

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES IN THE DISTRICT OF WYRE FOREST

Executive Summary

This consultation paper sets out proposals for some changes to the pattern of polling districts and polling places in the district of Wyre Forest for use at the elections in May 2015 onwards, which is when the new electoral boundaries will come into force. Any elections before that date will be administered in accordance with the current electoral boundaries.

A summary of the proposals is detailed in the chart below, and is based on the new electoral boundaries. However, the full proposals in **Appendix A** reflect the current electoral ward boundaries too, as those are the ones in force at the time of this review. A copy of the maps can be accessed from www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/pollingreview. Your responses are sought by **5pm on Monday 17 November 2014** – the details of where to send your comments are in paragraph 21.

Summary of Proposals

Name of New Ward	Proposed New Polling District(s)	Current Polling District(s) (# - split polling district)	Electorate Number September 2014	Proposed Polling Place
Aggborough & Spennells	AS-1	AG-A# GR-E#	224 706	Kidderminster Harriers Social Club , Stadium Close, Hoo Road, Kidderminster
	AS-2	OF-C#	1,280	
	AS-3	GR-D1# GR-C1	222 710	Total 3,142
	AS-4	AG-B	3,779	Heronswood Primary School , Heronswood Road, Kidderminster
Areley Kings & Riverside	AKR-AKE1 (Areley Kings East)	AK-A	567	Areley Kings Village Hall , Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn
	AKR-AKE2 (Areley Kings East)	AK-B	2,008	Either Walshes Community Centre , Linden Avenue, Stourport-on-Severn Or Areley Kings Village Hall , Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn
	AKR-AKW (Areley Kings West)	AK-C	2,154	Areley Kings Village Hall , Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn
	AKR-SC (Stourport-on-Severn - Central)	LI-A# MI-D# MI-A#	183 1,366 429	Stourport Workmen's Club , Lickhill Road Stourport-on-Severn
				Total 1,978

Name of New Ward	Proposed New Polling District(s)	Current Polling District(s)	Electorate Number September 2014	Proposed Polling Place
Bewdley & Rock	BR-BE (Bewdley East)	BE-A	2,218	St George's Hall , Load Street, Bewdley
	BR-BR (Bewdley Ribbesford)	BE-C	282	
	BR-UAP (Upper Arley – Pound Green)	BE-E	208	Total 2,708
	BR-BW (Bewdley West)	BE-B	2,207	St Anne's CE Primary School , Wyre Hill, Bewdley
	BR – RO (Rock Parish)	RO-A RO-B RO-C	447 1,104 447	Far Forest Society Pavilion , Callow Hill, Rock Kidderminster Total 1,998
Blakebrook & Habberley South	BHS-1	SP-A1	1,105	Evangelical Church , Greatfield Road, Kidderminster Total 3,767
	BHS-2	SP-A2	299	
	BHS-3	SP-B1# SP-C1#	1,768 3	
	BHS-4	SP-B2	592	
	BHS-5	GR-B	183	Gainsborough House Hotel , Bewdley Road, Kidderminster Total 3,186 *Or Habberley Church Hall , Habberley, Kidderminster
	BHS-6	HA-A2 HA-C HA-B2*	878 1,580 545*	
Broadwaters	BR-1	BR-A	1,417	Trinity Methodist Church , Churchfields, Kidderminster Total 3,320
	BR-2	BR-D GR-A1#	1,353 550	
	BR-3	BR-B	1,526	Either St Oswald's School (Social Care), Sion Avenue, Kidderminster Or St Oswald's Church Centre , Broadwaters Drive, Kidderminster
	BR-4	BR-C GR-A1#	1,793 19	St Oswald's Church Centre , Broadwaters Drive, Kidderminster Total 1,812

Name of New Ward	Proposed New Polling District(s)	Current Polling District(s)	Electorate Number September 2014	Proposed Polling Place
Foley Park & Hoobrook	FPH-1	OL-A1	1,270	Either The Y Centre , (Rifle Range Community Centre), Dowles Road, Kidderminster <u>Or</u> Holy Innocents Community Hall , Sutton Park Road, Kidderminster
	FPH-2	OL-A2	884	Holy Innocents Community Hall , Sutton Park Road, Kidderminster Total 2,874
	FPH-3	SP-B1# SP-C1#	4 1,716	
	FPH-4	SP-C2	270	
	FPH-5	OL-B	1,571	St Peter's Church Hall , Birchen Coppice, Kidderminster
	FPH-6	AG-A# GR-E#	1,267 130	1st Kidderminster Sea Scout Group Hut , Hoo Road, Kidderminster Total 1,397
Franche & Habberley North	FHN-1	FR-A	1,774	Franche Community Church , Chestnut Grove, Kidderminster
	FHN-2	FR-B	1,327	St Barnabas Community Hall , Wolverley Road, Kidderminster
	FHN-3	FR-C HA-A1 HA-B1 *	2,544 1,041 1,210 *	Kidderminster Carolians Rugby Football Club , Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster Total 4,795 * <u>Or</u> Habberley Church Hall , Habberley, Kidderminster * <u>Or</u> Gainsborough House Hotel , Bewdley Road, Kidderminster

Name of New Ward	Proposed New Polling District(s)	Current Polling District(s)	Electorate Number September 2014	Proposed Polling Place
Lickhill	LI-SL (Stourport-on-Severn Lickhill)	LI-A# LI-D#	1,114 1,127	Scout Headquarters, Lickhill Road North, Opposite Garland Road, Stourport-on-Severn Total 2,241
Mitton	MI-SSW1 (Stourport-on-Severn – Stour and Wilden)	MI-A#	1,013	St Wulstan Community Centre, Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn
	MI-SSW2 (Stourport-on-Severn – Stour and Wilden)	MI-B	1,719	Either Old Rose and Crown, Worcester Road, Stourport-on-Severn <u>Or</u> St Wulstan Community Centre, Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn
	MI-SSW3 (Stourport-on-Severn – Stour and Wilden)	MI-C	613	Either Wilden Village Hall, Wilden Lane, Stourport-on-Severn <u>Or</u> St Wulstan Community Centre, Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn
	MI-SN1 (Stourport-on-Severn – North)	MI-D# LI-A# LI-B	888 519 706	10:32 @ Half Crown Wood, Stourport Primary School, Park Avenue, Stourport-on-Severn Total 2,113
	MI-SN2 (Stourport-on-Severn – North)	LI-C LI-D#	685 1,233	Stourport High School Sixth Form Centre, Coniston Crescent, Stourport-on-Severn Total 1,918
Offmore & Comberton	OFC-1	OF-A OF-C#	1,843 140	St Chad’s Church Hall, Burcher Green, Comberton, Kidderminster
	OFC-2	GR-C2 GR-D2	831 388	
	OFC-3	GR-D1#	490	Total 3,692
	OFC-4	OF-B	2,188	Offmore Community Centre, Grays Close, Offmore, Kidderminster

Name of New Ward	Proposed New Polling District(s)	Current Polling District(s)	Electorate Number September 2014	Proposed Polling Place
	OFC-5	GR-A1#	1,271	Either St John Ambulance , 197 Birmingham Road, Kidderminster Or Offmore Community Centre , Grays Close, Offmore, Kidderminster
	OFC-6	GR-A2	609	Either St John Ambulance , 197 Birmingham Road, Kidderminster Or Offmore Community Centre , Grays Close, Offmore, Kidderminster
Wribbenhall & Arley	WA-BW (Bewdley Wribbenhall Parish)	WR-A	3,382	Wribbenhall Parish Rooms , Kidderminster Road, Bewdley Total 3,382
	WA-KF (Kidderminster Foreign Parish)	WR-B WR-C WR-D	285 179 242	Shatterford Village Hall , Arley Lane, Shatterford Total 1,079
	WA-UAV (Upper Arley – Arley Village)	BE-D	173	
	WA-UAS (Upper Arley – Shatterford)	BE-F	200	
Wyre Forest Rural	WFR-WO (Wolverley Parish)	WO-A	1,796	Wolverley Memorial Hall , Wolverley
	WFR-CO (Cookley Parish)	CO-A	1,990	Cookley Village Hall , Lea Lane, Cookley
	WFR-BD (Blakedown Parish)	BL-A	1,048	Blakedown Parish Room , Belbroughton Road, Blakedown, Kidderminster Total 1,565
	WFR-BM (Broome Parish)	BL-B	267	
	WFR-CH (Churchill Parish)	BL-C	250	
	WFR-CC (Chaddesley Corbett Parish)	BL-D BL-E BL-F	771 242 175	Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall , Potters Park, Brockencote, Chaddesley Corbett, Kidderminster Total 1,767
	WFR-RH (Rushock Parish)	BL-G	119	
	WFR-ST (Stone Parish)	BL-H	460	

Background

1. Section 17 of 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 be completed by 31 January 2015. The last such review in Wyre Forest District was undertaken in August 2012 and the results were agreed by Council on 26 September 2012. Copies of the report and the decision can be found at www.wyreforest.gov.uk/council/meetings/main.htm
2. This review has had to await the publication of the Local Government Boundary Commission's final recommendations for the Electoral Review of the District. The final recommendations were published on 14 October 2014, and can be viewed at http://www.lgbce.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/23508/Wyre-Forest-alternative-FINAL-report-POST-EDITOR-2014-10-08.pdf Even though the new electoral boundaries will not come into force until the elections in May 2015, this review will need to take into account any realignment required of polling districts and polling places to the new wards.
3. The overall review of polling districts and polling places offers an opportunity to examine options to rationalise and reduce costs without making the process of voting unduly difficult for the electorate. It can also take account of known future changes. For example in terms of buildings that will cease to be capable of being used as polling stations in the near future and more suitable buildings that are, or are due, to become available.
4. The proposals made in this review include changes to certain polling districts and polling places, as set out in **Appendix A. While the pattern of provision will never be ideal to suit all electors, the proposed arrangements try to maximise convenience by using the best locations available.**

Definition of terms

5. A 'polling district' is a geographical subdivision of an electoral area such as a District Ward within which a polling place is designated.
6. A 'polling place' is defined as the building or area in which a polling station will be selected by the (Acting) Returning Officer.
7. A 'polling station' is the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place. Unlike polling districts and polling places which are fixed by the local authority, polling stations are chosen by the (Acting) Returning Officer for the election.

Requirements of the review

8. It is a requirement of the review to ensure that all electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practical in the circumstances.
9. It is necessary to ensure that, as far as reasonable and practicable, the polling places are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled, and when considering the designation of a polling place to have regards to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.

10. Polling places should be within the polling district unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area outside the polling district.
11. The (Acting) Returning Officer is required to decide how many polling stations are needed for each polling place and to allocate electors to the polling stations in such a manner as he thinks most convenient (Rule 25 Schedule 1 RPA 1983).
12. In conducting the review the Council must:
 - Publish a notice that the review is being held.
 - Consult the (Acting) Returning Officer.
 - The (Acting) Returning Officer must make representation to the authority and must include information as to the location of polling stations (existing or proposed) within the polling places.
 - The Council must publish the (Acting) Returning Officer's representations within 30 calendar days of receipt.
 - The Council must seek representation from such persons as it thinks have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability. Ensure that any elector in the area may make representations.
 - Representations may be made by any person in connection with the review including proposals for specified alternative polling places.
 - Publish the findings of the review including reasons.
13. On completion of the review, the Council must give reasons for its decisions and publish:
 - All correspondence sent to the (Acting) Returning Officer in connection with the review.
 - All representations made by electors and other persons and bodies, including those with expertise in relation to premises and facilities for disabled persons.
 - Details of the designation of polling districts and polling places within the Wyre Forest area as a result of the review.

Review of arrangements made for 2014

14. A breakdown of elector turnouts for District Elections since 2006 is set out overleaf. The 2010 elector turnout figures have not been included as the General Parliamentary election was held on the same day, which resulted in the District turnout figures being significantly higher than normal. Despite a slight increase in elector turnout between 2012 and 2014, the overall low turnout levels are not unique to Wyre Forest District and are reflected nationally and regionally.
15. Steps will continue to be taken by the Electoral Registration Officer to conduct campaigns to drive up the number of people who register to vote and to remind people of the different methods available for voting.

Turnout %	2006	2007	2008	2011	2012	2014
Aggborough and Spennells	36	38	35	43	31	36
Areley Kings	37	41	41	43	33	38
Bewdley and Arley	42	39	41	47	34	43
Blakedown and Chaddesley	47	0	0	49	0	42
Broadwaters	32	38	30	35	27	32
Cookley	0	48	0	47	0	0
Franche	41	40	38	43	31	35
Greenhill	32	31	30	35	25	30
Habberley and Blakebrook	42	40	40	45	34	38
Lickhill	36	36	34	39	29	33
Mitton	35	35	34	38	28	34
Offmore and Comberton	43	38	37	42	32	38
Oldington and Foley Park	31	0	28	0	22	26
Rock	0	0	48	0	34	0
Sutton Park	34	35	34	36	26	32
Wolverley	0	52	0	50	0	0
Wribbenhall	38	0	39	0	31	40

16. An analysis of the cost per elector at each polling station used for the County Council and District Council elections in May 2013 and 2014 respectively is set out in **Appendix B**. These costs have been scrutinised as part of this review. It should be noted that the costs for the County Council election are higher as it was a standalone election. The District election costs were shared with the European Parliamentary election and some Polling Places had parish elections too.
17. There is also clear evidence that the convenience of being able to complete a vote at home, on a day and time that suits the voter, results in higher participation rates. For the District elections in May 2014, 10,074 postal votes were issued and 7,784 were returned, a participation rate of 77%. This contrasts with turnout among other voters in polling stations, which ranged from 14% to 42% and with an average of about 29%.

Issues that have emerged since the review in August 2012 and principles underpinning this review.

18. Since the last Polling Places and Polling Districts review in August 2012, the following issues have emerged:
- The Kidderminster County Buildings, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster is to be disposed of as part of Worcestershire County Council's property rationalisation strategy.
 - Stourport Youth Centre, Windermere Way, Stourport-on-Severn has been converted into a gym and is not suitable for the purposes of a polling place.
 - Any changes in polling places and polling districts need to be aligned with the final recommendations from the Local Government Boundary Commission's review for the District. Where possible, we will retain existing polling places and polling districts to minimise disruption to voters. However, it is inevitable that some of the Polling Districts will need to be re-drawn due to a number of them being split as part of the Boundary's final recommendations. It should be

noted that it is a legal requirement for each parish area to be a separate polling district; they must not be part of another parish.

19. The principles underpinning the council's approach to polling districts and polling places include:

- To ensure that Polling Places are accessible to people with disabilities (for some polling places this involves the Returning Officer providing the facility with a bespoke ramp for use on the day of the poll)
- To ensure that, in line with Electoral Commission's guidelines, no more than about 2,500 electors are allocated to each polling station (unless it is a double station)
- As part of this Review, the Electoral Commission's evaluation checklist has been used to audit the suitability of the current Polling Places in terms of facilities and access for all voters including disabled voters. Feedback captured in the Polling Station Inspectors' logs for elections held in 2013 and 2014 has also been reviewed.
- Where there is a proposal to change a polling place, the distance between the current and proposed Polling Place has been included in Appendix A. This information is not to suggest that the distance for electors will be any greater than to the current Polling Place as in most cases the Polling District area has changed too. In some cases the distance for electors may actually be less.
- Due to the lead in time needed to secure their use, the current network of Polling Places have been booked for the elections in May 2015. Following this review, any that are not required will be cancelled.

The review and where to send your comments

20. **Appendix A** contains the proposals for changes that are now being proposed in this review. Comments are sought from local electors and interested organisations about these proposals.

21. **Comments should be emailed to electoral@wyreforestdc.gov.uk or made in writing to the below address to arrive no later than 5pm on Monday 17 November 2014.**

By post to:

Mr Ian Miller
Electoral Registration Officer
Wyre Forest District Council
Wyre Forest House
Finepoint Way
Kidderminster
Worcestershire
DY11 7WF

22. Final recommendations, taking into account the (Acting) Returning Officer's comments and representations made during the consultation period, will be made in a report to Full Council on 10 December 2014. Council will be asked to consider and approve the recommendations.

24 October 2014

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT – PROPOSED POLLING PLACES AND POLLING PLACES FROM MAY 2015

CURRENT WARD: AGGBOROUGH AND SPENNELLS

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal(s)	Reasons
AG-A	Kidderminster Harriers Social Club, Stadium Close, Hoo Road, Kidderminster	Aggborough & Spennells for 224 electors from the current AG-A Polling District	AS-1	Kidderminster Harriers Social Club, Stadium Close, Hoo Road, Kidderminster	No change in Polling Place but a split in Polling District.	Due to the split in the current Polling District, only properties from <u>all or parts</u> of the following areas will continue to go to this Polling Place: Aggborough Crescent, Hoo Road, Malvern Drive. The above areas will form part of the new Polling District (AS-1) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District GR-E. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.
		The remaining 1,267 electors from AG-A will be in the Foley Park & Hoobrook Ward	FPH-6	1 st Kidderminster Sea Scout Group Hut, Hoo Road, Kidderminster	Change in Polling Place due to a split in Polling District.	New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Properties from <u>all or parts</u> of the following areas will go to this proposed Polling Place: Mill Lane, St Peters, Chester Road South, Chirk Close, Eastnor Close, Ewloe Close, Falcon Close, Flint Close, Forester Way, Harlech Way, Hoo Road, Hopton Drive, Humphries Drive, Kenilworth Drive, Kennedy Close, Kent Close, Kestrel Close, Ludlow Road, Rhuddlan Way, Stokesay Close, Worcester Road, Yeoman Close, St Cecilia Close. The above areas will form part of the new Polling District (FPH-6) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District GR-E. The proposed Polling Place (1 st Kidderminster Sea Scout Group Hut) is considered to have suitable facilities with good access and on street parking. There is a pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Hoo Road, which will allow those electors living on the other side of Chester Road South to cross it safely. The distance

						between the current and proposed Polling Place is half a mile, which is approximately a 10 minute walk by foot.
AG-B	Heronswood Primary School, Heronswood Road, Kidderminster	Aggborough & Spennells	AS-4	Heronswood Primary School, Heronswood Road, Kidderminster	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (AS-4) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.

CURRENT WARD: ARELEY KINGS

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal(s)	Reasons
AK-A (Areley Kings East)	Areley Kings Village Hall, Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn	Areley Kings & Riverside	AKR-AKE1	Areley Kings Village Hall, Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (AKR-AKE1) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.
AK-B (Areley Kings East)	Walshes Community Centre, Linden Avenue, Stourport-on-Severn	Areley Kings & Riverside	AKR-AKE2	Walshes Community Centre, Linden Avenue, Stourport-on-Severn OR Areley Kings Village Hall, Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn	No change to Polling District or Polling Place. Join this Polling District with AK-A.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (AKR-AKE2) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access. However the car park is in a poor state of repair which is not ideal for people who walk across it due to the potential risk of tripping. However, it is possible for vehicles to drive up to the entrance of the Community Centre for those electors who may have mobility problems or who are disabled. The number of postal voters for this Polling District currently stands at 192. There is an <u>alternative proposal</u> to combine this Polling District with AK-A as both electoral areas cover the Town Council ward of Areley

					To change the Polling Place	Kings East and to use Areley Kings Village Hall as the Polling Place. The proposed venue is a modern and well maintained facility and already serves electors living in the AK-A Polling District. It could easily accommodate the additional number of electors from this Polling District as well. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 0.68 of a mile, which is approximately a 14 minute walk via the footpath through Vawdrey Close. At the end of the footpath is a pedestrian crossing to enable electors to safely cross the B4196 to reach the proposed Polling Place. We would welcome people's views on the two options identified above and which venue would be the preferred Polling Place.
AK-C (Areley Kings West)	Areley Kings Village Hall, Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn	Areley Kings & Riverside	AKR-AKW	Areley Kings Village Hall, Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (AKR-AKW) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.

CURRENT WARD: BEWDLEY & ARLEY

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal(s)	Reasons
BE-A (Bewdley East)	Riverside Elim Church, Dog Lane, Bewdley	Bewdley & Rock	BR-BE	St George's Hall, Load Street, Bewdley	Change of Polling Place but no change to Polling District.	Following a number of recorded trips and slips during the 2013 and 2014 elections due to the difference in the level of the hall floor and access ramp, the current Polling Place (Riverside Elim Church) is no longer deemed suitable on safety grounds for the number of electors it serves, (approximately 2,500). The proposed Polling Place (St George's Hall) meets the Disability Discrimination Act Regulations and was previously used as a

						<p>Polling Place before it was closed for refurbishment. It is considered a suitable facility with good access and nearby parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 0.07 of a mile, which is approximately a 2 minute walk by foot. The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (BR-BE) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District.</p>
BE-B (Bewdley West)	St Anne's CE Primary School, Wyre Hill, Bewdley	Bewdley & Rock	BR-BW	St Anne's CE Primary School, Wyre Hill, Bewdley	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (BR-BW) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.
BE-C (Bewdley Ribbesford)	Riverside Elim Church, Dog Lane, Bewdley	Bewdley & Rock	BR-BR	St George's Hall, Load Street, Bewdley	Change of Polling Place but no change to Polling District.	The reason for the proposed change of Polling Place is set out above under BE-A. The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (BR-BR) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District.
BE-D (Upper Arley – Arley Village)	Shatterford Village Hall, Arley Lane, Shatterford	Wribbenhall & Arley	WA-UAV	Shatterford Village Hall, Arley Lane, Shatterford	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (WA-UAV) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.
BE-E (Upper Arley – Pound Green)	Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall, Pound Green	Bewdley & Rock	BR-UAP	St George's Hall, Load Street, Bewdley	Change of Polling Place but no change to Polling District.	The viability of continuing to have a dedicated Polling Place (Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall) to serve approximately 208 electors needs to be reviewed. Of the current electorate, 44 are postal voters and the elector turnout for the last two elections has been between 38% and 42%.The cost per vote for the District elections in 2014 was £4-63, which was the highest of the 39 polling stations used.

						<p>For future elections, it is proposed that St George's Hall in Bewdley is used as the Polling Place for this Polling District. It will provide far better value for money given the size of the electorate it is proposed it will serve is 2,500 (BE-A and BE-C).</p> <p>The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 3.56 miles. There is a bus route (125) which runs from Button Oak to Bewdley Town Centre every hour from 8-15am to 19-32pm on Mondays to Fridays. The distance between the current Polling Place and the bus stop at Button Oak is 0.98 of a mile, which is approximately a 20 minute walk.</p> <p>Postal votes are available on request for electors who would prefer not to travel to the proposed Polling Place.</p> <p>The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (BR-UAP) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District.</p>
BE-F (Upper Arley – Shatterford)	Shatterford Village Hall, Arley Lane, Shatterford	Wribbenhall & Arley	WA-UAS	Shatterford Village Hall, Arley Lane, Shatterford	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (WA-UAS) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.

CURRENT WARD: BLAKEDOWN AND CHADDESLEY

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal(s)	Reasons
BL-A (Blakedown Parish)	Blakedown Parish Room, Belbroughton Road, Blakedown	Wyre Forest Rural	WFR-BD	Blakedown Parish Room, Belbroughton Road, Blakedown	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (WFR-BD) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.
BL-B (Broome Parish)	Blakedown Parish Room, Belbroughton Road, Blakedown	Wyre Forest Rural	WFR-BM	Blakedown Parish Room, Belbroughton Road, Blakedown	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (WFR-BM) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.
BL-C (Churchill Parish)	Blakedown Parish Room, Belbroughton Road, Blakedown	Wyre Forest Rural	WFR-CH	Blakedown Parish Room, Belbroughton Road, Blakedown	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (WFR-CH) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.
BL-D BL-E BL-F (Chaddesley Corbett Parish)	Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall, Potters Park, Brockencote, Chaddesley Corbett	Wyre Forest Rural	WFR-CC	Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall, Potters Park, Brockencote, Chaddesley Corbett	Join the three Polling Districts into one but no change to Polling Place.	There is no need to have three separate Polling Districts for the same Parish area when the electorate are going to the same Polling Place and the Parish Council does not have wards. It is therefore proposed that they are combined into one Polling District (WFR-CC).The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.
BL-G (Rushock Parish)	Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall, Potters Park, Brockencote, Chaddesley Corbett	Wyre Forest Rural	WFR-RH	Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall, Potters Park, Brockencote, Chaddesley Corbett	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (WFR-RH) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.

BL-H (Stone Parish)	Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall, Potters Park, Brockencote, Chaddesley Corbett	Wyre Forest Rural	WFR-ST	Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall, Potters Park, Brockencote, Chaddesley Corbett	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (WFR-ST) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.
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CURRENT WARD: BROADWATERS

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal(s)	Reasons
BR-A	The Salvation Army Centre, Jerusalem Walk Kidderminster	Broadwaters	BR-1	Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster	Change to Polling Place but no change to Polling District.	<p>The current Polling Place (Salvation Army Centre) consistently has the second lowest elector turnout across the whole of the District and the lowest turnout in the ward (between 16% and 19%). Out of the other three Polling Places covering this ward, it also has the highest cost per vote (£1.38 for May 2014). The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place (Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster) is 0.2 of a mile, which is approximately a 4 minute walk by foot. There is a pedestrian crossing at the Horsefair traffic lights to enable residents to safely cross over to Churchfields.</p> <p>The proposed Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking. Its facilities are suitable for accommodating the electors from BR-A and BR-D together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District of GR-A1.</p> <p>The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (BR-1) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District.</p>

BR-B	St Oswald's School (Social Care), Sion Avenue, Kidderminster	Broadwaters	BR-3	St Oswald's School (Social Care), Sion Avenue, Kidderminster OR St Oswald's Church Centre, Broadwaters Drive, Kidderminster	No change to Polling District or Polling Place. Change of Polling District and Polling Place	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (BR-3) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking. There is an <u>alternative proposal</u> to combine this Polling District with BR-C and to use St Oswald's Church Centre as the Polling Place. The proposed venue is already used as a Polling Place for electors living in BR-C and could easily accommodate the additional electorate from this Polling District. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is half a mile, which is approximately a 10 minute walk. It should be noted that there is no pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Sion Hill for electors crossing the Stourbridge Road. However there is a pedestrian island. Sion Hill is also one of the steeper hills in the town. We would welcome people's views on the two options identified above and which venue would be the preferred Polling Place.
BR-C	St Oswald's Church Centre, Broadwaters Drive, Kidderminster	Broadwaters	BR-4	St Oswald's Church Centre, Broadwaters Drive, Kidderminster	Change of Polling District but no change to Polling Place.	The areas covered by BR-C will form part of the new Polling District BR-4 together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District GR-A1. However, it should be noted that there is an alternative proposal to combine BR-B with this Polling District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.
BR-D	St George's Social Club, Radford Avenue, Kidderminster	Broadwaters	BR-2	Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster	Change of Polling District and Polling Place.	The areas covered by BR-D will form part of the new Polling District BR-2 together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District GR-A1. The proposed Polling Place (Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster) is a suitable venue, with good access and parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 0.3 of a mile, which is approximately a 6 minute walk.

						There is a pedestrian crossing at the Horsefair traffic lights to enable residents to safely cross this busy junction.
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CURRENT WARD: COOKLEY

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal(s)	Reasons
CO-A (Cookley Parish)	Cookley Village Hall, Lea Lane, Cookley	Wyre Forest Rural	WFR-CO	Cookley Village Hall, Lea Lane, Cookley	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (WFR-CO) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.

CURRENT WARD: FRANCHE

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal(s)	Reasons
FR-A	Franch Community Church, Chestnut Grove, Kidderminster	Franch & Habberley North	FHN-1	Franch Community Church, Chestnut Grove, Kidderminster	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (FHN-1) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue for the number of electors it currently serves (approximately 1,774). However, given the limited parking available and the close proximity to the school, it would not be appropriate to consider significantly increasing the elector numbers at this Polling Place as pedestrian safety and traffic congestion issues could arise.
FR-B	St Barnabas Community Hall, Wolverley Road, Kidderminster	Franch & Habberley North	FHN-2	St Barnabas Community Hall, Wolverley Road, Kidderminster	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (FHN-2) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with on street parking.

FR-C	Kidderminster Carolians Rugby Football Club, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster	Franche & Habberley North	FHN-3	Kidderminster Carolians Rugby Football Club, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster	Change to Polling District but not to Polling Place.	The areas covered by FR-C will form part of the new Polling District FHN-3 together with HA-A1 and HA-B1. However, it should be noted that there is an alternative proposal for HA-B1 which may result in it becoming a separate Polling District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.
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CURRENT WARD: GREENHILL

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal(s)	Reasons
GR-A1	St John Ambulance, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster	550 electors from the current GR-A1 (West) Polling District will be in the Broadwaters Ward	BR-2	Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster	Change of Polling Place due to a split in current Polling District.	New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will go to this proposed Polling Place: Birmingham Road, Roden Avenue, Coventry Street, Shrubbery Gardens, Shrubbery Street, Chester Road North, Hurcott Road. The above areas will form part of the new Polling District (BR-2) together with electors from BR-D. The proposed venue (Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster) is considered to have suitable facilities with good access and parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 0.76 of a mile, which is approximately a 16 minute walk. There is a pedestrian crossing at the Horsefair traffic lights to enable residents to safely cross this busy junction.
		19 electors from the current GR-A1 (North) Polling District will be in the Broadwaters Ward	BR-4	St Oswald's Church Centre, Broadwaters Drive, Kidderminster	Change of Polling Place due to a split in current Polling District.	New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will go to this proposed Polling Place: Hurcott Village and Hurcott Lane. The above areas will form part of the new Polling District (BR-4) together with electors from BR-C. The proposed venue (St Oswald's Church Centre) is already used as a

		1,271 electors from the current GR-A1 (Central) Polling District will be in the Offmore & Comberton Ward	OFC-5	<p>St John Ambulance, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Offmore Community Centre, Grays Close, Offmore, Kidderminster</p>	<p>No change in Polling Place but split in current Polling District.</p> <p>Change in Polling Place and split in current Polling District.</p>	<p>Polling Place and considered suitable for the additional electorate that it will serve from the above areas. It has good access and parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 0.6 of a mile, which is approximately a 12 minute walk by foot.</p> <p>Due to the split in the current Polling District, only properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will continue to go to this Polling Place: Chester Road North, Adams Court, Apple Tree Court, Baldwin Road, Birmingham Road, Bruce Road, Cairndhu Drive, Cavendish Drive, Chester Road North, Coates Road, Hurcott Road, Land Oak Drive, Pear Tree Close, The Deansway, The Oaklands. The above areas will form the new Polling District (OFC-5).</p> <p>There is an <u>alternative proposal</u> to use Offmore Community Centre as it is considered to have more suitable facilities than the St John Ambulance venue. Offmore Community Centre is already used as a Polling Place and is 0.9 of a mile from the current Polling Place, which is approximately an 18 minute walk by foot. <u>It should be noted that Offmore Community Centre would also need to be selected as the Polling Place for GR-A2 for it to be used for this Polling District.</u></p> <p>We would welcome people's views on the two options identified above and which venue would be the preferred Polling Place.</p>
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GR-A2	St John Ambulance, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster	Offmore & Comberton	OFC-6	St John Ambulance, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster OR Offmore Community Centre, Grays Close, Offmore, Kidderminster	No change in Polling Place or Polling District. Change of Polling District and Polling Place	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (OFC-6) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with some parking. There is an <u>alternative proposal</u> to combine this Polling District with OF-B and to use Offmore Community Centre as the Polling Place as it is considered to have more suitable facilities than the St John Ambulance venue. Offmore Community Centre is already used as a Polling Place and is 0.9 of a mile from the current Polling Place, which is approximately an 18 minute walk by foot. <u>It should be noted that Offmore Community Centre would also need to be selected as the Polling Place for relevant properties in the split Polling District GR-A1 for it to be used for this Polling District.</u> We would welcome people's views on the two options identified above and which venue would be the preferred Polling Place.
GR-B	Fred Bennett Community Centre, George Street, Kidderminster	Blakebrook & Habberley South	BHS-5	Gainsborough House Hotel, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster	No change to Polling District. Change of Polling Place due to new ward.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (BHS-5) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. However, it also acknowledges that the regeneration of Kidderminster Town Centre could over the coming years see an increase in elector numbers due to more property being used for residential purposes. A new Polling Place is needed as the current one (Fred Bennett Centre) now falls into a different ward to that of the Polling District. The 183 electorate for this Polling District are based in properties across the Town Centre area. The majority being located in Castle Road and Orchard Street (currently 31 and 79 electors respectively). 48 electors are

						currently registered for a postal vote of which 38 are located in Orchard Street (elderly residential area). At the elections in May 2013 and 2014 only 9 and 12 electors respectively attended the current Polling Place to vote. The proposed Polling Place (Gainsborough House Hotel) is a suitable venue with good access and parking. The distance between Kidderminster Town Centre and the proposed Polling Place is a mile, which is approximately a 20 minute walk by foot. There is also a bus stop approximately 4 minutes from the proposed Polling Place should someone wish to use the regular bus service from Kidderminster Town Centre to the bottom of Bewdley Hill. There is a pedestrian crossing at the junction of the bottom of Bewdley Hill enabling electors to safely cross the road to reach the Gainsborough House Hotel.
GR-C1	Fred Bennett Community Centre, George Street, Kidderminster	Aggborough & Spennells	AS-3	Kidderminster Harriers Social Club, Stadium Close, Hoo Road, Kidderminster	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	The areas covered by GR-C1 will form part of the new Polling District AS-3 together with the relevant properties from the split GR-D1 Polling District. The proposed venue (Kidderminster Harriers Social Club, Hoo Road) is already used as a Polling Place and is considered to have suitable facilities, with good access and parking. The distance between the current and new Polling Place is half a mile, which is approximately a 10 minute walk by foot via Comberton Place to the back of Stadium Close. There is a pedestrian crossing on Comberton Hill enabling electors to safely cross this road.

GR-C2	Fred Bennett Community Centre, George Street, Kidderminster	Offmore & Comberton	OFC-2	St Chad's Church Hall, Burcher Green, Comberton, Kidderminster	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	The areas covered by GR-C2 will form part of the new Polling District OFC-2 together with GR-D2. A new Polling Place is needed as the current one (Fred Bennett Centre) now falls into a different ward. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place (St Chad's Church Hall) is 0.8 of a mile, which is approximately a 16 minute walk by foot. The proposed venue is already used as a Polling Place and is considered to be a suitable venue with on street parking.
GR-D1	Milton Hall Baptist Church, Lorne Street, Kidderminster	222 electors from the current GR-D1 Polling District will be in the Aggborough & Spennells Ward	AS-3	Kidderminster Harriers Social Club, Stadium Close, Hoo Road, Kidderminster	Change in Polling District and Polling Place.	New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Also, the current Polling Place falls into a different ward. Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will go to this proposed Polling Place: Comberton Hill, Comberton Road, Lea Street, Offmore Road. The above areas will form part of the new Polling District (AS-3) together with electors from GR-C1. The proposed venue (Kidderminster Harriers Social Club) is already used as a Polling Place and is considered suitable for the additional electorate that it will serve from the above areas. It has good access and parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is half a mile, which is approximately a 10 minute walk by foot via Comberton Place to the back of Stadium Close. There is a pedestrian crossing on Comberton Hill enabling electors to safely cross this road.
		490 electors from the current GR-D1 Polling District will be in the Offmore & Comberton	OFC-3	St Chad's Church Hall, Burcher Green, Comberton, Kidderminster	Change in Polling District and Polling Place.	New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will go to this proposed Polling Place: Chester Road North, Comberton Road, Lorne Grove, Lorne Street, Offmore Road, Villers Street, Yew Tree Road. The above areas will form part of the new

		Ward				<p>Polling District (OFC-3).</p> <p>The proposed venue (St Chad's Church Hall) is already used as a Polling Place and is considered to have suitable facilities with good access and on street parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is half a mile, which is approximately a 10 minute walk by foot.</p>
GR-D2	Milton Hall Baptist Church, Lorne Street, Kidderminster	Offmore & Comberton	OFC-2	St Chad's Church Hall, Burcher Green, Comberton, Kidderminster	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	<p>New Polling Place needed due to the change in ward arrangements for this Polling District. The proposed venue (St Chad's Church Hall) is already used as a Polling Place and is considered to have suitable facilities with good access and on street parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is half a mile, which is approximately a 10 minute walk by foot. The current Polling District will form part of the new Polling District (OFC-2) together with GR-C2.</p>
GR-E	Kidderminster Harriers Social Club, Stadium Close, Hoo Road, Kidderminster	Aggborough & Spennells for 706 electors from the current GR-E Polling District	AS-1	Kidderminster Harriers Social Club, Stadium Close, Hoo Road, Kidderminster	No change to Polling Place despite the Polling District being split.	<p>Due to the split in the current Polling District, only properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will continue to go to this Polling Place: Ray Mercer Way, Primrose Way, Mallow Crescent, Saxifrage Place, Hoo Road, College Road, Tutors Way, Scholars Court, College Walk, Comberton Terrace, Griffin Avenue, St Andrews Green, Oakhill Avenue, Vicarage Crescent. These areas will form part of the new Polling District (AS-1) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District of AG-A. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and parking.</p>

		Foley Park & Hoobrook for the remaining 130 electors from the current GR-E Polling District	FPH-6	1 st Kidderminster Sea Scout Group Hut, Hoo Road, Kidderminster	Change of Polling Place due to a split in the current Polling District.	New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will go to this proposed Polling Place: Cobham Road, Gamson Close, Worcester Road. These areas will form part of the new Polling District (FPH-6) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District AG-A. The proposed Polling Place (1 st Kidderminster Sea Scout Group Hut) is a suitable venue, with good access and on street parking The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is half a mile, which is approximately a 10 minute walk by foot.
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CURRENT WARD: HABBERLEY AND BLAKEBROOK

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal(s)	Reasons
HA-A1	Kidderminster County Buildings, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster	Franch & Habberley North	FHN-3	Kidderminster Carolians Rugby Football Club, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	<p>Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas fall within the current HA-A1 Polling District: Briars Gardens, Broomfield Close, Broomfield Road, Cheshire Grove, Domar Road, Franche Road, Grange Road, Habberley Road, Hillside Drive, Manor Avenue, Newlands Close, St Johns Avenue, Trimpley Drive, Woodland Avenue, Willow Court.</p> <p>It is proposed that Kidderminster Carolians Rugby Football Club, Marlpool Lane is used as the Polling Place for these areas as the current Polling Place (County Buildings, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster) is no longer available and also the proposed venue is in the Franche & Habberley North ward.</p>

					<p>For some of the above areas, the proposed Polling Place is closer than the current one (e.g. Franche Road, Woodland Avenue, Broomfield Close), although those electors to the west of the Polling District (Trimpley Drive and Hillside Drive) would be nearer to the Polling Place at Franche Community Church, Chestnut Grove. However, due to the limited parking at the France Community Church, it would not be appropriate to significantly increase the elector numbers due to issues of pedestrian safety and traffic congestion that could arise, especially for a General election when turnout is at its highest. There are no other suitable nearby venues without going outside of the ward area, which would not be ideal due to the confusion it causes electors. The distance for residents in Trimpley Drive to the proposed Polling Place is a mile, which is approximately a 20 minute walk by foot. However, it is not quite as far as they had to previously travel to the County Buildings, Bewdley Road which was 1.3 miles. For all of the above reasons, it is proposed that Kidderminster Carolians Rugby Football Club would best serve the residents of HA-A1.</p> <p>This Polling District will form part of the new Polling District (FHN-3) together with FR-C and HA-B1. However, it should be noted that there is an alternative proposal for HA-B1 which may result in it becoming a separate Polling District.</p>
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HA-A2	Kidderminster County Buildings, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster	Blakebrook & Habberley South	BHS-6	Gainsborough House Hotel, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	<p>Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas fall within the current HA-A2 Polling District: Bennett Street, Bentons Court, Bewdley Road, Broomfield Road, Cedar Crescent, Cedar Drive, Church Walk, Clares Court, Crane Street, Habberley Road, Habberley Street, King Charles Close, Kings Road, Manor Road, Mill Lane, Mill Street, Miller Court, Oakden Place, Paternoster Row, Ruth Camberlain Court, St Johns Street, The Patios, Woodfield Street.</p> <p>It is proposed that the Gainsborough House Hotel, Bewdley Road is used as the Polling Place for these areas as the current Polling Place of County Buildings, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster is no longer available. The proposed venue is considered to have suitable facilities for a Polling Place, with good access and parking. The distance between the current and new Polling Place is 0.4 of a mile, which is approximately an 8 minute walk by foot. There is also a bus stop approximately 4 minutes from the proposed Polling Place should someone wish to travel by the regular bus service which serves this area. There is a pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Bewdley Hill enabling electors to safely cross the road to reach the Gainsborough House Hotel.</p> <p>This Polling District will form part of the new Polling District (BHS-6) together with HA-B2 and HA-C. However, it should be noted that there is an alternative proposal for HA-B2 which may result in it becoming a separate Polling District.</p>
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HA-B1	Habberley Church Hall, Habberley, Kidderminster	Franche & Habberley North	FHN-3	<p>Kidderminster Carolians Rugby Football Club, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Habberley Church Hall, Habberley, Kidderminster (outside the ward area – Blakebrook & Habberley South)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Gainsborough House Hotel, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster (outside the ward area – Blakebrook & Habberley South)</p>	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	<p>New Polling Place needed as the current one (Habberley Church Hall) now falls into a different ward to that of the Polling District. Properties from all or parts of the following areas fall within HA-B1: Manor Avenue, Drake Crescent, Canterbury Road, St Davids Close. Beverley Close, Hawthorn Grove, Holmwood Avenue, Lichfield Avenue, Lincoln Crescent, Manor Close, Norwich Avenue, Salisbury Drive, Spinney Close, St Albans Avenue, St Pauls Avenue, Wells Close, Winchester Avenue, Milton Close, Exeter Close, Glastonbury Close, Abbey Road, Cathedral Avenue, and Ely Close.</p> <p>The nearest Polling Place within the Franche and Habberley North ward for electors in HA-B1 is Franche Community Church. However for the reasons set out under HA-A1, it is not appropriate to significantly increase the number of electors at that Polling Place. Therefore the nearest suitable Polling Place within this ward is Kidderminster Carolians Rugby Football Club, Marlpool Lane. However, the distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 1.6 miles, which is approximately a 32 minute walk by foot. After extensive research, we have been unable to identify any other suitable facility near to the properties in HA-B1 and within the ward, which is closer than the Kidderminster Carolians Rugby Football Club.</p> <p>If the distance to Kidderminster Carolians is deemed too far, the alternative would be to use a Polling Place <u>outside of the ward area</u>. <u>This approach is used as a last resort due to the potential confusion it can cause electors.</u></p>
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					<p>The options of Polling Places outside of the ward area would be Habberley Church Hall or the Gainsborough House Hotel. Both venues are within the Blakebrook & Habberley South Ward.</p> <p>Habberley Church Hall is the Polling Place that electors in HA-B1 have used for many years. It is therefore not likely to cause them any confusion, which can sometimes arise when using a Polling Place outside of the electoral ward area.</p> <p>The Gainsborough House Hotel is a suitable venue with good access and parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 0.7 of a mile, which is approximately a 14 minute walk by foot. There is a pedestrian crossing at the brow of Bewdley Hill Road (opposite Rowland Hill Avenue) enabling electors to safely cross this road.</p> <p>We would welcome people's views on the <u>three options identified above, or indeed any other proposals of suitable facilities (excluding Franche Community Church, for reasons stated)</u> within the Franche and Habberley North Ward, which are closer than Kidderminster Carolians Rugby Football Club.</p> <p>This Polling District would join with HA-A1 and FR-C to create the new Polling District FHN-3 if the agreed Polling Place is Kidderminster Carolians Rugby Football Club. However, if a Polling Place outside of the ward is agreed, this Polling District would be separate with a different code.</p>
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HA-B2	Habberley Church Hall, Habberley, Kidderminster	Blakebrook & Habberley South	BHS-6	<p>Gainsborough House Hotel, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Habberley Church Hall, Habberley, Kidderminster (if there is support for HA-B1 electors to use this Polling Place)</p>	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	<p>Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas fall within the current HA-B2 Polling District: Canterbury Road, Cathedral Avenue, Guildford Close, Hereford Close, Holmwood Avenue, Pershore Road, Purcell House, Salisbury Drive, Selba Drive, Shrewsbury Road, Steve Roberts Court, Tintern Close, Truro Drive, Westminster Road.</p> <p>A new Polling Place is needed to account for the change in Polling District and Polling Place arrangements for this area. The proposed Polling Place of the Gainsborough House Hotel is a suitable venue with good access and parking. The distance between the current and new Polling Place is 0.7 of a mile, which is approximately a 14 minute walk by foot. There is a pedestrian crossing at the brow of Bewdley Hill Road (opposite Rowland Hill Avenue) enabling electors to safely cross this road. However, if Habberley Church Hall is selected as the Polling Place for HA-B1, the same venue would be used for the electors in this Polling District, as it is closer and is also the Polling Place that HA-B2 electors have used for years. It would cause significant confusion to use Habberley Church Hall for HA-B1 electors and not for HA-B2 electors, given the majority of them would either have to walk or drive past Habberley Church Hall to reach the Gainsborough House Hotel.</p> <p>This Polling District will join with HA-A2 and HA-C to form the new Polling District (BHS-6) if the Gainsborough House Hotel is used. However, if Habberley Church Hall is agreed as the preferred venue for HA-B1, this Polling District would form a separate one with a different code.</p>
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HA-C	Kidderminster County Buildings, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster	Blakebrook & Habberley South	BHS-6	Gainsborough House Hotel, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	<p>Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas fall within the current HA-C Polling District: Bewdley Grange, Bewdley Hill, Bewdley Road, Blakebrook Road, Blakebrook Close, Blakebrook Gardens, Brook Street, Burghley Drive, Crestwood Avenue, Highlands Close, Hill Close, Holmwood Avenue, Jolleyman Close, Lansdown Green, Lea Wood Grove, Meadow Hill Close, Moule Close, Parkland Avenue, Pineridge Drive, Renfrew Gardens, Rowland Hill Avenue, Selsdon Close, St Johns Avenue, Summer Place, Summer Avenue, The Lea, Wellbeck Drive, Western Drive, Westville Avenue, Whitburn Close.</p> <p>It is proposed that the Gainsborough House Hotel, Bewdley Road is used as the Polling Place for the above areas as the current Polling Place (County Buildings, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster) is no longer available. The proposed venue is considered to have suitable facilities for a Polling Place, with good access and parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 0.4 of a mile, which is approximately an 8 minute walk by foot. There is also a bus stop approximately 4 minutes from the proposed Polling Place should someone wish to use the regular bus service which serves this area. There is a pedestrian crossing at both the bottom and brow of Bewdley Hill enabling electors to safely cross this road.</p> <p>This Polling District will join with HA-A2 and HA-B2, to form the new Polling District (BHS-6). However, it should be noted that there is an alternative proposal for HA-B2 which may result in it becoming a separate Polling District.</p>
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CURRENT WARD: LICKHILL

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal(s)	Reasons
LI-A	Scout Headquarters, Lickhill Road North, Stourport-on-Severn	Lickhill for 1,114 electors from the current LI-A Polling District.	LI-SL (Stourport-on-Severn - Lickhill)	Scout Headquarters, Lickhill Road North, Stourport-on-Severn	No change to Polling Place but change to Polling District.	Due to the split in the current Polling District, only properties from <u>all or parts</u> of the following areas will continue to go to this Polling Place: Bewdley Road North, Brocket Close, Burlish Crossing, Caldly Walk, Francis Road, Garland Road, Lickhill Road North, Milford Avenue, Mostyn Road, Pembroke Way, Sarah Seager Close, St Davids Close, Stourport Road, Tenby Way, The Paddock, Worth Crescent. The above areas will form part of the new Polling District (LI-SL) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District LI-D. The Polling Place is a suitable venue, with good access and on street parking.
		Mitton for 519 electors from the current LI-A Polling District.	MI-SN1 (Stourport-on-Severn - North)	10:32 @ Half Crown Wood Stourport Primary School, Park Avenue, Stourport-on-Severn	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Properties from <u>all or parts</u> of the following areas will go to this proposed Polling Place: Bewdley Road, Burlish Close, Conference Way, Gala Drive, Lower Lickhill Road, Morgan Drive, Steatite Way. The above areas will form part of the new Polling District (MI-SN1) together with LI-B and the relevant properties from the split Polling District MI-D. The proposed Polling Place (10:32 @ Half Crown Wood Stourport Primary School) is already used as a Polling Place and is considered to have suitable facilities with good access and nearby parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is a mile, which is approximately a 20 minute walk by foot.

		Areley Kings & Riverside for 183 electors from the current LI-A Polling District.	AKR-SC (Stourport-on-Severn - Central)	Stourport Workmen's Club, Lickhill Road Stourport-on-Severn	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will go to this proposed Polling Place: Broomy Close, Lickhill Manor Caravan Park, Lower Lickhill Road. The above areas will form part of the new Polling District (AKR-SC) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling Districts MI-A and MI-D. The proposed Polling Place (Stourport Workmen's Club) is considered to have suitable facilities with good access and parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 1.2 of a mile, which is approximately a 24 minute walk by foot.
LI-B	Stourport Community Centre, Lickhill Pre-School Nursery, Lickhill Road, Stourport-on-Severn	Mitton	MI-SN1 (Stourport-on-Severn – North)	10:32 @ Half Crown Wood Stourport Primary School, Park Avenue, Stourport-on-Severn	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	New Polling Place is needed due to the change of Polling District and Polling Place arrangements for this area. The areas in LI-B will form part of the new Polling District (MI-SN1) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling Districts LI-A and MI-D. The proposed venue (10:32 @ Half Crown Wood Stourport Primary School) is already used as a Polling Place. It has suitable facilities, with parking close by. The distance between the current and new Polling Place is 0.3 of a mile, which is approximately a 6 minute walk by foot.

LI-C	Stourport Youth Centre, Windermere Way, Stourport-on-Severn	Mitton	MI-SN2 (Stourport-on-Severn – North)	Stourport High School Sixth Form Centre, Coniston Crescent, Stourport – on - Severn	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	New Polling Place needed as previous venue has been converted into a gym. The proposed venue (Stourport High School Sixth Form Centre) has previously been used as a Polling Place and is considered to have suitable facilities. The distance between the current and new Polling Place is 0.3 of a mile, which is approximately a 6 minute walk by foot. The current Polling District will form part of the new Polling District (MI-SN2) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District LI-D.
LI-D	Stourport Youth Centre, Windermere Way, Stourport-on-Severn	Mitton for 1233 electors from the current LI-D Polling District	MI-SN2 (Stourport-on-Severn – North)	Stourport High School Sixth Form Centre, Coniston Crescent, Stourport - on - Severn	Change of Polling Place and Polling District.	New Polling Place needed as previous venue has been converted into a gym. Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will go to this proposed Polling Place: Great Western Way, Brindley Street, Bala Close, Bishop Street, Brunel Close, Coniston Crescent, Derwent Avenue, Ennerdale Road, Fowler Place, Grasmere Grove, Lorne Street, Minster Road, Rydal Close, The Priory, Thirlmere Road, Trevithick Close, Ullswater Avenue, Warwick Street, Watt Court, Windermere Way. These areas will form part of the new Polling District (MI-SN2) together with LI-C. The proposed venue (Stourport High School Sixth Form Centre) has previously been used as a Polling Place and is considered to have suitable facilities. The distance between the current and new Polling Place is 0.3 of a mile, which is approximately a 6 minute walk by foot.

		<p>Lickhill for the remaining 1,127 electors from the current LI-D Polling District</p>	<p>LI-SL (Stourport – on – Severn - Lickhill)</p>	<p>Scout Headquarters, Lickhill Road North, Stourport-on-Severn</p>	<p>Change of Polling Place due to Polling District being split.</p>	<p>New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District.</p> <p>Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will go to this proposed Polling Place: Elan Avenue, Kingsway, Malham Road, Buttermere Road, Menteith Close, Rannoch Close, Torridon Close, Calder Road, Claerwen Avenue, Katrine Road, Llangorse Close, Loweswater Road, Windermere Way.</p> <p>These areas will form part of the new Polling District (LI-SL) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District LI-A.</p> <p>The proposed venue (Scout Headquarters, Lickhill Road North) is currently used as a Polling Place and is considered to have suitable facilities, with on street parking.</p> <p>The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 1.1 miles, which is approximately a 22 minute walk by foot.</p>
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CURRENT WARD: MITTON

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal(s)	Reasons
MI-A	10:32 @ Half Crown Wood, Stourport Primary School, Park Avenue, Stourport-on-Severn	Mitton for 1,013 electors from the current MI-A Polling District	MI-SSW1 (Stourport – on – Severn – Stour and Wilden)	St Wulstan Community Centre, Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn	Change of Polling Place due to Polling District being split.	<p>New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following area will go to this proposed Polling Place: Stour Lane, Orchard Close, Mitton Street, Mitton Gardens, Mitton Close, Baldwin Road, Vale Road, Baldwin Gardens, Gilgal, Mitton Walk, Holly Road, Mill Close, Mill Lane, Mill Road, Summerfield Road, The Osiers, The Dell, Parsons Court, Evergreen Way, The Spinney, Leapgate Avenue, Timberland Way, Conifer Place, Millgate Close. These areas will form the new Polling District (MI-SSW1). The proposed venue (St Wulstan Community Centre) has been used as a Polling Place previously and is considered to have suitable facilities, with good access and parking. There is a pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights (the junction of Vale Road) allowing residents to cross this road safely. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 0.4 of a mile, which is approximately an 8 minute walk by foot.</p> <p>There is an <u>alternative proposal</u> to combine this Polling District with MI-B and MI-C as collectively they form the Town Council ward of Stour and Wilden. If there is support for this, St Wulstan Community Centre would be the proposed Polling Place.</p>

		Areley Kings & Riverside for the remaining 429 electors from the current MI-A Polling District	AKR-SC (Stourport – on – Severn – Central)	Stourport Workmen’s Club, Lickhill Road Stourport-on-Severn	Change of Polling Place due to Polling District being split.	New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following area will go to this proposed Polling Place: Lodge Cottages, Arran Court, Lichfield Street, Lodge Road, Severn Road, Bell Row, Lion Hill, Larch Way, Mart Lane, Waters Edge, Severn Road, Severn Side, Mitton Street. These areas will form part of the new Polling District (AKR-SC) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling Districts LI-A and MI-D. The proposed venue (Stourport Workmen’s Club) is considered to have suitable facilities with good access and parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 0.3 of a mile, which is approximately a 6 minute walk by foot.
MI-B	Old Rose and Crown, Worcester Road, Stourport-on-Severn	Mitton	MI-SSW2 (Stourport-on-Severn – Stour and Wilden)	Old Rose and Crown, Worcester Road, Stourport-on-Severn OR St Wulstan Community Centre, Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn	No change to Polling Place or Polling District. Change of Polling District and Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (MI-SSW2) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with reasonable access and parking. There is an <u>alternative proposal</u> to combine this Polling District with MI-C and the relevant properties from the split Polling District MI-A as collectively they form the Town Council ward of Stour and Wilden. The Old Rose and Crown could not support a double Polling Station and, therefore, if the alternative proposal of a single Polling Place for Stour and Wilden is supported, this would be St Wulstan Community Centre. St Wulstan Community Centre has been used as a Polling Place previously and is considered to have suitable facilities, with good access and parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling

						<p>Place is 0.6 of a mile, which is approximately a 12 minute walk by foot.</p> <p><u>It should be noted that St Wulstan Community Centre would also need to be selected as the Polling Place for MI-C and the relevant properties from the split Polling District MI-A for it to be used for this Polling District.</u></p> <p>We would welcome people’s views on the two options identified above and which venue would be the preferred Polling Place.</p>
MI-C	Wilden Village Hall, Wilden Lane, Stourport-on-Severn	Mitton	MI-SSW3 (Stourport-on-Severn – Stour and Wilden)	<p>Wilden Village Hall, Wilden Lane, Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>OR</p> <p>St Wulstan Community Centre, Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn</p>	<p>No change to Polling Place or Polling District.</p> <p>Change of Polling District and Polling Place</p>	<p>The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (MI-SSW3) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and parking.</p> <p>There is an <u>alternative proposal</u> to combine this Polling District with MI-B and the relevant properties from the split Polling District MI-A as collectively they form the Town Council ward of Stour and Wilden. The proposed Polling Place would be St Wulstan Community Centre, which has been used as a Polling Place previously and is considered to have suitable facilities, with good access and parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is a mile, which is approximately a 20 minute walk by foot.</p> <p><u>It should be noted that St Wulstan Community Centre would also need to be selected as the Polling Place for MI-B and the relevant properties from the split Polling District MI-A for it to be used for this Polling District.</u></p> <p>We would welcome people’s views on the two options identified above and which venue would be the preferred Polling Place.</p>

MI-D	10:32 @ Half Crown Wood, Stourport Primary School, Park Avenue, Stourport-on-Severn	<p>Mitton for the remaining 888 electors from the current MI-D Polling District</p> <p>Areley Kings & Riverside for 1,366 electors from the current MI-D Polling District</p>	MI-SN1 (Stourport-on-Severn – North)	10:32 @ Half Crown Wood, Stourport Primary School, Park Avenue, Stourport-on-Severn	No change to Polling Place despite Polling District being split.	<p>Due to the split in the current Polling District, only the properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will continue to go to this Polling Place: Badgers Walk, St Michaels Close, Lombard Street, Minster Road, Macarthur Way, Bewdley Road, Church Avenue, Danescroft, Dorsett Road, Foundary Street, Gibbons Crescent, Lickhill Road, Longboat Lane, Park Avenue, Pullman Close, Tan Lane, Vernon Road, Worcester Street, Vernon Court, High Street, Grosvenor Gardens, Court Drive. These areas will form part of the new Polling District (MI-SN1) together with LI-B and the relevant properties from the split Polling District LI-A. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and parking nearby.</p> <p>New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following area will go to this proposed Polling Place: Hafren Way, Parkes Passage, York Street, High Street, Swan Passage, Parkes Quay, Briar Way, Sion Gardens, Bridge Street, Waterfront View, Gheluvelt Court, Moorhall Lane, Lower Lickhill Road, Almond Way, Ash Grove, Aspen Walk, Biberberry Close, Birchfield Drive, Cedar Rise, Cranberry Drive, Dewberry Close, Elderberry Close, Galahad Way, Beverley Court, Coopers Lane, York Street, Yew Tree Walk, William Bullock Close, Elmfield Walk, Field End, Lickhill Road, Lilac Grove, Lime Tree Walk, Maple Close, Mayberry Close, Moffit Way, Moorhall Drive, New Street, Pine Walk, Raven Street, Ribbesford Drive, Rose Dene, Rowanberry Close, Sion Gardens, Snowberry Close, Stagborough Way. These areas will form part of the new Polling District (AKR-SC) together with the relevant properties from the</p>
			AKR-SC (Stourport-on-Severn - Central)	Stourport Workmen’s Club Lickhill Road Stourport-on-Severn	Change of Polling Place and split in Polling District	

						split Polling Districts MI-A and LI-A. The proposed venue (Stourport Workmen's Club) is considered to have suitable facilities, with good access and parking. The distance between the current and new Polling Place is 0.3 of a mile, which is approximately a 6 minute walk by foot.
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CURRENT WARD: OFFMORE AND COMBERTON

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal(s)	Reasons
OF-A	St Chad's Church Hall, Burcher Green, Comberton, Kidderminster	Offmore & Comberton	OFC-1	St Chad's Church Hall, Burcher Green, Comberton, Kidderminster	No change to Polling Place but change to Polling District.	The current Polling District will form part of the new Polling District (OFC-1) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District OF-C. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and on street parking.
OF-B	Offmore Community Centre, Grays Close, Offmore Kidderminster	Offmore & Comberton	OFC-4	Offmore Community Centre, Grays Close, Offmore Kidderminster	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (OFC-4) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. However, it should be noted that there is an alternative proposal to combine GR-A2 with this Polling District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and parking.
OF-C	St Chad's Church Hall, Burcher Green, Comberton, Kidderminster	Offmore & Comberton for 140 electors from the current OF-C Polling District	OFC-1	St Chad's Church Hall, Burcher Green, Comberton, Kidderminster	No change to Polling Place although Polling District has been split.	Due to the split in the current Polling District, only the properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will continue to go to this Polling Place: Comberton Road, Borrington Road, Comberton Park Road. These areas will form part of the new Polling District (OFC-1) together with OF-A. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and on street parking.

		<p>Aggborough & Spennells for the remaining 1,280 electors from the current OF-C Polling District</p>	AS-2	<p>Kidderminster Harriers Social Club, Stadium Close, Hoo Road, Kidderminster</p>	<p>Change of Polling Place due to Polling District being split.</p>	<p>New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District.</p> <p>Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will go to this proposed Polling Place: Barnetts Lane, Oldnall Road, Comberton Road, Farfield, Firs Close, Gordon Place, Barnetts Close, Russell Road, Barnetts Close, Russell Road, Bernie Crossland Walk, Burlington Close, Chester Road South, Cormorant Grove, Hill Grove Crescent, Hill Grove Gardens, Kingfisher Grove, Little Grebe Road, Mallard Avenue, Merlin Drive, Oak Drive, Oldnall Road, Osprey Park Drive, Pelham Lodge, Russell Road, Stewart Court, Spennells Valley Road.</p> <p>These areas will form the new Polling District (AS-2). The proposed venue (Kidderminster Harriers Social Club) is already used as a Polling Place and has good access and parking.</p> <p>The majority of electors in this new Polling District are within half of a mile of the proposed Polling Place, which is approximately a 10 minute walk by foot via the footbridge on Chester Road South (next to the Garage) which leads to the back of Stadium Close.</p>
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CURRENT WARD: OLDINGTON AND FOLEY PARK

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal	Reasons
OL-A1	The Y Centre, Rifle Range Community Centre, Dowles Road, Kidderminster	Foley Park & Hoobrook	FPH-1	The Y Centre, Rifle Range Community Centre, Dowles Road, Kidderminster OR Holy Innocents Community Hall, Sutton Park Road, Kidderminster	No change of Polling District or Polling Place. Change of Polling District and Polling Place	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (FPH-1) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and parking. There is an <u>alternative proposal</u> to combine the current Polling District with OL-A2 to form a new Polling District (FPH-1), which would be served by Holy Innocents Community Hall. The current Polling Place (The Y Centre, Rifle Range) consistently has the lowest elector turnout across the whole of the District. In May 2014, the turnout was only 14.62% from a Polling Station electorate of 1,115. The number of postal voters for this Polling District currently stands at 128. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 0.76 of a mile, which is approximately a 16 minute walk by foot. A regular bus service runs through the Dowles Road area to the bus stop which is next to the proposed Polling Place. Holy Innocents Community Hall is already used as a Polling Place and has suitable facilities, with good access and parking. We would welcome people's views on the two options identified above and which venue would be the preferred Polling Place.
OL-A2	Holy Innocents Community Hall, Sutton Park Road, Kidderminster	Foley Park & Hoobrook	FPH-2	Holy Innocents Community Hall, Sutton Park Road, Kidderminster	No change of Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (FPH-2) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and parking. However, it should be noted that there is an alternative proposal under OL-A1 to combine it with this

						Polling District.
OL-B	St Peter's Church Hall, Birchen Coppice, Kidderminster	Foley Park & Hoobrook	FPH-5	St Peter's Church Hall, Birchen Coppice, Kidderminster	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (FPH-5) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and on street parking.

CURRENT WARD: ROCK

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal	Reasons
RO-A (Rock Parish)	Rock Village Hall, Porchbrook Road, Rock, Nr Kidderminster	Bewdley & Rock	BR-RO	Far Forest Society Pavilion, Callow Hill, Rock, Nr Kidderminster	Join the three Polling Districts for Rock Parish into one. Change of Polling Place.	There is no need to have three separate Polling Districts for the same Parish area when it is proposed that the electorate go to the same Polling Place. The combined Polling District will be known as BR-RO. The proposed Polling Place (Far Forest Society Pavilion) is a suitable venue with good access from across Rock Parish and has parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 2.5 miles.
RO-B (Rock Parish)	Far Forest Village Hall, Cleobury Road, Far Forest, Kidderminster	Bewdley & Rock	BR-RO	Far Forest Society Pavilion, Callow Hill, Rock, Nr Kidderminster	Join the three Polling Districts for Rock Parish into one. Change of Polling Place.	There is no need to have three separate Polling Districts for the same Parish area when it is proposed that the electorate go to the same Polling Place. The combined Polling District will be known as BR-RO. The proposed Polling Place (Far Forest Society Pavilion) is a suitable venue with good access from across Rock Parish and has parking. Access into Far Forest Society Pavilion is flat compared to the steps at the main entrance to Far Forest Village Hall. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 0.6 of a mile which is approximately a 12 minute walk.

RO-C (Rock Parish)	Rock Village Hall, Porchbrook Road, Rock, Nr Kidderminster	Bewdley & Rock	BR-RO	Far Forest Society Pavilion, Callow Hill, Rock, Nr Kidderminster	Join the three Polling Districts for Rock Parish into one. Change of Polling Place.	There is no need to have three separate Polling Districts for the same Parish area when it is proposed that the electorate go to the same Polling Place. The combined Polling District will be known as BR-RO. The proposed Polling Place (Far Forest Society Pavilion) is a suitable venue with good access from across Rock Parish and has parking. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 2.5 miles.
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CURRENT WARD: SUTTON PARK

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal	Reasons
SP-A1	Evangelical Church, Greatfield Road, Kidderminster	Blakebrook & Habberley South	BHS-1	Evangelical Church, Greatfield Road, Kidderminster	No change to Polling Place or Polling District.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (BHS-1) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and on street parking.
SP-A2	Evangelical Church, Greatfield Road, Kidderminster	Blakebrook & Habberley South	BHS-2	Evangelical Church, Greatfield Road, Kidderminster	No change to Polling Place or Polling District.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (BHS-2) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and on street parking.

SP-B1	Evangelical Church, Greatfield Road, Kidderminster	<p>Blakebrook & Habberley South for 1,768 electors from the current SP-B1 Polling District</p> <p>Foley Park & Hoobrook for the remaining 4 electors from the current SP-B1 Polling District</p>	<p>BHS-3</p> <p>FPH-3</p>	<p>Evangelical Church, Greatfield Road, Kidderminster</p> <p>Holy Innocents, Community Hall, Sutton Park Road, Kidderminster</p>	<p>No change to Polling Place despite the Polling District being split.</p> <p>Change in Polling Place due to Polling District being split.</p>	<p>Due to the split in the current Polling District, only the properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following areas will continue to go to this Polling Place: Lea Bank Avenue, The Lea Causeway, Adam Street. Greatfield Road, Hemming Street, Claughton Court, Claughton Street, Gainsborough Mews, Heathfield Crescent, Lansdown Green, Oakfield Road, Spencer Street, Poplar Road, Streeeton Road, Sutton Road, Washington Street, Carter Court, Lucy Edwards Court, Sanderton Court, Carter Avenue, Birchfield Road, Belle Orchard. These areas will form the new Polling District (BHS-3) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District SP-C1. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and on street parking.</p> <p>New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following area will go to this proposed Polling Place: Hazelwood Close. The above area will form part of the new Polling District (FPH-3) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District SP-C1. The proposed venue (Holy Innocents, Community Hall) is currently used as a Polling Place and is considered to have suitable facilities, with good access and parking. The distance between the current and new Polling Place is 0.4 of a mile, which is approximately an 8 minute walk by foot.</p>
SP-B2	Evangelical Church, Greatfield Road, Kidderminster	Blakebrook & Habberley South	BHS-4	Evangelical Church, Greatfield Road, Kidderminster	No change to Polling Place or Polling District.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (BHS-4) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and on street parking.

SP-C1	Holy Innocents, Community Hall, Sutton Park Road, Kidderminster	<p>Blakebrook & Habberley South for 3 electors from the current SP-C1 Polling District</p> <p>Foley Park & Hoobrook for the remaining 1,716 electors from the current SP-C1 Polling District</p>	BHS-3	Evangelical Church, Greatfield Road, Kidderminster	Change of Polling Place due to Polling District being split.	<p>New Polling Place needed due to a split in the current Polling District. Properties from <u>all or parts of</u> the following area will go to this proposed Polling Place: Stretton Road. The above area will form part of the new Polling District (BHS-3) together with the relevant properties from the split Polling District SP-B1. The proposed venue (Evangelical Church) is currently used as a Polling Place and is considered to have suitable facilities. The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 0.4 of a mile, which is approximately an 8 minute walk by foot.</p>
SP-C2	Holy Innocents, Community Hall, Sutton Park Road, Kidderminster	Foley Park & Hoobrook	FPH-4	Holy Innocents, Community Hall, Sutton Park Road, Kidderminster	No change to Polling Place or Polling District.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (FPH-4) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and parking.

CURRENT WARD: WOLVERLEY

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal	Reasons
WO-A (Wolverley Parish)	Wolverley Memorial Hall, Wolverley, Kidderminster	Wyre Forest Rural	WFR-WO	Wolverley Memorial Hall, Wolverley, Kidderminster	No change to Polling Place or Polling District.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (WFR-WO) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and parking.

CURRENT WARD: WRIBBENHALL

Current Polling District(s)	Current Polling Place	Name of new Ward	Proposed Polling District(s)	Proposed Polling Place	Proposal	Reasons
WR-A (Bewdley Wribbenhall)	Wribbenhall Parish Rooms, Kidderminster Road, Bewdley	Wribbenhall & Arley	WA-BW	Wribbenhall Parish Rooms, Kidderminster Road, Bewdley	No change to Polling District or Polling Place.	The Polling District will remain unchanged other than the new code (WA-BW) to reflect the change in warding arrangements for the District. The Polling Place is a suitable venue with good access and parking.
WR-B WR-C WR-D (Kidderminster Foreign Parish)	Wribbenhall Parish Rooms, Kidderminster Road, Bewdley	Wribbenhall & Arley	WA-KF	Shatterford Village Hall, Arley Lane, Shatterford	Join the three Polling Districts into one. Change in Polling Place.	No need for three Polling Districts given that the electorate are for the same parish area and they are served by the same Polling Place. The combined new Polling District will be known as WA-KF. It is proposed to change the Polling Place to Shatterford Village Hall as it currently only serves an electorate of 373 and is also closer to a number of the electorate within these three Polling Districts than the current Polling Place. The proposed venue is already used as a Polling Place with good access and parking. The number of postal voters for these three Polling Districts currently stands at 162.

					<p>This proposal would also help to reduce traffic congestion outside Wribbenhall Parish Rooms. However, it would mean that WA-KF electors would vote outside of the County Division for Worcestershire County Council elections.</p> <p>The distance between the current and proposed Polling Place is 4.2 miles via Trimpley Lane. However between Trimpley Village and the proposed Polling Place it is 2 miles, which is slightly less than the 2.2 miles from Trimpley Village to Wribbenhall Parish Rooms.</p>
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APPENDIX B

AN ANALYSIS OF THE COST PER ELECTOR AT EACH POLLING STATION 2013 and 2014

Name Polling Place	Polling District(s)	Cost Per Vote @ Polling Station County Council Election May 2013	Cost Per Vote @ Polling Station District Election May 2014
Kidderminster Harriers Social Club	AG-A	£2.17	£0.74
Heronswood Primary School	AG-B	£1.66	£0.54
Heronswood Primary School	AG-B	£1.62	£0.74
Areley Kings Village Hall	AK-A, AK-C	£1.03	£0.50
Walshes Community Centre	AK-B	£1.38	£0.77
Riverside Elim Church	BE-A, BE-C	£1.19	£0.37
St Anne's CE Primary School	BE-B	£1.14	£0.36
Shatterford Village Hall	BE-D, BE-F	£5.33	£2.81
Pound Green & Button Oak Community Hall	BE-E	£8.85	£4.63
Blakedown Parish Room	BL-A, BL-B, BL-C	£2.16	£0.73

Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall	BL-D, BL-E, BL-F, BL-G, BL-H	£2.72	£1.26
Salvation Army Centre	BR-A	£3.75	£1.38
St Oswald's School (Social Care)	BR-B	£2.62	£1.00
St. Oswald's Church Centre	BR-C	£1.90	£0.81
St George's Social Club	BR-D	£2.21	£1.12
Cookley Village Hall	CO-A	£1.65	£1.89 (European Parliamentary election as there was no District election)
Franch Community Church	FR-A	£2.21	£0.97
St Barnabas Community Hall	FR-B	£2.24	£0.88
Kidderminster Carolians Rugby Football Club	FR-C	£1.35	£0.68
St John Ambulance	GR-A1, GR-A2	£3.52	£0.74
Fred Bennett Community Centre	GR-B, GR-C1, GR-C2	£5.85	£2.23
Milton Hall Baptist Church	GR-D1, GR-D2	£3.15	£1.54
Kidderminster Harriers Social Club	GR-E	£3.75	£2.28
Kidderminster County Buildings	HA-A1	£2.55	£0.82
Kidderminster County Buildings	HA-A2, HA-C	£1.34	£0.53
Habberley Church Hall	HA-B1, HA-B2	£3.52	£0.92
Scout Headquarters	LI-A	£2.27	£1.08
Stourport Community Centre	LI-B	£3.40	£1.81
Burlish Park Primary School	LI-C, LI-D	£2.29 (Stourport High School 6 th Form Centre)	£0.65
Burlish Park Primary School	LI-D	£2.74 (Stourport High School 6 th Form Centre)	£0.63
Half Crown Wood, Stourport Primary School	MI-D, MI-A	£1.41	£0.56
Old Rose and Crown	MI-B	£4.60	£1.96
Wilden Village Hall	MI-C	£6.98	£2.88
Half Crown Wood, Stourport Primary School	MI-D	£3.06	£1.00
St Chad's Church Hall	OF-A	£1.66	£0.67
Offmore Community Centre	OF-B	£1.31	£0.58

St Chad's Church Hall	OF-C	£2.08	£0.86
The Y Centre	OL-A1	£6.58	£2.65
Holy Innocents Community Hall	OL-A2	£3.12	£1.83
St. Peter's Church Hall	OL-B	£2.51	£1.47
Rock Village Hall	RO-A, RO-C	£2.82	£2.73 (European Parliamentary election as there was no District election)
Far Forest Village Hall	RO-B	£2.36	£2.40 (European Parliamentary election as there was no District election)
Evangelical Church	SP-A1, SP-A2	£1.45	£1.22
Evangelical Church	SP-B1, SP-B2	£2.18	£0.64
Holy Innocents Community Hall	SP-C1, SP-C2	£2.08	£0.78
Wolverley Memorial Hall	WO-A	£1.60	£1.70 (European Parliamentary election as there was no District election)
Wribbenhall Parish Rooms	WR-A	£1.69	£0.31
Wribbenhall Parish Rooms	WR-B, WR-C, WR-D	£1.85	£1.67

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