

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in Dover District

No.	Individual/Public Body making representations	Area	Representation	Officer Response
1	Individual resident in Capel-le-Ferne	Capel-le-Ferne	Are there sufficient voters in Capel le Ferne to warrant a second polling station at the church hall in Albany Road, to cater for those living on the sea-side of the New Dover Road	Capel-le-Ferne Ward currently has two Parishes with a Polling District for each. PCF has 1634 electors for Capel-le-Ferne with 395 electors in PHM for West Hougham. 1634 electors does not warrant two Polling Districts.
2	Linda Keen Clerk Aylesham Parish Council	Eythorne	Aylesham PC wants another polling station at Elvington - perhaps the Community Centre - because it is too far up and down hills to the one in Eythorne.	Aylesham Parish Council are requesting consideration of an additional Polling District and Polling Station for Elvington that forms part of the Parish of Eythorne. The Parish of Eythorne is warded with a Parish Ward for Eythorne (1896 electors) and a Parish Ward for Barfrestone (43 electors). Unfortunately it has proved necessary for both Wards to be allocated the same Polling Station at The Resource Centre in Eythorne. The electors in Barfrestone have further to travel to the Polling Station than those in Elvington.
3	Mary Shaw Clerk to Sholden Parish Council	Sholden	Sholden Parish includes residents who live in the Golf Road / Greenacres / Chequers Inn area. Currently they have a long distance to travel in order to cast their votes. The polling station for Sholden is located in Sholden village at Scout HQ in The Street. Therefore, in order to allow these residents local access to a polling station, members suggest use of The Golf Road Centre as a polling station for 2 districts (North Deal and Sholden). Residents from this outlying part of Sholden Parish are more likely use their democratic right if they had access to a nearby polling station. Furthermore, it would make more sense to include	It is appreciated that this Parish and therefore Polling District is elongated. There are currently 930 electors served by this Polling Station. It would not be practical to have one Polling Station serving two different electoral areas. This would cause confusion for the electorate and would cause delays at the Polling Station.

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			this part of Sholden parish into North Deal when the review of internal county boundaries is carried out later this year.	
4	Age UK DOVER	Castle Ward	Would like to offer the use of The Riverside Centre as use as a Polling Station in the future. The Riverside Centre has been used for this purpose in the past.	The Returning Officer welcomes the offer of the use of Age Concern as a Polling Station. This venue has been used in the past however, the existing venue is more suitable in terms of size. In the event that the current venue becomes unavailable then this venue would receive positive consideration.
5	Acting Returning Officer, Thanet District Council	Areas that fall within the South Thanet Parliamentary constituency	Whilst our Acting Returning Officer clearly has an interest in their disposition in so far as part of these areas fall within the Thanet South Parliamentary constituency, we are aware of no significant concerns on this matter arising from the 2010 Parliamentary election and thus do not feel that we would be in a better position than your Acting Returning Officer to assess their suitability in practice.	It is noted that the Acting Returning Officer is satisfied that the existing Polling District scheme has proved successful and that Polling Stations have been able to be allocated on that basis.
6	Wingham Parish Council	Wingham	<p>Thank you for your letter of 6 August enclosing the public notice of the Review of Polling Districts which has been shared with Wingham Parish Councillors.</p> <p>The Miles Room of Wingham Village Hall is currently used as the polling station for our parish which the council consider to be the only appropriate facility in the village and can suggest no alternative at this time. The Miles Room is accessible to all electors, including the disabled and has ample parking.</p>	No change to existing arrangements requested.
7	Lisa Jones Clerk to Ash Parish Council	Ash	I refer to the Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places and the	The Returning Officer welcomes the suggestion of an alternative venue for use

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			<p>request for feedback by 09 September 2014.</p> <p>Council considers there may be an alternative venue available in Ash village, as a backup for the Ash Village Hall which is the usual and preferred venue for elections.</p> <p>The United Reform Church hall in The Street, Ash is the possible alternative. It offers a double door entry which opens fully, has a removable ramp for wheelchairs to ascend the one step into the Hall, has vehicle access (though tight) off The Street to allow disabled users to more readily gain access to the Hall, has toilets and a kitchen where water is available. Parking would be limited to on street opportunity in The Street and the DDC carpark in the retail centre of the village which is a short walk away from the URC hall.</p> <p>The use of the Hall is subject to it being consistent with the values of the Church (which for example excludes events where alcohol might otherwise be present).</p>	<p>as a Polling Station in the event that the current venue becomes unavailable.</p>
8	Acting Returning Officer, Dover District Council	Dover District Council area	<p>The existing Polling Districts have proved successful and I will not therefore be submitting any recommendations for changes. Where alternative Polling Stations have been suggested by consultees consideration will be given to those venues and a primary or secondary location.</p>	<p>It is noted that the Acting Returning Officer is satisfied that the existing Polling District scheme has proved successful and that Polling Stations have been able to be allocated on that basis.</p>