

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Proposals by Sevenoaks District Council

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| Ash (AA) | 289 | Ash Village Hall, The Street, Ash | In use at least since 1974 and well located in the village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Hodsoll Street & Ridley (AB) | 452 | Hodsoll Street & Ridley Village Hall, Hodsoll Street | In use at least since 1974 and situated in the heart of Hodsoll Street Village (though some distance from other community off the Gravesend Road). | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| New Ash Green North West (AC) | 2127 | New Ash Green Youth Centre, Ash Road, New Ash Green | First used in 1981, replacing a mobile polling station situated elsewhere. Although located at one end of the polling district it is still close to all electors. | 2 | Electors exceed 1800 |
| New Ash Green South East (AD) | 2321 | New Ash Green Village Hall, Centre Road, New Ash Green | Replaced school in 1976. Although located to one end of the polling district it is still close to all electors. | 2 | Electors exceed 1800 |

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| Brasted (AE) | 763 | Brasted Village Hall, High Street, Brasted | Replaced school in 1977. Well located in village but poor parking. Tried pavilion at recreation ground (better parking) at 1997 by-election but, overall, this did not find favour. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Toys Hill (AF) | 371 | Toys Hill Hall & Chancel Kitchen, Puddledock Lane, Toys Hill | Venue for new polling district since 2003. Previously, part of Brasted polling district which meant a very long journey to the polling station. Poor access only marginally improved by setting up polling station in kitchen (so less steps) and providing hand rail. Not possible to install a ramp. Poll cards to electors state “Difficult access for disabled or infirm”. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Chevening (AG) | 2350 | Chevening Church Hall, Homedeane Road, Chipstead | In use at least since 1974. Located at one end of main body of electors in Chipstead and Bessels Green. Suggestion of separate polling district for Bessels Green did not find favour locally in 2002. | 2 | Electors exceed 1800 |

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| Bough Beech (AH) | 251 | The Wheatsheaf at Bough Beech, Hever Road, Bough Beech | Venue since 2009 when Village Hall was no longer available. Central to the community and good parking facilities. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Chiddingstone Causeway (AI) | 326 | Chiddingstone Causeway Village Hall, Chiddingstone Causeway | To one end of polling district but no known alternative in rural area. Ramp provided by owners. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Chiddingstone Hoath (AJ) | 168 | The Rock Inn Public House, Chiddingstone Hoath | Replaced dilapidated hall in 1981. Access not ideal and site is to one end of polling district but no known alternative in rural area. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Chiddingstone Village (AK) | 205 | Chiddingstone Primary School, Chiddingstone Village | Well located. School prefers this arrangement to the alternative of adjacent parish hall as latter is used by school for meals. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Cowden (AL) | 650 | Cowden Memorial Hall, Chantlers Mead, Cowden | Replaced school (closed down) in 1983. Well located in village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Crockenhill (AM) | 1326 | Crockenhill Village Hall, Stones Cross Road, Crockenhill | Replaced school in 1981. Quite central to the village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Dunton Green (AN) | 1723 | Dunton Green Village Hall, London Road, Dunton Green | Replaced school in 1979. A little way away from the main body of electors but no alternatives have been suggested. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| Marlpit Hill (AO) | 1551 | St. Paulinus Church Centre, Hillcrest Road, Edenbridge | Replaced Men’s Club in 1979. Well located in main area of electorate. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Marsh Green (AP) | 358 | St. John’s United Reformed Church, Marsh Green | Venue for new polling district since review of Edenbridge polling arrangements in 1997. Located close to main area of electorate. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Pound Green (AQ) | 1077 | Edenbridge Sports Pavilion, Lingfield Road, Edenbridge | Venue for new polling district since review of Edenbridge polling arrangements in 1997. Located at edge of main body of electors but not aware of any alternative. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Spitals Cross (AR) | 1194 | Fircroft Tenants & Residents Association, Farmstead Drive, Edenbridge | Venue for new polling district since review of Edenbridge polling arrangements in 1997. Located at the heart of the main body of electors. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Stangrove & South End (AS) | 1781 | Edenbridge Scout HQ, Station Road, Edenbridge | New site in 2003 after changes to District Ward boundaries. Not quite central to elongated polling district. Small step access – purpose built ramp being provided. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| Town (Edenbridge) (AT) | 880 | Edenbridge W.I.Hall, Station Road, Edenbridge | Replaced school (no longer wished to be used) in 1981. Quite well located within polling district. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Eynsford (AU) | 1461 | Eynsford Village Hall, High Street, Eynsford | Replaced school in 1981. Central to village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Farningham (AV) | 1088 | Farningham Village Hall, High Street, Farningham | In use at least since 1974 and well located in the village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Fawkham (AW) | 475 | Fawkham Village Hall, Valley Road, Fawkham | Central within Parish. Good parking. Replaced school in 1977. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Halstead (AX) | 1265 | Halstead Pavilion, Station Road, Halstead | Replaced parish hall in 1997. Though not as central in village, it does provide better parking and facilities. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Hartley North (AY) | 2219 | Longfield & Hartley Scout HQ, Larkwell Lane, Hartley | Well located within polling district. First used in 1987 following boundary changes. | 2 | Electorate exceeds 1800 |
| Hartley South (AZ) | 2200 | All Saints Church Centre, Ash Road, Hartley | Well located within polling district. Good parking. Replaced school in 1976. | 2 | Electorate exceeds 1800 |
| Four Elms (BA) | 459 | Four Elms Village Hall, Ide Hill Road, Four Elms | Replaced school (no longer wished to be used) in 1981. Well located in village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| Hever (BB) | 503 | Hever Village Hall, Hever Road, Hever | Replaced school (no longer wished to be used) in 1981. Ramp provided by owners. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Hextable (BC) | 3433 | St. Peter’s Church Hall, College Road, Hextable | In use at least since 1974. Very well located. | 2 | Electorate exceeds 1800 |
| Horton Kirby (BD) | 974 | Fighting Cocks Public House, The Street, Horton Kirby | Replaced school in 1995. Electors enter via rear of building; disabled access via the bar. Quite central to village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| South Darent (BE) | 1704 | Horton Kirby & South Darent Village Hall, Horton Road, South Darent | Replaced fire station (poor facilities) in 1981. Although outside village, no known alternative. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| Kemsing East & Kemsing West (BF/BG) | 1700/1601 | The St. Edith Hall, High Street, Kemsing | Replaced school in 1981. Good facilities but situated at eastern end of village. Second polling district created in 1999 for the western end and polling took place at the Town Church, Dynes Road, but Town Church pulled down in 2000. The Dynes Residential Care Home was used on one occasion but is no longer available. Retain two polling districts and continue to seek polling place for western end. | 2 | One polling station for each of the two polling districts |
| Knockholt (BH) | 989 | Knockholt Village Centre, Main Road, Knockholt | In use at least since 1974. Good parking. At edge of village but close to the main body of electors. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Leigh (BI) | 1452 | Leigh Small Village Hall, High Street, Leigh | Replaced school (no longer wished to be used) in 1977. Ramp provided by owners. Located in village; some distance from electors in the communities of Charcott and Powdermills but no known alternatives available in these rural areas. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| Otford (BJ) | 2673 | Otford Village Memorial Hall, High Street, Otford | Replaced school in 1981. Centrally located, good facilities. | 2 | Electorate exceeds 1800 |
| Fordcombe (BK) | 591 | Fordcombe Village Hall, Fordcombe | Replaced school (no longer wished to be used) in 1981. Well located in village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Penshurst (BL) | 764 | Penshurst Village Hall, Penshurst | Replaced school (no longer wished to be used) in 1981. Good location in village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Riverhead (BM) | 1890 | Riverhead Village Hall, Amherst Hill, Riverhead | Replaced school in 1979. Central site but no parking; not aware of any alternatives. | 2 | Electorate exceeds 1800 |
| Seal – St. Lawrence (BN) | 377 | St. Lawrence Village Hall, Church Road, Stone Street | New site in 1991 after creation of new Parish Ward. Well positioned in village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Seal (BO) | 1323 | Seal Village Hall, High Street, Seal | Replaced school (probably in 1979). Quite central to village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Underriver (BP) | 271 | Underriver Village Hall, Carters Hill, Underriver | Replaced school (probably in 1979). Situated in village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| Bat & Ball (BQ) | 842 | Sevenoaks Community Centre, Oxford Road, Sevenoaks | This polling district was most recently altered in 2003 as a result of the Periodic Electoral Review (PER). This polling place has been used since 1984; good parking and access and close to main body of electors. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Bradbourne (BR) | 1241 | Sevenoaks Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks | Minimal change to polling district in 2003 following PER. Previous venue at a mobile classroom in the grounds of the former Bradbourne School (now Knole Academy West) was not suitable for voters with disabilities. In the absence of any alternative in the polling district, the offices of the Sevenoaks Town Council have been used since 2003. Whilst this venue is located outside the polling district, it is not much further for voters to travel than the former venue. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| Greatness (BS) | 1184 | Greatness Club House, Mill Lane, Sevenoaks | Replaced St. John Ambulance Hall in 1993 (which had difficult access). Central to polling district. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| High Street (Sevenoaks) (BT) | 1331 | The STAG Community Arts Centre (Plaza Suite), London Road, Sevenoaks | Replaced St. Nicholas Parish Hall (demolished) in 1997. Good access and well located within polling district. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Hillingdon (BU) | 1295 | To be confirmed. | The former Wildernesse School, in use at least since 1974. Classroom used, so school able to function. Since 2003 PER, situated outside polling district but after extensive consultation, agreed that voters should continue to use this venue. As Knole Academy East, not available in 2011 but discussions have resumed to try to identify suitable accommodation on the site. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Holly Bush (BV) | 1777 | St. John’s C.E.P. School, Kennedy Gardens, Sevenoaks | In use at least since 1981. School able to function. After 2003 PER, preferred option over St. John’s Church Hall (St. John’s Hill/Quakers Hall Lane). | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| Kippington North (BW) | 1094 | Christ Church United Reformed Church, Littlecourt Road, Sevenoaks | Revised polling district in 2003 (following PER) to accommodate as many electors as possible. Venue used for the first time in 2003. Access and parking o.k. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Kippington South (BX) | 1149 | Kippington Community Centre, Kippington Road, Sevenoaks | Revised polling district in 2003 (following PER) to accommodate as many electors as possible. Venue in use at least since 1981; newly built in 2004. Good access and parking. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Lower St. John’s (BY) | 881 | British Red Cross Centre, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks | New polling district following 2003 PER. Venue in use since 2003; good access and parking and well located. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Sevenoaks Common (BZ) | 1458 | Solefield School, Solefields Road, Sevenoaks | In use at least since 1974. Classroom used, so school able to function. There are steps and a narrow entrance which makes access less than ideal. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Tubs Hill (CA) | 1254 | St. Luke’s Church Hall, Eardley Road, Sevenoaks | New polling district following 2003 PER. Venue in use since 2003; good access and well located. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| Upper St. John’s (CB) | 1404 | United Reformed Church, St. John’s Road, Sevenoaks | New polling district following 2003 PER. Venue in use since 2003; good access, only on-street parking. Located slightly to one side of polling district. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Wilderness (CC) | 308 | To be confirmed. | The former Wilderness School, in use at least since 1974. Classroom used, so school able to function. As Knole Academy East, not available in 2011 but discussions have resumed to try to identify suitable accommodation on the site. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Sevenoaks Weald (CD) | 974 | Weald Memorial Hall, Long Barn Road, Sevenoaks Weald | Venue in use since 1983, replacing school. Centrally located within village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Badgers Mount (CE) | 537 | Badgers Mount Memorial Hall, Orpington-By-Pass, Badgers Mount | In use at least since 1974. Close to main body of voters. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Shoreham (CF) | 894 | Shoreham Village Hall, High Street, Shoreham | Replaced school in 1977. Good access and well located. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| Well Hill (CG) | 215 | Well Hill Mission Church, Well Hill | New polling district following 2003 PER. Venue in use since 2003; Residents’ Association preferred location over public house alternative. Not the best access to the building or into the building but preferable to voters journeying long distances into Shoreham village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Ide Hill (CH) | 525 | Ide Hill Village Hall (Wheatsheaf Room), Ide Hill | Replaced school in 1985. Quite close to village; good parking. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Sundridge (CI) | 1002 | Sundridge Village Hall, Main Road, Sundridge | In use at least since 1974. Quite central to village. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Birchwood (CJ) | 1023 | White Oak Bowls Centre, Garrolds Close, Swanley | Two former venues (Birchwood School and Birchwood Public House) are both closed. White Oak Leisure Centre was used in 2010 but was not popular. New hotel at Birchwood not available/not suitable. In 2011, White Oak Bowls Centre was used; propose to continue this arrangement until a suitable site is found within the polling district. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| Christ Church (CK) | 2038 | Christ Church Centre, Kingswood Avenue, Swanley | Replaced school in 1981. Good location; separate polling booth provided for voters with disabilities so as to avoid steps inside the building. Limited on-street parking opposite with a two hour waiting restriction; blue badge holders can park outside hall. | 2 | Electorate exceeds 1800 |
| High Firs (CL) | 2100 | High Firs Primary School, Court Crescent, Swanley | In use at least since 1981. Classroom used, so school able to function. Good location. | 2 | Electorate exceeds 1800 |
| St. Mary's (CM) | 3238 | Swanley Youth Centre, St. Mary's Road, Swanley | In use since 1985. Located to one end of polling district but no known alternative closer to a central point. | 2 | Electorate exceeds 1800 |
| Swanley Lane (CN) | 1633 | Swanley ACF Hall, Swanley Lane, Swanley | In use at least since 1974. Located at the extremity of the polling district but convenient for voters on their way to the station and shops. Rough ground on approach to hall. No alternative within the polling district. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| Swanley Village (CO) | 342 | The Lamb Inn, Swanley Village Road, Swanley Village | In use since 2005. Located a little to one end of village, quite good access, some parking. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| White Oak (CP) | 2062 | White Oak Bowls Centre, Garrolds Close, Swanley | In use since 1999. Quite well located, good access, parking available. | 2 | Electorate exceeds 1800 |
| Crockham Hill (CQ) | 584 | Crockham Hill Village Hall, Crockham Hill | In use since 1997, after demolition of WI Hall. Located close to main body of voters with good access and parking. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Westerham (CR) | 2899 | Westerham Hall, Quebec Avenue, Westerham | In use at least since 1974 (excepting for a few years during re-construction and because of prior bookings). Quite central to village, good access and parking. | 2 | Electorate exceeds 1800 |

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| East Hill (CS) | 266 | Woodlands Manor Golf Club, Tinkerpot Lane, West Kingsdown | New - For several years East Hill electors have had to poll at Woodlands Church Hall, Tinkerpot Lane, the same venue as Knatts Valley electors. As most electors will have to travel by car in order to vote, it is important to have car parking facilities and there are none at the current venue. Woodlands Manor Golf Club, also in Tinkerpot Lane, has ample car parking and is willing to accommodate a polling station. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| Knatts Valley (CT) | 216 | Woodlands Manor Golf Club, Tinkerpot Lane, West Kingsdown | New – sensible for Knatts Valley electors to also attend these premises as using both the Woodlands Church Hall and the Golf Club would cause elector confusion. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |

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| West Kingsdown East (CU) | 1205 | The Portobello Inn, London Road, West Kingsdown | New – West Kingsdown Village Hall no longer available. The Portobello Inn, London Road (at the junction with Fawkham Road) are willing to accommodate a polling station in their Function Room. Access will be from the car park and a ramp will be provided to assist electors with disabilities, if appropriate. | 1 | Electorate warrants only one station |
| West Kingsdown – Hever (CV) | 2718 | The Pavilion, London Road, West Kingsdown | In use since 1999. Not well located, being on the opposite side of the A20 from most voters, but provides a solution after many years of poor provision for this polling district. We provide temporary outside lighting. | 1 | Although electorate warrants it, there is insufficient space to provide 2 polling stations. Instead, extra polling staff are appointed to share out duties. Due to a potential triple poll in 2011, a second polling station was set up in the adjacent Library for the evening period of polling and this is a solution in similar future circumstances. |

