

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
CONSULTATION ON POLLING PLACES AND POLLING DISTRICTS FOR 2018/ 2019**

Responses received during the consultation period of the review which commenced in November 2018

Polling Place /Station	Ward	Person/organisation making comment	Summary of comments	Response to comments
Henry Beaufort School	St Barnabas	Dom Hooley Deputy Chair Winchester Conservative Association	Due to safeguarding issues tellers were unable to position themselves on the school premises until after the school day ended and were therefore unable to speak to a number of electors.	Whilst sympathetic to this issue, as tellers have an important role to play at elections, this is not a consideration for changing a polling location. Further discussions will be held with the Head Teacher to ensure access to the polling station is clearly marked.
Drummond Close	St Luke	Dom Hooley Deputy Chair Winchester Conservative Association	This former common room is now a unit of accommodation and therefore no longer available therefore we suggest either Level 10 Church or Stanmore Primary School	Report LR516 recommended the relocation of this polling place to Level 10 Church, Stanmore Lane, Stanmore.
The Valley Common Room	St Luke	Dom Hooley Deputy Chair Winchester Conservative Association	There has been work carried out to incorporate part of the common room into a new dwelling it is unclear if the remaining area is of an appropriate size for use as a polling station. If this venue is no longer available it may be an appropriate time to join YQ1 and YQ2 polling stations together	Report LR516 recommended that this polling place be amalgamated with the polling places at St Luke's Church Centre, Mildmay Street.

Simonds Court	St Bartholomew	Dom Hooley Deputy Chair Winchester Conservative Association	This polling station is incredibly busy and therefore it is very difficult to speak with every voter as they leave the polling station we would therefore encourage the City Council to consider finding additional premises to act as a polling station	Whilst sympathetic to this issue, as tellers have an important role to play at elections, this is not a consideration for changing a polling location.
Common Room at Hyde Gate	St Bartholomew	Dom Hooley Deputy Chair Winchester Conservative Association	This polling station is incredibly busy and therefore it is very difficult to speak with every voter as they leave the polling station we would therefore encourage the City Council to consider finding additional premises to act as a polling station	Whilst sympathetic to this issue, as tellers have an important role to play at elections, this is not a consideration for changing a polling location.
Holiday Inn Telegraph Hill	Upper Meon Valley	Dom Hooley Deputy Chair Winchester Conservative Association	There are very few voters who attend this polling station, those who do are from the village of Chilcomb and have driven to the site (and were therefore probably able to drive a little further to another polling station) Whilst we have no visibility of the cost of hiring the room and therefore cannot comment on this aspect of the arrangement, the staff costs of running such a quiet polling station for voters who have probably driven to get there anyway must be worthy of a review	The request for a polling place in the hamlet of Chilcomb have been considered, however report LR516 recommends that this polling place be amalgamated with the polling place at Cheriton Village Hall.
Stanmore Community Centre	St Luke	Cllr Jamie Scott	This is a good polling station with parking and toilets	Comments Noted
Drummond Close Common Room	St Luke	Cllr Jamie Scott	The common room has now been converted to a dwelling so is no longer available. I would suggest either Level 10 Church or Stanmore Primary School as a replacement polling station	Report LR516 recommended the relocation of this polling place to Level 10 Church, Stanmore Lane, Stanmore

The Valley Common Room	St Luke	Cllr Jamie Scott	The common room has been halved in size therefore may no longer be suitable as a polling station therefore I would suggest combining this with St Luke Church	Report LR516 recommended that this polling place be amalgamated with the polling places at St Luke's Church Centre, Mildmay Street.
St Luke Church Mildmay Street	St Luke	Cllr Jamie Scott	This is a good polling station with parking and toilets, only concern being the hilly access to the Church Hall	Comments Noted
	Central Meon Valley	Headbourne Worthy Parish Council	To reflect the expanding number of residents a Polling Station for Kings Barton e.g. community rooms that are anticipated to be added to the development. To reflect the density of housing in the Nations Hill/Springvale Road a more convenient place to vote e.g. Headbourne Worthy House	There were 3 representations requesting a polling station for the emerging community at King's Barton however the present electorate figures of 145 do not currently warrant a new polling place be established. The request for a more convenient place for Nations Hill/Springvale Road electors to vote , as part of a wider polling district consisting of less than 600 electors the recommendation was that the current arrangements remain in place
	Central Meon Valley	Cllr Jackie Porter	I would like the council to consider the addition of a Polling Station at Kings	There were 3 representations requesting

			Barton. The official polling station is in Headbourne Worthy, which is a two bus journey or voters must take a walk along a road without a footpath and no lighting. There is no post box on the site either (though there is one on the other side of Andover Road) making postal votes even more hassle.	a polling station for the emerging community at King's Barton however the present electorate figures of 145 do not currently warrant a new polling place be established.
	Central Meon Valley	Cllr Jane Rutter	Please can we have a polling station at Kings Barton – the new residents there have no idea where the Jubilee Hall is, it's not on their way to anywhere really and the number of residents there is growing fast. We have been approached by the residents' association to ask for a polling station they can walk to	There were 3 representations requesting a polling station for the emerging community at King's Barton however the present electorate figures of 145 do not currently warrant a new polling place be established.
	Alresford & Itchen Valley	Itchen Valley Parish Council	Itchen Valley Parish Council members are satisfied with the 3 village halls providing polling stations in our area. We have no complaints about the arrangements or the facilities. Given the large size of the area, members consider that 3 polling stations is the minimum number of polling stations the parish should have	Comments noted
The recreation Ground Pavilion, Main Road	Colden Common & Twyford	Colden Common Parish Council	The pavilion is in a poor state of repair. However it is available for you at the moment. Discussions are ongoing on its refurbishment / replacement. Currently we have no firm plans to share with you. With reference to disabled access, you provide a ramp for disabled access, it has no	Comments noted

			<p>disabled toilet. The parish has another pavilion which is fully DDA compliant, but it is located at the end of Boyes Lane SO21 1TA – so it's a bit off the beaten track so to speak and I think its location would hinder voters, particularly the elderly or those who don't drive. The other option is the Church Rooms, Main Road (the Fishers Pond end of Main Road, South Main) This is a long way from the current site on the recreation ground. You can contact the church administrator for details on holy.trinity.cc@hotmail.co.uk</p>	
<p>Proposed revision of Owslebury polling district boundary</p>	<p>Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall The Tichborne Arms Cheriton Village Hall</p>	<p>Joint submission by Winchester and Meon Valley Conservative Associations</p>	<p>Please consider the polling districts XB, WY, XZ and WI. Each of these is a long, thin finger with the centre of population being a village at the northern end of the finger: Avington and Itchen Abbas in XB, Ovington and Itchen Stoke in WY, Tichborne in XZ, and Cheriton in WI. The southern tips of these fingers are all agricultural areas with almost no population. These polling districts are based upon historical parish boundaries which may have made sense in the days when sheep were driven to market along farm tracks, but the drovers are long gone. The villages mentioned above all naturally associate with the town of Alresford, whereas the people in the southern tips of these fingers see themselves as living near</p>	<p>These comments have been noted, as there are implications for some registered electors this matter would be better addressed through a Community Governance Review to ensure all those affected could be consulted.</p>

			<p>Owslebury, Upham or Beauworth. If these polling districts were put, as seems sensible, into an Alresford ward, the long southern tips of these fingers drive a wedge into the Owslebury area which prevents some desirable ward configurations there.</p> <p>Using the current electoral register, the number of voters in the southern tips of these fingers is: XB none WY none XZ 12 WI 22 Lane End 29 Longwood Dean Lane</p> <p>As regards the 12 in XZ, these are on the Longwood Estate or New Warren Farm or Honeyman Farm. We believe that they have a closer affinity to Owslebury than to the remote village of Tichborne to which the parish links them.</p> <p>As regards WI, 29 voters are in the southern half of Longwood Dean Lane. Longwood Dean Lane is a long, narrow, rural lane, with dwellings scattered along it and no other facilities at all. It is linked by footpaths and estate tracks to the Longwood Estate area in XZ already mentioned. This lane is closer to Owslebury, Upham or Beauworth than it is to Cheriton, the village to which it is linked by the parish.</p> <p>All the dwellings concerned are connected to the telephone exchange in Owslebury, thus showing that at least the GPO</p>	
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			<p>considered that Owslebury was closest by road to these dwellings.</p> <p>We therefore propose that the northeastern boundary of XQ polling district be extended.</p> <p>After this change, the voters would be expected to vote at the polling station in Owslebury, rather than the remote northern villages that they are currently expected to attend. In all cases, the journey to the polling station would be shorter.</p> <p>The advantage of this proposal, apart from properly reflecting the reality of the community proximities and affinities, is that it makes XQ contiguous with WB and thus permits greater flexibility in ward arrangements.</p> <p>The only disadvantage that we can see is that were a controversial issue to arise in a parish council in Cheriton or Tichborne, and this affected these voters, then their Owslebury District councillor would have to ask permission of the parish council to represent them there. It seems unlikely that such circumstances would often arise, or that such permission would be withheld. It may be noted that since there are no dwellings in the shaded area of XB and WY the proposed change there is purely cosmetic. That part of the change could</p>	
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			therefore be omitted for the sake of simplicity, if preferred.	
	Central Meon Valley	Joint submission by Winchester and Meon Valley Conservative Associations	It would be useful to have a polling station in the hamlet of Chilcomb. Voters are required to go to the Holiday Inn at Morn Hill. Without a car this is impossible for those in this hamlet. Whilst recognising that postal votes are available several people we spoke to during the by election said they preferred to vote in person which is of course their right.	The request for a polling place in the hamlet of Chilcomb have been considered, however report LR516 recommended that this polling place be amalgamated with the polling place at Cheriton Village Hall.