

Appendix B

Representations/Summary of Consultation Responses made during the consultation period of 15 July – 23 September for the Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Ward/Polling District	Polling Place	Comments	Returned via	Sender
Arrow Ward	Eardisland / Knill / Titley / Lyonshall / Pembridge / Rodd, Nash & Little Brampton / Shobdon / Staunton-on-Arrow	No change in Arrow Ward is sensible. A decision to move the Staunton-on-Arrow polling station to Titley was made some years ago and I can't see a more significant change is required	Email	Councillor
Backbury Ward / Hampton Bishop BA03N	Hampton Bishop	The new development off Hampton Dene Road is around 100 households. We and other properties on the east side of Hampton Dene Road and Holywell Gutter Lane have to go to Hampton Bishop Village Hall in order to vote – a journey of several miles only really possible by car or possibly bicycle. This is a definite barrier to voting and a more convenient polling station would be highly desirable <i>Electoral Services: this issue is due to the polling district boundary, we are not looking to make a change at this time as the polling station is central to the majority of the electorate</i>	Online response	Member of the public
Backbury Ward / Mordiford BA04N	Mordiford	The headmaster's room at Mordiford School is unsuitable and led to friction with the school over several issues including complaints over using the school heating and unwillingness to remove flags on the EU election. It is also so small that queues form and lead through the school onto the yard outside. Parking is also poor and dangerous as you need to cross a busy road used as a rat run. <i>Electoral Services: this polling station was reviewed early 2019 and changed to the headmasters office which whilst</i>	Online response	Polling Station Inspector

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		<i>small is still suitable. There are limited alternatives in this area but we will look to review this again in the future</i>		
Birch Ward / BH01S, BH02S, BH03S, BH04S, BH05S, BH06S, BH07S, BH08S, BH09S, BH10S, BH11S	Orcop and St Weonards	I live between Orcop and St Weonards, both of these villages having polling stations and are within 1 mile of my property so easy to get to. However my polling station is at Much Birch five miles away. This is not a problem as I have a car but I know it is a problem for others in my neighbourhood. Also it would be much greener to be able to walk or cycle to my local village hall rather than a car journey up the A49 <i>Electoral Services: this is likely due to the polling district boundary, for example electors in Llanwarne parish which borders these two polling districts are allocated to Much Birch polling station which is central to the majority of the electorate. We are not looking to make a change at this time</i>	Online response	Member of the public
Bromyard Bringsty Ward / Brockhampton BT01N, Linton BT05N and Norton BT06N	Brockhampton / Linton / Norton	No objections made	Email	Parish Council
Bromyard West Ward / Bromyard West BW01N, BW02N	Bromyard	The Methodist Hall is ok for me	Online response	Member of the public
Central Ward / Central CE01S, CE02S	Hereford	Replacing St Johns Methodist Church Hall with the Town Hall as the polling station for CE02S takes voters further away from where they live. Ideally find a polling in the CE02S area such as the Masons Hall on Kyrle Street or leave it at St Johns Methodist Church Hall. It does not make sense to move only CE02S, if they have to move to	Online response	Councillor

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		the Town Hall, move both CE01S and CE02S together in the interest of the economy		
Central Ward / Central CE01S, CE02S	Hereford	Recent election information has described the polling station at St Johns Methodist Church as taking place in the Lower Hall. In reality, the location was in the main body of the church which confused a couple of electors	Online response	Poll Clerk
Hagley Ward / Withington HG05N	Withington	If you do need to make Withington Village Hall a dual polling station, the village hall have a bigger room that could be used instead	Online response	Councillor
Holmer Ward / Holmer & Shelwick HO01N	Holmer & Shelwick	We wish to object to the suggestion to split the HO01N polling district as it is felt that the Holmer Church Parish Centre is the most convenient polling station to cover the whole parish. It is asserted that even with the proposed additional housing in the parish the polling district has capacity and will not need to be split	Email	Organisation – Holmer & Shelwick Parish Council
Ledbury West Ward / Ledbury West LEW02N, LEW03N	Ledbury	Voting at Ledbury Primary School is very convenient. Place to park (but I walk) school not disturbed, please continue to use this venue	Email	Member of the public
Ledbury West Ward / Ledbury West LEW02N, LEW03N	Ledbury	Consider moving from the Primary School to the studio at Halo Leisure Ledbury Swimming Pool. This will avoid the need to close all/part of the primary school when a poll is called. The swimming pool studio is new, fully accessible and a good size. There may be some disruption to studio based classes on the day of an election <i>Electoral Services: the school is convenient for these polling districts so we will not be making a change at this time, we have reviewed the studio at Ledbury Swimming Pool and will be using it for LEW01N</i>	Email	Presiding Officer
Leominster East Ward / Leominster East LOE02N	Leominster	The sports club (formerly British Legion) has worked well as the central town polling station for many years and still works well with Leominster South polling there too now the old ward has been split. There is plenty of free parking at the club, on street and at Aldi or Co-op. It is on a main	Online Response	Councillor

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		<p>arterial route through town. It is handy for voters on their way to or back from work or dropping children at school. It is well lit at night. A high proportion of voters walk to this polling station. Grange Court is on a narrow residential road with a traffic calming pinch point. It is not a through road, meaning there is only one way in and out of Grange Court. The entrance to Grange Court can only accommodate one car in / one car out at a time as there is no room for two cars to pass. There is a small car park and only two disabled spaces. There is some on street parking along one side of Pinsley Road here meaning that this cul-de-sac is a single lane with two small passing places. It will be impossible for potentially 2000 voters to pass each other in and out of this pinch point throughout the day and particularly at busy times. There is very little lighting on the Grange Park at night meaning it can be off putting for people to walk there. It is nowhere near any main arterial roads of walking routes through town. It is a heritage building in the middle of a park. The closest car park is Etnam Street and people should not have to pay 80p for the privilege of voting. Please keep the Sports and Social club as a dual polling station, after all it is actually in the ward! Failing that the HALO Leisure centre or the Herefordshire Council Multi Agency Office on Conningsby Road would be better suited</p>		
<p>Leominster West Ward / Leominster West LOW01N, LOW02N</p>	<p>Leominster</p>	<p>Why do I, and others living in and around Green Lane in Leominster have to go to the Barons Cross Community Centre 1.2+ miles away when the Green Lane Methodist Church is 0.25 miles away?</p> <p><i>Electoral Services: Green Lane Methodist Church is already used as a polling station for another area so it could be that this issue is due to the polling district</i></p>	<p>Online response</p>	<p>Member of the public</p>

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		<i>boundary, we are not looking to make a change at this time as Barons Cross is central to the majority of the electorate</i>		
Leominster West Ward / Leominster West LOW01N, LOW02N	Leominster	<p>The Barons Cross Community Room is not a suitable building for elections, it is not easy to find or signpost - signposting is often removed by children in the neighbourhood. I am frequently told that a number of people in the ward now choose not to vote because of the location of the polling station and do not want to use postal vote system. There are always children hanging around the area which can be quite unnerving and on several occasions the Police have had to be called deal with children making a disturbance outside of the building. There are always complaints when voters come to vote about the location of the polling station</p> <p><i>Electoral Services: Barons Cross Community room is a suitable venue and whilst we actively try to review as many new venues as possible to find the best location for the electorate from feedback, we currently have no alternative venues around this area that would be suitable</i></p>	Online response	Presiding Officer
Mortimer Ward / Wigmore MT17N	Wigmore	No objections made	Email	Parish Clerk
Newton Farm Ward / Hereford Newton Farm NF01S, NF02S	Hereford	<p>I have serious concerns about the singularly inappropriate arrangements for polling in this ward.</p> <p>There is was effectively only two polling stations, at one venue (the Belmont community centre), for the 3000+ Newton Farm constituents. This venue is at the very edge of the ward, amongst largely private housing. Since the regeneration of the area around the Oval, the Belmont community centre has become the only public site available for voting for the whole ward.</p> <p>Other polling stations, across Herefordshire, with approximately 2,600 constituents had 2 or 3 polling stations (with the exception of Leominster). Indeed the</p>	Email	Political Party Member

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		<p>neighbouring wards of Hinton and Hunderton, with fewer voter numbers, have THREE polling stations!</p> <p>Having closely examined the new proposals for polling stations in Newton Farm, I was relieved to see that there is to be at least one more polling station. However, I have real concerns about the proposed venue as the community association is relatively small. It seems to me there should in fact be THREE polling stations. If there was to be a third polling station the Council might have to innovate and use temporary accommodation. During the European elections I noted that neighbouring authorities used caravans /yurts etc. to good effect.</p> <p>The best site for the THIRD polling station would be roughly in the middle of the ward, minimising walking distances, possibly close to Argyll Rise/Pixley Walk. People will find the walk to the Three Counties hotel (another proposed venue) too long and The Hereford Academy would be a better option as it borders the estate</p> <p><i>Electoral Services: Three venues were considered for electors in NF02S. The Newton Farm Association was visited and is too small a venue, and placing a caravan on site is not disability compliant. Marlbrook Primary School (Red Hill Ward) informed us they do not have a room for us to use. The Hereford Academy (Red Hill Ward) was suggested and is an equal distance (if not further) for some electors to travel, also exams tend to be taking place in May when the majority of national elections take place so availability could be limited. The Three counties hotel have a choice of two conference rooms for us to use. The venue is easily accessible and has plenty of free parking. Like The Belmont Community Centre, it is situated in a different</i></p>		

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		<i>ward but it is a short distance for electors in this area to travel to – on foot or by vehicle</i>		
Old Gore Ward / Brampton Abbots OG01N	Brampton Abbots	As the village Hall of Brampton Abbots is currently closed due to roofing issues, and St Michaels and All Angels Church has now been renovated, I believe it would make sense to use the church as the polling station to ensure parishioners are not sent to Upton Bishop Village Hall as a temporary measure ever again. The decision prevented some people from using their right to vote <i>Electoral Services: St Michaels & All Angels church was visited and review but is not disability compliant and has no toilet or water facilities on site. Electors have been allocated to Upton Bishop on a temporary basis until the roof has been fixed at Brampton Abbots Village Hall. There are alternative voting methods (postal and proxy) available for anyone who may find it difficult to get to Upton Bishop.</i>	Online response	Member of the public
Old Gore Ward / Brampton Abbots OG01N, Foy OG03N, OG04N	Brampton Abbots / Foy	The voting hall at Brampton Abbots is closed as the roof fell in, this will take a couple of years to repair. As Foy is in two parts on either side of the Wye, apart from a foot crossing, disabled voters etc. would need to travel many miles to vote	Email	Parish Clerk
Old Gore Ward / How Caple OG05N, Sollers Hope OG08N	How Caple / Sollers Hope / Brockhampton	No objections made	Online response	Parish Clerk
Queenswood Ward / Wellington QU06N	Wellington	No objections made	Online response	Councillor
Ross Wards / Ross-on-Wye East, Ross-on-Wye North, Ross-on Wye West ROE01S, ROE02S,	Ross-on-Wye	Could we arrange one polling station for each of the three Ross Wards. Ross East and North are currently split across two polling stations which doubles the cost at by-elections	Online response	Councillor

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ROE03S, RON01S, RON02S, RON03S, ROW01S, ROW02S				
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Ross North Ward / Ross-on-Wye North RON01S, RON02S, RON03S	Ross-on-Wye	The designated polling stations are too far away for me to be able to walk to if ever I found myself without transport. Could the Rugby Club be considered for people living in the Greytrees area, especially as the majority who live there are elderly	Online response	Member of the public