

**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	Parking for disabled voters currently very limited 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