

Interim Polling District and Polling Places Review 2023 - Responses

Hi Alison,

Very well done. There is just one point that I noticed that might have been an oversight or perhaps we did not make it clear. This regards to the Little Parndon polling district of the town centre. Simon and I agreed that the Playhouse should be the venue for all areas within the designated Town Centre. Therefore, it would include the area to the North including Wych Elm and Bramble Rise and the area of Sainsbury. The boundary to the East should include the College and Leisure zone, although this has no voters as far as I am aware, but should be changed for the sake of consistency with the new ward boundaries.

Kind regards

James

Dear Registration,

I consider the proposals as they pertain to Stewards and Latton ward satisfactory.

Consideration could be given to moving the 'Atelier' estate into LSB2, given that there is easy pedestrian access, though this would primarily achieve greater equity between the polling districts as the estate is not far from either the Griffin Suite or Longwood Primary.

Regarding SK1, I note that this is the largest proposed polling district. I have previously raised concerns about how far the polling station was for residents of Risdens (many of whom are elderly) when their polling station was Longwood Primary. This problem is to some extent replicated in the new plan. I believe consideration should be given to creating an additional polling district that could use a venue such as St James' Church or Stewards Academy as its polling centre, which could also serve Brockles Mead.

As a final observation, describing the LBS2 polling station as 'Griffin Suite' could be confusing to those unfamiliar with the Latton Bush Centre, and it does seem unusual to identify a room rather than a venue – this is not replicated with other polling stations. Could the polling station be named 'Latton Bush Centre' for greater clarity?

Best wishes,

[Cllr Alastair Gunn](#)

Conservative Councillor

Staple Tye Ward

I am writing to complain about the proposal to discontinue using St Marks School as a polling station. My husband and I are in our 70s and have our disabled son living with us, who is in a wheelchair and as we live in Westfield this polling station is most convenient for us as we can walk to it without having to contribute more greenhouse gases to the atmosphere by driving. My son has never had a problem accessing the polling station in his wheelchair, contrary to one of the reasons given for abandoning Mark Hall school as a polling station. St Stephens Church is much further away and would mean we would have to drive to it.

I do hope this decision is reversed.

Regards

Jackie Hutchison

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date created	name	representation
01/09/2023	Marie Leppard	The new wards and polling stations make good sense.
28/08/2023	Maria Sosa	Looks fine.
02/08/2023	Raul	All looks ok.
22/07/2023	Ella Collinson	Very pleased that we are now part of Great Parndon ward. This is an uplift. Also pleased our polling station is in Great Parndon.
20/07/2023	Jo Douse	Stop using schools in this day and age there are plenty of other options children need to be in school everyday. The disruption both as a teacher and a parent is ridiculous
18/07/2023	Peter Lamb	Firstly we shouldn't be closing schools to allow people to vote, the inconvenience to parents and children is unnecessary, could we not move to weekend voting or in this day and age electronic voting
18/07/2023	Chelsea brace	Snow farm scout hut should be used
14/07/2023	Gill Hall	We are very satisfied with new wards. Being linked with Church Langley makes sense. The proposed polling stations are fine.
14/07/2023	Dan	This is a very strong proposal. I would like to see the Great Parndon polling station moved back into the centre of this neighbourhood.
14/07/2023	Dorothy Drake	All looks practical and fair.
14/07/2023	Lesley Cook	I support the new wards and proposed polling stations. However, to make it easier, surely the Council should do more to promote postal voting.
14/07/2023	Marie Leppard	I think the new polling stations proposed look reasonable for the new wards. I Great Parndon should have a more central ward if possible such as Jerounds School. In my own ward, why does it need three wards as it is a small ward. One in the North and then either the YCT or Greenhills. Having two in the South of Netteswell must add unnecessary cost.
13/07/2023	Nick Langman	Keep the polling station in Churchgate Street as is. There are many elderly local residents who would struggle if it was moved to, say, the otherside of Gilden Way.