

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 :

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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