

LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF	Director for Communities
SUBJECT	Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2018-2020
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CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIM

There is a legal obligation on North East Lincolnshire Council to complete the polling district and polling place review between October 2018 and January 2020. Having better polling districts and polling places will enable more electors the opportunity to engage in local and national democracy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report sets out the feedback received to the initial consultation phase (undertaken during April/May 2019 to coincide with the two elections) and now includes some proposed changes to the polling districts and polling places, which will be subject to further consultation during July/August 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

1. Note the responses received to the initial consultation phase, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
2. Authorise the Director for Communities to consult on the proposed changes to the polling districts and polling places, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, and then bring the feedback and proposed amendments to the polling districts and polling places to a future meeting of this Committee for Members consideration.

REASONS FOR DECISION

To complete the review in compliance with legislation.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1. The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 requires North East Lincolnshire Council to carry out a review of its polling districts and polling places every five years. The last formal review was held in 2015. The next compulsory review must be completed by 31st January 2020.

- 1.2. A “review” is all the steps set out in Schedule A1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983. Further information about these steps is included later in this report. The review process, from the publication of the notice of review until the publication of the documents at the end, must take place within the specified period.
- 1.3. The length of the review process is not prescribed in law provided that all of the steps required by legislation can be undertaken within it. Time permitted for consultation should be sufficient to enable interested persons and groups to read and understand the proposals, gather comments and respond with any alternative arrangements that they may wish to consider.
- 1.4. It is not anticipated that the Council will conduct another review until October 2023 to January 2025.

Review Methodology

- 1.5. At the meeting of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee on 20th February 2019, Members agreed the following methodology for the review of polling districts and polling places.
- 1.6. A reasonable methodology must be demonstrated if a successful appeal (with its consequential reputational damage) is to be avoided. The Guidance stresses the need for all decisions made to have been consulted upon and to be measured and practical: “The whole process should be as transparent and open as possible to avoid possible conflict”. The initial proposals document sets out the considerations taken into account in drawing up the proposals and such an approach reduces the suggestion that decisions may have been politically motivated.
- 1.7. The primary considerations for every review are a requirement of Electoral Law and are:-
 - The Council must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances; and
 - The Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, every polling place is accessible to electors who are disabled.
- 1.8. There is no scientific formula or set of rules for the division of a constituency into polling districts, nor for the selection of polling places or polling stations. The choice will often be the balance between a number of competing considerations (e.g. quality of a building and distances between the residents to that building, compared to other options for polling places). Judgement needs to be exercised (e.g. when comparing the potential disturbance to voters against other factors). However, in carrying out the balancing exercise, the approach should be voter-centred.
- 1.9. Officers propose to use the following criteria for the review:-

- Disparities between polling districts to make them more comparable in terms of number of polling places and the number of electors per polling place;
- Current levels of satisfaction / dissatisfaction as expressed by or on behalf of electors;
- The cost / elector ratio of providing a polling place, so there is a broad comparability between districts;
- The availability of postal votes on demand;
- Disturbance to electors which would be caused by alteration of polling places which have been used for a long period of time;
- A polling place should be in its own polling district, unless it is not possible to find a suitable place in the district;
- There should not be major barriers between the voters and their polling place. Major roads, rivers and the like can therefore be considered as starting points for polling district boundaries unless there is good quality, accessible crossing points;
- The polling place should not be difficult to locate and should be close to where most of the electors in the polling district live;
- The topography of the area should be taken into account including availability of public transport for electors having to travel distances to the polling place;
- That each parish should be a separate polling district save in exceptional circumstances;
- If there appears to be a need in all or particular elections (considering, for example, UK Parliamentary elections may have a higher turnout than local government elections) for multiple polling stations in a polling place, it will need to be considered if the polling place can accommodate them;
- Capability of the polling place to cope with peaks of electors allocated to it.

1.10. It should be noted that the considerations are not weighted, as proposals need to be voter-centred and the exercise of judgment and the balancing exercise needs to have this at the forefront of consideration. Each proposal/representation will have circumstances peculiar to it and the differing considerations relating to those circumstances must be balanced to allow the outcome to be voter centred.

Consultation Process

1.11. At the meeting of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee on 20th February 2019, Elected Members agreed to adopt a two-stage consultation

process for the review of polling districts and polling places in North East Lincolnshire.

- 1.12. The initial consultation period (which was conducted during April/May 2019 to coincide with the elections on 2nd and 23rd May 2019) was aimed at seeking views and suggested changes on the current arrangements. These views have now been considered and a number of changes to the current polling district and polling place arrangements suggested (see Appendix 1). Stage two of the consultation process (which will be undertaken during July/August 2019) seeks views on these proposals.
- 1.13. A public notice for the initial consultation phase was placed on the Council's website in early April 2019. E-mails explaining the review and enclosing details of the current arrangements were sent to all Members of Parliament, Elected Members, local political parties, town/parish councils, community/voluntary groups and groups who are able to advise to access issues. The notice was displayed on various council notice boards and Town and Parish Councils were asked to display the notice on their notice board and websites.

Feedback from Initial Consultation Period

- 1.14. The review can only consider the internal boundaries of Wards (polling districts) and polling places. The polling stations used at elections are the responsibility of the Returning Officer.
- 1.15. Ten responses were received as part of the initial consultation phase, which are set out in Appendix 1 to the report. Furthermore, feedback from polling staff and the Polling Station Inspectors from both elections on 2nd and 23rd May 2019 has been captured and included in the report. Finally, the staff from the Elections Team have reviewed the existing polling districts and polling places and have made some suggestions on how these can be improved for the benefit of electors.
- 1.16. The Returning Officer has considered the feedback and made comments/suggestions for changes at the end of the section for each Ward (see Appendix 1).

Second Consultation Period

- 1.17. As part of the second consultation period, the Returning Officer welcomes comments on these proposals or any other changes that are suggested.
- 1.18. The second consultation period will consist of eight weeks and be held during July and August 2019. A report detailing the outcome of this second consultation phase, plus final proposals for the polling districts and polling places, will be brought back to this committee on 11th September 2019 for Member's consideration.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2.1 On conclusion of any polling district review, the Electoral Commission can consider representations that the review process has not been conducted correctly. There are only two grounds on which a representation may state that a local authority has failed to conduct a proper review, namely:-
- The local authority has failed to meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency; or
 - The local authority has failed to take sufficient account of accessibility to disabled persons of the polling place.
- 2.2 If the appeal is upheld, the Electoral Commission can, ultimately, make alterations to the polling places.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 None - it is a legal requirement to undertake this review.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The review requires the local authority to consult with a wide range of stakeholders as set out in regulations and allow sufficient time for consultation. This will be achieved by having two consultation periods, including an open consultation period in the first instance whereby any comments on the current arrangements will be welcomed. Failure to abide by this duty could lead to an appeal to the Electoral Commission, as set out in Section 2, which could lead to reputational damage to the authority if the appeal is upheld.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 There will be minimal financial costs involved in undertaking the review, which will include postage costs and stationery. These costs will be met from within existing budgets.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 As outlined in section 5, there are no significant additional costs as a result of the review and these costs will be met from within existing budgets

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places. The next compulsory review must now be started and completed between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 (inclusive).
- 7.2 A 'review' is all the steps set out in Schedule A1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983. The length of the review process is not prescribed, provided all the steps required by the legislation can be undertaken within it. The review

process must be structured and must be conducted formally with supporting documentation.

- 7.3 The process and timetable agreed by the Licensing and Community Protection Committee on 20th February 2019, and now being followed, meets the requirements of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.

8. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 None directly arising from this report.

9. WARD IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Review applies to all wards.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 The Electoral Commission's Guidance on the conduct of a review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations (2013)
- 10.2 Polling District and Polling Place Review Papers (2015)
- 10.3 Report to Licensing and Community Protection Committee – Polling District Review (20th February 2019)

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APPENDIX 1

NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2018-2020

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM INITIAL CONSULTATION; RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS AND PROPOSED CHANGES

GENERAL COMMENTS RECEIVED

The following general comments were received back as part of the initial round of consultation proposals:

Voluntary / Community Group

I have attached our consultation policy which gives top tips on accessibility – hopefully you will be able to draw out certain information to aid your review.

Voluntary / Community Group

It is a waste of time voting anyway so what is important is not the place.

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS

Thank you very much to everyone who gave feedback as part of the initial consultation phase during April and May 2019. My officers and I have now considered these comments, which are set out in this report.

Based on the feedback received, I have made particular proposals and suggestions for changes to the current polling district and polling place arrangements under each Ward. I would very much welcome feedback on these proposals and indeed any other suggestions you may wish to make during the second consultation stage during July and August 2019.

The main priority of the review remains to make it easier for electors to vote and any suggestions to help achieve that will be greatly appreciated

Rob Walsh

Returning Officer for North East Lincolnshire Council

GREAT GRIMSBY PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY

EAST MARSH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
EM1	Park Congregational Church, Humberstone Road, Grimsby	1,450 (126)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
EM2	Park Congregational Church, Humberstone Road, Grimsby	1,160 (124)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
EM3	Grimsby Neighbourhood Centre, Weelsby Street, Grimsby	1,246 (111)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Good venue	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
EM4	Portacabin, Casswell House, Casswell Close, Grimsby	932 (88)	<u>Elections Team Observations</u> Potential to use Strand Primary Academy as a double polling station.	To consider using Strand Primary school as an alternative polling station, albeit views of other potential buildings are welcome.
EM5	Strand Primary Academy, Strand Street, Grimsby	318 (28)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Good venue	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
EM6	E-Factor Centre, 84 Wellington Street, Grimsby	1,641 (216)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Good venue	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
Returning Officer Comments				
<p>The current polling arrangements in the East Marsh Ward are well established and work well. However, I would welcome views on any alternative polling stations for polling district EM4 as portacabins are not good venues for either electors or staff. One suggestion is to create a double polling station at Strand school. I would appreciate your views on that suggestion and, indeed, suggestions of other potential polling stations are most welcome.</p>				

FRESHNEY WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
FR1	Wybers Wood Primary School, Timberley Drive, Grimsby	1,451 (273)	<u>Presiding Officer</u> Car park was very dark – lighting needs improving. Did come on but not until 9.30pm.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
FR2	Wybers Wood Primary School, Timberley Drive, Grimsby	1,730 (288)	<u>Presiding Officer (02.05.19)</u> There is no lighting from Timberley Drive to the polling station. <u>Presiding Officer (23.05.19)</u> There is a small step into the polling station which is a trip hazard to some voters as well as presenting difficulty to those in a wheelchair.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
FR3	Great Coates Village Hall, Cooks Lane, Great Coates	1,136 (206)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
FR4	Willows Academy / Branch Library, Binbrook Way, Grimsby	1,892 (245)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Needs ramp for wheelchairs at entrance.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
FR5	Portacabin, Chatteris House, Cromwell Road, Grimsby	1,152 (122)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Could Cromwell House, next door, be used in future? Head of Service has offered its use and obviously it would be free of charge being a council building.	To consider using Cromwell House as the polling station if suitable. Suggestions for alternative venues are welcome.

Returning Officer Comments

The current polling arrangements in the Freshney Ward are well established and work well. However, I would welcome views on any alternative polling stations for polling district FR5 as Portacabins are not good venues for either electors or staff. One alternative is to hold the new polling station at Cromwell House which is located near to the location of the Portacabin at Chatteris House, but your views on other potential polling stations are welcome.

HENEAGE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
HE1	YPSS, Old Clee School, Colin Avenue, Grimsby	1,181 (130)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
HE2	Old Clee Church Hall, Church Lane, Old Clee, Grimsby	1,370 (202)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
HE3	Central Children's Centre, Edward Street, Grimsby	986 (83)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
HE4	St Christopher's Methodist Church, corner Convamore Road/Welholme Road, Grimsby	1,555 (144)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
HE5	Rear of Peaks Lane Fire Station, Peaks Lane, Grimsby	1,371 (151)	<u>Elections Team Observations</u> Given location of electors to the current polling stations, suggestion to transfer Lea Drive, Haigh Court, Brunel Close and Peaks Lane from HE7 into HE5.	To move electors in Lea Drive, Haigh Court, Brunel Close and Peaks Lane from HE7 into HE5.
HE6	Fusion Centre, Ladysmith Road, Grimsby	1,074 (142)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
HE7	Newby Centre, Weelsby Road, Grimsby	558 (126)	<u>Presiding Officer (23.05.19)</u> Barrier needs to be taken down so disabled people can drive down to polling station. <u>Elections Team Observations</u> Given location of Lea Drive, Haigh Court, Brunel Close and Peaks Lane, suggestion to transfer these streets from HE7 into HE5.	To move electors in Lea Drive, Haigh Court, Brunel Close and Peaks Lane from HE7 into HE5.

Returning Officer Comments

Following the change in polling station from Hainton Inn to Peaks Lane Fire Station for the two elections in May 2019, it would make sense to move electors in Lea Drive, Haigh Court, Brunel Close and Peaks Lane from HE7 into HE5 as their new polling station would be much closer to them. All of the other polling arrangements in Heneage Ward are satisfactory.

PARK WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
PA1	St. James' School, College Street, Grimsby	1,774 (299)	<u>Ward Councillor</u> The disabled access was very difficult due to parked cars. As parking is difficult, I wonder if there is an alternative. <u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> No public parking. Room quite dark and dank and not an inviting space, but staff like it. New room better for staff as away from children and has kitchen facilities.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
PA2	Wellowgate Chapel, corner Abbey Drive East/Wellowgate, Grimsby	1,837 (268)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Difficulty for public parking. A lovely room, bright and welcoming.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
PA3	T.A. Centre, Westward Ho, Grimsby	782 (165)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Huge room. Started to leak when it rained.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.

PA4	St. Augustine's Community Centre, St. Augustine Avenue, Grimsby	1,491 (171)	<p><u>Manager of Facility</u> By next year, hopefully, we will have some renovation completed. This year, we have disabled access/facilities and have cleaned up as much as possible. I don't expect many will notice but we have made an effort.</p> <p><u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> A dreadfully damp room, water running down the walls. Water collection receptacle on the floor. Not a pleasant working environment.</p>	<p>Election Team to speak to management of the facility regarding the proposed changes to this facility.</p> <p>Suggestions for an alternative polling station for this area are welcomed.</p>
PA5	Lisle Marsden CE Primary Academy, Lansdowne Avenue, Grimsby	1,437 (263)	<p><u>Ward Councillor</u> Dogs are banned from the school ground and for some reason dogs are very keen on voting. I have seen this create quite a lot of tension over the years. I wonder if the bowling club on the Barretts might be an option.</p> <p><u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Excellent location and bright spacious room.</p>	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
PA6	Scartho Infants School, Edge Avenue, Grimsby	1,550 (266)	<p><u>Polling Station Inspector</u> Small sized furniture an issue, but facility includes arrangements for disabled parking.</p>	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.

Returning Officer Comments

A number of concerns have been raised about the condition of St Augustine Community Centre during the past couple of years regarding its suitability for electors and staff. It is noted that some further refurbishment work is proposed and the elections team will discuss how these proposed works will improve the facility. However, I welcome suggestions for alternative venues should these discussions not prove satisfactory. The remaining polling arrangements for Park Ward work well and no changes are suggested.

SCARTHO WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
SC1	Portacabin – near Scartho Hall, Matthew Telford Park, Grimsby	2,036 (332)	<p><u>Political Party</u> The new houses in Bluebell Road are in SC3 but the next development (Trefoil Close) is in SC1. The issue with this is the distance that residents in Trefoil Close have to travel to vote. Can they be put into SC3?</p> <p><u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Portacabin is tiny.</p> <p><u>Elections Team Observations</u> Officers agree with comments above about new houses in Bluebell Road, which arose due to the old polling district boundaries. Therefore, suggestion is to move Bellflower Road, Trefoil Close and Rosemallow Close from SC1 into SC3.</p>	To move electors in Bellflower Road, Trefoil Close and Rosemallow Close from SC1 into SC3.
SC2	Scartho Village Community Centre, Waltham Road, Grimsby	946 (154)	<p><u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Polling station feels lost in this huge hall – could a smaller room be used?</p>	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.

SC3	Springfield Primary School, Springwood Crescent, Grimsby	1,902 (353)	<p><u>Political Party</u> The new houses in Bluebell Road are in SC3 but the next development (Trefoil Close) is in SC1. The issue with this is the distance that residents in Trefoil Close have to travel to vote. Can they be put into SC3?</p> <p><u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Location is good with easy parking close by.</p> <p><u>Presiding Officer (23.05.19)</u> A lady from Windermere Avenue complained about distance to the polling station.</p> <p><u>Elections Team Observations</u> Officers agree with comments above about new houses in Bluebell Road, which arose due to the old polling district boundaries. Therefore, suggestion is to move Bellflower Road, Trefoil Close and Rosemallow Close from SC1 into SC3.</p>	To move electors in Bellflower Road, Trefoil Close and Rosemallow Close from SC1 into SC3.
SC4	Fairfield Primary School, Mendip Avenue, Grimsby	1,522 (242)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
SC5	St. Giles Parish Room, Church Lane, Scartho	2,476 (399) Register spilt into 2 polling stations	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
Returning Officer Comments				

The new development on Bellflower Road has resulted in the road being artificially split into two polling districts – SC1 and SC3 – due to historical polling district boundaries based on field boundaries prior to the development taking place. Given the access to the new development being off Springfield Road rather than Matthew Telford Way, it makes sense to relocate Bellflower Road, Trefoil Close and Rosemallow Close from SC1 into SC3. The polling arrangements for the remainder of Scartho Ward are well established and considered satisfactory.

SOUTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
SO1	St. Mark's Centre, Laceby Road, Grimsby	555 (94)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
SO2	Woodlands Primary School, Pinewood Crescent, Grimsby	1,309 (126)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
SO3	Nunsthorpe Community Centre, Sutcliffe Avenue, Grimsby	1,905 (175)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Nice venue for elections.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
SO4	St. Martin's Church, Sutcliffe Avenue, Grimsby	931 (93)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
SO5	Scout Hut, Brocklesby Place, Grimsby	1,090 (155)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.

SO6	Grange Community Centre, Carnforth Crescent, Grimsby	1,568 (192)	<u>Potential Polling Station Venue</u> We would like to offer the use of City Church Community Hall, Chelmsford Avenue (ex St Pius X Church). The polling station is modern build – completely on one level – with disabled facilities, small kitchen and a large car park.	Officers to consider use of St Pius X Church as the polling venue. Views on this suggestion are welcome.
SO7	Grange Community Centre, Carnforth Crescent, Grimsby	1,040 (162)	<u>Potential Polling Station Venue</u> We would like to offer the use of City Church Community Hall, Chelmsford Avenue (ex St Pius X Church). The polling station is modern build – completely on one level – with disabled facilities, small kitchen and a large car park.	Officers to consider use of St Pius X Church as the polling venue. Views on this suggestion are welcome.
Returning Officer Comments				
As part of the review, one of our former polling stations (City Church Community Hall – ex St Pius X church) has approached the authority to confirm that the building is now available for use as a polling station if required (albeit no costs have been provided). Views on this suggestion are welcome. The remainder of the polling arrangements for South Ward work well and no further changes are recommended.				

WEST MARSH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
WM1	Haven Methodist Church, Lord Street, Grimsby	1,915 (205)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Good venue	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
WM2	New Standard Club, Freshney Drive, Grimsby	1,425 (159)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Good venue	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.

WM3	Littlecoates Primary School, Harlow Street, Grimsby	728 (77)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Good venue <u>Elections Team Observations</u> Given location of polling stations, suggestion to move 123 to 141 Boulevard Avenue from WM4 into WM3.	That electors in 123 to 141 Boulevard Avenue be moved from WM4 into WM3.
WM4	St Hugh's Community Centre, Haycroft Street, Grimsby	999 (116)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Good venue <u>Elections Team Observations</u> Given location of polling stations, suggestion to move 123 to 141 Boulevard Avenue from WM4 into WM3.	That electors in 123 to 141 Boulevard Avenue be moved from WM4 into WM3.

Returning Officer Comments

The current polling districts and polling stations are considered satisfactory. However, it is recommended that electors in 123 to 141 Boulevard Avenue be moved from polling district WM4 into WM3 to make the voting arrangements more convenient to those voters. No further changes are recommended to the remainder of West Marsh Ward.

YARBOROUGH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
YA1	Portacabin, Tesco Store, Yarbrough Road, Grimsby	2,149 (263)	<u>Elections Team Observations</u> Alternative polling stations in polling district need to be sought given the size of the electorate using this Portacabin.	Views on a permanent polling station for this area are welcome.
YA2	Riverside Children's Centre, Central Parade, Grimsby	1,336 (184)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.

YA3	Riverside Children's Centre, Central Parade, Grimsby	1,888 (293)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
YA4	Littlecoates Community Centre, St. Michael's Road, Grimsby	1,321 (128)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
YA5	Laceby Acres Primary School, Swiftsure Crescent, Grimsby	1,705 (244)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
YA6	Portacabin, near 485 Laceby Road, Grimsby	368 (60)	No comments received	Views on a permanent polling station for this area are welcome.

Returning Officer Comments

The current polling arrangements in the Yarborough Ward are well established and work well. However, I would welcome views on any alternative polling stations for polling district YA1 and YA6 as Portacabins are not good venues for either electors or staff. No further changes are recommended.

CLEETHORPES PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY

CROFT BAKER WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
CB1A	St Peters Church Hall, St Peter's Avenue, Cleethorpes	708 (76)	<p><u>Elections Team Observations</u> Given the size of the two polling districts and neighbouring localities, suggestion is to merge CB1A and CB1B.</p> <p>Furthermore, the nursing home at Lindsey Hall should be moved from CB1A into CB2 as the polling station is more convenient to voters.</p>	<p>Merge polling district CB1A with CB1B</p> <p>The nursing home at Lindsey Hall should be moved from CB1A into CB2 as the polling station is more convenient to voters.</p>
CB1B	St Peters Church Hall, St Peter's Avenue, Cleethorpes	766 (99)	<p><u>Elections Team Observations</u> Given the size of the two polling districts and neighbouring localities, suggestion is to merge CB1A and CB1B.</p>	<p>Merge polling district CB1A with CB1B</p>
CB2	St. Francis Church Hall, Sandringham Road, Cleethorpes	1,635 (269)	<p><u>Elections Team Observations</u> Polling district CB2 appears too big and can be split down to make it easier for electors to vote closer to their homes. It is proposed that the properties from Lynton Rise/Thoresby Place to Trinity Road be moved from CB2 into CB6.</p> <p>Electors between Davenport Drive and Halton Place along the Sandringham Road polling district boundary should be moved into a new polling district (CB7).</p> <p>Furthermore, the nursing home at Lindsey Hall should be moved from</p>	<p><u>Polling Station</u> Consider using Bursar school as polling station</p> <p><u>Polling District</u> The properties from Lynton Rise/Thoresby Place to Trinity Road are moved from CB2 into CB6.</p> <p>The nursing home at Lindsey Hall should be moved from CB1A into CB2 as the polling station is more convenient to voters.</p> <p>Electors between Davenport Drive and Halton Place (along the Sandringham Road boundary) should be moved into a new</p>

			CB1A into CB2 as the polling station is more convenient to voters.	polling district (CB7), with St Francis Church Hall as the designated polling station.
CB3	Cleethorpes Library, Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes	1,205 (156)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
CB4	Cleethorpes Library, Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes	929 (141)	<p><u>Elections Team Observations</u> There are a number of venues closer to the locality than Cleethorpes library for the polling station.</p> <p>Furthermore, the properties on Trinity Road (CB6) should be moved into CB4.</p>	<p><u>Polling Station</u> Consider using Trin Youth Centre., St Peter's Church Hall or Coronation Church Hall as an alternative to Cleethorpes library as the designated polling station</p> <p><u>Polling District</u> The properties on Trinity Road (CB6) should be moved into CB4.</p>
CB5	St Peter's Christian Centre, Coronation Road, Cleethorpes	1,800 (263)	<p><u>Presiding Officer</u> Small step entering the church – older people struggle stepping over it. Very limited parking.</p>	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
CB6	Communal Room, Solomon Court, Cleethorpes	1,158 (228)	<p><u>Presiding Officer</u> Lovely, warm venue. Good facilities.</p> <p><u>Elections Team Observations</u> Polling district CB2 appears too big. It is proposed that the properties from Lynton Rise to Trinity Road be moved from CB2 into CB6. Furthermore, the properties on Trinity Road (CB6) should be moved into CB4.</p>	<p>The properties from Lynton Rise/Thoresby Place to Trinity Road are moved from CB2 into CB6.</p> <p>The properties on Trinity Road (CB6) should be moved into CB4.</p>
Returning Officer Comments				

It is proposed to make some major changes to the polling districts in Croft Baker Ward to make the polling stations more convenient for electors and also the administration of elections easier. It is proposed to combine polling districts CB1A and CB1B. No significant development is proposed in these areas and combining these polling districts would save money at elections. Polling district CB2 will be split into four – with two parts be added to existing polling districts and a new polling district being created. This will make it more convenient for electors in those areas to vote. Views on potential polling stations for CB4 are most welcome as there are a few options available. Views on the proposed changes to all of the polling districts would be appreciated.

HAVERSTOE WARD

General Comment

Ward Councillor

I did look at the stations and also asked a few residents for views. The present set up does the job pretty well. No other permanent structures seem to be available in the Ward so I am happy with what we have.

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
HA1	Middlethorpe Primary Academy, Highthorpe Crescent, Cleethorpes	1,208 (205)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Spacious accommodation. Good facilities and disabled access ok.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
HA2	Signhills Academy, Hardys Road, Cleethorpes	786 (133)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Good wheelchair access but slope to door caused a few problems to older voters. Hand rail may help.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
HA3	Signhills Academy, Hardys Road, Cleethorpes	1,161 (222)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Good wheelchair access but slope to door caused a few problems to older voters. Hand rail may help.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
HA4	Portacabin, grassed area Links Road/Reston Court, Cleethorpes	1,309 (156)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Disabled access ok but little room to manoeuvre in the polling station.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
HA5	Annie Chapple Centre, Aspen Court, Cleethorpes	1,746 (281)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Excellent polling station facilities throughout. Good disabled access.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.

HA6	Portacabin, The Trawlerman car park, North Sea Lane, Cleethorpes	1,845 (254)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Restricted disabled access	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
Returning Officer Comments				
It is felt that the current polling arrangements in Haverstoe Ward work well and no changes are recommended, unless an alternative polling station for HA6 can be found as Portacabins are not good venues for either electors or staff.				

HUMBERSTON & NEW WALTHAM WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
HU1	The Countryman, Fieldhouse Road, Humberston	1,787 (245)	<u>Parish Council</u> The parish council is more than happy with the arrangements currently in place at Humberston which are thought to be sufficient and accessible for all. <u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Good all round facilities – excellent disabled access	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.

HU2	Portacabin, corner Grimsby Road/Church Avenue, Humberston	869 (164)	<p><u>Ward Councillor</u> All of the polling stations seem to be active with the exception of North Sea Lane Portacabin which as usual seems quiet. However, cannot think of a ready alternative other than diverting the catchment for this to Countryman or Gingerbread House (which is probably too far away).</p> <p><u>Parish Council</u> The parish council is more than happy with the arrangements currently in place at Humberston which are thought to be sufficient and accessible for all.</p> <p><u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Very tight for space. Disabled ramp ok but limited room in cabin.</p>	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
HU3	The Gingerbread House, Church Lane, Humberston	1,906 (306)	<p><u>Parish Council</u> The parish council is more than happy with the arrangements currently in place at Humberston which are thought to be sufficient and accessible for all.</p> <p><u>Polling Station Inspector</u> Excellent accommodation. However, awkward access for wheelchairs due to narrow sliding door and location of bookshelves outside room used for polling station.</p> <p><u>Elections Team Observations</u> Number of electors in polling district is growing and considerable development is proposed in future. This polling district will need to split at some point. This can be done alphabetically.</p>	To permit the Returning Officer to split the register alphabetically into two polling districts in the next few years when required.

HU4	New Waltham Village Hall, Station Road, New Waltham	1,977 (298)	<p><u>Polling Station Inspector</u> Disabled ramp (concrete) – too steep. General other facilities excellent.</p> <p><u>Elections Team Observations</u> Number of electors in polling district is growing and considerable development is proposed in future. It is proposed that a new polling district (HU6) is created for the area of New Waltham south of Station Road (incorporating electors from HU4 and HU5).</p>	That a new polling district (HU6) is created for the area of New Waltham south of Station Road (incorporating electors from HU4 and HU5).
HU5	New Waltham Village Hall, Station Road, New Waltham	2,143 (288)	<p><u>Polling Station Inspector</u> Disabled ramp (concrete) – too steep. General other facilities excellent.</p> <p><u>Presiding Officer</u> The ramp is steep for wheelchairs.</p> <p><u>Elections Team Observations</u> Number of electors in polling district is growing and considerable development is proposed in future. It is proposed that a new polling district (HU6) is created for the area of New Waltham south of Station Road (incorporating electors from HU4 and HU5)</p>	That a new polling district (HU6) is created for the area of New Waltham south of Station Road (incorporating electors from HU4 and HU5).
Returning Officer Comments				
<p>The electorate within New Waltham is increasing, with a large amount of development proposed over the next few years. It is proposed to create a new polling district incorporating parts of HU4 and HU5, with the split made south of Station Road. For polling district, HU3, it will be necessary to create a new polling district at some point as development increases. This will be an alphabetical polling district split. I would also welcome suggestions to replace the Portacabin at HU2 with a more permanent building.</p>				

IMMINGHAM WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
IM1	Habrough Village Hall, Station Road, Habrough	507 (106)	<u>Polling Station Inspector</u> Some reports are tarmac to side of ramp slippery [during rain].	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
IM2	Stallingborough Village Hall, Station Road, Stallingborough	1,067 (123)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
IM3	Bluestone Inn, Bluestone Lane, Immingham	2,026 (303)	<u>Elections Team Observations</u> Number of electors in polling district is growing and considerable development is proposed in future. This polling district will need to split at some point. This can be done alphabetically.	To permit the Returning Officer to split the register alphabetically into two polling districts in the next few years when required.
IM4	Kesteven Lounge, Immingham Civic Centre, Pelham Road, Immingham	914 (126)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
IM5	Trinity Methodist Church, corner Margaret St/Pelham Rd, Immingham	1,128 (173)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
IM6	Bert Boyden Centre, Carver Road, Immingham	1,534 (138)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
IM7	Portacabin, Co-op car park, Washdyke Lane, Immingham	1,116 (167)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
Returning Officer Comments				
The current polling arrangements in Immingham Ward work well and are considered satisfactory. It will be necessary to alphabetically split polling district IM3 at some point as new development is constructed.				

SIDNEY SUSSEX WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
SS1	Queen Mary Avenue Infant & Nursey School, Queen Mary Avenue, Cleethorpes	1,974 (238)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Gate in operation at playtime (off-putting)	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
SS2	St. Aidan's Community Centre, Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes	1,112 (106)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Lighting ok, not great. <u>Presiding Officer</u> Lighting not existent in hallway of polling station.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
SS3	St. Aidan's Community Centre, Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes	1,214 (124)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Lighting ok, not great. <u>Presiding Officer</u> Not good lighting in places but in all, a good venue.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
SS4	Corpus Christi Community Centre, Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes	1,036 (138)	<u>Ward Councillor</u> You might like to consider using Sussex Pavilion as a polling station. Facilities are good and there is a stair lift if required.	Officers to investigate the potential use of Sussex Pavilion as an alternative polling station.
SS5	Corpus Christi Community Centre, Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes	674 (68)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
SS6	Memorial Hall, (Clee Road entrance), Cleethorpes	657 (80)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.

SS7	St. Aidan's Community Centre, Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes	940 (99)	<u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Lighting ok, not great.	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
Returning Officer Comments				
The current polling arrangements in Sidney Sussex Ward work well and are considered satisfactory.				

WALTHAM WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
WA1	Church Hall, Main Road, Ashby cum Fenby	193 (28)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
WA2	Brigsley Village Hall, St. Helen's Crescent, Brigsley	290 (57)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
WA3	All Saints Church Hall, Waltham	1,230 (224)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
WA4	All Saints Church Hall, Waltham	1,229 (160)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
WA5	Ross Hall, Barnoldby Road, Waltham	929 (134)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
WA6	Ross Hall, Barnoldby Road, Waltham	1,704 (243)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
Returning Officer Comments				
The current polling arrangements in Waltham Ward work well and are considered satisfactory.				

WOLDS WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate at 16.05.2019 (Postal Voters)	Comments Received	Proposed Changes to Current Arrangements
WO1	Meeting Room, The Stables, Manor Farm, Aylesby	119 (6)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
WO2	St. Helen's Church, Church Lane, Barnoldby-le-Beck	260 (41)	<p><u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Staff struggled to park initially and did not like the venue due to cleanliness issues.</p> <p><u>Presiding Officer (02.05.19)</u> Facilities are very basic. Kitchen area unsatisfactory – unclean, cobwebs, not very pleasant. Parking can be an issue. Maybe there is a room at The Ship that may be a more suitable venue.</p> <p><u>Presiding Officer (23.05.19)</u> Church very cold. Kitchen facilities very limited and very dirty. Could alternative premises be considered for this Ward? The Ship Inn a possibility (landlady keen to accommodate).</p>	<p><u>Polling Station</u> Consider using The Ship as a polling station. Views on this suggestion are welcome.</p>
WO3	Farm Office, Beelsby House Farm, Beelsby	80 (8)	<p><u>Polling Station Inspector</u> No issues with polling station. It is a Portacabin but permanent and quite large. It does have steps.</p>	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
WO4	Bradley Football Development Centre, Bradley Road, Grimsby	126 (21)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.

WO5	East Ravensdale CE Primary Academy, East Ravensdale	92 (14)	<p><u>Polling Station Inspector (02.05.19)</u> Venue in school not ideal. Separate room needed.</p> <p><u>Presiding Officer (23.05.19)</u> Enjoyed another good day at this lovely location. Change of room to classroom at front of school did make day much easier for us this time.</p>	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
WO6	The Orchards, Main Road, Hatcliffe	77 (5)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
WO7	Healing Methodist Church, Station Road, Healing	2,253 (327)	Number of electors in polling district is growing and considerable development is proposed in future. This polling district will need to split at some point. This can be done alphabetically.	To permit the Returning Officer to split the register alphabetically into two polling districts in the next few years when required.
WO8	Irby Church Hall, School Lane, Irby upon Humber	116 (17)	<p><u>Polling Station Inspector</u> The floor has a slope but venue can be set up to accommodate this.</p>	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
WO9	Laceby Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby	2,469 (298) Register spilt into 2 stations	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.
WO10	Wold Newton Village Hall, Main Road, Wold Newton	63 (7)	No comments received	No changes are proposed, but any further comments on the current arrangements are welcome.

Returning Officer Comments

The current polling arrangements in Wolds Ward work well and are considered satisfactory. Officers will investigate the suggestion to use The Ship as an alternative polling station in WO2. It will also be necessary to alphabetically split polling district WO7 at some point as new development is constructed.