

INTERIM POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATION REVIEW 2022

PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLLING PLACES

GRANTHAM AND STAMFORD PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY

BELVOIR WARD / COLSTERWORTH RURAL COUNTY DIVISION

Polling District		Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Electors (excluding postal voters)
BLA1 BLD1	Denton Wyville-cum- Hungerton	The Welby Arms, Church Street, Denton, NG32 1LG	St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Denton, NG31 1LG	233
<p>Submissions received: Councillor Pam Bosworth, Member for Belvoir Ward – In agreement that the church is the most suitable alternative venue. Councillor Hannah Westropp, Member for Belvoir Ward – in agreement that the church is the Church is a suitable suggestion.</p>				
<p>Returning Officer's Proposal: Polling districts BLA1 and BLD1 After completion of the polling places review, confirmation has been received that The Welby Arms in Denton, the current polling place for the parishes of Denton and Wyville-cum-Hungerton, will no longer be available for use as a polling station. Three possible alternatives were identified – Village Hall, School and the Church. The village hall does not provide adequate access provision with a number of steps leading up to the front of the building which cannot be ramped and a rear entrance which is access across grass. The school has very limited space. The Church is located very close to the current polling station and although has steps at the main entrance has a separate level accessible entrance to the rear of the building. As the Church has limited facilities, portable toilet facilities will be hired for polling day. The District and County Councillors, together with Denton Parish Council have been consulted on the proposed change.</p>				
1.	<p>Recommendation: St Andrew's Church replaces The Welby Arms as the polling place for BLA1 Denton and BLD1 Wyville-cum-Hungerton in the Belvoir Ward.</p>			

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BOURNE EAST WARD / BOURNE SOUTH AND THURLBY COUNTY DIVISION

Polling District		Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Electors (excluding postal voters)
BNK1	Bourne East No.2	Meadow Close Communal Room, Meadow Close, Bourne, PE10 9EL	Bourne Corn Exchange, 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, PE10 9EF	1352
Submissions received: None				
Returning Officer's Proposal: At the elections held in May 2021, the polling station was temporarily relocated from the Meadow Close Communal Room to the Bourne Corn Exchange due to concerns over the health and wellbeing of residents on site during the Covid-19 pandemic. Positive feedback was received. The proposed venue is suitable for all electors to access, is in a good location within the polling district and has good parking facilities and is considered the most appropriate polling place for future elections.				
2.	Recommendation: Bourne Corn Exchange replaces Meadow Close Communal Room as the polling place for BNK1 Bourne East Ward.			

Polling District		Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Electors (excluding postal voters)
BNM1	Bourne East No.4 Twenty	Twenty Village Hall, Station Road, Twenty, Bourne, PE10 0AZ	Bourne Corn Exchange, 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, PE10 9EF	134
Submissions received: None				
Returning Officer's Proposal: Twenty Village Hall has closed and is no longer available. At the elections in May 2021, voters in BNM1 polling district voted at the Bourne Corn Exchange. No other locations are available in the polling district of Twenty following the closure of the Village Hall. The proposed venue is suitable for all electors to access, has good parking facilities and is considered the most appropriate polling place for future elections.				
3.	Recommendation: Bourne Corn Exchange replaces Twenty Village Hall as the polling place for BNM1 Bourne East Ward.			

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GRANTHAM BARROWBY GATE WARD / GRANTHAM WEST COUNTY DIVISION

Polling District		Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Electors (excluding postal voters)
GBA1	Grantham Barrowby Gate No.1	Poplar Farm School, Helmsley Road, Grantham, NG31 8XF (currently two stations, shared with part of Grantham Arnoldfield Ward)	Grantham and District Indoor Bowling Club, Trent Road, Grantham, NG31 7XQ (2 stations)	1710

Submissions received:

Local resident:

I entirely accept that there isn't a "ready-made" polling station in GBA1 but has the council considered the use of an accessible portacabin in the car park at the back of Tesco Express just off Carlisle Close? This would be very central to the polling district and accessible to all. Using Google Maps this would be no more than 19 minute walk from the most western house in the district, an 11 minute walk from the most eastern house and a 5 minute walk from the most southern house.

Another alternative would be the Miller and Carter, either using a room in the pub/restaurant itself or the car park to house an accessible portacabin. This is immediately adjacent to the polling district unlike either the school or the bowls club. This would be an 18 minute walk from the most western house, an 11 minute walk from the most eastern house and a 14 minute walk from the most southern house.

I feel the above proposals would serve a far greater proportion of the polling district than the school or bowls club, both of which will inevitably lead to far more car journeys being required.

The school is a 22 minute walk from the most western house, an 11 minute walk from the most eastern house and an 18 minute walk from the most southern house. The bowls club is a 29 minute walk from the most western house, a 21 minute walk from the most eastern house and a 10 minute walk from the most southern house.

It's clear that the bowls club is the option that will result in the most car journeys and inconvenience to voters which is contrary the council's frequently stated policies on climate change and democratic engagement.

If the bowls club ends up as the final polling station, could the council please put considerable effort into telling residents in GBA1 about the change as many voters may not realise the change has happened until they go to vote and it is a 27 minute walk from the school to the bowls club so it is more likely than not they will just not bother voting.

Finally, could the council please highlight this change and the time it will take to vote in person as a way to proactively encourage voters to register for postal votes in GBA1?

Returning Officer's Proposals

The polling station has been located in the neighbouring ward of Grantham Arnoldfield, most recently at the Poplar Farm School and prior to this at the Newton House Care Home. There are no suitable polling station venues within the polling district. Poplar Farm School is also the polling station for an area of the Grantham Arnoldfield Ward resulting in two polling stations being necessary at the school. The room used at the school is no longer large enough to accommodate the growing number of voters in these areas. Currently voters in polling district GBA1 have to cross the busy Barrowby Road to access the school.

At the elections held in May 2021 the polling station was temporarily relocated to the Grantham Indoor Bowls Club within the neighbouring Grantham Earlesfield ward to reduce the number of voters attending the Poplar Farm School premises due to the pandemic.

The suggestion of siting a portacabin in the car park at the back of the Tesco Express off Carlisle Close has been considered as part of this review. Unfortunately despite several attempts it has not been possible to make contact

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with the management company of the car park. Siting of a portacabin for use as a polling station is a very costly option involving the hiring and siting of the mobile unit for a 3 day period and would result in the car park being unavailable to shoppers, businesses and residents during this period.

The Miller and Carter has been considered previously but unfortunately does not have a separate room which could be used as a polling station without the closure of the premises for the day. The car park is operated by a private management company and again we have been unable to make contact to discuss the use of part of the car park.

The Bowling Club is located just outside the Barrowby Gate Ward in the Grantham Earlesfield Ward and provides good access with a large car park for voters and offers sufficient space to accommodate two stations. It is acknowledged that both options of remaining at the school and relocating to the bowling club are a distance for some voters in the polling district to travel on foot. Voters will be notified on their polling card of the location of their polling station and also have the option of applying to vote by post. It is also proposed that a separate communication be sent to all properties in this polling district to highlight the location of the polling station in advance of the poll cards.

4.	<p>Recommendation: Grantham and District Indoor Bowling Club replaces Poplar Farm School as the polling place for GBA1 Grantham Barrowby Gate ward and that a letter be sent to the occupiers of all properties within this polling district to advise of the change of polling place in advance of the elections taking place in May 2023.</p>
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Polling District		Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Electors (excluding postal voters)
GBB1	Grantham Barrowby Gate No.2	Table Tennis Centre, The Meres Leisure Centre, Trent Road, Grantham, NG31 7XQ (currently two stations, shared with part of the Grantham Earlesfield Ward)	Grantham and District Indoor Bowling Club, Trent Road, Grantham, NG31 7XQ (2 stations)	1355

Submissions received:

None

Returning Officer's proposals:

There are no suitable polling station venues available within the polling district, the polling station has been located at the Table Tennis Centre within the neighbouring Grantham Earlesfield ward. As a result of the Table Tennis Centre being used as the Covid-19 vaccination centre the polling station was temporarily relocated to the Bowling Club at the elections in May 2021. The Table Tennis Centre remains unavailable.

The proposed venue is located near to the Table Tennis Centre and is suitable for all electors to access, provides sufficient space to accommodate two polling stations, has good parking facilities and is considered the most appropriate polling place for future elections.

5.	<p>Recommendation: Grantham and District Indoor Bowling Club replaces the Table Tennis Centre as the polling place for GBB1 Grantham Barrowby Gate Ward.</p>
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GRANTHAM EARLESFIELD WARD / GRANTHAM BARROWBY COUNTY DIVISION

Polling District		Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Electors (excluding postal voters)
GEA1	Grantham Earlesfield No.1	Table Tennis Centre, The Meres Leisure Centre, Trent Road, Grantham, NG31 7XQ (currently two stations, shared with part of Grantham Barrowby Gate Ward)	Grantham West Community Centre, Trent Road, Grantham, NG31 7XQ	1666
Submissions received: None				
Returning Officer's Proposals: As a result of the Table Tennis Centre being used as the Covid-19 vaccination centre the polling station was temporarily relocated to the Grantham West Community Centre at the elections in May 2021. The Table Tennis Centre currently remains unavailable. The Grantham West Community Centre is already used as the polling station for polling district GEB1 and is located 0.4 mile along Trent Road from the Table Tennis Centre. The Community Centre is of sufficient size to accommodate the two polling stations for polling districts GEA1 and GEB1 and has off road carparking. It is proposed that the polling station be relocated to the Grantham West Community Centre for future elections.				
6.	Recommendation: Grantham West Community Centre replaces the Table Tennis Centre as the polling place for GEA1 Grantham Earlesfield Ward.			

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GRANTHAM HARROWBY WARD / GRANTHAM EAST COUNTY DIVISION

Polling District		Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Electors (excluding postal voters)
GHA1	Grantham Harrowby No.1	Canterbury Close Communal Room, Canterbury Close, Grantham, NG31 9RE	The Church of the Ascension Hall, Edinburgh Road, Grantham, NG31 9QZ	900
Submissions received: None				
Returning Officers Proposals: The proposed venue (Church of the Ascension) was used at elections held in May 2021 due to the Canterbury Close Communal Room being unavailable during the pandemic. The current location in Canterbury Close is located on a fairly narrow road with a one-way system and limited number of parking bays. The Church of the Ascension is located centrally in the polling district, a 3 minute walk from the current venue at Canterbury Close and has off-road parking, excellent facilities and good access. It is proposed that the polling station be relocated to the Church of the Ascension for future elections.				
7.	Recommendation: The Church of the Ascension Hall replaces the Canterbury Close Communal Room as the polling place for GHA1 Grantham Harrowby Ward.			

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Polling District		Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Electors (excluding postal voters)
GHC1	Grantham Harrowby No.3	Central Place Communal Room, Central Place, Grantham, NG31 9NX	The Church of the Ascension Hall, Edinburgh Road, Grantham, NG31 9QZ	812
<p>Submissions received: Councillor Selby, member for Grantham Harrowby Ward Reference the proposed change for Central Place Communal Room, Central Place, Grantham, NG31 9NX to be relocated to the Church of Ascension. I am in disagreement with this suggestion. It is a long way for many of the residents that would find it difficult to attend at the Church. Central Place has always been a convenient polling station for many years.</p>				
<p>Returning Officer Proposals: At the May 2021 elections, the polling station for GHC1 was temporarily relocated to the Harrowby Lane Methodist Church due to the Central Place Communal Room being unavailable during the pandemic. The current venue at Central Place is located at one end of the polling district, on a cul-de-sac with only residents parking available. The Church of the Ascension is located nearby with a large off-road parking, excellent facilities and good access and provides a large hall for voting to accommodate both GHC1 and GHA1 polling districts.</p> <p>Although the Church of the Ascension is further for a small number of residents on the western edge of the polling district, it is felt to offer a larger voting space with good access and car parking facilities.</p>				
8.	<p>Recommendation: The Church of the Ascension Hall replaces the Central Place Communal Room as the polling place for GHC1 Grantham Harrowby Ward.</p>			

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GRANTHAM SPRINGFIELD WARD / GRANTHAM BARROWBY COUNTY DIVISION

Polling District		Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Electors (excluding postal voters)
GSC1	Grantham Springfield No.3	Walton Academy, Kitty Briggs Lane, Grantham, NG31 7JR	Bethesda Evangelical Church, Kitty Briggs Lane, Grantham, NG31 7JR	770
<p>Submissions received:</p> <p>None</p>				
<p>Returning Officer's Proposal:</p> <p>At the elections held in May 2021, the polling station was temporarily relocated from the Walton Academy to the Bethesda Evangelical Church to reduce the number of school premises used during the pandemic.</p> <p>The Bethesda Evangelical Church is located opposite Walton Academy central to the polling district and provides good facilities and access. Agreement has been made with the management of the premises for the use as a polling station.</p> <p>It is proposed that the polling station be relocated to the Bethesda Evangelical Church for future elections.</p>				
9.	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>The Bethesda Evangelical Church replaces the Walton Academy as the polling place for GSC1 Grantham Springfield Ward.</p>			

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ISAAC NEWTON WARD / COLSTERWORTH RURAL COUNTY DIVISION

Polling District		Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Electors (excluding postal voters)
INH1	South Witham	Children’s Centre, South Witham Academy, Water Lane, South Witham, NG33 5PH	South Witham Village Hall, Water Lane, South Witham, NG33 5PH	1054
<p>Submissions received:</p> <p>Councillor Ben Green, member for Isaac Newton Ward – At INH1, I fully support the relocation of South Witham’s polling place to South Witham Village Hall, which has been used before successfully and is a notable, and known, building in the community with ample car parking.</p> <p>South Witham Parish Council – in support of change of venue All are in agreement that we would very much like the venue to change to South Witham village hall for elections, as it has many advantages over the Children’s Centre, including parking.</p>				
<p>Returning Officer’s Proposal: South Witham Village Hall was used at elections held in May 2021 due to the Children’s Centre as an alternative to the Academy premises during the pandemic. Positive feedback was received and the Village Hall has good facilities, access and car parking and is located a short distance from the Children’s Centre. It is proposed that the polling station be relocated to the South Witham Village Hall for future elections.</p>				
10.	<p>Recommendation: South Witham Village Hall replaces the Children’s Centre as the polling place for INH1 South Witham in the Isaac Newton Ward.</p>			

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PEASCLIFFE AND RIDGEWAY WARD / GRANTHAM NORTH COUNTY DIVISION

Polling District		Existing Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Electors (excluding postal voters)
PCC2	Belton and Manthorpe (Belton parish ward)	Manthorpe Playgroup Hall, Low Road, Manthorpe, NG31 8NQ	St John’s Church Community Hall, High Road, Manthorpe, NG31 8NG	142
<p>Submissions received:</p> <p>Councillor Ian Stokes, Member for Peascliffe and Ridgeway Ward – supports the proposal to relocate the polling station for Belton and Manthorpe to the St John’s Church Community Hall.</p> <p>County Councillor Ray Wootten, Member for Grantham North electoral division – supports the proposal to relocate the polling station for Belton and Manthorpe to the St John’s Church Community Hall.</p> <p>Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council – the Parish Council would support a move to the new community hall at Manthorpe St John’s Church.</p>				
<p>Returning Officer’s Proposal:</p> <p>After completion of the polling places review, the St John’s Church Community Hall has been identified as a more suitable venue than the current polling place at Manthorpe Playgroup Hall. The Community Hall is located to the rear of the church on the Main Road, a 3 minute walk from the playgroup hall, has a large car park, excellent facilities and access provision. The change will also enable the playgroup hall to continue without disruption on polling day. The District and County Councillors, together with Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council have been consulted on the proposed change.</p>				
11.	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>St John’s Church Community Hall, Manthorpe replaces the Manthorpe Playgroup Hall as the polling place for PCC2 Belton and Manthorpe in the Peascliffe and Ridgeway Ward.</p>			

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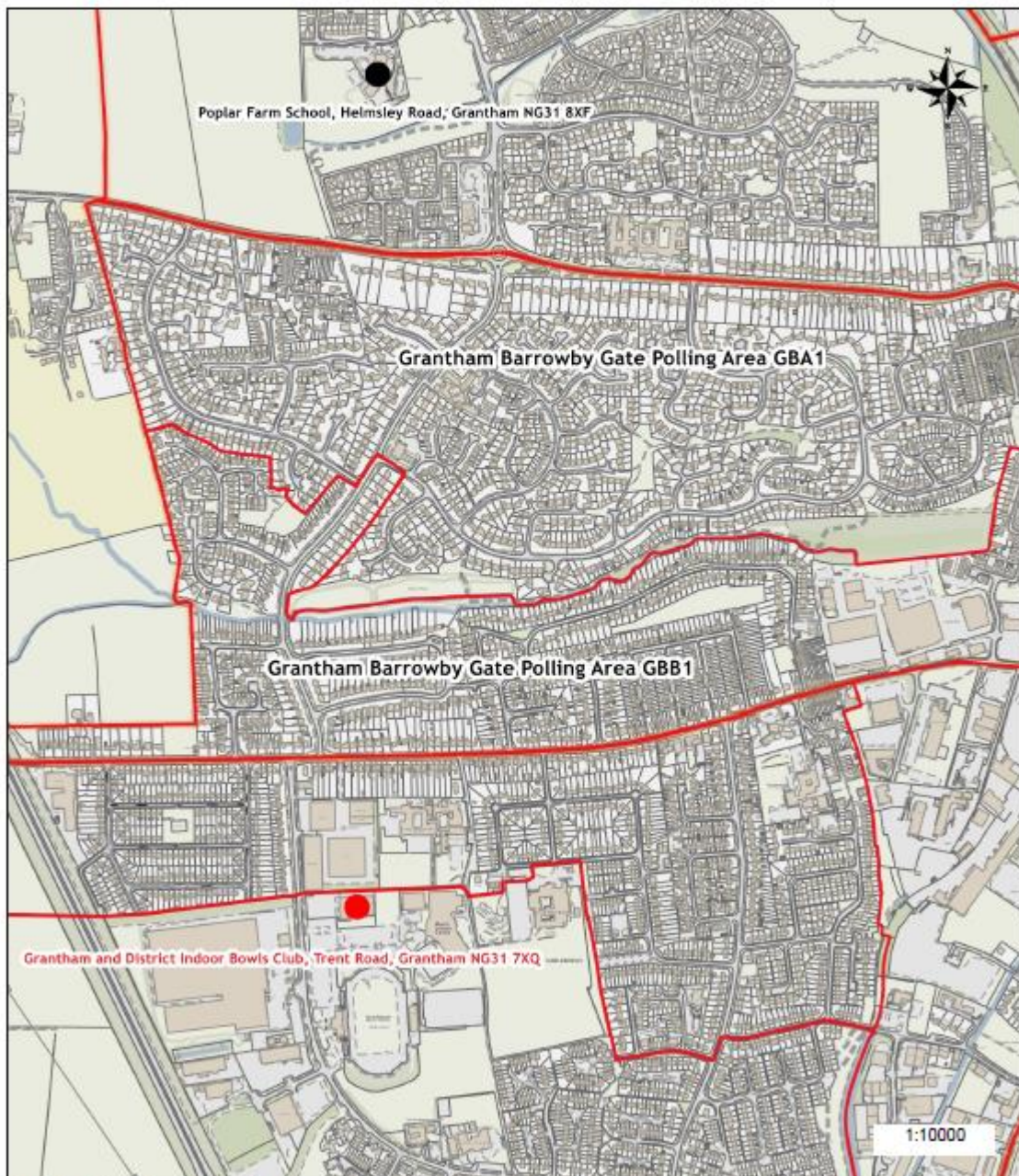


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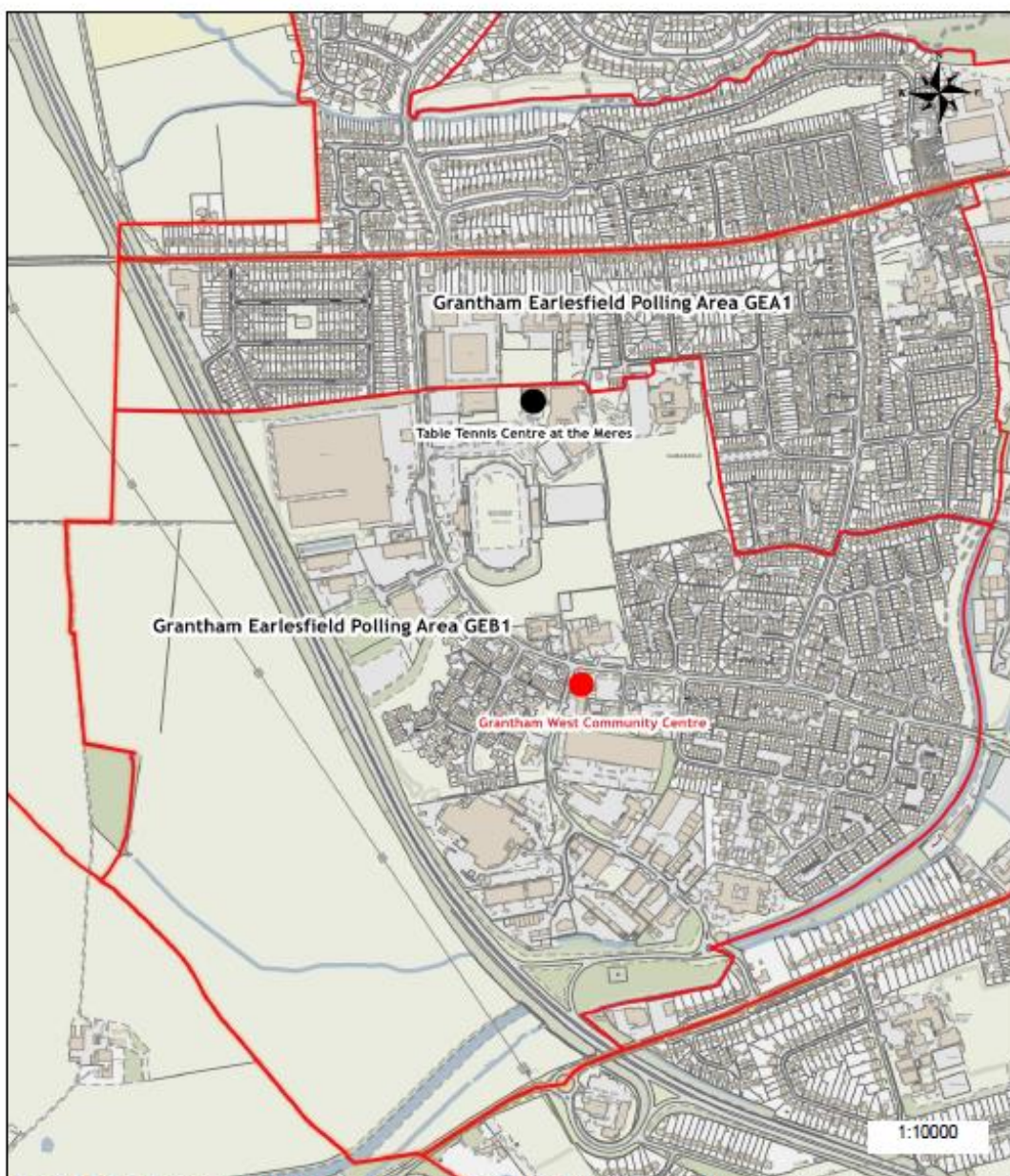


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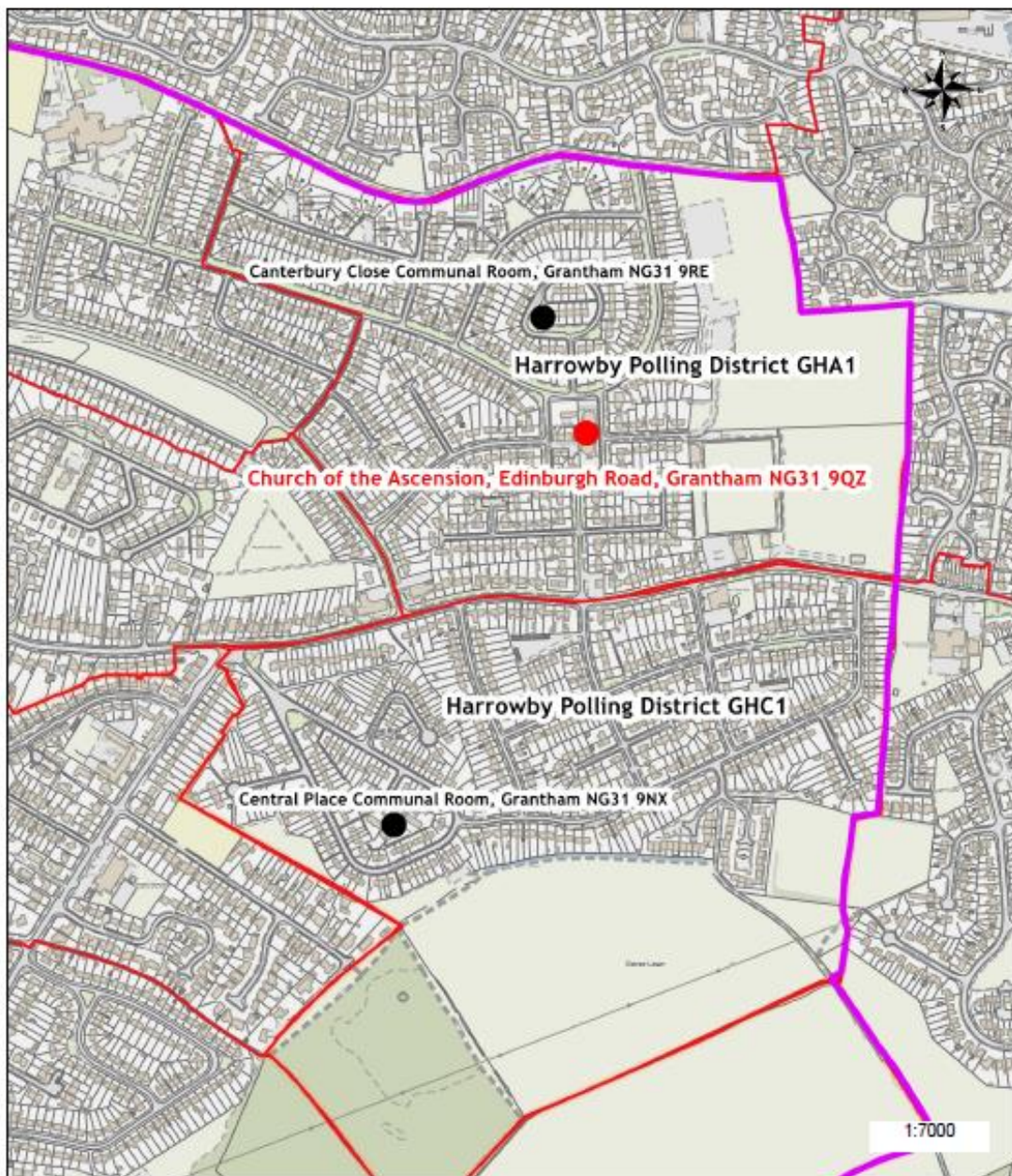


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