

Appendix B

Representations/Summary of Consultation Responses made during the consultation period of 16 September – 18 November 2024 for the Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Ward/Polling District	Polling Place	Comments	Returned via	Sender
Munsley & Pixley Parishes	Munsley WI	<p>As only having a small electorate I feel the parishes of Pixley and Munsley could move to either Ashperton Hall or Putley Hall to cast their votes. All voters arrived by car rather than walked so to drive a further two miles at most would not be a problem, and there is no disabled access at Munsley WI Hall. Also for the staff the kitchen is poorly equipped.</p> <p>Where possible we try to have a polling station in every polling district to best serve the electorate. There are already several polling districts at Ashperton and Putley Village Halls so we would not look to merge these and increase them. A temporary ramp is installed at Munsley for disabled access purposes.</p>	Online response	Presiding Officer at Elections
Eign Hill Ward	All	No objections made	Online response	Member of the public
Bromyard Parish	Brockhampton primary School	<p>Stop using Brockhampton School as a polling station. The school has to be closed to children for the day and they are missing valuable time at school and parents are having to take time of work to accommodate. It doesn't appear to be used in large numbers - surely there is another alternative for those who do go there to vote</p> <p>We have looked at this venue in the past and there are no other available/suitable venues in the area. We are able to use schools free of charge for the purpose of taking polls under the Representation of the People Act 1983, Chapter 2, Schedule 1 Part III. We give them almost a years notice for national elections. We are not making any changes at the moment but will continue to look for an alternative venue.</p>	Online response	Member of the public

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Ross North Ward	Ross Rugby Club	Ross Rugby Club is too far for many residents of St Mary's Garden Village. Recommendation is using St Mary's Garden Village Community Hub <i>We visited St Mary's Garden Village Hub and it is a suitable venue for the use of taking a poll. However, the Rugby club is more central to the majority of the electorate in this polling district so we are not changing it at the moment. We would look to use St Mary's as a contingency venue if the Rugby Club was not available.</i>	Online response	Member of the public
College Ward, CL02S	St Barnabus Church Centre	Polling district CL02S. The current and proposed polling stations are outside the district and a considerable distance from many of the properties in the district. There is not a suitable community building within the district but I would like to suggest that a porta cabin or similar is installed in the area behind College Green stores for voting. This is highly central to the district and has ample parking. I suggest this will increase turnout in the district. <i>We will not look to use a porta cabin due to the high cost and logistics of getting this in place. The proposed polling station at The Point 4 has already been appointed as a temporary station and works well, it is close to the polling district and has ample parking.</i>	Online response	Councillor
Burghill Parish	Burghill Simpson Hall	Accessibility in rural area by car only. No alternative polling stations recommended <i>The Simpson Hall is a central venue in this polling district, we are not looking to change this venue at this time</i>	Online response	Member of the public
Wellington Heath Parish	Christ Church	We currently go to the Parish church to vote....and my wife and I are happy with this. Alternative suggested Wellington Heath Memorial Hall - but only if the church was not suitable. <i>We are not looking to change this venue, it is suitable and has good availability. The memorial hall would be contacted if this venue was unavailable</i>	Online response	Member of the public
Whitecross Ward	Hereford Musical Theatre	We are part of the Whitecross ward, which means going to vote at the Tomkins Centre, however we are only 100m from the Scout Hut, which would be much easier for us.	Online response	Member of the public

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Dorstone Parish	Dorstone Village Hall	Village Hall is perfect for the election polling station	Online response	Councillor
Dorstone Parish	Dorstone Village Hall	No objections made	Online response	Councillor
Dorstone Parish	Dorstone Village Hall	Happy with Dorstone Village Hall	Online response	Member of the public
Ledbury North, Ledbury South, Ledbury West	List all polling stations in Ledbury	Please could the following locations be considered as possible polling station locations for these wards - following agreement from their owners - St Katherine's Hall (Ledbury Parish Church), Pavilion Rooms (Ledbury Rugby Club), Leadon Bank (Shaw Healthcare). All these locations have close access to parking, loos and level entry for disabled. St Katherine's has been used in previous years and is not a suitable venue due to access. We also wouldn't want to use care facilities as these become unavailable during outbreaks such as coronavirus or norovirus. We have visited numerous venues in Ledbury including The Ledbury Community Hub, Ledbury Tennis Club, Ledbury Rugby Club, The Burgage Hall and Ledbury Football club. Following our review, Ledbury Rugby Club will be implemented in the South and The Burgage Hall will be implemented in the North. We will be looking into the west in more detail in the future.	Online response	Councillor
Fownhope Parish	Fownhope Village Hall	Present arrangements very satisfactory.	Online response	Member of the public
Wellington Heath Parish	Christ Church	At a fairly recent PC meeting, Wellington Heath Councillors were in favour of these type of events continuing to be held in the Church at W/Heath rather than in the Memorial Hall. We are not looking to change this venue, it is suitable and has good availability. The memorial hall would be contacted if this venue was unavailable	Email	Parish Clerk
Shobdon Parish	Shobdon Village Hall	Shobdon Parish Council has had their bid to purchase Shobdon Methodist Chapel accepted and as such this would make a good venue for a polling station.	Email	Parish Clerk

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		<p>The current polling station in Shobdon is in the village hall and this means that Shobdon pre-school has to close on polling days.</p> <p>We are not looking to change this venue at present as it is fit for purpose. We will look to visit the Methodist Chapel in future to ascertain whether it is suitable.</p>		
Arrow Ward	List polling stations	<p>I will consult with PCs and communities but my existing five Pembridge village hall, Shobdon village Hall, Lyonshall memorial hall, Eardisland village hall and Titley Village Hall I would consider satisfactory and available to continue as polling stations</p>	Email	Councillor
Bromyard West	Bromyard Methodist Church Hall	<p>Town Council recommends that this polling station is REMOVED, retaining only the polling station at The Public Hall, which is in a more central location and has better parking facilities.</p> <p>We are not looking to change this venue as it is fit for purpose and it lies within Bromyard West Ward. Merging it with The Public Hall in Bromyard Bringsty Ward will put additional pressure on a venue that already houses two polling stations (dual station). Electoral Commission states that we are to have an electorate of less than 2500 in each polling station.</p>	Email	Town Clerk
Kings Pyon	The Bush Inn	<p>Potential drop in turnout. The existing Canon Pyon polling station is on the commuter route from Kings Pyon to Hereford, and voting can form part of a multi-purpose journey. In all probability those from Kings Pyon parish will vote on their way to work or perhaps to the shop, which makes Canon Pyon polling station a "stopover." The Bush Inn may be closer, but may not be en-route.</p> <p>We are no longer looking to change this venue at present as it is fit for purpose.</p>	Email	Councillor
Kings Pyon	The Bush Inn	<p>Seems sensible and there is enough parking space</p> <p>We are no longer looking to change this venue at present as it is fit for purpose.</p>	Email	Councillor

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Ledbury		<p>Need to be clearer to the electorate as to which polling station they can vote at; it was a nightmare having to go from one station to another as I was not on the list for that station</p> <p>Every eligible voter is sent a poll card at least 4 weeks before the date of poll. The purpose of this poll card is to tell people where their polling station is. The staff at each polling station are also able to assist if you are in the wrong polling station, they can find out the correct one for you.</p>	Online response	Member of the public
Ross-on-Wye North Ward	Ross Rugby Club	Request that the venue with the polling district code that covers St Mary's Garden Village is moved to St Mary's Garden Village.	Online response	Town Council