bramley Parish Hall, Cross Street	Triple (Polling place is also used for BRB and WYF in Wickersley North Ward)	Previous TC polling district split – 22% to this ward, and 78% to Wickersley North Ward	No
NH	BRD	Ravenfield	1573	Ravenfield Parish Hall, Birchwood Drive	Single	None	No
NI	BRE	Hooton Roberts (parish meeting)	102	Thrybergh Parish Hall, Park Lane	Triple (polling place shared with DAA and DAC in Dalton & Thrybergh Ward)	None	No
TE	BRF	Bramley (North Ward)	912	Bramley Grange Primary School (The Grange Zone), Howard Road	Single	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Bramley & Ravenfield Ward is made up parts of Bramley parish which were previously contained in Hellaby, Silverwood and Wickersley borough wards, with the addition of Hooton Roberts and Ravenfield parishes.

The polling place for both NG and TC previously was Bramley Parish Hall. It is proposed that this is retained for the BRB and BRC polling districts, as well as being used for the WYF district in Wickersley North ward.

The new BRC polling district will be quite small, but it cannot be merged with the BRB polling district because of the proposed parliamentary constituency boundary (BRC will be in the Rotherham constituency, but BRB will be in the Wentworth and Hoyland constituency). It would not be appropriate to merge BRC with BRF, because the Bramley Grange Primary School would not be a convenient polling place for many electors in BRC.

The polling place for the former NI polling district was Thrybergh Parish Hall, which was also used for two other Silverwood polling districts. As Hooton Roberts will be in Bramley & Ravenfield ward, and the other two districts will be in Dalton & Thrybergh ward, some consideration was given to designating Ravenfield Parish Hall as the polling place for BRD. However, voters would have further to travel, so in the absence of a suitable alternative within the district itself, it is proposed that Thrybergh Parish Hall be retained for BRE.

6 - Brinsworth Ward (Rotherham Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
CA	BWA	n/a	582	Rotherham West Community Centre, Brinsford Road	Single	None	No
CB	BWB	Brinsworth	2192	Brinsworth Community Hall, Brinsworth Lane	Single (previously a double station but could be reduced to a single)	None	No
CC	BWC	Brinsworth	892	Brinsworth Howarth Primary School, Whitehill Lane	Single	None	No
CD	BWD	Brinsworth	1101	Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School, Howlett Drive	Single	None	No
CE	BWE	Brinsworth	899	St Andrews Church, Bonet Lane	Single	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Brinsworth Ward is based on the previous Brinsworth and Catcliffe Ward, with the removal of Catcliffe.

As Brinsworth Community Hall was being refurbished at the 2018 elections, Brinsworth Manor Infants School was used instead, but the Community Hall will now be available for future elections. There is no reason to change the other polling places for this ward.

7 - Dalton & Thrybergh Ward (Rotherham Constituency; Wentworth & Dearne / Hoyland Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
ND	DAA	Thrybergh (North Ward)	519	Thrybergh Parish Hall, Park Lane	Triple (polling place shared with BRD and DAC)	None	No
NE	DAB	Thrybergh (North Ward)	713	Staple Green Community Centre, Staple Green	Single	None	No
QA	DAC	Thrybergh (South Ward)	1075	Thrybergh Parish Hall, Park Lane	Triple (polling place shared with BRD and DAA)	None	No
QC	DAD	Dalton (North Ward)	467	The Willow Tree Children's Centre, Foljambe Drive	Single	Slight adjustment of boundary, will not affect any electors	No
QE	DAE	Dalton (North Ward)	760	Trinity Croft CE J&I School (Parish Room), Dalton Lane	Single	Slight adjustment of boundary, will not affect any electors	No
QF	DAF	Dalton (North Ward)	477	Dalton Parish Hall, Doncaster Road	Single	None	No
QG	DAG	n/a	1211	High Greave Junior School (Sports Hall), High Greave Road	Single	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Dalton & Thrybergh Ward is made up part of Dalton parish and the whole of Thrybergh parish which were previously contained in the Valley and Silverwood borough wards, and including East Herringthorpe.

The Willow Tree Children's Centre is not part of the Children and Young People's Service review of children's centres, and is considered the most suitable venue for a polling place in the DAD polling district.

There is no reason to change any of the current polling places for this ward.

8 - Dinnington Ward (Rother Valley Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
DA	DIA	Laughton-en-le-Morthen	767	Laughton Village Hall, Firbeck Avenue	Single	None	No
DB	DIB	Thurcroft (South Ward)	1136	Monksbridge Community Centre, Monksbridge Road	Double (polling place shared with DIC)	None	No
DC	DIC	Dinnington St John's (Town Ward)	1131	Monksbridge Community Centre, Monksbridge Road	Double (polling place shared with DIB)	None	No
DD	DID	Dinnington St John's (Town Ward)	2660	Dinnington Resource Centre, Laughton Road	Double	None	No
DE (88%)	DIE	Dinnington St John's (Town Ward)	1911	St Joseph's RC Church Hall, Swinston Hill Road	Single (previously a double station but could be reduced to a single)	Previous DE polling district split – 88% remaining in this ward and 12% to Anston & Woodsetts ward	Yes – previously Dinnington St Joseph's Catholic School
DF	DIF	Gildingwells (parish meeting)	65	Woodsetts Village Hall, Gildingwells Road	Double (polling place is also used for ANE – Anston & Woodsetts Ward)	None	No

DG	DIG	Letwell	70	Letwell Village Hall, Barker Hades Road	Single	None	No
DH	DIH	Firbeck	195	Firbeck Village Hall, New Road	Single	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The Dinnington Ward is largely unchanged, with the removal of the Park Avenue area of Dinnington St John's Parish to the Anston & Woodsetts Ward.

Dinnington St Joseph's Catholic Primary School would have been retained for the part of the former DE polling district which will remain in Dinnington Ward. However, Dinnington St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has asked the Returning Officer to consider alternative venues to avoid closing the school.

Electoral Services officers have visited a number of premises to assess their suitability as a polling place for the DIE polling district, including Middleton Hall, Salvation Army Hall, the Bridge New Life Church, Jade Youth and Community Centre and St Joseph's RC Church Hall. St Joseph's RC Church Hall, Swinston Hill Road is considered to be the most suitable venue, with a central location, good facilities for voters and polling staff, plenty of parking and disabled access.

We would welcome comments on this proposed new polling place.

9 - Greasbrough Ward (Rotherham Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
UA	GRA	n/a	2393	Greasbrough Primary School, Munsborough Rise	Double (busy station keep as a double)	None	No
UB	GRB	n/a	1218	Rockingham Professional Development Centre, Roughwood Road	Single	None	No
UC	GRC	n/a	1028	Youth Centre, Wingfield Academy, Wingfield Road	Single	None	No

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The new Greasbrough Ward is based on the former Wingfield Ward, with the removal of the Kimberworth Park area to the Keppel Ward.

There is no reason to change the current polling places for this ward.

10 - Hellaby & Maltby West Ward (Rother Valley Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
EC	HEA	Hellaby	481	Centenary Hall, Bateman Road	Single	None	No
ED	HEB	Maltby (West Ward)	2691	Hilltop School, Larch Road	Double	None	Yes – previously Addison Day Centre
IA	HEC	Maltby (West Ward)	909	Maltby Linx Youth Centre, Lilly Hall Road	Single	None	No
IB	HED	Maltby (West Ward)	433	The Grange Warden Centre, St Bartholomew's Close	Double (polling place shared with HEE)		No
ID (2%)		Maltby (West Ward)	19 (total for HED - 452)			Previous ID polling district split – 2% to this ward, and 98% to Maltby East Ward	Existing polling place, but these voters previously voted at the Wesley Centre.
IH	HEE	Hooton Levitt (parish meeting)	70	The Grange Warden Centre, St Bartholomew's Close	Double (polling place shared with HED)	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Hellaby & Maltby West Ward is made up part of Maltby parish, Hooton Levitt and Hellaby parishes which were previously contained in the two separate Hellaby and Maltby borough wards.

The Addison Day Centre is due to close within the next few years, and so alternative premises should be identified.

Electoral Services officers have visited a number of premises to assess their suitability as a polling place for the HEB polling district, including Maltby Redwood Academy, Maltby Lilly Hall Academy, Redwood Community Centre and Hilltop School. Hilltop School, Larch Road is considered to be the most suitable venue, with a central location, good facilities for voters and polling staff, plenty of parking and disabled access. Unfortunately this would mean that the school is likely to close on polling day.

We would welcome comments on this proposed new polling place.

The Maltby Linx Youth Centre is included in the Children and Young People's Services review of youth centres. However, the building could still be used as a polling place for HEC, as it will be asset transferred to Maltby Academy. Bevan Crescent Neighbourhood Centre has also been identified as a contingency polling place for HEC.

The polling district of HED is proposed to be made up of the former IB polling district, and a small part of the former ID polling district (Church Lane and Church Close). The voters from ID would have previously voted at the Wesley Centre, Blyth Road, and this would be retained for the voters remaining in the Maltby East Ward. The polling place for the current IB polling district is the Grange Warden Centre, and so it is proposed that this be the polling place for the enlarged HED polling district. The voters from the previous ID polling district transferring to Hellaby & Maltby West would not have to pass their previous polling place on the way to the new assigned polling place.

11- Hooper Ward (Wentworth & Dearne / Hoyland Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
GA	HOA	Brampton Bierlow	2774	Brampton Bierlow Parish Hall, Knollbeck Lane	Double	None	No
GB	HOB	Wentworth (Wentworth Ward)	93	Wentworth Mechanics Institute, Main Street	Tripartite (polling place shared with HOE and HOH)	None	No
GC	HOC	n/a	2027	West Melton Primary School, Stokewell Road	Single	None	No
GD	HOD	n/a	975	Christchurch Hall, Christchurch Road	Single	None	No
GE	HOE	Wentworth (Wentworth Ward)	267	Wentworth Mechanics Institute, Main Street	Tripartite (polling place shared with HOB and HOH)	None	No
GF	HOF	Wentworth (Harley Ward)	394	Harley Church, Harley Road	Single	None	No
GG	HOG	Wentworth (Harley Ward)	51	Trinity Community Centre, Sough Hall Avenue	Triple (also used as double polling station KEA in	None	No

					Keppel ward)		
GH	HOH	Wentworth (Wentworth Ward)	61	Wentworth Mechanics Institute, Main Street	Tripartite (polling place shared with HOB and HOE)	None	No
SG (90%)	HOI	n/a	757	Wath upon Dearne RUFC Clubhouse, Moor Road	Double (proposed that polling place be shared with WHF in Wath Ward)	Previous SG polling district split – 90% to this ward, and 10% to Wath Ward	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The Hoover Ward is based on the previous ward of the same name, with the removal of the Manor Farm polling district to the Rawmarsh West Ward, and the addition of most of the Manvers polling district from the Wath Ward.

There is no reason to change the current polling places for this ward.

12 - Keppel Ward (Rotherham Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
HA	KEA	n/a	1875	Trinity Community Centre, Slough Hall Avenue	Double (polling place also used for HOG in Hooper ward)	None	No
HB	KEB	n/a	109	Scholes Cricket Pavilion, Scholes Village	Single	None	No
HC	KEC	n/a	822	Roughwood Primary School, Roughwood Road	Single	None	No
HD	KED	n/a	1030	Chislett Centre, Kimberworth Park Road	Single	None	No
HE (15%)	KEE	n/a	232	St John's Church, St John's Green	Double	Previous HE polling district split – 15% to this ward, and 85% to Rotherham West Ward	Existing polling place, but these voters previously voted at St Bede's Catholic Primary School
MH		n/a	644			No – but separate polling district no longer required	No
UD		n/a	1971 (total for KEE 2847)			No – but separate polling district no longer required	No
HF	KEF	n/a	1219	ArtWorks Community Centre, Brook Hill	Single	None	Yes - previously Thorpe Hesley Primary School

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The Keppel Ward is based on the previous ward of the same name with the removal of most of the Toll Barr polling district to the Rotherham West Ward, and the addition of the eastern part of Kimberworth Park from the former Wingfield and Rotherham West wards.

The polling district of KEE is proposed to be made up of the former MH polling district, the former UD polling district and part of the former HE polling district, around Eilam Road.

The former HE polling district will be divided between Keppel Ward and Rotherham West Ward, as a result of the ward boundary changes. The voters from HE would have previously voted at St Bede's Catholic Primary School. Although the school could have been suitable for voters from the HE part which is transferring to Rotherham West, the proposed polling place for the voters remaining in Keppel is St John's Church, which is already used as a polling place for Keppel. The voters affected would not have to pass their previous polling place on the way to the new assigned polling place, or cross the main Wortley Road.

St John's Church was previously a shared polling place for both the former MH polling district and the UD polling district. However, previously MH was a smaller polling district (for Rotherham West ward) and UD was a larger polling district (for Wingfield ward). Now that both areas are in Keppel ward, a single enlarged polling district can be created. A double station will still be required, but the register can be split more equally between the two stations.

Thorpe Hesley Primary School has been used as a polling place for the former HF polling district since 2016, but previously the polling place was the OAP Centre on Brook Hill. The building on Brook Hill is now being run by ArtWorks and is currently undergoing refurbishment, and will be available as a polling place from early 2019. It is proposed that ArtWorks Community Centre, Brook Hill be designated the polling place for KEF.

We would welcome comments on this proposed new polling place.

13 - Kilnhurst & Swinton East Ward (Wentworth & Dearne / Hoyland Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
NB	KIA	n/a	341	Kilnhurst Community Resource Centre, Victoria Street	Single	None	No
PC (37%)	KIB	n/a	436	The Brookfield Centre, Lime Grove	Single	Previous PC polling district split – 37% to this ward, and 63% to Swinton Rockingham	Existing polling place, but these voters previously voted at Swinton Civic Hall.
PE		n/a	1237 (total for KIB - 1673)				No
PD	KIC	n/a	1100	St Thomas CE Primary School, Meadow View Road	Single	None	No
PF	KID	n/a	1491	Piccadilly Methodist Church, Wentworth Road	Single	Slight adjustment of boundary, with Swinton Common being moved to Swinton Rockingham Ward	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Kilnhurst & Swinton East Ward is formed of the east Swinton area which was previously in Wath Ward, and the rest of Kilnhurst which was previously in Silverwood Ward.

The former PC polling district will be divided between Kilnhurst & Swinton East Ward, and Swinton Rockingham Ward, due to the ward boundary changes. The voters from PC would have previously voted at Swinton Civic Hall. While it is proposed that Swinton Civic Hall is retained for the voters transferring to Swinton Rockingham Ward, it would be more appropriate for the voters transferring to this ward to vote in a Kilnhurst & Swinton East polling place.

A new potential polling place for this area has been identified, the Liberty Church, Charles Street. However, as this part of the PC polling district quite small, and an existing suitable polling place is nearby, it is proposed that this area is merged with PE to create an enlarged polling district of KIB, with the Brookfield Centre as the polling place. The voters affected would not have to pass their previous polling place on the way to the new assigned polling place.

14 - Maltby East Ward (Rother Valley Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
IC	MAA	Maltby (East Ward)	1351	Maltby Manor Academy, Davy Drive	Single	None	No
ID (98%)	MAB	Maltby (East Ward)	940	The Wesley Centre, Blyth Road	Single	Previous ID polling district split – 98% to this ward, and 2% to Hellaby and Maltby West Ward	No
IE	MAC	Maltby (East Ward)	862	Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road	Single	None	No
IF	MAD	Maltby (East Ward)	999	Maltby St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Muglet Lane	Single	None	No
IG	MAE	Maltby (East Ward)	733	Ascension Close Warden Centre, Ascension Close	Single	None	No
II	MAF	Maltby (East Ward)	525	Charles Foster Community Centre, Woodland Gardens	Single	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Maltby East Ward is formed of most of the former Maltby Ward, east of the Braithwell Road.

Maltby Manor Academy has asked the Returning Officer to consider alternative venues to avoid closing the school. No alternatives within the polling district have been identified to date, but suggestions for alternatives are welcome.

A new potential polling place has been identified for the ward, the Full Life Church, High Street. However, this is situated in the former ID polling district, and it is not as convenient and suitable for voters as Maltby Manor Academy, and is therefore not being proposed as an alternative.

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15 - Rawmarsh East Ward (Wentworth & Dearne / Hoyland Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
JD (47%)	RAEA	n/a	207	Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Green Lane	Single (previously a double station but could be reduced to a single)	Previous JD polling district split – 47% to this ward, and 53% to Rawmarsh West Ward	Existing polling place, but these voters previously voted at Rawmarsh Methodist Church
JF		n/a	1132			No – but separate polling district no longer required	No
NC		n/a	279 (total for RAEA – 1618)			No – but separate polling district no longer required	No
JG	RAEB	n/a	829	Rawmarsh Rycroft Infants School, South Street	Single	None	No
JH	RAEC	n/a	945	Marshall Close Community Centre, Marshall Close	Single	None	No
NA	RAED	n/a	2086	Rawmarsh Sandhill Primary School, Kilnhurst Road	Single (previously a double station but could be reduced to a single)	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Rawmarsh East Ward is formed of the eastern part of the former Rawmarsh Ward with the addition of the western part of the former Silverwood ward.

The polling district of RAEA is proposed to be made up of the former JF polling district, the former NC polling district and part of the former JD polling district, to the east of the High Street. The polling place for the current JF and NC polling districts is Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

The former JD polling district will be divided between Rawmarsh East Ward and Rawmarsh West Ward, as a result of the ward boundary changes. The voters from JD would have previously voted at Rawmarsh Methodist Church. Although the Methodist Church can be retained for voters from the JD part of Rawmarsh West, it would be more appropriate for the voters transferring to this ward to vote in a Rawmarsh East polling place.

The part of the JD polling district falling in Rawmarsh East is quite small and no suitable available polling place has been identified within its boundaries. Therefore, it is proposed that this part of the JD polling district be merged with JF/NC to create an enlarged polling district of RAEA, with the Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary School as the polling place. The voters affected would not have to pass their previous polling place on the way to the new assigned polling place.

Rawmarsh St Joseph's School was previously a shared polling place for both the former NC polling district and the JF polling district. However, previously NC was a smaller polling district (for Silverwood ward) and JF was a larger polling district (for Rawmarsh ward). Now that both areas are in Rawmarsh East ward, a single enlarged polling district can be created.

16 - Rawmarsh West Ward (Wentworth & Dearne / Hoyland Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
GI	RAWA	n/a	1127	Manor Farm Community Centre, Harding Avenue	Single (previously a double station but could be reduced to a single)	No – but separate polling districts no longer required	No
JA		n/a	657 (Total for RAWA – 1784)				No
JB	RAWB	n/a	1991	Monkwood Primary Academy, Monkwood Road	Single (previously a double station but could be reduced to a single)	None	No
JC	RAWC	n/a	893 (819 as amended – see Table 2 below)	Salvation Army Hall, Quarry Street	Single	See Table 2 below	No
JD (53%)	RAWD	n/a	233 (353 as amended – see Table 2 & 3 below)	Rawmarsh Methodist Church, High Street	Single	Previous JD polling district split – 53% to this ward, and 47% to Rawmarsh East Ward	No
JE	RAWE	n/a	606 (560 as amended – see Table 3 below)	Rawmarsh Ashwood Primary School, Ashwood Road	Single	See Table 3 below	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Rawmarsh West Ward is formed of the western part of the former Rawmarsh Ward with the addition of the Manor Farm area which was previously in the Hooper Ward.

Manor Farm Community Centre was previously a shared polling place for both the former JA polling district and the GI polling district. However, previously JA was a smaller polling district (for Rawmarsh ward) and GI was a larger polling district (for Hooper ward). Now that both areas will be in Rawmarsh West ward, a single enlarged polling district can be created.

It is proposed that Rawmarsh Methodist Church be retained as the polling place for the western part of the former JD polling district which will fall in Rawmarsh West Ward. However, this would now become quite a small polling district.

To make it more viable, we propose to amend the boundary between RAWC and RAWD and reassign some of the electors from Salvation Army Hall to Rawmarsh Methodist Church. This would be a more convenient polling station for the electors shown in Table 2.

We also propose to amend the boundary between RAWD and RAWF and reassign some of the electors from Rawmarsh Ashwood Primary School to Rawmarsh Methodist Church. This would be a more convenient polling station for the electors shown in Table 3.

The net electorate for RAWD would increase to approximately 353.

Rawmarsh Ashwood Primary School has asked the Returning Officer to consider alternative venues. No alternatives within the polling district have been identified to date, but Electoral Services will continue to work with the school, for example by providing fencing, to enable the school to remain open on polling day.

Table 2 – Properties to be transferred from RAWC to RAWD			
Roads	No of properties	No of electors	No of electors excluding postal voters (approximately)
Blyth Avenue	39	69	61
Dale Road (no. 16 to 28 only)	7	18	13
Total	46	87	74

Table 3 – Properties to be transferred from RAWC to RAWD			
Roads	No of properties	No of electors	No of electors excluding postal voters (approximately)
Church Avenue	4	16	11
Church Croft	7	16	9
Church Street	23	44	26
Total	34	69	46

17 - Rother Vale Ward (Rother Valley Constituency; Rotherham Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
CF	RVA	Catcliffe	1151	Catcliffe Memorial Hall, Old School Lane	Single	None	No
CG	RVB	Waverley	252	AMP Technology Centre, Brunel Way	Double (polling place shared with RVD)	None	No
KA	RVC	Treeton	1851	Treeton Village Community Hub, Pit Lane	Single	None	Yes – previously Treeton Youth Centre
KG	RVD	Waverley	739	AMP Technology Centre, Brunel Way	Double (polling place shared with RVB)	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Rother Vale Ward is based on the Catcliffe, Waverley and Treeton areas which were previously in Brinsworth and Catcliffe Ward and the former Rother Vale Ward.

Waverley is a new parish coming into effect from 1 April 2019 covering the new housing development spanning the area previously covered by part of Catcliffe and Orgreave parishes. However, the RVB and RVD polling districts cannot be merged into one district, because of the

current and proposed parliamentary constituency boundary (RVB is in the Rotherham constituency, and RVD is in the Rother Valley constituency).

Treeton Youth Centre is included in the Children & Young People's Service's review of youth centres, and it is no longer considered to be the most suitable building for a polling place.

Electoral Services officers have visited a number of premises to assess their suitability as a polling place for the RVC polling district, including Treeton Parish Council reading rooms, Treeton Baptist Church, St Helen's Church, and Treeton Village Community Hub. The Treeton Village Community Hub, Pit Lane is considered to be the most suitable venue, with good facilities for voters and polling staff, plenty of parking and disabled access. This would also mean that the use of Treeton CE Primary School as a polling place could be avoided.

We would welcome comments on this proposed new polling place.

18 - Rotherham East Ward (Rotherham Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
LA	ROEA	n/a	672	Eastwood Village Community Centre (Zone 2) Erskine Road	Single	None	No
LB	ROEB	n/a	401	The Unity Centre, St Leonards Road	Single	None	No
LC	ROEC	n/a	1409	St James Vestry (St Francis Room), Cambridge Street	Single	None	No
LD	ROED	n/a	1151	Rotherham Baptist Church Hall, Badsley Moor Lane	Single (previously a double station but could be reduced to a single)	None	Yes – previously Badsley Moor Primary School
LE		n/a	689 (total for ROED 1840)				Yes – previously Badsley Moor Primary School
LF	ROEE	n/a	631	Mowbray Gardens Community Centre, Mowbray Road	Single	None	No
LG	ROEF	n/a	493	Springwell Gardens Community Centre, Eastwood View	Single	None	No

LH	ROEG	n/a	1008	The Place Young Peoples Centre (next to Coleridge Primary School)	Single	None	No
LI	ROEH	n/a	256	Bakersfield Warden Centre, Longfellow Drive	Single	None	No
QI	ROEI	n/a	757	St Mary's Catholic Church (parish room), Herringthorpe Valley Road	Single	None	Yes – previously Herringthorpe Young People's Centre
QJ (60%)	ROEJ	n/a	667	Herringthorpe Infants School, Chatterton Drive	Single	Previous QJ polling district split – 60% to this ward, and 40% to Boston Castle	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Rotherham East Ward is largely based on the previous Rotherham East Ward with the addition of parts of Herringthorpe which was previously in the Valley Ward.

Badsley Moor Primary School has asked the Returning Officer to consider alternative venues to avoid closing the school. The school was previously used as a polling place for LD and LE polling districts, and it is proposed that the LD and LE polling districts be merged to create the ROED polling district.

Electoral Services officers have visited a few premises to assess their suitability as a polling place for the ROED polling district, including the Lanes Community Centre and Rotherham Baptist Church Hall, Badsley Moor Lane. The Baptist Church Hall is considered to be the most suitable venue, as it is located close to the previous polling place, and has adequate facilities for voters and polling staff, on street parking and disabled access.

We would welcome comments on this proposed new polling place.

Herringthorpe Young People's Centre is included in the Children & Young People's Service's review of youth centres, and it is no longer considered to be the most suitable building for a polling place.

Electoral Services officers have visited the area to seek alternative premises. The parish room at St Mary's Catholic Church, Herringthorpe Valley Road is considered to be a suitable venue, with good facilities for voters and polling staff, plenty of parking and disabled access. The building can be accessed from Herringthorpe Valley Road, or from Goldsmith Road. This would also mean that the use of St Mary's RC Junior & Infant School as a polling place could be avoided.

We would welcome comments on this proposed new polling place.

It is proposed that Herringthorpe Infants School be retained as the polling place part of the former QJ polling district remaining in Rotherham West Ward.

19 - Rotherham West Ward (Rotherham Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
HE (85%)	ROWA	n/a	1312	St Thomas Community Hall, High Street	Single	Previous HE polling district split – 85% to this ward, and 15% to Keppel	Yes – previously St Bede's Catholic Primary School
MA	ROWB	n/a	853	Blackburn Primary School, Baring Road	Single	None	No
MB	ROWC	n/a	920	Meadow View Primary School, Meadowhall Road	Single	None	No
MC	ROWD	n/a	948	Kelford School, Oakdale Road	Single	None	No
MD	ROWE	n/a	771	Ferham Primary School, Ferham Road	Single	None	No
ME	ROWF	n/a	788	Henley Community Centre, Oates Close	Single	None	No
MF	ROWG	n/a	381	Thornhill Primary School, Clough Bank	Single	None	No

MG	ROWH	n/a	518	Masbrough & Thornhill Community Centre, College Road	Single	None	No
MI	ROWI	n/a	1176	Kimberworth Community Primary School, Kimberworth Road	Single	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Rotherham West Ward is largely based on the previous Rotherham West Ward with the addition of part of the Toll Barr district which was previously in the Keppel Ward and the removal of the Warren Hill district to the new Keppel Ward.

St Bede's Catholic Primary School would have been the polling place for the part of the former HE polling district transferring to Rotherham West Ward. However, the school has asked the Returning Officer to consider alternative venues to avoid closing the school.

Electoral Services officers have visited some premises to assess their suitability as a polling place for the ROWA polling district, including the Salvation Army Hall and St Thomas Community Hall, High Street. St Thomas Community Hall is considered to be the most suitable venue, with a central location, readily available, good facilities for voters and polling staff, and disabled access. Although the building does not have its own car park, arrangements can be made for voters to park at the Salvation Army car park opposite. This would also avoid the need to use Winterhill School or Abbey School.

We would welcome comments on this proposed new polling place.

20 - Sitwell Ward (Rother Valley and Rotherham Constituencies)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
OA	SIA	n/a	1025	Herringthorpe United Reformed Church, Wickersley Road	Single	None	No
OB	SIB	n/a	789	St Cuthberts Church Hall, Bent Lathes Avenue	Single	None	No
OC	SIC	n/a	997	Broom Methodist Church, Broom Lane	Single	None	No
OD	SID	n/a	1048	Newman Additional Resource (next to Newman School) East Bawtry Road	Single	None	No
OE	SIE	Whiston	915	Whiston J&I School, Saville Road	Single	None	No
OF	SIF	Whiston	1057	Whiston Worry Goose J&I School, Hall Close Avenue	Single	None	No
OG	SIG	Whiston	760	Whiston Parish Hall, Well Lane	Single	None	No

QH	SIH	n/a	389	St Bernards Catholic High School, Herringthorpe Valley Road	Single	None	No
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Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Sitwell is largely based on the previous Sitwell Ward with the addition of the St Bernard's district from the former Valley Ward.

Whiston J&I School has asked the Returning Officer to consider alternative venues to avoid closing the school. The school does have a room available in their new extension which could be used while keeping the rest of the school open. However, the room is considered too small to accommodate the number of voters for the polling district. No other alternatives have been identified to date, but suggestions for alternatives are welcome.

Another option has been considered, to merge the former OE and OG polling districts, and use Whiston Parish Hall for an enlarged polling district, with an electorate of 1675. Although the Parish Hall could accommodate this number of voters, parking at the venue is not ideal and there are concerns that congestion could be an issue. It would also mean that voters would be walking past their previous, suitable polling place to get to a different one.

Therefore, no changes to the current provision of polling places are proposed.

21 – Swinton Rockingham Ward (Wentworth & Dearne / Hoyland Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
PA	SWA	n/a	626	Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary School, Broadway	Double (polling place to be shared with SWD)	No – but separate polling district no longer required	No
SE (South of Church Street)		n/a	756 (as amended – see Table 4)			Previous SE polling district split – 98% to this ward, and 2% to Wath Ward See Table 4 below	No
PF (no electors)		n/a	0 (total for SWA – 1382)			Slight adjustment of boundary, majority of district in Kilnhurst & Swinton East Ward	
PB	SWB	n/a	1448	Swinton Queen Primary School, Queen Street	Single	None	No
PC (63%)	SWC	n/a	743	Swinton Civic Hall, Station Street	Single	Previous PC polling district split – 63% to this ward, and 37% to Kilnhurst & Swinton East	No
SE (North of Church Street)		n/a	401 (as amended - see Table 5) Total for SWC - 1144			See Table 5 below	Existing polling place, but these voters previously voted at Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary School
SD (52%)	SWD	n/a	930	Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary School, Broadway	Double (polling place to be shared with SWA)	Previous SD polling district split – 52% to this ward, and 48% to Wath Ward	Existing polling place, but these voters previously voted at Saint Pius X Catholic High School

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Swinton Rockingham Ward is formed of the western part of the former Swinton Ward, along with parts of Rookery, Racecourse and Golden Smithies areas which were previously in Wath Ward.

Electoral Services officers have visited the area to try identify further polling places to relieve some of the pressure from the current polling places. St Margaret's Church, Church Street has been visited; however it has no separate hall, and has steps at the entrance with disabled access being via a temporary ramp. Park View function suite has also been assessed. The venue is accessible; however it is very close to the existing polling place of Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary School.

Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary School was previously a shared polling place for both the former PA polling district and the SE polling district. However, previously PA was a smaller polling district (for Swinton ward) and SE was a larger polling district (for Wath ward). Both areas will be in Swinton Rockingham ward, so a single enlarged polling district could be created. However, it is proposed that the Swinton Rockingham part of the former SE polling district be divided, with only the properties south of Church Street being included in the new SWA polling district (See Table 4). This would balance out the electorate between the available polling places. It is proposed that Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary School be designated the polling place for the new SWA polling district.

The former SD polling district will be divided between Swinton Rockingham and Wath wards, as a result of the ward boundary changes. The voters from SD would have previously voted at Saint Pius X Catholic High School. Although the High School could be retained for the voters from the SD part of Wath, it would be more appropriate for the voters transferring to this ward to vote in a Swinton Rockingham polling place.

No suitable polling place has been identified in the part of the SD polling district falling in Swinton Rockingham. Therefore, it is proposed that Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary School be designated the polling place for this area. The voters affected would not have to pass their previous polling place on the way to the new assigned polling place. The School would become a double station as it was previously, with a net electorate of 2,312.

It is proposed that Swinton Civic Hall be retained as the polling place for the part of the former PC polling district remaining in Swinton Rockingham Ward. However, this would be smaller polling district than previously. Therefore it is proposed that the properties north of Church Street from the former SE polling district are included in the new SWC polling district (See Table 5). This would balance out the electorate between the available polling places. It is proposed that Swinton Civic Hall be designated the polling place for the new SWC polling district.

Table 4 – Properties from former SE to be included in SWA			
Roads	No of properties	No of electors	No of electors excluding postal voters (approximately)
Brameld Road	45	55	39
Broadway	13	25	20
Broadway Close	6	12	8
Central Avenue	72	132	114
Church Street (odds)	30	54	33
Church View	21	34	30
Fitzwilliam Street	2	3	3
Griffin Road	22	43	36
Highfield Road	39	73	51
Park Close	16	27	25
Park Road	50	94	81
Rockingham Road	48	77	58
Rookery Road	97	170	126
Toll Bar Road	78	134	114
Woodlands Crescent	16	30	18
Total	555	960	756

Table 5 – Properties from former SE to be included in SWD			
Roads	No of properties	No of electors	No of electors excluding postal voters (approximately)
Birch Court	2	1	1
Church Street (evens)	30	47	33
Far Golden Smithies	80	178	118
Golden Smithies Lane (part)	20	35	26
Low Golden Smithies	63	159	132
Paddock Croft	9	21	16
St Georges Avenue	18	33	23
St Margaret's Drive	11	17	16
The Stables	9	21	16
Yearling Chase	16	33	20
Total	258	545	401

22 - Thurcroft & Wickersley South Ward (Rother Valley Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
EA	THA	Wickersley (South Ward)	2044	The Church Barn, Church Lane	Double (busy station keep as a double)	None	No
KF	THB	Thurcroft (North Ward)	3534	Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall, Green Arbour Road	Double	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Thurcroft and Wickersley South Ward is formed from the northern part of Thurcroft parish and the southern part of Wickersley parish.

There is no reason to change the polling districts or places for this ward.

23 - Wales Ward (Rother Valley Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
RA	WAA	Harthill-with-Woodall	877	Harthill Village Hall, Winney Hill	Double (polling place also used for ANG in Anston & Woodsetts Ward)	None	No
RD	WAB	Wales (Wales Ward)	1058	Wales-Kiveton Methodist Church, School Road	Single	None	Yes – previously Wales Primary School
RE	WAC	Wales (Kiveton Park Ward)	1305	Old Colliery Offices (training room), Colliery Road	Single	None	Yes – previously Kiveton Park Youth & Community Centre
RF	WAD	Wales (Wales Ward)	1522	Kiveton Park & Wales Village Hall, Walesmoor Avenue	Single	None	No
RG	WAE	Harthill-with-Woodall	219	Peregrine Way Community Centre, Peregrine Way	Single	None	No
RH	WAF	Wales (Kiveton Park Ward)	454	Viking Way Community Centre, Viking Way	Single	None	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Wales Ward is largely based on the previous Wales Ward with the removal of Thorpe Salvin (to Anston & Woodsetts) and Todwick (to Aston & Todwick).

Wales Primary School has asked the Returning Officer to consider alternative venues to avoid closing the school.

Electoral Services officers have visited some premises in the area to assess their suitability as a polling place, including Wales Jubilee Sports & Social Club and Wales-Kiveton Methodist Church. Wales-Kiveton Methodist Church is considered to be the more suitable venue, with good facilities for voters and polling staff, and disabled access. The Church only has a small car park, but this is considered as sufficient as the current provision for parking.

We would welcome comments on this proposed new polling place

Kiveton Park Youth & Community Centre is included in the Children & Young People's Service's review of youth centres, and it is subject to a further Corporate Property review.

Electoral Services officers have visited a few premises to assess their suitability as a polling place for the WAC polling district, including Kiveton Park Infant School and the Old Colliery Offices, Colliery Road. The Old Colliery Offices (Training Room) is considered to be the most suitable venue, with good facilities for voters and polling staff, plenty of parking and disabled access.

We would welcome comments on this proposed new polling place.

24 – Wath Ward (Wentworth & Dearne / Hoyland Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
SA	WHA	n/a	1009	Wath Community Library, Montgomery Square	Single	None	No
SB	WHB	n/a	698	The Base Community Hub, Fir Close	Single	None	Yes – previously Oaks Day Centre, Oak Road
SD (East of Sandygate)		n/a	302 (as amended – see Table 6) Total for WHB 1000			Previous SD polling district split – 48% to this ward, and 52% to Swinton Rockingham Ward See Table 6 below	These voters previously voted at Saint Pius X Catholic High School
SC	WHC	n/a	1298	St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, Carr Road	Single	None	Yes – previously Wath Victoria Children's Centre, Sandymount Road
SE (2%)		n/a	16			Previous SE polling district split – 2% to this ward, and 98% to Swinton Rockingham Ward	These voters previously voted at Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary School

SF	WHD	n/a	1327	Wath Central Primary School, Fitzwilliam Street	Single	None	No
SD (West of Sandygate)		n/a	629 (as amended – see Table 7) Total for WHE 1956			Previous SD polling district split – 48% to this ward, and 52% to Swinton Rockingham Ward See Table 7 below	These voters previously voted at Saint Pius X Catholic High School
SG (10%)	WHE	n/a	84	Wath upon Dearne RUFC Clubhouse, Moor Road	Double (proposed that polling place be shared with HOI in Hooper Ward)	Previous SG polling district split – 10% to this ward, and 90% to Hooper Ward	No

Issues, Options and Reasons for Returning Officer's Proposals

The new Wath Ward is based on the existing Wath Ward with the removal of the housing north of Manvers Way to the Hooper Ward, and parts of Rookery, Racecourse and Golden Smithies areas to the Swinton Rockingham Ward.

The Wath Community Library was used as a polling place for the first time in 2018, as the Trinity Methodist Church is no longer available. For future elections, the Returning Officer will seek to use a space on the ground floor of the library, rather than the meeting room on the first floor.

The former SD polling district will be divided between Swinton Rockingham Ward and Wath Ward, as a result of the ward boundary changes. The voters from SD would have previously voted at Saint Pius X Catholic High School. It is proposed that the Wath part of the former SD polling district be divided, and that the properties east of Sandygate be included in the new WHB polling district (See Table 6). This would balance out the electorate between the available polling places. The voters affected would not have to pass their previous polling place on their way to the new assigned polling place. This would also avoid the use of Saint Pius High School as a polling place, although it would be a suitable contingency.

The Oaks Day Centre is due to close within the next few years, and so alternative premises should be identified for the WHB polling district. Electoral Services officers have visited the area to try assess alternatives. Fir Close Meeting Centre was used as a polling place until 2014, and, having recently been developed into the Base Community Hub, it is still considered to be suitable, so it is proposed that this be designated the polling place for WHB.

We would welcome comments on this proposed new polling place.

The polling district of WHC is proposed to be made up of the former SC polling district, and a small part of the former SE polling district (Far Field Lane and houses at north of Golden Smithies Lane). The voters from SE would have previously voted at Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary School, and this would be retained as a polling place for the Swinton Rockingham ward. It would be more appropriate for the voters transferring to this ward to vote in a polling place for the Wath ward.

Wath Victoria Children's Centre is included in the Children and Young People's Services review of children's centres. It is possible that the building could still be used as a polling place for WHC, and it may be asset transferred to Wath Victoria Primary School. Even so, alternatives have been sought and considered.

Electoral Services officers have visited some premises to assess their suitability as a polling place, including the Dunholme Social Club and St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall. St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, Carr Road is considered to be the more suitable available venue for the WHC polling district, with good facilities for voters and polling staff, disabled access, and a reasonably sized car park. This would also avoid the need to use Wath Victoria Primary School.

We would welcome comments on this proposed new polling place.

The former SD polling district will be divided between Swinton Rockingham Ward and Wath Ward, as a result of the ward boundary changes. The voters from SD would have previously voted at Saint Pius X Catholic High School. It is proposed that the Wath part of the former SD polling district be divided, and that the properties west of Sandygate be included in the new WHD polling district (See Table 7). This would balance out the electorate between the available polling places. The voters affected would not have to pass their previous polling place on their way to the new assigned polling place

Wath Central Primary School has asked the Returning Officer to consider alternative venues to avoid closing the school. Electoral Services officers have visited the area to try to identify alternatives for the WHD polling district, including Wath Youth & Community Centre and Wath upon Dearne Leisure Centre. It has not been confirmed that the Leisure Centre can accommodate being designated as a polling place, and Wath Central Primary School remains the most suitable venue.

Therefore it is proposed that Wath Central Primary School be retained as the polling place for WHD.

The polling place for the former SG polling district was previously the Wath upon Dearne RUFC Clubhouse, and this would be retained for the larger proportion of the district which will fall in the new Hoover Ward. Although it is not ideal to share polling places across wards, in this case it may be the best option. There is new housing around the RUFC clubhouse, and it would not be appropriate to allocate these voters to a different polling place. Therefore it is proposed that the RUFC clubhouse be designated the polling place for the WHE district in Wath as well as for the HOI district in Hoover Ward.

Table 6 - Properties from former SD to be included in WHB			
Roads	No of properties	No of electors	No of electors excluding postal voters (approximately)
Acorn Place	5	5	5
Broom Close	26	69	55
Chestnut Avenue	27	53	27
Elm Way	19	41	37
Holly Grove	32	61	45
Oak Close	18	15	13
Oak Road	29	57	44
Sandygate (no. 105 to 141 only)	19	33	22
Willow Road	34	70	54
Total	209	404	302

Table 7 – Properties from former SD to be included in WHD

Roads	No of properties	No of electors	No of electors excluding postal voters (approximately)
Boswell Road	33	62	39
Buckleigh Road	75	146	114
Campsall Field Road	15	27	21
Coverleigh Road	37	86	63
Crowley Drive	32	64	54
Dawson Lane	1	2	0
Gipsy Green Lane	15	23	16
Mount Pleasant Road	32	65	54
Quarry Hill Road	88	173	125
Sandygate (no. 90 to 140 only)	29	48	44
Sandygate Crescent	14	34	22
Varney Road	5	7	5
Wath Wood	3	7	6
Wath Wood Bottom	1	2	2
Wath Wood Road (no. 2 to 18 only)	9	18	13
Woodland Grove	8	17	15
Woodland Road	26	48	36
Total	423	829	629

25 - Wickersley North Ward (Rotherham Constituency; Wentworth & Dearne / Hoyland Constituency)

Previous Polling District	New Polling District	Parish	Electorate (excluding postal voters)	Polling Place	Polling station	Changes due to boundary review	New polling place
NF	WYA	Dalton (East Ward)	714	Sunnyside Community Centre, Flanderwell Lane	Triple (shared with WYB and WYE)	None	No
QB	WYB	Dalton (East Ward)	375	Sunnyside Community Centre, Flanderwell Lane	Triple (shared with WYA and WYE)	None	No
QD	WYC	Dalton (South Ward)	592	Listerdale Primary School, Beech Avenue	Single	None	No
TA	WYD	Dalton (East Ward)	1124	Flanderwell Early Excellence Centre, Flanderwell Primary School, Greenfield Court	Single	None	No
TB	WYE	Dalton (East Ward)	1131	Sunnyside Community Centre, Flanderwell Lane	Triple (shared with WYA and WYB)	None	No
TC (78%)	WYF	Bramley (West Ward)	968	Bramley Parish Hall, Cross Street	Triple (Polling place is also used for BRB and BRC in Bramley & Ravenfield Ward)	Previous TC polling district split – 78% to this ward, and 22% to Bramley & Ravenfield	No

TD	WYG	Wickersley (North Ward)	2381	Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Northfield Lane	Double	None	No
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The new Wickersley North Ward is largely based on the previous Wickersley Ward with the addition of parts of Sunnyside and Brecks from the former Silverwood and Valley wards, and the removal of south Wickersley.

There is no reason to change the polling places for this ward.

Consultation Response Form – Review of polling districts and polling places 2019

All representations or comments in connection with the review must be submitted in writing, eg by letter or email. This form is not compulsory but it has been designed to help capture the information required for consideration during the review.

Information shown in the grey boxes will be redacted, (blanked out) prior to publication.

Individual – Details		Organisation - Details	
Name:		Name of organisation:	
Address:		Address:	
Voter No: (if known)		Contact Name:	
Contact Tel No: (optional)		Contact Tel No: (optional)	

Comments on the proposed scheme of polling district and polling places as outlined in the consultation paper	
Polling district:	
Proposed polling place:	
Do you have any comments to make about the polling district?	

Do you have any other suggestions for the polling district?
Do you have any comments about the proposed polling place? (issues with accessibility etc?)
Is there an alternative that the council should consider?
Why is the alternative a better option?

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