

REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth on Thursday, 25 January 2024 at 7.30 pm

Members of the Committee:

Councillors:

Roger Seabourne (Chair)
Matthew Bedford
Sarah Nemes
Andrew Scarth
Raj Khiroya
Ciaran Reed

Tony Humphreys (Vice-Chair)
David Coltman
Ian Morris
Stephen Cox
Narinder Sian

*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive
17 January 2024*

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

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To confirm, as a correct record, the minutes of the Regulatory Services Committee meeting held on 6 December 2023.

3. NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

Items of other business notified under Council Procedure Rule 30 to be announced, together with the special circumstances that justify the consideration as a matter of urgency. The Chair to rule on the admission of such items.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest.

5. POLLING PLACE REVIEW

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To consider a report by the Committee and Electoral Services Manager detailing the results of the 5-year statutory review of polling districts and polling places within Three Rivers District Council.

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THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

At a meeting of the Regulatory Services Committee held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Wednesday, 6 December 2023 from 7.30 - 8.10 pm.

Present:

Councillors:

Roger Seabourne (Chair)
Tony Humphreys (Vice-Chair)
Stephen Cox
Raj Khiroya
Ciaran Reed
Matthew Bedford
Narinder Sian

Officers in Attendance:

Lorna Fryer: Licensing Officer
Richard Ricks: Principal Litigation and Licensing Lawyer
Cameron MacLean: Interim Committee Manager

RG15/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sarah Nelmes, Andrew Scarth, David Coltman, and Ian Morris.

RG16/21 MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of its meeting of 12 October 2023 and authorised the Chair to sign them as a correct record.

Matters Arising Out of Consideration of the Minutes¹

A Committee Member stated that they were satisfied with the accuracy of the minutes. However, they had not subsequently received information that it was understood was to be provided to all Members of the Committee in respect of the following item in the minutes:

Item RG 12/23: Polling District and Polling Place Review 2023

Statistics on the number of people on the register in each polling district; the number of votes cast in each polling district; the number of postal votes received; and the corresponding polling station for those postal votes.

One Member of the Committee stated that they had received this information and confirmed it was their understanding that this information was to have been provided to all Members of the Committee.

The Chair stated that he would request officers to provide the information detailed in minute Item RG 12/23 to all Members of the Committee.

¹ Statutory provisions only permit the Committee to determine the accuracy of the minutes and do not allow for consideration of matters arising out of consideration of the minutes. However, on this occasion, the Chair allowed a Committee Member to make various observations regarding actions arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

RG17/21 NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of "Other Business".

RG18/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

RG19/21 REVIEW OF STREET TRADING POLICY AND CHANGES TO "DESIGNATION OF STREETS"

The Committee considered a report recommending that, following a review of the Street Trading Policy 2022 and a public consultation exercise, the Committee adopt a revised and updated Street Trading Policy ("the Policy"). Further, should the Committee agree to adopt the Policy, that it also agrees an intention to pass a resolution in respect of amendments to the "Designation of Streets", the draft resolution to be published and be the subject of a statutory consultation.

The report was presented by Lorna Fryer, Licensing Officer.

In the subsequent discussion, the following points were raised.

- a) Referring to the various Appendices to the report, it was noted that Appendix E: Amended Designation of Streets, contained a much shorter list of roads and streets where Street trading was prohibited.

Ms Fryer stated that this list would be subject to confirmation as part of the "Designation of Streets" proposed resolution, and that the consultation referred to in to in the report was a discrete element of the Street Trading Policy.

Ms Fryer also noted that every application for a street trading licence was considered on its merits.

- b) It was noted that the current policy prohibited Street trading on what were, essentially, high streets.

The Chair stated that it had been agreed at previous meetings of the Committee that the "Designation of Streets" should be decided based on allowing Street trading to take place rather than prohibiting Street trading, unless otherwise approved by the Council.

- c) Regarding the appropriateness of allowing Street traders to operate on high streets, the Chair, reiterating a point made by Ms Fryer, stated that each application for a street trading licence was considered on its merits.
- d) Anecdotal evidence suggested that allowing Street traders to operate on high streets benefited both Street traders and high street shops, and that allowing Street traders to operate in residential streets would be a more controversial proposal.

The Chair confirmed that the Committee had previously taken these matters into consideration and had taken the view that allowing Street traders to operate in local high streets, particularly Christmas markets, was of benefit to the local economy.

- e) Regarding applications for Street trading licences that might directly compete for business with high Street shops, and the determination of such applications by officers under delegated authority, it was proposed that it would be helpful if Members of the Committee were to be apprised of the criteria to be employed by officers when deciding applications.

Ms Fryer stated that every application for a street trading licence was referred to the statutory “responsible authorities” and to local ward Members for comment before any determination of the application was made by Licensing officers. In addition, there was a 28-day public consultation exercise for every street trading application received. If any objections were received to an application, the application was referred to the Committee for determination.

f) The Chair made the following observations on the “clean” draft of the Street Trading Policy (“the policy”) (Appendix E of the report):

i) Paragraph 2.1.2: the last sentence of the paragraph had been crossed through.

Ms Fry confirmed that this “tracked change” should have been deleted from the “clean” copy of the policy.

ii) Paragraph 2.3.2: Exemption from requiring a street trading consent – “activities which take place on council... owned land”.

Ms Fry confirmed that anyone wishing to trade on Council-owned land would have to obtain the permission of the occupier of the land to trade.

It was proposed that, for the avoidance of doubt, this point should be made explicit in the policy. Ms Fry confirmed that this would be made clear both in the policy and on the Council’s website.

iii) Paragraph 4.4: Goods for Sale. The Chair referred to –

- Paragraph 4.4.1 which listed several items which, if included in items it was proposed to sell, would result in any Street trading application to sell those items being refused; and
- Paragraph 4.3.3 which referred to Paragraph 6.2 of the policy which listed items which it was prohibited to sell.

The Chair proposed that these provisions could be more elegantly and clearly expressed in the policy thereby avoiding any unnecessary repetition and/or duplication and covering any hitherto unforeseen possibilities.

In the subsequent discussion, the following points were made.

a. It was proposed that the policy should contain a catch-all paragraph regarding items which could not be sold without a licence and/or items, the sale of which was prohibited.

The Chair noted that there was a catch-all Paragraph at 6.2: Nature of Goods, of the policy.

b. It was noted that the list of items at Paragraph 4.3.3 were items that were lawful to possess but which the Council would not wish to make available from Street traders anywhere within the district.

- Paragraph 4.9: Trading Near to a School

The Chair noted that, without consent, there was a proposed 50 metre exclusion zone around schools prohibiting Street traders, including ice cream vans, from operating within that exclusion zone.

Ms Fryer stated that the prohibition was intended to work during term time but that schools could grant permission for Street traders to operate within 50 metres of school premises on special occasions such as school fêtes, when a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) licence might be granted.

- g) The Chair proposed that the main criterion for prohibiting Street trading on certain streets and roads was safety.

A Member noted that the reason why there were so many prohibited streets and roads in South Oxhey listed in Appendix E to the report was to accommodate traders wishing to trade at the site of the new market when the market was relocated as part of the South Oxhey redevelopment.

Ms Fry added that, when identifying prohibited streets, officers looked at those streets which had double yellow lines and the width of the road. Accordingly, if the road was wide enough to accommodate Street traders either on the pavement or in areas adjacent to the road, such roads would be included as possible sites for Street trading.

As there were no further comments on the report, the Chair proposed that the Committee move to considering the recommendations set out in the report.

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

1. Authorise Officers to adopt the Policy with implementation taking effect in January 2024 following -
 - a) The approval of the new schedule of street trading fees (to be presented at Policy and Resources Committee in December 2023); and
 - b) Completion of the relevant fee consultation process (with the Head of Regulatory Services to consider any representations received in consultation with the Lead Member).
2. Agree –
 - a) To pass a resolution in respect of the changes to the designation of streets.
 - b) That officers consult for 28 days with the Head of Regulatory Services to consider any representations received in consultation with the Lead Member.

In the event that no comments were received that –

- i) Delegated authority be given to the Head of Regulatory Services to agree the [draft] Resolution; and
- ii) That officers publish the Resolution in a local paper for two consecutive weeks with the Resolution taking effect within 28 days of the first publication date;

Or,

- iii) If objections were received and could not be set aside, the “Designation of Streets” proposals be returned to Committee for further consideration.

RG20/21 REGULATORY COMMITTEE SERVICES WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report by the [former] Principal Committee Manager setting out the Work Programme for the Committee and recommending that the Committee make any changes that might be necessary to update the Work Programme.

A Member, with the concurrence of the Chair, noted that the document was out of date and required updating.

Regarding the date by which the Committee had to consider the statutory quinquennial review of polling districts and polling places, it was noted that a special meeting of the Committee had been scheduled for Thursday, 25 January 2024 to consider this matter.

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CHAIRMAN

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REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE POLLING PLACE REVIEW (Report of the Returning officer)

1 Summary

1.1 This report summarises the outcomes of the statutory review of the Polling Places in the Three Rivers area.

1.2 In December 2013, Council delegated to the Regulatory Services Committee the approval of Polling Districts and Polling Places in respect of the District and Parish Wards. (Minute RG20/13 and CL59/13 [Regulatory Services] refer).

2 Details

Background

2.1 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. The following definitions may be helpful when reading this report.

- “Polling districts” are geographical electoral areas into which wards and constituencies may be sub-divided.
- “Polling places” are the buildings or areas designated by the council where electors in a polling district go to vote in person.
- “Polling stations” are the number of issuing desks in the building or area that is the designated polling place.

2.2 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.

2.3 Under section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983, local authorities are required to complete a compulsory polling place review within a 16-month window between 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2025.

2.4 The intention of the legislation was that reviews would be completed by the January before a UK parliamentary general election. However, since the repeal of the Fixed Term Parliaments Act 2011, there is no longer any certainty as to when the next general election will be.

2.5 The Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act 2022 means:

- the UK Parliament can be dissolved by the King on request of the Prime Minister, at any time within the 5 years of the life of the Parliament
- the next general election must take place before Tuesday 28 January 2025, but it could happen at any point before then
- there is no longer a link between the timing of the compulsory polling district and places review falling in a 16-month period ending 3 months before a scheduled general election.

2.6 In addition, the Boundary Commission for England has recently completed a review of parliamentary constituency boundaries and the Order for the new parliamentary constituency boundaries were made on 1 November 2023.

Purpose of Review

- 2.7 The intention of a polling place review is to ensure that:
- All electors have access to reasonable facilities for voting, taking the individual circumstances of the area into consideration
 - Every polling place is accessible to electors who are disabled, so far as is reasonable and practicable
 - Each polling district boundary does not cross over an existing parish (or parish ward) boundary, but large parishes (or parish wards) can be split into several polling districts if it is a large area
 - Each polling place should be within the boundary of the polling district, unless in special circumstances. For example, there is no suitable building or area within the boundary.
 - Each polling place should be specific enough that it is clear to voters in the polling district how they will be able to reach it.
- 2.8 Wherever possible any recommendations should seek to ensure that:
- No more than 2250 voters are allocated to one polling station without other mitigations in place (such as increased staff present) as per Electoral Commission guidelines
 - Using schools is minimised
 - Using temporary polling stations (such as Portakabins) is minimised
- 2.9 It should be noted that the Authority has no power to make changes to ward boundaries or names as part of the review process, as this can only be done by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as part of an electoral review. Consequently amending the boundaries of parishes, borough wards or parliamentary constituencies was outside the remit of this review.
- 2.10 Electoral Commission guidance was followed in conducting the review this sets out that the following criteria should be taken into account when assessing and reviewing polling places:
- Location: Is it reasonably accessible within the polling district? Does it avoid barriers for the voter such as steep hills, major roads, rivers, etc.?
 - Are there any convenient transport links?
 - Size: Can it accommodate more than one polling station if required?
 - If multiple polling stations are required, is the polling place capable of accommodating all voters going into and out of the polling stations, even where there is a high turnout?
 - Availability: Is the building readily available in the event of any unscheduled elections? Is there any possibility that the building may be demolished as part of a new development?
 - Accessibility: Is the building accessible to all those entitled to attend the polling place?
- 2.11 These criteria were fully considered in developing proposals for amendments to polling districts and polling places. For some polling districts there are few suitable venues available for use as polling places, and these may not fulfil all of the criteria listed above. In these cases, the Council has considered a balance between the

quality of the building (access, facilities etc.) and the proximity of the building to the elector.

Overview of Current Polling Places

- 2.12 The district is currently divided into 13 polling districts, which are served by 38 polling places and 58 polling stations. At parliamentary elections these numbers are increased due to the inclusion of a small 'take-on' area from Dacorum Borough Council in our parliamentary boundaries; however the polling places in this 'take-on' area are managed by Dacorum Borough Council and they were not considered as part of this review. A full list of Three Rivers Polling Districts and Polling Places can be found at Annex 1.
- 2.13 Our current polling stations are a mix of church halls, community centres, schools and three temporary marquees (these latter are located at Moor Park, Oxhey Hall and Primrose Hill).

Methodology of Review

- 2.14 The Notice of the statutory review was published on Monday 2 October 2023 and the public consultation ran for a six week period until 10th November 2023. The consultation was publicised on the Council's website, notice boards, and social media channels as well as through the Parish councils. With those wishing to submit responses being encouraged to do so through an online form.
- 2.15 Respondents were not only asked for their views on the current provision of polling stations but were also asked to suggest potential alternative venues that might be considered in the event that they felt that a polling place was unsuitable.
- 2.16 At the end of the consultation period a total of 111 people had viewed the consultation pages on the Council's website, 56 responses had been submitted through the online portal and a further two responses were received by email. A summary of the responses can be found attached to this report as Annex 2.

Use of Schools as Polling Places

- 2.17 Across the District, four schools currently provide accommodation for polling stations. These are:
- Arnetts Hill School (Rickmansworth Town and Penn & Mill End)
 - Coates Way School (Leavesdon)
 - Eastbury Farm School (Moor Park & Eastbury)
 - Woodhall Lane School (Carpenders Park)
- 2.18 Of the responses received to the consultation, the majority of the responses were received from people connected with the schools that are currently used as polling places and Arnetts Hill School in particular (38 responses out of the 56 responses received. One respondent references Coates Way School as their polling station but provided no further details). The responses in respect of Arnetts Hill School expressed concerns about the impact that closing the school for polling day could have on the continuity of their children's education and concern about safeguarding in the event that the school decided to remain open on polling day.

2.19 The Arnetts Hill School Polling Station covers two polling districts (CFB and CGB) both of which are almost exclusively residential in nature with few community facilities located within their boundaries. The School itself is located wholly within polling district CFB with the boundary line with polling district CGB following the line of the school grounds.

2.20 As part of the consultation respondents were asked to suggest potential alternative venues for polling stations and in respect of polling districts CFB and CGB the following venues were suggested by respondents:

- Berry Lane Methodist Church
- Chorleywood Social Club, Shepherds Lane
- Mill End Baptist Church, Field Way
- Mill End Community Centre
- Mill End Sports and Social Club, Penn Road
- St John the Evangelist Church, Berry Lane
- Rickmansworth Tennis Club
- William Penn Leisure Centre

2.21 A review of the sites suggested as alternative venues has found that all are outside polling districts CFB and CGB. Of all the alternative venues suggested only one Chorleywood Social Club on Shepherds Lane is located near the boundary of either Polling District, however the boundary is at the most westerly end of the polling district CGB and in a location that would require the majority of voters in polling district CGB to have to travel through the polling district CGA in order to reach their polling station. Furthermore this would not solve the conundrum of providing a suitable alternative polling place for voters in Polling District CFB. It therefore proposed that polling arrangements for polling districts CFB and CGB remain unchanged.

2.22 It is acknowledged that this situation is not ideal and the Elections Team would like to place on record its thanks to the staff and parents of all four schools that are being used as polling places for their ongoing accommodation of elections at the schools in question and would welcome suggestions of any alternative venues that may not be well known in the areas covered by these polling districts.

Use of Temporary Facilities as Polling Places

2.23 In three polling districts, the availability of appropriate premises is either severely restricted or non-existent. Due to this, in Moor Park, Oxhey Hall and Primrose Hill polling districts the Council makes use of marquees to provide temporary accommodation for polling stations. It is recognised that whilst not ideal the use of these temporary structures does mean that all registered electors are able to vote at a location convenient to them. It should be noted that no negative feedback was received in respect of the facilities provided in these locations as part of this review. It is therefore recommended that these facilities continue to be used in these three areas.

Other Concerns Raised

2.24 One respondent raised concerns about the accessibility of All Saints Church Hall on Watford Road citing the fact that there was poor parking provision and a step up to get into the hall. It is recognised that parking in the immediate vicinity of the Church is limited however there is parking available. The step up to the main door of the

hall is also acknowledged however wheelchair access is possible through the fire doors into the main hall and with additional signage this is not considered to be an insurmountable problem.

- 2.25 One respondent noted that the three polling stations in Chorleywood South, St Andrews Church, Bullsland Hall and Heronsgate, were in close proximity to each other leading to potential confusion amongst voters and raised the possibility of rationalising the three polling stations into a single venue. If this suggestion was followed through it would result in a very cramped experience for voters with three (possibly four) polling stations being located in the one building; the number of voters allocated to St Andrews Church alone is 2607. It is accepted that, with an electorate of 207, Heronsgate provides voting facilities for only a small number of voters however relocating the Heronsgate voters to its nearest neighbour geographically, Bullsland Hall, whilst theoretically possible would add an unnecessary layer of complexity to elections because the two polling districts cover different County divisions and different Parish wards. The Heronsgate polling district does however have the same wards and divisions as Maple Cross although this would require Heronsgate voters to have to travel significantly further to vote and would require the provision of an additional polling station in Maple Cross in order to keep within Electoral Commission guidance on voter ratios.
- 2.26 The large geographical area covered by a single polling place at Sarratt Village Hall was also commented upon and the suggestion that it might be advantageous to provide a standalone polling place at Chandlers Cross was made. Sarratt Village Hall provides voting facilities for two polling districts, DBA and DBB; it is located in the District's most rural area with a widely dispersed population and provides an obvious central location for a polling place. Whilst it is accepted that there could be an argument for the provision of a standalone polling place in Chandlers Cross to cover polling district DBB, there are approximately 350 registered voters in the area and analysis of polling data shows that less than 100 people from Polling District DBB voted each year. It should also be noted that no requests have been made by local residents for the provision of a standalone polling place.
- 2.27 The Returning Officer's response to the consultation is attached to this reports at Annex 3

Conclusions

- 2.28 With the exception of the matters outlined above no other concerns were raised in respect of the District's polling places. Consequently it is recommended that the Committee endorse the District's polling provision with no changes.
- 2.29 Notwithstanding the conclusion at paragraph 2.28 it is recognised that identified polling places or polling stations may be unavailable at the time of an election, for example due to refurbishment, fire or flood or if the venue has been pre-booked for another purpose when an unscheduled election is called. Consequently, the Committee is asked to recommend that Full Council delegate authority to the Returning Officer to make any necessary amendments to polling places to enable changes to be made at short notice in such circumstances thus ensuring that the Council is able to deliver its statutory obligations in respect of elections.

3 Options and Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 None. The provision of access to reasonable facilities for voting is a statutory obligation.

4 Policy/Budget Reference and Implications

4.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council's agreed policy and budgets.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 Nothing further to add.

6 Legal Implications

4.1 Legal implications are contained in the main body of this report.

7 Equal Opportunities Implications

7.1 The provision of access to reasonable facilities for voting is a statutory obligation. All venues used as polling places have been assessed for their accessibility and are considered to provide appropriate accommodation for all voters.

8 Risk and Health & Safety Implications

8.1 The Council has agreed its risk management strategy which can be found on the website at <http://www.threerivers.gov.uk>. In addition, the risks of the proposals in the report have also been assessed against the Council's duties under Health and Safety legislation relating to employees, visitors and persons affected by our operations. The risk management implications of this report are detailed below.

8.2 The subject of this report is covered by the risk registers drawn up as part of the planning for every election. Past experience has demonstrated that all the venues used by the District as polling stations are prepared and willing to accommodate polling stations even at short notice. Even if the precise location of the polling station within the building has to be moved to a different room within the building if necessary. In the event that a venue became completely unavailable at short notice and there were no suitable alternative venues in the affected Polling District, the Elections Team has considerable experience in sourcing temporary accommodation suitable for use as a polling station and consequently it is considered that any risks arising from this situation can be managed appropriately.

Nature of Risk	Consequence	Suggested Control Measures	Response <i>(tolerate, treat terminate, transfer)</i>	Risk Rating <i>(combination of likelihood and impact)</i>
Polling Place is unavailable (Likelihood - Low)	Inability to provide suitable polling place will place election at risk (Impact - Critical)	Alternative venues to be identified as a temporary measure. Temporary accommodation	Treat	6

		hired in if necessary.		
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The above risks are scored using the matrix below. The Council has determined its aversion to risk and is prepared to tolerate risks where the combination of impact and likelihood scores 6 or less.

Very Likely ----- Likelihood ----- Remote	Low	High	Very High	Very High
	4	8	12	16
	Low	Medium	High	Very High
	3	6	9	12
	Low	Low	Medium	High
2	4	6	8	
Low	Low	Low	Low	
1	2	3	4	
Impact				
Low -----> Unacceptable				

Impact Score

4 (Catastrophic)

3 (Critical)

2 (Significant)

1 (Marginal)

Likelihood Score

4 (Very Likely (≥80%))

3 (Likely (21-79%))

2 (Unlikely (6-20%))

1 (Remote (≤5%))

9 Recommendations

9.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- i. Note the outcome of the Polling Place review consultation
- ii. Endorse the continuation of the current arrangements for polling places.
- iii. Recommend to Council that authority be delegated to the Returning Officer to make any necessary amendments to the polling places to enable changes to be made at short notice in the event that a polling place was unavailable at the time an election is called in order to ensure that the Council is able to deliver its statutory obligations in respect of elections.

Annexes

Annex 1 – Three Rivers Polling Districts and Polling Places

Annex 2 – Summary of consultation responses
Annex 3 – Returning Officer's Response to the Consultation

Polling Districts and Polling Stations with Electorate

District Ward	Polling District Code	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Current Electorate (January 2024)
Abbots Langley and Bedmond	DAB	Bedmond Village Hall	1	1099
	DAD	Abbots Langley Methodist Church	2	2206
	DAE	Manor House	1	1535
Carpenders Park	DCG	Woodhall Lane School	1	1268
	DCH	Carpenders Park Community Hall	2	3928
Chorleywood North and Sarratt	BAAA	Christ Church	2	2273
	BAAB	Christ Church	1	1290
	BAB	Christ Church	1	151
	BAC	Chorleywood Scout HQ	1	389
	DBA	Sarratt Village Hall	1	1133
	DBB	Sarratt Village Hall	1	355
Chorleywood South and Maple Cross	BD	Bullisland Hall	1	1097
	BE	St Andrews Church	2	2576
	CHA	Heronsgate Hall	1	200
	CHB	Maple Cross Club	2	1812
Dickinsons	CAB	Croxley Baptist Church	1	313
	CBA	Croxley Methodist Church	2	1767
	CCA	All Saints Church, Watford Rd	1	1189
	CCB	Royal British Legion	1	1684
Durrants	CAA	Croxley Baptist Church	2	2461
	CBB	St Oswalds Church	2	2392
Gade Valley	DAA	Marquee Primrose Hill	1	2055
	DAFA, DAFB	Scout Hut Upper Highway	2	1141
	DAG	Tannerswood	2	1761
Leavesden	DAH	Woodlands YMCA	2	2958
	DAI	Coates Way School	1	1274
	DAJ	Leavesden Green Family Centre	1	1553
Moor Park and Eastbury	CEA	Marquee Moor Park	1	1840
	CEB	Eastbury Farm School	2	2572
Oxhey Hall and Hayling	DCA	Oxhey Hall Community Association	1	1760
	DCAA	Marquee Oxhey Pavillion	1	765
	DCB	Baptist Church, Gosforth Lane	1	1916
	DCC	All Saints Church, Gosforth Lane	1	814
Penn and Mill End	CGA	Mill End Community Centre	2	2771
	CGB	Arnett Hills School	1	393
	CHD	Barn Lea Hall	2	1934
Rickmansworth Town	CDAA	Rickmansworth Baptist Church	1	477
	CDAB	Rickmansworth Baptist Church	1	1875
	CDB	St Marys School	1	929
	CFA	Mill End Baptist Church	1	1314
	CFB	Arnett Hills School	1	874
South Oxhey	DCD	Watford Rural Parish Hall	2	2988
	DCDA	All Saints Church, Gosforth Ln	1	857
	DCF	GreenFields School	1	1501

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**Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2023
Consultation Responses**

Date of contribution	Are you completing this consultation as...	Please provide the name of the organisation or political party.	Please select your ward:	Please select the polling place:	Do you feel changes are required to the polling place or station?	As you have expressed a desire for an alternative /change to the polling place or station please provide further information including alternative locations:	Please give your views or any general comments on the polling place or station:	Please give your views on the polling district:
Oct 02 23 08:31:41 am	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Mill End Community Centre Hall	No	Good location, spacious room		
Oct 02 23 02:25:14 pm	Organisation	Arnett Hills JMI School	Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	It is absolutely unacceptable to continue to use schools as polling. It is unsafe and goes against all safeguarding procedures that schools have to adhere to. Children's education should not be disrupted due to the need to vote. There are many possible alternatives in the local area, the library, the leisure centre, the community centre, the church(es)		
Oct 02 23 03:54:42 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	I have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling: Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building. Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for school to close.		None
Oct 02 23 03:55:20 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	I feel having the polling at our school disrupts children's learning and impacts traffic to the area where we already do not have a lollipop person to assist the children crossing the main road outside of school		Fine
Oct 02 23 03:59:13 pm	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Mill End Baptist Church Hall	No	Current polling place is fine in terms of accessibility. But it is a good way from place of residence due to oddly shaped polling district. More generally, not ideal to use schools as polling stations. My children's education is disrupted by this as school cannot open that day.	Illogical that whole of pheasants way is part of Rickmansworth town when neither of the parallel streets are. Better to incorporate with either Penn and mill end or Chorleywood cedars.	
Oct 02 23 04:07:20 pm	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School	No	1. I would not be happy for Arnett Hills to be used as a polling station. The reasons are 1. Safeguarding - as a school we are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers coming into school. This poses a risk to your children, to our staff and to the building. 2. Education - it is not ok for the education of your children to be impacted by the	As comments above. Not happy with Arnett Hills school being used as a polling station	
Oct 02 23 04:07:34 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	I have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling: Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building. Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for the school to close, particularly after all the distribution they have experienced over the last few years.		
Oct 02 23 04:13:04 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	Not an educational facility.		Safeguarding - as a school we are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers coming into school. This poses a risk to your children, to our staff and to the building. Education - it is not ok for the education of your children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for school to close.
Oct 02 23 04:13:21 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	This is an inappropriate place for a polling station. It means that children's education is disrupted and especially after Covid they really do need to be in school.		Three River Arnett Hill School

Oct 02 23 04:14:55 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	This is not a suitable polling place. There are many local public buildings and children's education and safety should not be disrupted due to polling when alternative provision is available		
Oct 02 23 04:22:13 pm	Member of the public		Chorleywood South & Maple Cross	Maple Cross Club	No		I don't feel that any schools should be used as polling stations there are other places to use.	
Oct 02 23 04:22:30 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	I have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling: Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building. Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for school to close.		
Oct 02 23 04:26:26 pm	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School				
Oct 02 23 04:28:46 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	I feel that the school put in several daily measures in place for the safeguarding of our children, with strict protocols for those entering and leaving the building. Yet when polling day is here it's ok for numerous amounts of strangers from the public to be able to come and go throughout the day, this poses a huge risk to the children's safety, staff safety and the building. There are plenty of other buildings locally in which the polling station can be set up which wouldn't affect the safety of the children!		
Oct 02 23 04:47:46 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	Primary schools should no longer be used, it disrupts the pupils too much. We could use numerous church halls or community centre instead		
Oct 02 23 05:15:52 pm	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	I have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling: Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building. Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for the school to close.		
Oct 02 23 05:19:12 pm	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	Field way baptist church Community centre Social clubs Tennis club St John's church hall	It's archaic to still use schools as polling stations when children have missed so many days of learning from covid times. I also have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling: Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building. Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for school to close.	

Oct 02 23 05:52:52 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	No		Arnett Hills is a community school. Historically always been a polling station and the only accessible place at the top of the hill for residents who cannot travel far. The school has in the past arranged for the relevant class to be moved into the hall or to have a field trip on that day and the door to the rest of the school is locked, and there are always enough polling staff to ensure safeguard measures are in place.	
Oct 02 23 05:50:36 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	Safeguarding - as a school we are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers coming into school. This poses a risk to your children, to our staff and to the building. Education - it is not ok for the education of your children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for school to close. William penn or the Mill end sports and social club are alternative locations.		
Oct 02 23 06:01:29 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	Chorleywood club, William penn leisure centre, churches in the area		
Oct 02 23 06:02:52 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	Concerns focus around safeguarding for the schools pupils. A school shouldnt be open to the public at any time. Also from an education POV its not acceptable to have the school closed for a day so the children miss out on education. An alternative location should be found.	No issues as long as schools not used.	
Oct 02 23 06:12:06 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	I have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling: Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building. Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for the school to close.		
Oct 02 23 06:56:25 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	No		Very happy with the polling station as it is. Ideal for elderly /disabled folk to get to and building is accessible.	This polling district seems appropriately sized. Should stay as it is
Oct 02 23 06:59:03 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	I have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling: Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building. Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for school to close.		
Oct 02 23 07:53:00 pm	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	Jeopardising the safeguarding of the school.		

Oct 02 23 08:03:08 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	Mill end community centre, Chorleywood social club, berry lane Methodist church,	<p>I have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling:</p> <p>Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building.</p> <p>Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for the school to close.</p>
Oct 02 23 08:04:48 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	School closes on polling day meaning an impact on children's education as well as impacting families who have to take time off from work to accommodate school closure.	
Oct 02 23 08:10:51 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Mill End Community Centre Hall	Yes	Alternatives mill end community centre, Chorleywood sports and social or berry lane Methodist church	<p>I have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling:</p> <p>Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building.</p> <p>Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for the school to close.</p>
Oct 02 23 08:17:09 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	<p>As a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building.</p> <p>It is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for school to close.</p>	
Oct 02 23 08:48:13 pm	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	<p>My concerns are the below:</p> <p>Safeguarding - as a school we are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers coming into school. This poses a risk to your children, to our staff and to the building.</p> <p>Education - it is not ok for the education of your children to be impacted by the</p>	
Oct 02 23 08:56:19 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	No		<p>I have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling:</p> <p>Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building.</p> <p>Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for school to close.</p>
Oct 02 23 10:58:37 pm	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	School being used as a polling place creates disturbance to the kids daily routine and also gives access to strangers into the school environment which needs to be kept tightly secure.	

Oct 03 23 07:37:07 am	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	Having a polling station in a school presents a risk to the children as any stranger can be on the premises unchecked. Closing the school impacts children's learning when a lot of these children are still impacted by covid disruption. It also means that parents have to find alternative child care for the day.		
Oct 03 23 08:41:29 am	Organisation	Mill End Community Centre	Penn & Mill End	Mill End Community Centre Hall	No		This works well at the Centre	Covers a wide area easy to get too
Oct 03 23 09:33:23 am	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	There are many community centres in the area or even the William Penn gym with large spaces which do not impact schooling. At the moment allowing the people into a school while the children are in school is a serious threat to our children. No schools should be used for polling.		No schools should be used for polling.
Oct 03 23 11:19:16 am	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	There has to be a better location with all the church halls and community centres in the area rather than a primary school. I'm mainly concerned about safeguarding and opening up the school to the public all day - giving anyone access to the school is really worrying. I cannot understand how that is acceptable. Children's education has been impacted enough over the last few years, it should not be disrupted further by Polling when other options are available.		
Oct 03 23 11:20:57 am	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	I have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling: Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building. Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for the school to close. suggested alternative locations - mill end community centre, Chorleywood sports and social and berry lane Methodist church		
Oct 03 23 12:40:23 pm	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	I have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling: Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building. Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for school to close.		I have the following concerns regarding the use of my children's school for polling: Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, to the staff and to the building. Education - it is not ok for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs for polling when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not ok for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for school to close.
Oct 03 23 05:34:23 pm	Member of the public		Chorleywood South & Maple Cross	St Andrews Church, Quickley Lane	No			
Oct 03 23 07:08:43 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Mill End Community Centre Hall	Yes	1) expand the area using Arnett hills school. I live right next to it but have to go to mill end community centre. Like an area that has the polling station towards the centre. Alternatively, how about the Methodist church on berry lane? That looks towards the centre of the existing area? At the moment the school is right in the corner of the area it covers, which leaves me right next to it but in the corner of my area, needing to get to the opposite corner where my polling station is		1) expand the area using Arnett hills school. I live right next to it but have to go to mill end community centre. Like an area that has the polling station towards the centre. Alternatively, how about the Methodist church on berry lane? That looks towards the centre of the existing area? At the moment the school is right in the corner of the area it covers, which leaves me right next to it but in the corner of my area, needing to get to the opposite corner where my polling station is

Oct 03 23 09:23:10 pm	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	Holding polling at the school creates a safeguarding issue with members of the public entering/leaving the school throughout the day. It's not fair to expect either the children to stay at home or for the school to remove all children for the day. There are a number of churches with a hall that can accommodate this.		No comment
Oct 03 23 10:14:02 pm	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes	Safeguarding - as a school they are constantly working to ensure the safety of children. There are strict protocols for those entering the site and school building - yet on polling day it is apparently fine to have the site open to the public all day and have multiple strangers entering the school. This poses a risk to the children, staff and to the building. Education - it is not OK for the education of our children to be impacted by the needs of the polling station when there are other public buildings nearby. It is not OK for them to be removed from their classroom for the day, or for the school to close. Alternative locations - Berry Lane Methodist Church, Chorleywood Sports and Social, Mill End Community Centre		
Oct 03 23 10:15:22 pm	Member of the public		Chorleywood North & Sarratt	First Chorleywood Scout HQ	No		Convenient and does the job. It also means no schools are disrupted.	It's quite a broad district, which could result in different criteria being relevant for each half?
Oct 04 23 10:45:46 am	Member of the public		Penn & Mill End	Arnett Hills JMI School	No		Arnett Hills serves a wide geographical area in the local community for those wishing to vote. It is within a highly dense residential area and is fully compliant with those requiring disabled access etc. It also has a small car park that can be used by visitors if required as well as ample free parking in the surrounding streets. The school appears to have a concerted plan against the use of the location as a polling station citing Safeguarding concerns. This can be mitigated by staff on site managing the polling station. The school does not need to close on polling days as it has indicated in recent public communications I accept it can cause disruption however polling days are known way in advance to allow the school sufficient time to plan. If the school decides to close this is a matter for them, when balanced against the democratic right to vote this is a small price to pay. I support Arnett Hills continuing to be used as a polling station.	None
Oct 04 23 11:22:54 am	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School	Yes		There are many reasons that I believe the polling station should be relocated from this school. The education of children is at the utmost importance to society and having a polling station in this facility has meant that the school has to either close or arrange the children to be offsite due to the disruption to the safety of both staff and children. Both of which has fundamental consequences to the children's education.	No comment
Oct 06 23 02:51:31 pm	Member of the public		Oxhey Hall & Hayling	Oxhey Hall Community Association Hall	No		No change required	I would prefer a separate Oxhey Hall district
Oct 06 23 02:57:51 pm	Member of the public		Leavesden	Coates Way School	No			

Oct 06 23 03:18:46 pm	Member of the public		Moor Park & Eastbury	Marquee, Moor Park Station	No		The polling station located at Moor Park is perfectly adequate. However for residents who live up to a mile away and have to walk it is a problem. As there are a number of elderly and or disabled residents I believe that a time scheduled community bus should be operated around the area with pre-organised pick-up and location notifications to take residents to vote and return them to their home. Perhaps a road loop system at specific times within the catchment area. This would also reduce the bottle-neck of traffic for lone resident voters hunting for parking places in the immediate vicinity of Moor Park.	No comment needed.
Oct 07 23 12:17:01 am	Member of the public		Oxhey Hall & Hayling	Oxhey Hall Community Association Hall	No		Leave it alone.	A district with 2 halves separated by a golf course does not seem apt.
Oct 09 23 05:49:49 pm	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Rickmansworth Baptist Church Rooms	Yes	Entry to room from entrance is not well placed and doorways are often congested with people entering and leaving		Polling district is comparable with geographical area reflecting need of town centre residents
Oct 13 23 05:24:57 pm	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Rickmansworth Baptist Church Rooms	No		Easy walking distance, no problems.	Seems OK.
Oct 16 23 01:41:31 pm	Member of the public		Dickinsons	All Saints Hall, Watford Road	Yes	Disabled access is dreadful. There is a step up. Parking is awful. Access made worse by people parking with wheels on the pavement. A better polling place could be the Red Cross Hall, which a gentle ramp up to the main entrance, or the back-half of the reading room at the Croxley Library which can be closed off to normal library users plus there is a ramp to the external door. Both places are with the CCA area which the current polling place (All Saints Church Hall) is not.	If All Saints Church Hall is to be retained as the polling place for area CCA then the district's boundary should be redrawn to include residences close to it— including but not exclusively the All Saints Vicarage and those along Watford Road between the church and Yorke Road. Similarly those residences on Windmill Drive and parts of Copthorne Road, Uplands, and Elcote Way. (All currently in area CBA.) These changes could be offset by the residences currently being built on the Killingdown Farm development, which will have to be incorporated into either CBA or CAB.	
Oct 21 23 11:48:11 am	Member of the public		Rickmansworth Town	Arnett Hills JMI School	No		I fulfills its function	Not sure why as the top end of Highfield Way we are classified as Rick Town, we are C'wood Parish
Oct 21 23 05:42:32 pm	Member of the public		Chorleywood North & Sarratt	First Chorleywood Scout HQ	Yes	My answer relates to my answer to Q6 below. I think the area of Chorleywood north of the railway bridge including Homefield Rd and Orchard Drive and Orchard Close should be included in Chorleywood South as that ward aligns with the majority of interest for residents living close to Mai Parade/Lower Road.		I think the area of Chorleywood north of the railway bridge including Homefield Rd and Orchard Drive and Orchard Close should be included in Chorleywood South as that ward aligns with the majority of interest for residents living close to Mai Parade/Lower Road.
Oct 30 23 07:09:07 am	Member of the public		Chorleywood South & Maple Cross	St Andrews Church, Quickley Lane	Yes	The St Andrews polling station is fine but the allocation of electors to the polling station is confusing. Residents who live on Quickley Lane on which the St Andrews polling station is located have a polling station of Bullsland Hall. This is very confusing and I know of multiple voters turned away, some of which may not bother to go to the other polling station. Some voters to the west of Chorleywood e.g. Blacketts Wood Drive should go to Bullsland Hall and those on Quickley Lane should all go to St Andrews. Either that or Bullsland Hall could be closed. The polling station at Heronsgate seems unnecessary. Both the polling stations at Bullsland at St Andrews are close enough and compared with the huge distances people are expected to travel in Chorleywood North and Sarratt, e.g. from Chandlers Cross to Sarratt, it seems inequitable. In addition polling clerks should be reminded of the code of conduct requirements for elected members to not give in huge piles of postal voting forms which.	There are too many polling stations in Chorleywood which makes it confusing for voters and causes unnecessary expense. One in Chorleywood South and one in Chorleywood North would suffice.	
Nov 06 23 06:09:50 pm	Member of the public		Chorleywood South & Maple Cross	St Andrews Church, Quickley Lane	No			Chorleywood polling District should not be split between north and south

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Katharine Simpson

Subject: RE: Review live on Monday 1

From: Philip Hearn (Councillor) <>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 11:32 AM
To:
Subject: Re: Review live on Monday

Hi Stephen

No serious issues but some thoughts below.

I believe that the polling locations at Chorleywood South and Maple Cross and Chorleywood North and Sarratt could do with a review.

Chorleywood South has three polling stations, St Andrews, Bullsland Hall and Heronsgate all within very close proximity. Some residents are confused about where to go, especially those at the top of Quickley Lane whose polling station is not the one on the road they live on. I think these could be rationalised, probably to just one.

In Chorleywood North and Sarratt a very large area is covered by the Sarratt polling station. Considering Heronsgate has a polling station for around 70 houses then it would seem that another polling station probably on Chandlers Cross would be useful.

Thanks

Philip

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Katharine Simpson

Subject: FW: Polling Place Review

From: Joanne Wagstaffe <>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 12:11 PM
To: Katharine Simpson <>
Subject: RE: Polling Place Review

Hi Katharine

Please accept this as my response to the consultation on the Polling Place Review.

Having looked at the electorate numbers and the location of the polling stations, and taking into account the comments that have been received on the consultation I am happy to support the proposals that are being put forward.

There are a few polling stations with a small electorate, given their locations and the polling boundaries, whilst there may be some logic to combining the stations, if we look at these locations and the objectives we are trying to fulfil I am happy to support the recommendations put forward.

There is one station, Arnett Hills, where there have been a significant number of responses received relating to the education and safeguarding of the children at the school. I am aware that the team have looked at trying to find an alternative location for this station, but on the assumption that we are working within the objective as stated, there is not a suitable alternative location in this area. On that basis I am also happy to support the continuance of this location. This location has also worked well for a number of previous years without issue.

Overall, I am happy to support the recommended proposals.

Thanks
Jo

From: Katharine Simpson <>
Sent: 03 January 2024 14:28
To: Joanne Wagstaffe <>
Subject: Polling Place Review

Good afternoon Jo

I am emailing to formally invite you in your capacity as the Returning Officer to comment on the current arrangements for polling at elections in the Three Rivers area. The final report will be considered by the Regulatory Committee at an extraordinary meeting on the 25th January so if any feedback could be provided by close of play on Monday 15th January at the latest that would be appreciated.

Many thanks
Kind regards
Katharine

Committee & Electoral Services Manager
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