

AGENDA



For a meeting of the
ENGAGEMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP
to be held on
WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2012
at
10.30 AM
in
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, ST PETER'S HILL, GRANTHAM NG31 6PZ
Beverly Agass, Chief Executive

Group Members:	Councillor Bob Adams (Chairman), Councillor Ray Auger, Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing, Councillor Ibis Channell, Councillor Jock Kerr, Councillor Nick Robins and Councillor Rosemary H Woolley (Vice-Chairman)
Portfolio Holders:	Councillor Paul Carpenter (Engagement and Corporate Governance) Councillor Mrs Linda Neal (Strategic Partnerships)
Support Officer:	Lucy Bonshor 01476 40 61 20 l.bonshor@southkesteven.gov.uk

Members of the Group are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed below.

1. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

2. MEMBERSHIP

The Group to be notified of any substitute members.

3. APOLOGIES

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare an interest in matters for consideration at the meeting.

5. ACTION NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 2012

(Enclosure)

6. UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

Report LDS053 Elections and Democratic Team Leader.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN, BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, DECIDES IS URGENT

MEETING OF THE ENGAGEMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

FRIDAY, 13 JANUARY 2012

10.30 AM



PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Bob Adams (Chairman)
Councillor Ray Auger
Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing
Councillor Ibis Channell

Councillor Jock Kerr
Councillor Nick Robins
Councillor Rosemary H Woolley (Vice-Chairman)

OFFICERS

Strategic Director Corporate Focus (Daren Turner)
Head of Finance (Richard Wyles)
Head of Legal & Democratic Services (Lucy Youles)
Benefits Manager (Lee Sirdifield)
Reputation, Communications and Consultation Officers (Deb Wyles, Fiona Truman)
Democratic Officer (Lucy Bonshor)

45. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None in attendance.

46. APOLOGIES

An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Bisnauthsing.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Woolley declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 (Parish Council and Community Engagement) as she was a parish clerk to various parish councils. Councillor Robins also declared a personal interest in the same item as he was a parish councillor.

48. ACTION NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH NOVEMBER 2011

The action notes from the meeting held on 18th November were agreed as a correct record of the decisions taken.

49. UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Head of Finance updated the Group on the Bourne Community Access Point (CAP). Tenders had been sent out and were due back in early February for the construction phase of the work. Contractors would hopefully be on site in March and the funding model for the project had been signed off by the Portfolio Holder. Arrangements with the on site manager had been made and planning permission had been granted on Tuesday. Good progress was being made and he was happy to bring a further update to a future meeting.

A question was asked about parking provision and access and the Head of Finance indicated that this would be looked at; it was possible that a parking order would need to be made for the car park which would limit the time that people could park.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services updated the Group on the Localism Act. Provisions of the act relating to Standards would now come into force on 1st July. The Monitoring Officers for the County were co drafting a current code of conduct which was mainly based on the previous code. Advice was being sort nationally on the situation with regard to independent members and the meaning within the Act; current thinking was that they were not co-opted members of the Committee.

50. QUESTION WITHOUT DISCUSSION - COUNCIL 8TH DECEMBER 2011

The Chairman referred to the question without discussion from Councillor Selby which had been referred to the Engagement PDG following the last Council meeting.

A schedule of events had been prepared by the Strategic Director Corporate Focus which listed the facts of when the issue came into the public arena which was around 16th November 2011 when the item was listed on the Forward Plan. The initial report for Cabinet to consider a scheme in principal and laying out the process and timetable for a decision was in the public domain when the agenda was published from 25th November. Open Cabinet received the report on 5th December.

Members of the Group felt that nobody had acted in an Ultra Vires manner. Neither the Cabinet nor Officers, if anything was a fault it was flaws in the current system that the Council had. However, this was the system that the Council worked under and therefore had and had to abide by. The legal process of making the decision had not been compromised.

► Action Note

Letter to be sent to Councillor Selby listing the facts surrounding the issue and that the Group agreed that nothing had been done in an Ultra Vires manner.

51. CORPORATE PLAN

The Strategic Director Corporate Focus gave a presentation to the Group on the draft Corporate Plan.

He referred to the plan which had been mentioned at Council in October when the Chief Executive had given Members a presentation on the Corporate Priorities. These priorities had formed the basis of the new Corporate Plan which was compiled usually every four years. The new plan was shorter than previous years, user friendly and aimed to tell a story of the Council's achievements. The structure of the plan was in a standard format with the following contents:

- Forward from the Leader and Chief Executive
- Our business as a council
- Where we are now
- A successful track record
- Where we want to be
- Our vision
- Key challenges to achieving our vision
- How do we get there and what do we want to achieve by 2021
- Our priority projects
- Spending plans
- Contact details

The Strategic Director then highlighted areas and the contextual information contained in the plan, listing achievements of the Council, the councils past priorities and how these can be taken forward in the future. The plan was an opportunity to take stock, to understand the needs of the district. He referred to the work undertaken by the Cabinet talking to various key stakeholders such as the Deputy Chief Constable, the Director of Public Health, a representative from the Chartered Institute of Housing and a Lead Officer from Excellent Age, Lincolnshire County Council to try and get an understanding of the key pressure points that the district faced from the police budget cuts, to the main diseases suffered by the district to the impact of crime, and issues faced by an aging population. Other data was also looked at to understand the State of District and how the Council's priorities could become simpler and more outcome focused taking into account all the information gathered.

(10.55am Councillor Bisnauthsing arrived)

He then went on to speak about the change from the past priorities to the current ones:

- Grow the economy
- Keep South Kesteven clean, green and healthy
- Promote leisure, arts and culture
- Support good housing for all

And how by building on these priorities would lead to a well run council. Although the inspection regime put in place by the last government had been abolished, the Council still had to show that it was well run, showed Value for Money and continued to drive out efficiencies.

Members questioned about the Customer First priority being “dropped” as this was a main priority. The Strategic Director said that it had not been dropped but that it should be implicit in the work that was done, it should underpin everything that was carried out by employees and the Council as a whole.

Further questions were then asked about the publicity for the document to which the Strategic Director replied.

Another Member referred to the team in Customer Services and informed the Group that if anyone was interested in a tour of the facility they should ring the Customer Services Manager, Hayley Kent Simpson who would be only too happy to show them around and they could see how the customer first priority was embraced.

Further discussion then followed on having a vibrant community in which people wanted to live and work and how leisure, arts and culture were a part of this. The need for Housing to be available for all and the support to be in place to help people facilitate this, from affordable housing to the provision for the elderly, the Council needed to understand the demand.

Another issue which faced the district was broadband access as within Lincolnshire this was very patchy.

The district needed to grow a mix of local economy and the Council needed a range of plans and projects to help move this forward and this was where priority projects came in which would invest in these areas and support delivery of outcomes.

Further discussion then took place on sustainable communities, transport links, rural isolation and good quality housing. One Member asked if the Council had to provide a Corporate Plan to which the Strategic Director replied that although it was not law, the DCLG expected authorities to have in place a plan showing their budget and how they expected to spend said budget. The Chairman said that the Corporate Plan in a way underpinned the budget of the Council and he thanked the Strategic Director for his presentation.

52. CUSTOMER ACCESS UPDATE

Members received a presentation from Lee Sirdifield, Benefits Manager and Martin Taylor a consultant from Caltienne Ltd who had been doing work on internal demand analysis. The work looked at customer interaction with the Council whether it was by phone, e-mail, website or face to face.

The presentation looked at a channel assessment – understanding the customer experience, how and where they accessed the Council and the service they

received. A mystery shopping exercise was undertaken with model questions asked and each transaction graded. Following the findings from the exercise a range of recommendations had been put forward.

Mr Taylor then went through each channel and highlighted the best practice characteristics of each and the score that channel received. Some areas such as e-mail needed work done as inconsistencies existed across services, responses should be within a day, especially in today's climate not the eight days currently stated in the service level agreement. Although the accommodation in Grantham was lovely the signage to the Customer Services was not good and the layout within did not naturally flow.

Mr Taylor referred to the recommendations made following the work undertaken which had been split into three areas; quick wins which required no budget; longer term wins which again required no significant financial investment and the third area which covered more complex issues.

Quick wins included changing the number in 118 databases, reviewing the e-mail response process, train front office staff on web content and navigation and change the recording announcement messaging. By publishing a postcode look up (system had already been put in place) this gave internet users information at one go integrating different service information in one place. Other recommendations included revisiting the opening hours of the Customer Service Section; having key performance indicators and service level agreements across all channels, service provision to be consistent across each area, having a more holistic view of the CRM system and better integration of web forms.

Once the draft strategy had been completed it would be brought back to the Group for discussion.

A short discussion followed with questions being asked about information available to customer service advisors to which the Strategic Director Corporate Focus replied.

The Chairman thanked Mr Sirdifield and Mr Taylor for attending and giving an informative presentation.

53. PARISH COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Members received a presentation from Mrs Wyles from the Reputation, Communication and Consultation Service on the format for the proposed drop in sessions that were being trialled following the review of the local forums carried out during 2010/11. The drop in sessions had been arranged as a less formal way of consulting with the public following the findings of the review which found the forums too formal and not useful for parishes. The drop in sessions were aimed at the public with parishes due to receive quarterly newsletters giving information on events, any grants or other financial assistance that may be available and changes to services.

The sessions were scheduled to happen twice a year in January and July and would be at five locations within the district (Bourne, Grantham, Long Bennington, Stamford and The Deepings). Publicity posters had been sent to all Parish and Town Councils, District Councillors, libraries, leisure centres and doctors surgery and press releases had been sent to newspapers. The sessions had been arranged for between 4pm – 7pm to catch people returning from work or school. A specific section on the website had been designed to act as a conduit for people to find out more and to contact us. A postcard to collect people's views would be available at the sessions which would be attended by two representatives from Reputation, Communication and Consultation as well as a Head of Service.

Posters which would be on display at the sessions were circulated at the meeting although those on display would be larger. Various comments were made about the posters with some members liking them and others finding them too colourful. Some Members felt that the timescale for informing both parishes and the public had been too short and future ones should have more of a lead up but other Members disagreed saying too long a lead up and people forgot. It was reiterated to Members that the sessions were aimed at the public not parishes.

Further discussion took place on the completion of postcards at the sessions to find out people's views on the drop in trials. Members' suggested further information to be added which Mrs Wyles noted.

Depending upon the outcome of the sessions and how well they were attended would affect how further sessions were run, although it was proposed that future sessions would have themes that were relevant to those attending or contained information pertinent to the area or which the Council needed to consult on. The Head of Legal & Democratic said that in terms of engagement the sessions were a channel for communication, to enable the Council to communicate to the public in a clearer less formal setting.

(12.45pm Councillor Bisnauthsing left the meeting)

Further discussion took place on publicity and it was suggested that radio stations such as radio Lincolnshire and Gravity FM be contacted.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Wyles for her presentation and looked forward to an update later in the year.

54. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12.53pm.

The Chairman asked that future presentations be forwarded to Members of the Group before the meeting if possible.

REPORT TO ENGAGEMENT P.D.G.

REPORT OF: *ELECTIONS & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES TEAM LEADER*

REPORT NO: LDS053

DATE: 1st FEBRUARY 2012

TITLE:	<i>Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places</i>	
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	Statutory requirement	
PORTFOLIO HOLDER: NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Councillor Paul Carpenter - Engagement and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder	
CONTACT OFFICER:	Julie Edwards, Elections and Democratic Services Team Leader j.edwards@southkesteven.gov.uk	
INITIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Equality and Diversity	See paragraph 7	Full impact assessment Required: N/A
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:	This report is publicly available via the Your Council and Democracy link on the Council's website: www.southkesteven.gov.uk	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places • Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places guidance (Electoral Commission circular EC19(2010)) • Acting Returning Officer's proposals • Submissions to consultation received 	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Engagement Policy Development Group consider the draft proposals of polling districts and polling places as detailed in the **Appendix** attached to this report.

2. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 2.1 Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council has a duty to divide the District into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each of these districts. The Electoral Administration Act 2006 requires the Council to carry out a review of these polling districts and polling places every four years as a minimum. The Council last completed a review in 2008 and therefore, in line with the statutory timeframe, it is required to undertake a further periodic review.
- 2.2 The final proposals will be submitted to full Council for approval on either 26th April or 3rd May 2012 (the next annual meeting of the Council) (date to be confirmed).

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

Background

- 3.1 A review of polling districts and polling places is required to be conducted in accordance with the guidance provided by the Electoral Commission. That guidance has been followed in respect of :
- a) Publication of a Notice of the Review
 - b) Consultation;
 - c) Consideration of the Returning Officer's submission
- 3.2 Polling Districts are, in effect, sub divisions of electoral wards. Each parish or parish ward is automatically a polling district in its own right but then that area can be broken down into further polling districts dependent on the size of the parish and the number and location of the electors.
- 3.3 When designating polling districts the local authority must seek to ensure that all the electors in the area have reasonable facilities for voting as are practical in the circumstances. Responsibility for determining polling district boundaries lies with the Council itself.
- 3.4 The Council must designate a polling place for every polling district. In determining where polling places should be located the Council must seek to ensure that all the electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practical in the circumstances and that, so far as is reasonable and practical, polling places are assessable to all electors, including those who are disabled.
- 3.5 Public notice of the start of the review was given on 19th September 2011. The closing date for submission of comments was 14th October 2011.

Consultation Process

- 3.6 The review process required the Council to consult on the existing polling districts, polling places and polling stations. This exercise sought representations from people or organisations who had particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability. The consultation also included all District Councillors, all Parish/Town councils and the local political parties.
- 3.7 In addition, polling station inspectors employed at the Referendum and local elections held in May 2011 were asked to complete a questionnaire regarding the accessibility of each of the current polling places.

Issues raised during the Consultation Process

- 3.8 Various responses to the consultation were received, these are summarised in the schedule set out at **Appendix 1**. Each of the responses has been evaluated to determine if changes are necessary as part of the review process and these evaluations are set out below.
- 3.9 Elections service officers have visited all the venues listed below to view the current sites and consider alternative sites.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Where comments have been received as part of the review or where the Returning Officer is aware of issues at a particular polling place, various options have been considered in each case. These are detailed below.

4.1 Bourne East Ward and Bourne West Ward –

- **Bourne Town Council** - In this response Bourne Town Council requests that all polling stations in Bourne are given consideration stating that they feel that more polling stations are needed in Bourne, especially in view of development in Elsea Park and surrounding areas. The Elsea Park development falls within both the East and West Wards. There are more than 1000 houses in the southern sector of the town. Meadow Close could be used as it complies with DDA. The Town Council feel that some electors have to travel quite a distance to their allocated station and that some stations have excessive numbers of electors.
- **Elsea Park Community Trust**
This response advises that the Community Centre at Elsea Park will be completed early in 2012 and that this building could be utilised as a polling station to serve the large number of residents in this new development area.

Proposal

It is proposed that the following changes are made to the polling arrangements for the Bourne East Ward :

- **That Polling District EC1 is split to create two separate polling districts with approximately 1400 electors allocated to the current polling station of the Darby & Joan Hall and approximately 1600 electors are allocated to The Centre at Elsea Park;**
- **That the polling station previously allocated to Bourne Abbey C of E Primary School on Abbey Road is relocated to the Communal Room, Meadow Close. This change is proposed as a result of accessibility and parking issues experienced at the 2010 and 2011 elections at the Bourne Abbey School.**

It is proposed that no change is made to the polling arrangements for the part of the Elsea Park development falling within the Bourne West Ward at the present time due to the small number of electors currently registered in this area. There are currently less than 100 electors registered in the West Ward part of the Elsea Park development and it is felt that the allocation of an additional polling station to this small number of voters is not appropriate at present. This will however be kept under review as the number of properties in this area are built and occupied.

4.2 Earlesfield Ward, Grantham

The polling station allocated to the SA1 polling district in the Earlesfield Ward is currently the Church of the Epiphany, The Grove, Grantham. This church is currently closed and an alternative venue needs to be found to accommodate the two polling stations required for this polling district.

Recommendation :

It is proposed that the polling place be relocated to the South Kesteven Table Tennis Centre, off Trent Road, Grantham. This venue has been used in previous years as the polling station for this area and will accommodate the two polling stations required for this polling district.

Any suggestions of other alternative venues in this area would be welcomed.

4.3 Isaac Newton Ward – Colsterworth and Gunby & Stainby

Two responses were received in relation to the Colsterworth polling station which is located at the Colsterworth Primary School. These responses from the Colsterworth and District Parish Council and the Governing Body of Colsterworth Primary School expressed concern regarding the continued use of the school and the disruption caused to the operation of the school on polling day. The Village Hall has been highlighted as an alternative premises to the primary school.

The Colsterworth Primary School serves as the polling station for the Parishes of Colsterworth and Gunby and Stainby.

In view of the issues highlighted consideration has been given to alternative options – these are identified below:

Option 1 – Change the polling place to the Village Hall

- The village hall is situated outside of the Colsterworth village centre a substantial distance away from the majority of electors. The village hall does have excellent car parking facilities however the pedestrian access from the Colsterworth village is via a long path which is steep in places and does not provide good access for disabled or elderly voters. The access is not as good as at present with the use of the primary school. Furthermore consideration has also been given to the forthcoming Police Commissioner election to be held in November and the implications for pedestrian access at that time of the year.

Option 2 – Retain the Colsterworth Primary School as the polling place

- The Colsterworth Primary School is situated in a central location in Colsterworth village and has on-street parking facilities. Therefore it serves the electorate well as the polling place for this area.

Recommendation – No change

It is recommended to continue to use the Colsterworth Primary School as the polling place for the Colsterworth and Gunby/Stainby polling districts.

Other options considered during the review:

- Methodist Church – this venue would be an ideal polling station as it is situated in the centre of Colsterworth village next to the school however the building is used extensively and is unfortunately not available for polling station use.
- Youth Centre – this venue is again not available for polling station use due to it's use as a nursery and childcare provision.
- The St John the Baptist Church – it is felt that the Church is not suitable for use as a polling station

4.4 Isaac Newton Ward – Stoke Rochford and Easton

The St Andrew & St Mary's Church, Village Street, Stoke Rochford serves as the polling station for both Stoke Rochford and Easton parishes. Although the Church is situated in a good location there are a number of issues with this polling place including uneven external pathways and dark approach to the

building. Heating and lighting is poor making it inhospitable for the polling staff and the electors.

Furthermore consideration has also been given to the forthcoming Police Commissioner elections to be held in November and the implications for pedestrian access at that time of the year with longer periods of darkness.

In view of the issues highlighted consideration has been given to alternative options – these are identified below:

Option 1 – Relocate the polling place to the Stoke Rochford Estate Office, Home Farm, Stoke Rochford.

- The Stoke Rochford Estate Office is located within the Stoke Rochford polling district but is a substantial distance away from the centre along a private road. It is situated one mile from the current polling station at the St Andrew & St Mary's Church.
- The building does have good access with a level entrance and has a large car park.
- It is however felt that the location of this premise is too remote and would not be accessible to some voters, particularly voters in the Easton parish.
- Furthermore consideration has also been given to the forthcoming Police Commissioner election to be held in November and the implications of accessibility at that time of the year.

Option 2 – Relocate the polling place to The Meeting Venue, A1 North, Stoke Rochford Services

- The Meeting Venue offers excellent facilities with a choice of meeting rooms available and excellent car parking facilities.
- The premises are accessed directly from the A1 North and there is a footpath from Stoke Rochford village leading to these premises.
- This option would however involve electors from the Easton parish having to cross the A1, however this is already the case at the current polling place located at the Stoke Rochford Church.

Option 3 – Retain the St Andrew and St Mary's Church as the polling place for the Stoke Rochford and Easton parishes.

- The Church has potential access issues with uneven external pathways and limited external lighting. These issues will be even more prominent at the Police Commissioners elections due to be held in November 2012.
- The building is very cold and uncomfortable for the polling staff and as there are no toilet facilities at the Church a portaloo is required to be hired.

Recommendation – Option 2

It is recommended to replace the St Andrew & St Mary's Church with The Meeting Room Venue, A1 North, Stoke Rochford Services as the polling place for the Stoke Rochford and Easton polling districts.

4.5 Lincrest Ward – Rospley and Braceby

A petition received in 2010 from 54 electors within the Lincrest Ward advised that the use of the Ropsley Church of England Primary School was not satisfactory as it currently requires the closure of the school on polling day which is detrimental to the education of the children. In addition the school itself would prefer an alternative venue be used as the polling station.

In view of the issues highlighted consideration has been given to alternative options – these are identified below:

Option 1 – Change the polling place to the Rospley Village Hall

- The village hall is located towards the edge of the Ropsley village but is within easy walking distance for the majority of voters. The village hall offers good access and has a large car park. However the village hall has two regular bookings on Thursdays which would need to be cancelled if the venue were to be used as a polling station. The Village Hall Committee is meeting on 23rd January 2012 and will be discussing the potential use as a polling station –the outcome of this meeting will be reported orally to the Engagement PDG meeting.

Option 2 – If the Village Hall is not being made available

- Election officers will investigate the suitability of alternative suggested venues at the Fox's Brush Public House and the Green Man Public House.

Option 3 – Retain Rospley C of E Primary School as the polling station

- Ropsley Primary School has served as a polling station for many years
- The (Acting) Returning Officer to contact the school to ascertain whether there is a way of using the facility without the headteacher taking the decision to close the school.

Recommendation – Option 1

It is recommended to replace Ropsley C of E Primary School with Ropsley Village Hall as the polling station given the issues regarding using the school and the village hall's suitability as an alternative venue. This recommendation is subject to agreement from the Ropsley Village Hall Committee to have exclusive use on polling days.

4.6 St Wulfram's Ward, Grantham

Two responses were received from the ward councillors, both suggesting a third polling station be created for this ward. The responses highlighted that the polling station situated in Manners Street is ideal for those living near to the area who are mostly elderly but is some distance for residents to travel who live in the vicinity of St Wulfram's Church. One response suggested locating an additional polling station at the National School, which has been used previously as a polling station.

The current arrangements for this ward are:

Polling District	Polling Place	No. of voters in person (excluding postal voters)
UA1	Cliffedale Primary School, Northcliffe Road, Grantham	1616
UB1	Communal Room, Manners Street, Grantham	984

The issues raised appear to relate to the polling district UB1 which currently votes at the Manners Street Communal Room. This polling place should clearly be retained as it is convenient to those voters living at the north of the polling district, many of whom are elderly. The number of voters allocated to this polling district is not sufficiently high to justify the provision of an additional polling station.

Consideration has been given to revising the boundary between the two polling districts but it is felt that the current boundary is an obvious division of the ward around the grounds of the hospital.

The options available are set out below:

Option 1 – No change

- Retain the current polling district boundaries and polling places for UA1 and UB1 as detailed above.

Option 2 – Divide polling district UB1 into two polling districts with two polling places

- Create an additional polling district to enable two polling stations to be utilised in this area – at the Manners Street Communal Room and the National School.

Recommendation – Option 1 – No change

It is recommended that the UB1 be retained as one polling district with the Manners Street Communal Room being retained as the polling place.

However the issue may be re-considered following any feedback received from the Police Commissioners elections to be held in November 2012.

4.7 Truesdale Ward

Comments have been received from Baston Parish Council requesting that the polling station be returned to The Barn, Main Street, Baston. Members of the Parish Council feel that the Barn is a village facility and should be used instead of closing the school on polling day. The Parish Council state that parents have raised concern to parish councillors regarding strangers accessing the building if it remained open on polling day.

In view of the issues highlighted consideration has been given to alternative options – these are identified below:

Option 1 – Change the polling place to The Barn, Main Street, Baston

- The Barn was previously used as the polling station for the Baston area until 2010 when it was relocated to the school.
- The Barn does have a ramped disabled entrance however its long drive is not of a smooth surface and the walkway around the building is uneven with potential trip hazards, both of which could pose difficulties for electors in wheelchairs.
- The Barn does have good car parking facilities
- The access is not as good at The Barn as at the primary school.
Furthermore consideration has also been given to the forthcoming Police Commissioner election to be held in November and the implications for pedestrian access at that time of the year with longer periods of darkness.

Option 2 – Retain the Baston Primary School as the polling place

- The Baston Primary School is situated in a good location within the village, has no access issues with good footways and level entrance and has adequate parking facilities. Therefore it serves the electorate well as the polling place for this area.
- The (Acting) Returning Officer contact the school to ascertain whether there is a way of using the facility without the headteacher taking the decision to close the school.

Recommendation – No change

It is recommended to retain the Baston Primary School as a polling place for the Baston polling district and that contact be made with the headteacher to explore whether the school can remain open on polling day.

4.8 Peascliffe Ward

Comments were received from Great Gonerby Parish Council suggesting the Memorial Hall, Marratts Lane as an alternative venue to the St Sebastian Primary School.

In view of the issues highlighted consideration has been given to alternative options – these are identified below:

Option 1 – Change the polling place to The Memorial Hall, Marratts Lane, Great Gonerby:

- The Memorial Hall has a gravel approach to the building which could cause problems for electors in wheelchairs.
- Plans are in place for the building of a new hall to replace the existing Memorial Hall and it would therefore be disruptive to the electorate to be relocated to the Memorial Hall and then have to return to the School whilst the new hall is completed.

Option 2 – Retain the St Sebastian Primary School as the polling place

- The St Sebastian Primary School is situated in a good location within the village and has adequate parking facilities. Therefore it serves the electorate well as the polling place for this area.
- No comments have been received regarding the use of this school as a polling station.

Proposal – No change

It is recommended to continue to use the St Sebastian Primary School as a polling place for the Great Gonerby polling district. This arrangement to be reviewed again when the new hall is completed.

- 4.9 The draft proposals outlined in this report together with the polling arrangements for all polling districts within the district are detailed on the Schedule of Polling Places attached at **Appendix 2**.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The designation of any additional polling places will have financial implications in relation to the hire of premises and polling staff costs on election day. The proposals identify one additional polling station, which at the time of an election in the appropriate ward would have an estimated additional cost of £500. Any additional costs would only fall to the District Council at the time of any District Council election or by-election.

6. RISK AND MITIGATION

6.1 None arising from this report.

7. ISSUES ARISING FROM EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 There are no direct diversity implications arising from this report however it is essential that the determination of polling districts and places is consistent with the principle of ensuring fair and equitable access to democratic processes. Due regard must be given to accessibility of polling stations which has been built into the process of this review.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None arising from this report.

9. COMMENTS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.1 The proposals, if implemented, will result in relatively minor financial implications in relation to additional hire and staffing costs at the time of District elections. There would be no immediate budget implications except in the event of a District by-election.

10. COMMENTS OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

10.1 This review of polling districts and polling places is a legal requirement under section 18 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2006) and associated regulations, the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006.

11. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES

None

12. APPENDICES:

- **Appendix 1 – Summary of Representations Received**
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APPENDIX 1

SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2011/12

SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

GRANTHAM AND STAMFORD CONSTITUENCY

ALL SAINTS WARD – The All Saints Ward of Stamford

No comments received

AVELAND WARD – Parishes of Aslackby & Laughton, Dowsby, Dunsby, Kirkby Underwood, Pointon & Sempringham and Rippingale

No comments received

BELMONT WARD – Parish of Londonthorpe & Harrowby Without

No comments received

BOURNE EAST WARD – East Ward of Bourne

Comments received :

Bourne Town Council - believes that more polling stations are needed in Bourne, especially in view of development in Elsea Park and surrounding areas. Part of Elsea Park belongs to the West and part to the East Ward. There are more than 1000 houses in the southern sector of the town. Meadow Close could be used as it complies with DDA. Availability in all other directions should also be looked at. Many people from the far north, south, East and West of the town have to travel quite a distance to their allocated station and some stations have excessive numbers of users. Bourne Westfield Primary School has been used as a double polling station.

Elsea Park Community Trust – from early 2012 the Community Centre at Elsea Park will be completed. This is a purpose built centre with large hall and a meeting room. The facilities lend themselves for use as a polling station and serve a large number of residents in this new development area.

RO comments:

It is proposed that the following changes be made to the polling arrangements for the Bourne East Ward :

- Polling District EC1 to split to create two separate polling districts with approximately 1400 electors allocated to the current polling station of the Darby & Joan Hall and approximately 1600 electors to be allocated to The Centre at Elsea Park;
- The polling station previously allocated to Bourne Abbey C of E

Primary School on Abbey Road be relocated to the Communal Room, Meadow Close. This change is proposed as a result of accessibility and parking issues experienced at the 2010 and 2011 elections at the Bourne Abbey School.

BOURNE WEST WARD – West Ward of Bourne

Comments received :

Bourne Town Council believes that more polling stations are needed in Bourne, especially in view of development in Elsea Park and surrounding areas. Part of Elsea Park belongs to the West and part to the East Ward. There are more than 1000 houses in the southern sector of the town. Meadow Court could be used as it complies with DDA. Availability in all other directions should also be looked at. Many people from the far North, south, East and West of the town have to travel quite a distance to their allocated station and some stations have excessive numbers of users. Bourne Westfield Primary School has been used as a double polling station.

Elsea Park Community Trust – from early 2012 the Community Centre at Elsea Park will be completed. This is a purpose built centre with large hall and a meeting room. The facilities lend themselves for use as a polling station and serve a large number of residents in this new development area.

RO comments:

It is proposed that no change be made to the polling arrangements for the part of the Elsea Park development falling within the Bourne West Ward at the present time due to the small number of electors currently registered in this area. There are currently less than 100 electors registered in the West Ward part of the Elsea Park development and it is felt that the allocation of an additional polling station to this small number of voters is not appropriate at present. This will however be kept under review as the number of properties in this area are built and occupied.

EARLESFIELD WARD – Earlesfield Ward of Grantham

No comments received

FOREST WARD – Parishes of Denton, Great Ponton, Wyville-Cum-Hungerton, Little Ponton & Stroxton, Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir and Harlaxton

No comments received

GLEN EDEN WARD – Parishes of Boothby Pagnell, Bitchfield & Bassingthorpe, Burton Coggles, Corby Glen, Edenham, Irnham, Swayfield and Swinstead

No comments received

GRANTHAM ST JOHN'S WARD – St John's Ward of Grantham

No comments received

GREEN HILL WARD – Green Hill Ward of Grantham

No comments received

GREYFRIARS WARD – Greyfriars Ward of Grantham

No comments received

HARROWBY WARD – Harrowby Ward of Grantham

No comments received

HILLSIDES WARD – Parishes of Braceborough & Wilsthorpe, Careby, Aunby & Wilsthorpe, Carlby, Couthorpe & Creeton, Greatford, Little Bytham, Toft & Lound with Manthorpe, and Witham-on-the-Hill

Comments received:

Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council – happy with both the polling districts, in particular Braceborough Village Hall being used as the polling place for Braceborough and Wilsthorpe. It has easy access for disabled, heat, toilets and adequate parking.

Comments noted, no change proposed

ISAAC NEWTON WARD – Parishes of Colsterworth, Easton, Gunby & Stainby, Stoke Rochford, Skillington

Comments received:

Governing Body of Colsterworth Primary School – disappointed that the school continues to be used as polling station when the Village Hall provides a viable alternative and offers better access, more suitable parking options and would ensure that the school could operate normally on polling day.

Colsterworth and District Parish Council – suggest that the village hall is considered as an alternative to the school, or the St John the Baptist Church located on the High Street which is more central to the village than the village hall.

RO comments :

The village hall is situated outside of the Colsterworth village centre a substantial distance away from the majority of electors. The village hall does have excellent car parking facilities however the pedestrian access from the Colsterworth village is via a long path which is steep in places and does not provide good access for disabled or elderly voters. The access is not as good as at present with the use of the primary school. Furthermore consideration has also been given to the forthcoming Police Commissioner election to be held in November and the implications for pedestrian access at that time of

the year.

Recommendation – No change

It is recommended to continue to use the Colsterworth Primary School as the polling place for the Colsterworth and Gunby/Stainby polling districts

LINCREST WARD – Braceby & Sapperton, Heydour, Old Somerby, Ingoldsby, Lenton, Keisby & Osgodby, Ropsley & Humby, Pickworth and Welby

Comments received:

Petition received in 2010 from 54 electors within the Lincrest ward stating that the use of the Ropsley Church of England Primary School is not satisfactory as it currently requires the closure of the school on polling day under Safeguarding Children obligations and this is detrimental to the education of the children. The petition suggests the following alternatives which are DDA compliant and have parking and other facilities:

1. Ropsley Village Hall
2. The Fox's Bruch Public House
3. The Green Man Public House

RO Comments: It is proposed to relocate the polling station to the Ropsley Village Hall. This proposal is subject to agreement from the Ropsley Village Hall Committee to have use of the hall on polling days which may involve the cancellation of regular bookings. The village hall is situated towards the edge of the village but is within easy walking distance for the majority of voters, has a large car park and no access issues.

MORKERY WARD – Parishes of Castle Bytham, North Witham and South Witham

No comments received

RINGSTONE WARD – Parishes of Haconby and Morton & Hanthorpe

No comments received

ST ANNE'S WARD – St Anne's Ward of Grantham

No comments received

ST GEORGE'S WARD – St George's Ward of Stamford

No comments received

ST MARY'S WARD – St Mary's Ward of Stamford

No comments received

ST WULFRAM'S WARD – St Wulfram's Ward of Grantham

Comments received:

Councillor Jacky Smith – suggests reverting back to three polling stations for the ward instead of the current arrangement of two stations. Also the Manners Street polling station is a little bit out of the way and not that close to a bus route.

Councillor Ray Wootten – suggest restoring the third polling station at the National School. The polling station in Manners Street is ideal for those living near to the area who are mostly elderly but is too far from residents to travel who live in the vicinity of St Wulframs.

RO comments:

The issues raised appear to relate to the polling district UB1 which currently votes at the Manners Street Communal Room. This polling place should clearly be retained as it is convenient to those voters living at the north of the polling district, many of whom are elderly. The number of voters allocated to this polling district is not sufficiently high to justify the provision of an additional polling station.

It is recommended that the UB1 be retained as one polling district with the Manners Street Communal Room being retained as the polling place.

STAMFORD ST JOHN'S WARD – St John's Ward of Stamford

No comments received

THURLBY WARD – Parish of Thurlby

Comments received:

Thurlby Parish Council is satisfied with the current polling place arrangements at the Methodist School Room.

Comments noted, no change proposed

TOLLER WARD – Parishes of Billingborough, Folkingham and Horbling

Comments received:

Councillor Mike King – happy with the existing polling districts and places – the three polling districts correspond sensibly to the three parishes/villages and the polling places are logically in the three village halls.

Comments noted, no change proposed

TRUESDALE WARD – Parishes of Barholm & Stowe, Baston, Langtoft, Tallington and Uffington

Comments Received:

Baston Parish Council – request that the polling station be returned to The Barn, Main Street, Baston. Members of the Parish Council feel that the Barn is a village facility and should be used instead of closing the school on polling day. Parents of children who attend the school have raised concern to parish

councillors regarding strangers having access to the building if it remained open. In addition the Parish Council suggest that the Barn has adequate disabled access via the children's play ground with a ramp and handrails and has good parking facilities.

RO comments:

The Barn has been used at elections prior to 2010 before being relocated to the school but its long drive is not of a smooth surface and the walkway around the building is uneven with potential trip hazards, both of which could pose difficulties for electors in wheelchairs. Baston Primary School has a better surface and meets the needs of the elderly and disabled better. The school is not required to close on polling day and this is a decision for the school itself.

It is recommended to retain the Baston Primary School as a polling place for the Baston polling district and that contact be made with the headteacher to explore whether the school can remain open on polling day.

SLEAFORD AND NORTH HYKEHAM CONSTITUENCY

BARROWBY WARD – Parish of Barrowby

No comments received

ERMINE WARD – Parishes of Ancaster, Barkston, Syston and Belton & Manthorpe

No comments received

HEATH WARD – Parishes of Caythorpe and Fulbeck

No comments received

LOVEDON WARD – Parishes of Carlton Scroop, Claypole, Fenton, Honington, Hough-on-the-Hill, Normanton and Stubton

No comments received

PEASCLIFFE WARD – Parish of Great Gonerby

Comments received :

Great Gonerby Parish Council – suggest the Memorial Hall on Marratts Lane, Great Gonerby as an alternative to the St Sebastian Primary school.

RO Comments : Although the memorial hall is an alternative to the school the gravel approach to the building would cause problems for wheelchairs and buggies. Plans are in place for the building of a new hall to replace the

existing Memorial Hall and it is therefore proposed that no change be made to the current arrangement and reviewed again when the new hall is completed.

SAXONWELL WARD – Parishes of Long Bennington, Westborough and Dry Doddington

No comments received

WITHAM VALLEY WARD – Parishes of Allington, Foston, Hougham, Marston and Sedgebrook

No comments received

SOUTH HOLLAND AND THE DEEPINGS CONSTITUENCY

DEEPING ST JAMES WARD – Parish of Deeping St James

MARKET DEEPING WARD – Parishes of Market Deeping and West Deeping

No comments received

SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

GRANTHAM AND STAMFORD CONSTITUENCY

Polling District	Areas within Polling District	Polling Station	Returning Officer's Proposals
ALL SAINTS WARD			
HA1 Stamford	The All Saints Ward of Stamford	Children's Centre, Bluecoat Primary School, Green Lane, Stamford PE9 1HE	No access problems at this polling place and adequate parking facilities are available. The polling place currently accommodates two polling stations – No change proposed
AVELAND WARD			
CJ1 Aslackby	Parish of Aslackby & Laughton	Aslackby Village Hall, Bourne Road, Aslackby, Sleaford, NG34 0HJ	While not centrally located in the village, it has good disabled access and parking facilities and is of a good size.– No change proposed
CK1 Dowsby	Parish of Dowsby	Dowsby Village Hall, Main Road, Dowsby, Bourne, PE10 0TL	No access issues at this polling place. It is centrally located within the village and there are adequate on-road parking facilities available for use – No change proposed
CL1 Dunsby	Parish of Dunsby	Dunsby Village Hall, The Cross, Dunsby, Bourne, PE10 0UB	The building does have an access issue in relation to a dual level entry; however we provide an access ramps for use on polling day. Centrally located within the village and adequate on-road parking is available.– No change proposed
CM1 Kirkby Underwood	Parish of Kirby Underwood	Kirkby Underwood Village Hall, The Green, Kirkby Underwood, Bourne, PE10 0SE	No access issues at this polling place. Centrally located within the village and off-road car parking available for use. – No change proposed
CN1 Pointon	Parish of Pointon & Sempringham	Pointon Village Hall, High Street, Pointon, Sleaford, NG34 0LX	No access issues at this polling place. It is in a convenient location for electors, is of good size and off-street parking is available – No change proposed
CO1 Rippingale	Parish of Rippingale	Rippingale Village Hall, Rippingale, Bourne, PE10 0TA	No access issues at this polling place. Centrally located within the village and off-street parking is available for use.– No change proposed

BELMONT WARD			
WA1 Londonthorpe	Part of Parish of Londonthorpe & Harrowby Without	The Communal Room, Witham Place, Bridge End Road, Grantham, NG31 6JX	Whilst not located within the polling district, it is located conveniently for the polling district, has no access issues and on-street parking is available. The only option within the polling district is the Barracks, which would present major access issues onto a military base and is geographically isolated from where the majority of electors live within the polling district.– No change proposed
WB1 Londonthorpe	Part of Parish of Londonthorpe & Harrowby Without	Belmont Community Primary School, Harrowby Lane, Grantham, NG31 9LR	No access issues at this polling place. Well located within the polling district to be convenient for the majority of electors, and on-street parking is available. The venue is also of a generous size.– No change proposed
WC1 Londonthorpe	Part of Parish of Londonthorpe & Harrowby Without	Belton Lane Community School, Queensway Entrance, Queensway, Grantham, NG31 9PP	Whilst located just outside the Polling district, it is conveniently located for the geographical positioning of residential properties. There are also good facilities and off-street parking is available. There are no access issues at this polling place. The golf club within the polling district is an alternative; however it is not as convenient for the electors to access and availability is not as secure.. The polling place currently accommodates two polling stations for Belmont and Harrowby wards – No change proposed
WD1 Londonthorpe	Part of Parish of Londonthorpe & Harrowby Without	Belmont Community Primary School, Harrowby Lane, Grantham, NG31 9LR	No access issues at this polling place. Whilst located just outside the Polling district, it is convenient for the majority of electors to access, and on-street parking is available. No alternative venue is available within the polling district as it is dense residential / industrial development.– No change proposed
BOURNE EAST WARD			
EA1 Bourne	Part of the East Ward of Bourne	Bourne Youth Centre, Queen's Road, Bourne, PE10 9DX	No access issues at this polling station. Off-street parking is available for use – No change proposed
EB1 Bourne	Part of the East Ward of Bourne	Bourne Abbey C of E Primary School, Abbey Road, Bourne, PE10 9EP Proposal – relocate to : Meadow Close Communal Room, Meadow Close, Bourne, PE10 9EL	The school has been used as the polling station since 2010 however there are issues in relation to parking facilities as it is situated on a busy main road. Access to the polling place is via an indirect route along a pathway and clear signage did little to address this issue at previous elections. Proposed new venue – Meadow Close Communal

			Room, Meadow Close, Bourne, PE10 9EL
EC1 Bourne	Part of the East Ward of Bourne	Darby & Joan Hall, South Road, Bourne, PE10 9LY Proposal : EC1 – Darby & Joan Hall ED1 (new polling district for Elsea Park) – The Centre @ Elsea Park, 1 Sandown Way, Bourne.	Venue is suitable for purpose however located outside the polling district but convenient to voters, no access issues however car park is usually very busy. Electorate voting at this polling station is very large. Proposal is to re-draw the polling district boundary to create an additional polling district at the south to vote at the newly built Centre at Elsea Park. Proposal : To
ED1 Bourne	Part of the East Ward of Bourne (Dyke)	Dyke Village Hall, Main Road, Dyke, Bourne, PE10 0AF	Venue is suitable for purpose with disabled access at rear – No change proposed Polling district to be called EE1
EE1 Bourne	Part of the East Ward of Bourne (Twenty)	Twenty Village Hall, Station Road, Twenty PE10 0AZ	Venue is suitable for purpose, no access issues – No change proposed Polling district to be called EF1
BOURNE WEST WARD			
EL1 Bourne	Part of the West Ward of Bourne	Royal British Legion, 7A Burghley Street, Bourne, PE10 9NS	Venue is not ideal and has access issues, the building has a lip of approximately 2cm at the doorway and the entrance door is narrow which may make it difficult for wheelchair users to gain access. Wake House has been considered as an alternative however the room which would be suitable has prior bookings on Thursdays and would not be available for use as a polling station Propose no change at present time and further investigation to be carried out for potential alternative venues. Suggestions of alternative venues in this area of Bourne would be welcomed.
EM1 Bourne	Part of the West Ward of Bourne	Bourne Westfield Primary School, Westbourne Park, Bourne, PE10 9QS	No access issues at this polling place. On-road parking is available; however there is normally none available within easy walking distance at peak school times. It is conveniently located within the polling district. – No change proposed
EN1 Bourne	Part of the West Ward of Bourne	Communal Room, Manor Court, Bourne, PE10 9PP Proposal : No change at present time. To be kept under review as properties on	Venue is suitable for purpose, no access issues, convenient for majority of electors. The Elsea Park development is being built across the East and West Wards of Bourne however the development in the West Ward is not far advanced and currently there are insufficient electors registered to allow for this polling district to be split. This will be reviewed annually with

		the Elsea Park development continue to be built	the view of creating a separate polling district for the properties in the southern part and allowing these to vote at the newly built Centre at Elsea Park. No change proposed
EARLESFIELD WARD			
SA1 Grantham	Part of the Earlesfield Ward	Church of the Epiphany, The Grove, Grantham, NG31 7PU Proposal – new polling place: South Kesteven Table Tennis Centre, Off Trent Road, Grantham, NG31 7XQ	The Church of the Epiphany is currently closed and an alternative venue needs to be found. Propose to use the South Kesteven Table Tennis Centre, off Trent Road as the polling station. This venue has been used in previous years as the polling station for this polling district and can accommodate the two polling stations required for this polling district.
SB1 Grantham	Part of the Earlesfield Ward	West Grantham Academy, Spitalgate, Trent Road, Grantham, NG31 7XQ	Venue is well located within the polling district and has no access issues – No change proposed
FOREST WARD			
AA1 – Denton	Parish of Denton	Denton CE School, Church Street, Denton, Grantham, NG32 1LG	The building used as the polling station is separate to the main school building and allows the school to remain open on polling day. The building is accessed by a ramp however the doorway is relatively narrow. The room is small and cramped however the number of voters allocated to this polling station is small. The polling station is located in a convenient location in the centre of the village. An alternative venue is the village hall which has major access issues due to two sets of steps to the main entrance and no suitable alternative disabled entrance. The only other option would be to request that the school closes on polling day to allow the use of one of the class rooms in the main school building. It is recommended that no change be made to the present arrangements to allow the school to remain open – No change proposed
AB1 – Great Ponton	Parish of Great Ponton	Great Ponton Village Centre, Path via Archers Way, Great Ponton, Grantham, NG33 5DS	Venue is located centrally in the village, has generous off-street car parking and no access issues – No change proposed
AC1 – Wyville/Hungerton	Parish of Wyville-Cum-Hungerton	Denton CE School, Church Street, Denton, Grantham, NG32 1LG	The polling place is located in the neighbouring polling district of Denton due to no suitable alternative buildings being available in this polling district – No change proposed
AD1 – Little	Parish of Little Ponton &	Great Ponton Village Centre, Path via	The polling place is located in the neighbouring polling

Ponton	Stroxton	Archers Way, Great Ponton, Grantham, NG33 5DS	district of Great Ponton due to no suitable alternative buildings being available in this polling district. The building has generous off-street car parking and no access issues – No change proposed
AE1 – Woolsthorpe	Parish of Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir	Woolsthorpe Village Hall, Main Street, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, Grantham, NG32 1LX	This polling place has a step at the entrance however a ramp is provided to overcome this issue. The building is centrally located in the village and has good car parking facilities – No change proposed
AF1 – Harlaxton	Parish of Harlaxton	Harlaxton Village Hall, 3 Church Street, Harlaxton, Grantham, NG32 1HB	Venue is located centrally in the village with off-street car parking facilities and no access issues – No change proposed
GLEN EDEN WARD			
AK1 – Boothby Pagnell	Parish of Boothby Pagnell	Boothby Pagnell Village Hall, Ponton Road, Boothby Pagnell, Grantham, NG33 4DH	This polling place has a step at the entrance however a ramp is provided to overcome this issue. The building is centrally located in the village and has good car parking facilities – No change proposed
AL1 – Bitchfield	Parish of Bitchfield and Bassingthorpe	Boothby Pagnell Village Hall, Ponton Road, Boothby Pagnell, Grantham, NG33 4DH	This polling place is located in the neighbouring polling district of Boothby Pagnell due to lack of public buildings within this polling district. The building has a step at the entrance however a ramp is provided to overcome this issue. The building is centrally located in the village and has good car parking facilities – No change proposed
AM1 – Burton Coggles	Parish of Burton Coggles	Burton Coggles Village Hall, Post Office Lane, Burton-le-Coggles, Grantham, NG33 4JW	There is an access issue at this polling place in the form of a 25mm access lip at entrance but this can be addressed with the provision of a small ramp. Propose no change and supply of a ramp at future elections
AN1 – Corby Glen	Parish of Corby Glen	Methodist Chapel, Station Road, Corby Glen, Grantham, NG33 4NW	Venue is located centrally in the village with off-street car parking facilities and no access issues – No change proposed
AO1 – Edenham	Parish of Edenham	Edenham Village Hall, 44 Church Lane, Edenham, Bourne, PE10 0LS	This polling place has a small lip at the entrance however a ramp is provided to overcome this issue. While not centrally located in the village the venue good off-street car parking facilities – No change proposed
AP1 – Irnham	Parish of Irnham	The Griffin Inn, 15 Bulby Road, Irnham, Grantham NG33 4JG	This polling place has steps at the entrance however a ramp is provided to overcome this issue. It is centrally located within the village and has off-street parking facilities – No change proposed
AQ1 –	Parish of Swayfield	Swayfield Village Hall, 33 Corby Road,	Venue is located centrally in the village with off-street

Swayfield		Swayfield, Grantham, NG33 4LQ	car parking facilities and no access issues – No change proposed
AR1 – Swinstead	Parish of Swinstead	Swinstead Village Hall, Bourne Road, Swinstead, Grantham, NG33 4PQ	Venue is located centrally in the village with off-street car parking facilities and no access issues – No change proposed
GRANTHAM ST JOHN'S			
RA1 – Grantham	Part of the Grantham St John's Ward	Witham Room, Civic Entrance, Council Offices, St Peter's Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ	No access issues at this polling station although it is located in the neighbouring Greyfriars Ward. No parking facilities due to the extreme urban nature of the polling place. Three polling stations are located at this venue at District elections for the Grantham St John's, St Anne's and Greyfriars wards. No change proposed
RB1 – Grantham	Part of the Grantham St John's Ward	Huntingtower Community Primary School, Huntingtower Road, Grantham, NG31 7AU	This polling place is well located within the polling district and has no access issues. The new Extended Provision building can now be utilised and used as two polling stations to deal with the large number of voters registered in this polling district. This building is separate to the main school and allows the school to remain open on polling day. No change proposed
RC1 – Grantham	Part of the Grantham St John's Ward	Walton Girls' High School, Kitty Briggs Lane, Off Harlaxton Road, Grantham, NG31 7JR	No access issues at this polling place with limited off-street parking and adequate on-road parking available. Well located within the polling district. No change proposed
GREYFRIARS WARD			
TK1 – Grantham	Part of the Greyfriars Ward	Gonerby Hill Foot School, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham, NG31 8HQ	No access issues at this polling place although situated on a very busy road. The use of this building as a polling station does present problems to the school which may result in the school having to be closed to children on polling day however there are no alternative venues available within the polling district due to the dense residential nature of the area. No change proposed to polling place.
TL1 – Grantham	Part of the Greyfriars Ward	Witham Room, Civic Entrance, Council Offices, St Peter's Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ	No access issues at this polling station although no parking facilities are available due to the extreme urban nature of the polling place. Three polling stations are located at this venue at District elections for the Grantham St John's, St Anne's and Greyfriars wards. No change proposed
HARROWBY WARD			
VA1 –	Part of the Harrowby Ward	Communal Room, Canterbury Close,	No access issues at this polling station, it is well located

Grantham		Grantham, NG31 9RE	in the polling district with on-street parking available. No change proposed
VB1 – Grantham	Part of the Harrowby Ward	Belton Lane Community School (Queensway entrance), Queensway, Grantham, NG31 9PP	Venue is conveniently located within the polling district with no access issues, good facilities and off-street car parking. A separate polling station is also located in this building for the Belmont Ward – No change proposed
VC1 – Grantham	Part of the Harrowby Ward	Communal Room, Central Place, Grantham, NG31 9NX	No access issues at this polling station, it is well located in the polling district with on-street parking available. No change proposed
VD1 – Grantham	Part of the Harrowby Ward	Communal Room, Belton Avenue, Grantham, NG31 9QR	No access issues at this polling station, it is well located in the polling district with off-road parking available. No change proposed
HILLSIDES WARD			
DJ1 – Braceborough	Parish of Braceborough and Wilsthorpe	Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall, Braceborough, Stamford, PE9 4NT	No access issues at this polling place which is centrally located within the polling district and on-street parking is available – No change proposed
DK1 – Careby	Parish of Careby, Aunby & Wilsthorpe	Little Bytham Village Hall, Little Bytham, Grantham, NG33 4QJ	This building has steps at the entrance but this is overcome by the use of the ramps provided by the Village Hall. The polling place is located in the neighbouring polling district of Little Bytham and is convenient for electors to access. No change
DL1 – Carlby	Parish of Carlby	Carlby Village Hall, High Street, Carlby, Stamford, PE9 4LX	No access issues at this polling station, it is centrally located within the village with on-street parking and limited off-road parking available. No change
DM1 – Counthorpe	Parish of Counthorpe & Creeton	Little Bytham Village Hall, Little Bytham, Grantham, NG33 4QJ	The building has steps at the entrance but this is overcome by the use of the ramps provided by the Village Hall. The polling place is located in the neighbouring polling district of Little Bytham and is convenient for electors to access. No change
DN1 – Greatford	Parish of Greatford	Greatford Village Hall, Carlby Road, Greatford, Stamford, PE9 4PR	No access issues at this polling station, it is centrally located within the village with on and off-street parking available. No change proposed
DO1 – Little Bytham	Parish of Little Bytham	Little Bytham Village Hall, Little Bytham, Grantham, NG33 4QJ	The building has steps at the entrance but this is overcome by the use of the ramps provided by the Village Hall. The polling place is located centrally in the village with off-street car parking facilities. No change proposed
DP1 – Toft	Parish of Toft & Lound with Manthorpe	Witham-on-the-Hill Parish Hall, Main Street, Witham-on-the-Hill, Bourne,	No access issues at this polling place although it is located in the neighbouring polling district of Witham-

		PE10 0JH	on-the-Hill. No change proposed
DQ1 – Witham-on-the-Hill	Parish of Witham-on-the-Hill	Witham-on-the-Hill Parish Hall, Main Street, Witham-on-the-Hill, Bourne, PE10 0JH	No access issues at this polling place. It is centrally located within the village with space for on-street parking. No change proposed
ISAAC NEWTON WARD			
BA1 – Colsterworth	Parish of Colsterworth	Colsterworth C of E Primary School, Back Lane, Colsterworth, Grantham, NG33 5NJ	No access issues at this polling place. Access to the polling station is along a footpath to a side gate of the school. Alternatives considered are the Village Hall, Methodist Church and St John the Baptist Church. Although the Village Hall is an ideal building it is located some distance out of the village and is not considered convenient for the majority of voters. The St John the Baptist Church is not suitable for use as a polling station and the Methodist Church is not available due to other uses of the building on Thursday. Proposal is for the polling station to remain at the school – no change proposed.
BB1 – Easton	Parish of Easton	St Andrew & St Mary’s Church, Village Street, Stoke Rochford, Grantham, NG33 5EB Proposal : relocate the polling place to the Meeting Room Venue, A1 North, Stoke Rochford Services, Grantham, NG33 5EW	A number of issues with this polling place including uneven external pathways and dark approach to the building. Heating and lighting is poor and very uncomfortable for the polling staff. Alternatives venues have been investigated at the Stoke Rochford Estate Office and The Meeting Venue on the A1 North.. The Estate Office is very remote and accessed by a private road and is situated one mile from the current polling place. It is felt that the location of the Meeting Venue on the A1 North will be more accessible to voters.
BC1 – Gunby / Stainby	Parish of Gunby and Stainby	Colsterworth C of E Primary School, Back Lane, Colsterworth, Grantham, NG33 5NJ	Polling place is located in the neighbouring polling district of Colsterworth and is convenient for electors to access. No access issues at this polling place. Access to the polling station is along a footpath to a side gate of the school. No change proposed
BD1 - Skillington	Parish of Skillington	The Methodist Chapel, Skillington, Grantham, NG33 5HB	No access issues at this polling place, centrally located with on-street parking - no change proposed.
BE1 – Stoke Rochford	Parish of Stoke Rochford	St Andrew & St Mary’s Church, Village Street, Stoke Rochford, Grantham, NG33 5EB Proposal : relocate the polling place	A number of issues with this polling place including uneven external pathways and dark approach to the building. Heating and lighting is poor and very uncomfortable for the polling staff. Alternatives venues have been investigated at the Stoke Rochford Estate Office and The Meeting Venue on the A1 North.. The

		to the Meeting Room Venue, A1 North, Stoke Rochford Services, Grantham, NG33 5EW	Estate Office is very remote and accessed by a private road and is situated one mile from the current polling place. It is felt that the location of the Meeting Venue on the A1 North will be more accessible to voters.
LINCREST WARD			
BP1 – Braceby	Parish of Braceby & Sapperton	Ropsley C of E Primary School, School Lane, Ropsley, Grantham, NG33 4BT Proposal : that the polling station be located at the Ropsley Village Hall, Braceby Road, Ropsley, Grantham, NG33 4BN, subject to approval of the Village Hall Committee. If approval is not received, the polling station would have to remain at the Ropsley C of E Primary School.	Polling place is located in the neighbouring polling district of Ropsley. The building does not have any access issues although there is resistance in the use of the school as a polling station. Proposal is to locate the polling station at the Village Hall in future subject to agreement of the Village Hall Committee. The Village Hall is currently used on Thursdays as a Playgroup and for Table Tennis in the evenings which would need to be cancelled on polling day for the building to be used as a polling station.
BQ1 – Heydour	Parish of Heydour	Heydour Parish Hall, Green Lane, Aisby, Grantham, NG32 3NE	No access issues at this polling place, located well within the polling district to allow access from the three villages within the parish. Off-street parking available. No change proposed
BR1 – Old Somerby	Parish of Old Somerby	The Conservatory, Fox & Hounds Public House, Grantham Road, Old Somerby, Grantham, NG33 4AB	No access issues at this polling place, polling station located in the conservatory at the rear of the pub which has a separate entrance. No change proposed
BS1 – Ingoldsby	Parish of Ingoldsby	Ingoldsby Village Hall, Main Street, Ingoldsby, Grantham, NG33 4EJ	No access issues at this polling place, centrally located within the polling district with on-street parking - no change proposed.
BT1 – Lenton	Parish of Lenton, Keisby & Osgodby	Ingoldsby Village Hall, Main Street, Ingoldsby, Grantham, NG33 4EJ	No access issues at this polling place although located in the neighbouring polling district of Ingoldsby. On-street parking is available- no change proposed.
BU1 – Ropsley	Parish of Ropsley & Humby	Ropsley C of E Primary School, School Lane, Ropsley, Grantham, NG33 4BT Proposal : that the polling station be located at the Ropsley Village Hall, Braceby Road, Ropsley, Grantham, NG33 4BN, subject to approval of the Village Hall Committee. If approval is not received, the polling station would have to remain at the	Polling place is located in the neighbouring polling district of Ropsley. The building does not have any access issues although there is resistance in the use of the school as a polling station. Proposal is to locate the polling station at the Village Hall in future subject to agreement of the Village Hall Committee. The Village Hall is currently used on Thursdays as a Playgroup and for Table Tennis in the evenings which would need to be cancelled on polling day for the building to be used as a polling station.

		Rospley C of E Primary School.	
BV1 – Pickworth	Parish of Pickworth	Pickworth Village Hall, Village Street, Pickworth, Sleaford, NG34 0TD	No access issues at this polling place, reasonably well located within the village with on-street parking - no change proposed.
BW1 – Welby	Parish of Welby	The Crown & Anchor Public House, Main Street, Welby, Grantham, Ng32 3LP	There are steps at the entrance to this building however we provide a ramp to overcome this issue. It is centrally located in the village and off-street parking is available – No change proposed.
MORKERY WARD			
BJ1 – Castle Bytham	Parish of Castle Bytham	Castle Bytham Village Hall, Pinfold Road, Castle Bytham, Grantham, NG33 4RG	No access issues at this polling place, reasonably well located within the village with off-street parking - no change proposed.
BK1 – North Witham	Parish of North Witham	North Witham Village Hall, North Witham, Grantham, NG33 5JY	There are steps at the entrance to this building however we provide a ramp to overcome this issue. It is reasonably well located within the village and off-street parking is available – No change proposed.
BL1 – South Witham	Parish of South Witham	Children’s Centre, South Witham Primary School, Water Lane, South Witham, Grantham, NG33 5PH	No access issues at this polling place, centrally located within the village with on-street parking - no change proposed.
RINGSTONE WARD			
DA1 – Haconby	Parish of Haconby	The Hare and Hounds Public House, 2 West Road, Haconby, Bourne, PE10 0UZ	No access issues at this polling place, centrally located within the village with off-street parking - no change proposed.
DB1 – Morton	Parish of Morton & Hanthorpe	Morton (Bourne) Village Hall, High Street, Morton, Bourne, PE10 0NR	No access issues at this polling place, good location situated between the villages of Morton and Hanthorpe. On-street parking is available. No change proposed
ST ANNE’S WARD			
QA1- Grantham	Part of the St Anne’s Ward	Communal Room, Sandon Cose, Grantham, NG31 9AX	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is located centrally within the polling district with limited off-street parking as well as on-street parking. No change proposed
QB1 – Grantham	Part of the St Anne’s Ward	St Anne’s CE Primary School, Harrowby Road, Grantham, NG31 9ED	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is located centrally within the polling district with limited off-street parking as well as on-street parking. No change proposed
QC1 – Grantham	Part of the St Anne’s Ward	Communal Room, Witham Place, Bridge End road, Grantham, NG31 6JX	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is located centrally within the polling district with on-street parking. A separate polling station is provided at this polling station for the Belmont Ward. No change

			proposed
QD1 – Grantham	Part of the St Anne’s Ward	Witham Room, Civic Entrance, Council Offices, St Peter’s Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ	No access issues at this polling station although it is located in the neighbouring Greyfriars Ward. No parking facilities due to the extreme urban nature of the polling place. Three polling stations are located at this venue at District elections for the Grantham St John’s, St Anne’s and Greyfriars wards. No change proposed
ST GEORGE’S WARD			
GA1 – Stamford	Part of the St George’s Ward of Stamford	Stamford Free Church, Kesteven Road, Stamford, PE9 1SU	No access issues at this polling place. It is fairly centrally located within the polling district with off-street parking available. No change proposed.
GB1 – Stamford	Part of the St George’s Ward of Stamford	Communal Room, Edmonds close, Stamford, PE9 1XE	No access issues at this polling place. It is fairly centrally located within the polling district with off-street parking available. No change proposed.
ST MARY’S WARD			
JA1 – Stamford	Part of the St Mary’s Ward of Stamford	Communal Room, Clare Close, Stamford, PE9 2QA	No access issues at this polling place. It is fairly well located within the polling district with on-street parking available. No change proposed
JB1 – Stamford	Part of the St Mary’s Ward of Stamford	Stamford Arts Centre, 27 St Mary’s Street, Stamford, PE9 2DL	No access issues at this polling place. It is centrally located within the polling district with on-street parking available. No change proposed
ST WULFRAM’S WARD			
UA1 – Grantham	Part of the St Wulfram’s Ward	Cliffedale Primary School, Northcliffe Road, Grantham, NG31 8DP	No access issues at this polling place. It is centrally located within the polling district with on-street parking available. Two polling stations could be utilised at this venue if required. No change proposed
UB1 – Grantham	Part of the St Wulfram’s Ward	Communal Room, Manners Street, Grantham, NG31 8AR	No access issues at this polling station. It is located at the edge of the polling district with on-street parking available. No change proposed.
STAMFORD ST JOHN’S WARD			
KA1 – Stamford	The St John’s Ward of Stamford	Malcolm Sargent Primary School, Empingham Road, Stamford, PE9 2SR	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and on-street parking is available. The polling place currently accommodates two polling stations due to the large number of registered electors. No change proposed
THURLBY WARD			
FA1 – Thurlby	The Parish of Thurlby	Methodist School Room, High Street,	There are steps at the entrance to this building however

		Thurlby, Bourne, PE10 0ED	there is a ramp to overcome this issue. It is reasonably well located within the village and off-street parking is available – No change proposed.
TOLLER WARD			
CA1 – Billingborough	Parish of Billingborough	Billingborough Village Hall, Chapel Street, Billingborough, Sleaford, NG34 0QH	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is centrally located within the village and off-street parking is available – no change proposed
CB1 – Folkingham	Parish of Folkingham	Folkingham Village Hall, Junction of Spring Lane/Market Place, Folkingham, Sleaford, NG34 0SE	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is reasonably centrally located within the village and off-street parking is available – no change proposed
CC1 – Horbling	Parish of Horbling	Horbling Meeting Room, Spring Lane, Horbling, Sleaford, NG34 0PF	The building itself has an access issue in the form of a step at the entrance but the Meeting Room provide a ramp to use to overcome this issue. The polling place is centrally located within the village and off-street car parking is available – no change proposed
TRUESDALE WARD			
LA1 – Barholm	The Parish of Barholm & Stowe	Greatford Village Hall, Carlby Road, Greatford, Stamford, PE9 4PR	The polling place is not located within the polling district or the ward of Truesdale, but in the neighbouring polling district of Greatford which is within Hillside's Ward. The building has recently been renovated and has no access issues. On-street and off-street parking is available – No change proposed
LB1 – Baston	The Parish of Baston	Baston C of E School, 103a Main Street, Baston, Peterborough, PE6 9PB No change proposed	The current polling place has no access issues and is located reasonably well within the village with off-street parking available. The Barn was the polling station at elections prior to 2010 but its long drive is not of a smooth surface and the walkway around the building has minor subsidence and is uneven in places, both of which could pose difficulties for electors in wheelchairs. Baston school has a better surface and meets the needs of the elderly and disabled better. The school is not required to close on polling day and this is a decision for the school itself. It is proposed that the polling station remain at the School and election officers contact the school to determine whether it is possible to use the facility without the Headteacher taking the

			decision to close the school. The Barn could be considered in future if the condition of the pathways were improved. No change proposed
LC1 – Langtoft	Parish of Langtoft	Langtoft Village Hall, 26, West End, Langtoft, Peterborough, PE6 9LS	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is centrally located within the village of Langtoft and on-street parking is available. No change proposed
LD1 – Tallington	Parish of Tallington	Tallington Village Hall, Main Road, Tallington, Stamford, PE9 4RP	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is reasonably well located within the village and off-street parking is available – No change
LE1 – Uffington	Parish of Uffington	Uffington Village Hall, Main Road, Uffington, Stamford, PE9 4SN	No access issues within this polling place; however access can be problematic from the rear as a livestock field must be entered to access the polling station. The polling place is reasonably well located within the village and on-street parking is available. No change proposed

SLEAFORD AND NORTH HYKEHAM CONSTITUENCY

Polling District	Areas within Polling District	Polling Station	Returning Officer's Proposals
BARROWBY WARD			
PB2 – Barrowby	Parish of Barrowby	The Reading Room, Church Street, Barrowby, Grantham, NG32 1BX	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is reasonably well located within the village of Barrowby and on-street parking is available. No change proposed
ERMINE WARD			
OA2 – Ancaster	Parish of Ancaster	Ancaster Parish Hall, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, NG32 3PP	The building itself has an access issue in the form of a step at the entrance but the Parish Hall provide a ramp to use to overcome this issue. The polling place is centrally located within the village of Ancaster and off-street car parking is available for use. No change proposed
OB2 – Barkston	Parish of Barkston	Barkston & Syston Village Hall, Main Road, Barkston, Grantham, NG32 2NH	No access issues at this polling place. Whilst the polling place is located just outside the polling district in the parish of Syston, it is convenient for electors to access. Off-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
OC2 – Belton & Manthorpe	Parish of Belton & Manthorpe	Manthorpe Playgroup Hall, Low Road, Manthorpe, Grantham, NG32 8NQ	No access issues at this polling place. Centrally located within Manthorpe; due to the nature of the two villages of Belton and Manthorpe being separate no polling station could be central among all electors. Off-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
OD2 – Syston	Parish of Syston	Barkston & Syston Village Hall, Main Road, Barkston, Grantham, NG32 2NH	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is located just inside the polling district; whilst not centrally located within the village of Syston it is convenient for electors to access. Off-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
HEATH WARD			
NJ2 – Caythorpe	Parish of Caythorpe	Caythorpe Children's Centre, High Street, Caythorpe, Grantham, NG32 3DR	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is centrally located within the village of Caythorpe and on-street parking is available. No change proposed
NK2 – Fulbeck	Parish of Fulbeck	Fulbeck Village Hall, Lincoln Road, Fulbeck, Grantham, NG32 3JW	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is centrally located within the village of Fulbeck and on-

			street parking is available directly in front of building with additional parking available across the road at the playing field. No change proposed
LOVEDON WARD			
NA2 – Carlton Scroop	Parish of Carlton Scroop	Carlton Scroop Village Hall, Newark Lane, Carlton Scroop, Grantham, NG32 3AR	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is reasonably well located within the village of Carlton Scroop and off-street parking is available for use.
NB2 – Claypole	Parish of Claypole	Claypole New Hall, Claypole CE Primary School, School Lane, Claypole, Newark NG23 5BH	Possible access issue at this polling place with a step at the entrance. Further investigation to be carried out regarding any potential issues and provision of any ramps to overcome these issues. The polling place is reasonably well located within the village of Claypole. Off-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
NC2 – Fenton	Parish of Fenton	Stubton Village Hall, Fenton Road, Stubton, Newark NG23 5DB	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is not located within the polling district due to the limitations of the lack of public buildings within the polling district; however it is located within the neighbouring polling district and convenient for electors to access. On-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
ND2 – Honington	Parish of Honington	Carlton Scroop Village Hall, Newark Lane, Carlton Scroop, Grantham, NG32 3AR	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is not located within the polling district due to the limitations of the lack of public buildings within the polling district; however it is located within the neighbouring polling district and convenient for electors to access. Off-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
NE2 – Hough	Parish of Hough-on-the-Hill	Manor Farm Barn, Folly Lane, Hough-on-the-Hill, Grantham, NG32 2BA	There is an access issue at this polling place in the form of a step but the venue provides a ramp to overcome the problem. The polling place is reasonably well located within the village of Hough-on-the-Hill and on-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
NF2 – Normanton	Parish of Normanton	Carlton Scroop Village Hall, Newark Lane, Carlton Scroop, Grantham, NG32 3AR	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is not located within the polling district due to the limitations of the lack of public buildings within the polling district; however it is located within the neighbouring polling district and convenient for electors to access. Off-street parking is available for use. No

			change proposed
NG2 – Stubton	Parish of Stubton	Stubton Village Hall, Fenton Road, Stubton, Newark NG23 5DB	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is reasonably well located within the village of Stubton and on-street parking is available. No change proposed
PEASCLIFFE WARD			
PA2 – Great Gonerby	Parish of Great Gonerby	St. Sebastian’s C of E Primary School, High Street, Great Gonerby, Grantham, NG31 8LB	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is centrally located within the village of Great Gonerby and on-street parking is available for use. Although the memorial hall is an alternative to the school the gravel approach to the building would cause problems for wheelchairs and buggies. Plans are in place for the building of a new hall to replace the existing Memorial Hall and it is therefore proposed that no change be made to the current arrangement and reviewed again when the new hall is completed. No change proposed
SAXONWELL WARD			
NS2 – Long Bennington	Parish of Long Bennington	Long Bennington Village Hall, Main Road, Long Bennington, Newark NG23 5DJ	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is centrally located within the village of Long Bennington and off-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
NT2 – Dry Doddington	Parish of Westborough and Dry Doddington	Dry Doddington Village Hall, Main Street, Dry Doddington, Newark NG23 5HU	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is reasonably well located within the village of Dry Doddington and off-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
NU2 – Westborough	Parish of Westborough and Dry Doddington	Westborough Village Hall, Westborough, Newark NG23 5HL	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is centrally located within the village of Westborough and on-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
WITHAM VALLEY WARD			
OK2 – Allington	Parish of Allington	Allington Village Hall, Side Street, Allington, Grantham, NG32 2DZ	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is reasonably centrally located within the village of Allington and off-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
OL2 – Foston	Parish of Foston	Foston Village Hall, Church Street, Foston, Grantham, NG32 2LG	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is reasonably centrally located within the village of

			Foston and off-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
OM2 – Hougham	Parish of Hougham	Hougham & Marston Village Hall, Frinkley Lane, Hougham, Grantham, NG32 2JA	No access issues at this polling place. Whilst located within in the polling district it is not located within the village of Hougham; however it is still in a convenient location for electors to access. Off-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
ON2 – Marston	Parish of Marston	Hougham & Marston Village Hall, Frinkley Lane, Hougham, Grantham, NG32 2JA	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is not located within the polling district; however it is located within the neighbouring polling district and fairly convenient for electors to access. Off-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
OO2 – Sedgebrook	Parish of Sedgebrook	Sedgebrook Social Club, Abbey Lane, Sedgebrook, Grantham, NG32 2EY	Slight access issue at this polling station in the form of 5cm doorway lip at the top of a ramp. The polling place is centrally located within the village of Sedgebrook and off-street parking is available for use. No change proposed

SOUTH HOLLAND AND THE DEEPINGS CONSTITUENCY

Polling District	Areas within Polling District	Polling Station	Returning Officer's Proposals
DEEPING ST JAMES WARD			
LS3 – Deeping St James	Part of the Deeping St James parish	Deeping Community Centre, 2 Douglas Road, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8SX	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is not located within the polling district or the ward; although it is located within the neighbouring polling district (Market & West Deeping Ward) and fairly convenient for electors to access. Off-street parking available. This polling place accommodates two polling stations, one for the Deeping St James Ward and one for the Market Deeping Ward. This arrangement will be kept under review with regard to the number of voters allocated to these stations and an additional polling station in this polling place may be incorporated in future. No change proposed at present time.
LT3 – Deeping St James	Part of the Deeping St James Parish	Deeping St James CP School, Hereward Way, Deeping St. James PE6 8PZ	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is centrally located within the residential area of the polling district. Limited off-street parking is available for use as well as on-street parking. Due to the large number of voters registered in this polling district two polling stations will be used at this polling place. No change proposed
MARKET AND WEST DEEPING WARD			
LG3 – Market Deeping	Market Deeping	The Green School, Church Street, Market Deeping, PE6 8DA	No access issues at this polling place. Conveniently located within the polling district for electors to access. On-street parking is available for use. No change proposed
LH3 – Market Deeping	Market Deeping	Deeping Community Centre, 2 Douglas Road, Market Deeping PE6 8SX	No access issues at this polling place. The polling place is fairly conveniently located within the polling district for electors to access. Off-street parking is available for use. This polling place accommodates two polling stations, one for the Deeping St James Ward and one for the Market Deeping Ward. This arrangement will be kept under review with regard to the number of voters allocated to these stations and an additional polling

			station in this polling place may be incorporated in future. No change proposed at present time
LI3 – West Deeping	Parish of West Deeping	West Deeping Village Hall, King Street, West Deeping PE6 9HP	There is an access issue at this polling place in the form of a large threshold lip at the entrance; however the venue provides a ramp to overcome this issue. The polling place is centrally located within the village of West Deeping, and on-street parking is available for use. No change proposed