

Review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations

Consultation responses

- **Consultation Response 001**

From: David Brazier

Sent: 11/10/2024 16:59

Subject: RE: Review of polling districts and polling places and polling stations

Dear Mr Banks

Thank you for sending this. I have taken careful note and have no comments to make.

Best wishes

David Brazier

County Member for Sevenoaks Rural North East

Kent County Council

- **Consultation Response 002**

From: EMAIL REDACTED

Sent: 14/10/2024 14:59

Subject: Boundary Review

Good afternoon,

re the Kippington Polling District CA.

I am unhappy with the proposal to continue having the Polling Station outside of the ward. It would be far better for the CA polling district to use the Kippington Centre which is already used for the BY polling district. There are two separate rooms which could be used, one for each polling district. Many CA residents complain at having to go into Sevenoaks and pay to park to vote at the Stag venue.

NAME REDACTED

- **Consultation Response 003**

From: Cllr Elizabeth Purves

Sent: 15/10/2024 09:47

Subject: RE: DISTRICT COUNCILLORS Review of polling districts and polling places and polling stations

Dear Lee

Re. the Consultation of polling stations, please see attached on how the electors of the northern half of Eastern ward are disadvantaged compared to the electors in the rest of Sevenoaks.

Before the new complex at Trinity School was built, voters from the northern half of Eastern ward would vote at Wildernesse School which was well located for them..

I have suggested in the past a mobile polling station at Hillingdon Green which was not thought suitable although I see no reason why it is not. It could be parked on the hard standing on the Green and mobile toilet facilities provided for polling staff .

I know of no other suitable places for a polling station in the Hillingdon area.

Please include the use of Trinity School or a Mobile polling station at Hillingdon Green as polling stations in the Consultation response so that voters from the northern half of Eastern ward are no longer disadvantaged..

Thank you.

Elizabeth

An attachment was provided with consultation response 003, which commented as follows:

Review of Polling Stations.

each polling station should be accessible for all electors.

in Sevenoaks Eastern this is not the case, and voters from the Northern half of the ward are disadvantaged.

Sevenoaks Town.

Kippington has 3 polling stations **1246 voters per station.**

Northern ward has 3 polling stations =**1078 voters per station.**

Town & St Johns has 4 polling stations **1245 voters per station.**

Eastern ward has 1 station for 3044 voters = **3044 voters per station.**

There is only ONE polling station for Eastern ward. (at St Johns Church)

Sevenoaks Eastern is divided into two

Hollybush BW

and Hillingdon, BV, much of which is deprived.

The one polling station is satisfactory for the (Hollybush) half of the Ward, but not for the Hillingdon end of the ward. Too far

.At the 2019 District Elections, Double the number from the southern, Hollybush end, voted compared to the northern end, Hillingdon end.

There is a need for a polling station in Hillingdon. People living on the Hillingdon estate are less likely to have a car and if the weather inclement, less likely to want to walk to the one polling station. Parking is difficult, and there are yellow lines everywhere.

The present arrangement of polling stations clearly disadvantages, people from Hillingdon

There is a need for a second polling station in the Hillingdon half of the ward..

WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGING EVERYBODY TO VOTE, NOT MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM

- **Consultation Response 004**

From: EMAIL REDCATED

Sent: 23/10/2024 09:23

Subject: Review of polling districts and polling places and polling stations

Dear Lee

Thank you for your email regarding the above. I circulated this to all my Councillors and Chairman and the Chairman has confirmed that the PC note there are no changes proposed for anywhere within the Sevenoaks District and are therefore happy with this decision.

Kind regards

Evelyn Divall
Parish Clerk
PENSHURST PARISH COUNCIL

- **Consultation Response 005**

From: Officer@tmbc.gov.uk

Sent: 23/10/2024 14:46

Subject: RE: Review of polling districts and polling places and polling stations

Hello Lee

Hope you are well.

On behalf of the ARO for Tonbridge Constituency, we note the details of your polling district review. As there are no changes to the current arrangements, we do not have any further comments.

Kind Regards

Head of Electoral Services

- **Consultation Response 006**

From: thegrammarschool@twgsboys.kent.sch.uk

Sent: 28/10/2024 10:35

Subject: RE: Sevenoaks District - Polling District Review

Thank you for your email. I have discussed the email below with (HEADTEACHER) and unfortunately, we are unable to help with this request.

Kind regards

School Office and Admissions Manager

- **Consultation Response 007**

From: EMAIL REDACTED

Sent: 04/11/2024 17:45

Subject: Sevenoaks District - Polling District Review

Dear Mr Banks,

Thank you for contacting the school. We would love to help but unfortunately our Sevenoaks Campus has very limited space. I will not be able to offer you the appropriate rooming to act as a polling station. I am sorry to be unable to help and I would like to suggest you ask the other 2 schools on the campus (Trinity School, Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School). They have more space and might be able to help.

Kind regards,

Deputy Headteacher

- **Consultation Response 008**

From: Angela Howells

Sent: 15/11/2024 10:32

Subject: Re: Review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations: Consultation document

Dear Elections

Westerham Town Council has reviewed the document, and the only comment is that the John Fryth Room, St Mary's Church, Westerham is not a suitable venue for a polling station as there is no parking and therefore no access for the disabled and those with difficulty walking.

Westerham Hall is the preferred location for the polling station in Westerham.

Kind regards

Angela Howells,

Town Clerk

Westerham Town Council

- **Consultation Response 009**

From: Ryan Hayman

Sent: 15/11/2024 13:18

Subject: Swanley Town Council

Dear Lee,

Please see below STC's response as agreed at the Full Council Meeting held on
12385 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, PLACES AND STATIONS – APPENDIX A

To approve the following recommend changes:-

Whiteoak Ward – Army Cadet Force Hall to Five Wents Hall

St Marys Ward – Youth Centre to St Mary's Church Hall

Swanley Village – The Lamb Pub to Red Lion Pub

APPROVED

It was noted that the Army Cadet Force Hall change to Five Wents Hall was necessary due to the lack of disabled access and parking at the ACF Hall. It was also mentioned that Five Wents Hall is visually part of the Whiteoak Ward even if technically it is within Hextable.

The Youth Centre hosting the polling is locally believed to be in jeopardy due to the recent changes within KCC. Therefore the St Marys Church Hall is well placed as an alternative with good parking options and better positioned in the Centre for all St Mary's Ward residents.

Swanley Village was proposed to be changed due to the size of the Lamb and privacy concerns. The Red Lion has a function room which can be used and is more central location for the village again with improved parking facilities.

Kind Regards,

Ryan M Hayman,
Chief Executive Officer
Swanley Town Council

- **Consultation Response 010**

From: Pav Ramewal

Sent: 15/11/2024 14:22

Subject: RE: Review of polling districts and polling places and polling stations

Dear colleagues,

I have reviewed the proposals for the Sevenoaks Parliamentary Constituency and support the recommendations which offer effective arrangements which enable the electorate to engage in the democratic process.

Kind regards,

Pav Ramewal