

**Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in Dover District 2018
Responses Received by 5 December 2018**

No.	Individual/ Public Body making representations	Area	Representation	Response	Third Party Responses
1	(Acting) Returning Officer (Dover District)	Buckland District Ward Whitfield District Ward Maxton and Elms Vale District Ward Town and Castle District Ward St Radigund's District Ward Tower Hamlets District Ward Eastry Rural District Ward Middle Deal District Ward	<p>In response to your letter dated 15 October 2018, I would request that the following changes be considered as part of the Polling District Review. The majority of the proposed changes are to keep in line with the recently completed Local Government Boundary Review and the maps for the proposed polling districts can be viewed online at https://www.dover.gov.uk/Council--Democracy/Elections/Proposed-Polling-Districts.pdf</p> <p>In the event that the changes take place, I propose to use the indicated Polling Stations.</p> <p><u>Buckland District Ward and Whitfield District Ward</u></p> <p><u>Proposed Change</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Creation of a new Polling District to cover the Rokesley area of Buckland. 2) Amendment of boundary to Buckland South. 3) To amend the current polling districts for Whitfield to divide North and South rather than East and West. 		

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		<p>North Deal District Ward</p> <p>Sandwich District Ward</p>	<p><u>Rationale behind proposal</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has moved the Rokesley area from Buckland District Ward into Whitfield District Ward. It will remain in Buckland Town Ward for town council elections. 2) The LGBCE review amended the boundary to include part of St Radigund's East Polling District. 3) Currently over 800 electors have to cross the A2 in order to vote. By amending the polling districts to divide North & South instead of East and West we can place a new polling station on the South side of the A2 which could serve both the Rokesley area and Whitfield South. This also allows for expected future growth of the electorate in Whitfield North which would continue to use the current polling station at Whitfield Village Hall. <p><u>Proposed Polling Stations</u> Christchurch Academy, Melbourne Avenue for Rokesley and Whitfield South Whitfield Village Hall for Whitfield North</p> <p><u>Maxton and Elms Vale District Ward and Town and Castle District Ward</u></p> <p><u>Proposed change</u> Priory Polling District has amended boundaries and</p>		<p>Peter Jull District Councillor (St Margaret's-at-Cliffe):</p> <p>Unless space can be found within Christchurch Academy for a polling station without disrupting school activities, DDC offices would seem a preferable option</p>

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			<p>is now included in Town and Castle District Ward. Maxton & Elms Vale also has its shared boundaries with Tower Hamlets and Priory amended.</p> <p><u>Rationale behind proposal</u> In line with the LGBCE Boundary Review changes.</p> <p><u>Proposed Polling Stations</u></p> <p>No change to current polling stations used for these areas.</p> <p><u>St Radigund's District Ward</u></p> <p><u>Proposed Change</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Amendment of boundary to St Radigund's East Polling District. 2) Creation of new polling district to cover part of Tower Hamlet's District Ward which has been moved into St Radigund's District Ward. <p><u>Rationale behind proposals</u> In line with the LGBCE Boundary Review changes.</p> <p><u>Proposed Polling Stations</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Barton CP School, Barton Road, with Dover Working Man's Club as an alternative during school renovations 2) Baptist Church, Maison Dieu Road 		

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			<p><u>Tower Hamlet's District Ward</u></p> <p><u>Proposed Change</u> Change of the boundary of Tower Hamlets West to include part of the Tower Hamlets East District. We propose splitting this new larger Polling District in two, with the top part of the polling district voting at The Ark and the bottom part of the polling district voting in Curzon Hall. The proposed split can be viewed at www.dover.gov.uk/Council--Democracy/Elections/BTH1-and-BTH2-Tower-Hamlets-West-and-Tower-Hamlets-East.pdf</p> <p><u>Rationale behind proposal</u> In line with LG BCE Boundary Review changes and the topography of the area.. The increased electorate means that two polling stations are required and Curzon Hall is not large enough to accommodate both stations.</p> <p><u>Proposed Polling Stations</u> Curzon Hall, Curzon Road The Ark, Noah's Ark Road</p> <p><u>Eastry Rural District Ward</u></p> <p><u>Proposed Change</u> 1) To split Sholden Parish into 3 new Polling Districts, one of which will vote in Sholden Parish and Eastry Rural District Ward. 2) To split Worth into 2 new Polling Districts, one of</p>		<p>Peter Jull District Councillor (St Margaret's-at-Cliffe):</p> <p>With Curzon Hall and The Ark only being 350 yards apart and even after enlargement Tower Hamlets not being the largest polling district I don't see a justification for 2 polling stations.</p>

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			<p>which will vote in Worth Parish and Eastry Rural District Ward.</p> <p><u>Rationale behind proposal</u> In line with LGBCE Boundary Review changes</p> <p><u>Proposed Polling Stations</u> 1) Scout HQ, The Street, Sholden 2) Worth Parish Hall, The Street, Worth</p> <p><u>Middle Deal District Ward</u></p> <p><u>Proposed Change</u> To split Sholden Parish into 3 new Polling Districts, one of which will vote in Sholden Parish and Middle Deal District Ward.</p> <p><u>Rationale behind proposal</u> In line with the LGBCE Boundary Review changes</p> <p><u>Proposed Polling Stations</u> As there is no potential polling station in this new polling district, a second polling station will be added to the station currently allocated to another Middle Deal Polling District, Warden House Primary School, Birdwood Avenue.</p> <p><u>North Deal District Ward</u></p> <p><u>Proposed Change</u> 1) Amendment of boundaries to the Polling District of Walmer, Gladstone Ward which falls within</p>		

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			<p><u>Rationale behind proposal</u> In line with the LGBCE Boundary Review changes.</p> <p><u>Proposed Polling Stations</u> As there are no suitable polling stations within the polling district, the best option is a joint polling station with Sandwich North Polling District at the Guildhall, Cattle Market, Sandwich.</p>		
2	Resident	Aylesham	I see you doing a review of polling stations? Can you tell me why the people of Aylesham have to endure candidates and their supporters on the polling station premises?	<p>This is not a matter for a polling district/stations review.</p> <p>Candidates, agents and tellers are only allowed inside of the polling station (the room in which the voting takes place) to cast their own vote if they appear on the Register of Electors there. They are however, entitled to stand outside of the polling station.</p>	
3	Resident	Alkham Parish	Keeping Alkham Village Hall is good for democracy in Alkham. Thank you.	The Returning Officer is not proposing any change in Alkham	

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4	Resident	North Deal District Ward	<p>In your consultation following the boundary review I would propose. North Deal Canute Road area needs a polling booth even in a temporary space as it is too far for the new Sholden residents on Sandwich Bay to access Golf Rd Centre. I hope this will be taken into consideration</p>	<p>The proposed polling station of the Golf Road Centre is actually closer to the residents of Tenant's Hill than their original polling station at the Scout HQ in Sholden.</p>	
5	Bill Gardner: District Councillor (North Deal)	North Deal District Ward	<p>Can I suggest that we have a mobile polling station up the North End to serve the area of Sholden that is now for the DDC elections part of the North Deal ward and also to serve part of the current area of North Deal. I know it will mean that this polling station will be covering two parish town elections but it will be the same district election.</p> <p>Also the Gladstone Ward of Walmer that has been put into North Deal for the district election, can they vote in the Scout Hut on the Seafront near the paddling pool?</p>	<p>As stated in the Returning Officer's representation in this review, it makes sense to use the already established polling station at the Golf Road Centre for the electorate based in the new Parish Ward of Tenant's Hill. The facilities and access at the Golf Road Centre are excellent for use as a polling station and the same cannot be said for a temporary polling station.</p> <p>The cost of siting a temporary polling station is actually more than the total cost of hiring every polling station that we currently already use in the polling districts in Deal and Walmer.</p>	

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				The Returning Officer has already proposed the use of the Sea Scout Hall on Marine Road as a polling station for Gladstone Ward.	
6	Sholden Parish Council	Sholden Parish North Deal District Ward Middle Deal District Ward, Eastry Rural District Ward	<p>Sholden Parish Council discussed this review (your notice of 15 October refers) at its meeting on 29 October.</p> <p>Ideally (and as implied in the notice of 15 October) both the Hyton Ward residents and the Tenant's Hill Ward residents should be able to vote in their own electoral wards. However, in the event that polling places cannot be found with these two wards, Sholden Parish Council recommends that:-</p> <p>(i) Hyton Ward residents be allowed to vote at Warden House School</p> <p>(ii) Tenant's Hill Ward residents be allowed to vote at the Golf Road community centre.</p> <p>The Sholden Ward is ideally covered by having the Scout HQ as it polling place.</p>	The Returning Officer agrees that these are the logical choices for polling stations as there are no suitable polling stations already in the Tenants Hill and Hyton Wards. (See Representation 1)	
7	Linda Keen District Councillor (Aylesham)	Eythorne & Shepherdswell District Ward	The only polling station at Eythorne is too far from Elvington for easy access for those residents without their own cars - down and up a long steep hill.	The Returning Officer is not responsible for amending polling district boundaries; that responsibility rests with	

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			<p>There should be an additional polling district with a polling station installed at the community hall in Elvington, which is ideally located for this purpose.</p>	<p>Dover District Council. However, the Community Centre is well placed to serve Elvington and has appropriate facilities and access. It would make a suitable polling station.</p>	
8	Hougham Without Parish Council	Hougham Without Parish	<p>On behalf of Hougham Without Parish Council - this council notes that it's Polling District does not change in this review and can only comment regarding the question of any possible alternative polling station locations in the parish.</p> <p>In the parish council's opinion, apart from Hougham Parish Hall in West Hougham, there is no other suitable alternative site for a polling station within our parish boundary.</p>	<p>The Returning Officer is not proposing any change in Hougham Without.</p>	
9	Wingham Parish Council	Wingham Parish	<p>I can confirm that Wingham uses the Miles Room at Wingham Village Hall as its polling station. This room meets the requirements with easy access and parking for all and WC facilities for staff and visitors.</p> <p>There are disabled parking bays and a ramp from the car park up to the entry door for the hall. There are no other suitable premises in the village which could be used for this purpose</p>	<p>The Returning Officer is not proposing any change in Wingham.</p>	

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10	Peter Jull District Councillor (St Margaret's- at-Cliffe)	Middle Deal District Ward Mill Hill District Ward North Deal District Ward St Radigund's District Ward	<p>To remove the confusion of neighbours on opposite sides of a road being directed to different polling stations and to remove some minor anomalies the following amendments to the proposed polling districts should be made:</p> <p>Both sides of St. Leonard's Road to be in AMD2 Middle Deal, Park</p> <p>Both sides of Pilots Avenue to be in AMH1 Mill Hill, South</p> <p>Both sides of Redsull Avenue to be in AMH3, Mill Hill, West</p> <p>Goodwin Close to be in AMH3 Mill Hill, West</p> <p>Both sides of Mill Hill above it's junction with Redsull Avenue to be in AMH3 Mill Hill, West</p> <p>Both sides of Harold Road to be AN1 North Deal, Sandown</p> <p>St. David's Road to be in AN2 North Deal, St. Andrew's</p> <p>Century Walk to be in AN2 North Deal, St. Andrew's</p> <p>Both sides of Beaconsfield Road and Beaconsfield Avenue to be in BR2 St. Radigund's East</p>	<p>The placing of polling district boundaries is decided by the Council.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that boundary lines traditionally run down the middle of roads in most areas as there is a legal presumption that a house boundary runs to the centre of the road it abuts. Roads are less likely to change than house boundaries at the rear of a property and so a boundary down the middle of the road is usually preferable.</p> <p>To prevent any confusion for the electorate, poll cards are sent out prior to an election to ensure voters are aware of the location of their polling stations. The Notice of Poll lists the relevant polling stations to be used and polling station details are also available on the DDC website during an election period. Following</p>	

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				the conclusion of this review and the republishing of the Register of Electors, we will be writing to all electors who have been allocated to a different polling station to advise them of the change of venue.	
11	Peter Wallace District Councillor (Maxton, Elms Vale and Priory)	Maxton & Elms Vale District Ward & Town and Castle District Ward	As one of the ward councillors for Maxton and Town & Castle wards I have looked at the proposed list of polling districts and polling stations for the two wards. The polling stations are centrally located, in good locations and will encourage people to vote as they are within walking distance of most houses in the wards. I don't believe there are better alternatives and removing any station would only be a disadvantage to voters. I recommend adopting the councils proposed polling districts and polling stations for the two wards.	The Returning Officer is not proposing any change of polling stations in the Maxton & Elms Vale or the Town & Castle District Wards.	
12	Acting Returning Officer (South Thanet Constituency)	Little Stour and Ashstone District Ward Sandwich District Ward	We have no comments to make		

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13	Pam Brivio District Councillor (Tower Hamlets)	Tower Hamlets District Ward	<p>As a ward councillor who has represented Tower Hamlets since 2011 and who has lived and voted in this ward since 1984, I would like to make the following comments:</p> <p>The new ward of Tower Hamlets is 2713 – this comprises what was BH1 and part of what was BH2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curzon Hall to remain a polling station for the main part of the ward which will comprise approximately 2255 electors (previously BH1) but would like to make comment under point 2. 2. However, due to the topography of the top part of the ward (Anselm road, Harbour View Road, Hamilton Road, Chamberlain Road, Northbourne Avenue, Noahs Ark Road/Edred Road, including High Meadow flats, Noaks Ark Terrace etc.) I would like to make a suggestion for another polling station in this area (e.g. The Ark). Approximately 649 voters. 3. Although this would reduce the numbers voting at Curzon Hall, I note that other Polling Districts, e.g. town and Castle, have as many as four polling stations for an electorate of 5339 voters (two member of ward). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Returning Officer has proposed a new polling district scheme which allows for the use of Curzon Hall and The Ark as polling stations for the Tower Hamlets District Ward. (See Representation 1 – Tower Hamlets District Ward) 2. See the answer to 1 3. Polling stations must be allocated within the polling district unless there is no suitable building available. The distribution of polling stations in Town & Castle District Ward is due to the shape of the Ward and there being four polling districts that make up the area. There is one polling station in each of the polling districts. 4. When there is a suitable polling station within the 	

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			<p>4. Possibility of residents (from what was originally BH2 who continue to be in the ward of Tower Hamlets) being able to use a shared polling station at Salem Baptist Church. This is the polling stations where residents have traditionally voted.</p> <p>5. The remainder of what was BH2 now forms part of St Radigunds and the proposal for these electors to continue to use Salem Baptist seems correct. But I think a shared polling station for those remaining in Tower hamlets as referred to 4 in would be a sensible suggestion.</p>	<p>polling district, there is no provision to allow us to send electors to a polling station situated within a different district ward in order to vote. Even if the area became a polling district in its own right, as there is no suitable polling station within the area, the electors would be sent to a suitable polling station within their own district ward, rather than a neighbouring district ward.</p> <p>5. The Returning Officer has already proposed the Baptist Church on Maison Dieu Road remain the polling station for the residents of Tower Hamlets Ward that are being moved to St Radigund's District Ward.</p>	

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14	Pam Brivio District Councillor (Tower Hamlets)	Tower Hamlets District Ward	<p>Further to the submission I made yesterday regarding polling stations in Tower Hamlets (retention of Curzon Hall as is very central to the ward and possibility of additional polling station for top part of ward due to topography of area) plus possibility of those in what was BH2 and who are to remain in Tower Hamlets voting at Salem Baptist Hall, on a shared polling station basis.</p> <p>When calculating the numbers for the arguments I was putting forward, I could not understand why they totaled in excess of 2713 (as shown on the spread sheet of polling stations etc. I then realized that the numbers that were used by the Labour Group for the submission to the Boundary Commission for justification of a one member ward came to 2933; the Boundary Commission accepted the argument for a one member ward for Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>And according to the map of the new ward the boundary is practically identical to the proposals submitted (apart from a small part that goes into Ladywell).</p> <p>It may be that the current figures for the ward are now less?</p>	See response to Representation 13	
15	Bill Gardner (Leader of DDC Labour Group)	Sandwich District Ward	Labour Party submission for polling stations for next years election. This is for the area of Sandwich, Deal, Walmer,	See response to Representation 5 regarding North Deal District Ward,	

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		<p>Walmer District Ward</p> <p>Guston, Kingsdown and St Margaret's-at-Cliffe District Ward</p> <p>Mill Hill District Ward</p> <p>Middle Deal District Ward</p> <p>North Deal District Ward</p>	<p>Kingsdown and St Margaret's.</p> <p>Our party is willing to accept the officers report for the following wards.</p> <p>Sandwich, Walmer, St Margaret's and Kingsdown.</p> <p>Mill Hill, Middle Deal</p> <p>But we wish to suggest the following for North Deal</p> <p>We accept the two polling districts that poll at the Landmark and the Baptist Church in Victoria Rd, but we would like to see a mobile polling station at the very end of North Deal in say Canute Rd to service the area of Sholden that has been added to North Deal, and some of the houses nearby to the polling station that would have voted at Golf Rd.</p> <p>And for the area of Gladstone Ward we would recommend the Scout Hut on the sea front near the paddling pool.</p> <p>Bill Gardner. Leader of the Labour Group DDC.</p> <p>Just as a note, Cllr Pam Brivio will be sending in a submission for her ward that is supported by the group.</p>	<p>the Sholden Parish Ward of Tenant's Hill and the Walmer Parish Ward of Gladstone.</p>	