

Summary of representations received in the polling district and polling place review consultation

A summary of the representations received in the polling district and polling place review has been provided below, organised in alphabetical ward order. Additional responses that were outside the scope of the consultation have been provided at the end.

Bilston North

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
BN1	Ward Councillors: Councillor Phil Page, Councillor Linda Leach and Councillor Olivia Birch	Councillors were concerned about the vulnerable residents at the tenants meeting room and having this building open for public access. They also said that there is restricted access to parking because it is used by the residents, and it is not as central to the polling district.	This is a reasonable concern and given the safeguarding concerns, the Acting Returning Officer proposals will include the return to Stowlawn Primary School. A site visit was conducted to the college sports hall as an alternative, however the councillor's feedback said that this is an extremely busy site and it is also difficult for residents of BNA to access.
BN1	Voter	I accept that the LGBCE will have accurately redefined the ward boundaries based upon appropriate criteria and using the census data it had available. I further accept that this work was done without any political bias, simply to allow council wards (like the necessary changes to MP constituency boundaries) to	Feedback noted and echoed the points raised by Councillors regarding the lack of parking and it being more on the edge of the boundary. Therefore, this will be moved back to Villiers Primary School.

		<p>reflect where people live now, rather than where they lived historically. This site is not located on a main road, on the local (little) bus route, on a road people use to travel the area nor is it located near the centre of the district. Instead, it has been placed on the extreme edge of the district, well off the beaten track I do wonder where people are expected to park, if they have a car, or do you just intend to waste council tax payers money 'compensating' people when you hijack tenants' parking spaces. I also presume the location was chosen to discourage the elderly from voting, possibly as a petty bourgeois reaction to the Brexit vote, probably on the assumption that normally there are sufficient sheep to ensure that election results are a foregone conclusion, ergo why waste effort finding a central location e.g. the old Methodist Church. We had a youth club that would have</p>	
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		been convenient but you lot subsumed it into the school.	
BN2	Councillor Phil Page, Councillor Linda Leach and Councillor Olivia Birch (ward councillors for Bilston North)	BNB is taking in from Bilston East ward. Councillors said that this part of the ward needs to be a separate polling district. These voters currently vote at Bert williams, but this is a busy junction, and it would be more convenient for them to vote at the Excel Church. This is out of the ward, but councillors agreed that this has a better fit for this community. The rest of BNB should vote back at Villiers Primary School as per the comments below.	The Acting Returning Officer proposed that BNB polling district will be split in to two along the Wellington to create an additional polling district and polling station in the ward. It is proposed that they will vote at the excel church as this is closer for these electors and it makes a good polling station venue.
BN2	Voter	I live on Shale Street. previously the street came under Bilston East and Ettingshall wards. All Saints Primary School was used, but I think the Excel Church would be more It has a large car park, served by the 23 bus service.	This is in line with the feedback provided by Ward Councillors and it is proposed that this polling district will be split and the polling station will be the Excel Church.
BN4	Councillor Phil Page, Councillor Linda Leach and Councillor Olivia Birch (ward councillors for Bilston North)	Villiers Primary School is a better polling station for BNB and BND residents. The proposed polling station of Bilston Methodist Church	The Acting Returning Officer proposed that the polling station is at Villiers Primary School given the concerns

		entrance is too close to the traffic lights and would cause congestion. The car park is too small. This would double the distance for electors compared to Villiers. Electors are used to voting at Villiers and they do not want to create too much change as the ward boundary changes are enough change.	raised by all three ward councillors.
BN4	Bilston Methodist Church	Proposals make sense – large car park, disabled toilets, disabled ramp access	The Acting Returning Officer visited the venue and agrees that it is a suitable polling station, however it will not be used for May 2023 given the concerns raised above.
BN3 and BN5	Councillor Phil Page, Councillor Linda Leach and Councillor Olivia Birch (ward councillors for Bilston North)	Happy with these proposals	Feedback noted. No further action required.
All	Wolverhampton Liberal Democrats	Bilston North has 5 polling districts of a similar physical size, with electorates of 2,090, 2,454, 1,743, 1,378 and 2,061: an ideal standard that should be replicated elsewhere!	Feedback noted. No further action required.

Bilston South

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
BS1	Councillor Stephen Simkins	The horning drive polling station was closer for these electors, and it will also be the polling station to serve the new Bilston urban village.	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this feedback and proposes to split this district and to have the temporary polling station at horning drive as this is closer for electors in this area.
All	Wolverhampton Liberal Democrats	Bilston South is one of the wards that has changed, hence the change of name from Bilston East. It has a mixture of size and electorate in its 7 polling districts, and these could be reduced to the 'standard' 5 by combining BSB and BSD to give a total of 2,242, keeping the BS4 polling station for both; and combining BSE with BSF rather than the adjacent BSG which already has 2,007 electors. Although that combination would total 2,777, the northern boundary of BSF could be moved down to align with the northern boundary of BSE, with the electors north of	The Acting Returning Officer notes the feedback and appreciates the effort to equalise the polling district numbers from an administrative perspective, however unlike the ward boundary review this is not the aim with the polling district review. These proposals would reduce the number of polling stations and increase the distance that some electors would have to travel. It is inconvenient for electors in BSB to have to cross the A463 main road to get to the BS4 polling station. Abiding by the Electoral Commission guidance, we cannot plan for a polling station to have more

		King Street joining BSA which currently has only 1,446.	than 2,500 electors. The proposal to move the BSF line down to gain a more even electorate would not benefit the electors as their polling station would be further away and more awkward to get to.
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Blakenhall

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
BO1, BO2, BO5	Councillor Jas Dehar, Councillor Paul Birch (Ward Councillors)	These polling stations are working fine.	Feedback noted, no further action required.
BO1	Wolverhampton Liberal Democrats	Blakenhall meets the standard 5, but has the polling districts with the highest and lowest electors next to each other with 2,326 and 1,352, compared to the other 3 with 1,606, 1,865 and 1,628. If ~400 electors were moved from the south of BOA to BOB, this would even things up and reduce the pressure on the BO1 polling station.	Both electorates are still within an acceptable scope. The Royal Air Force Association in BOA is a small room so the Acting Returning Officer would not recommend that more electors are moved here. The existing arrangements for these polling districts have worked well and are convenient for electors.
BO5	Cllr Tersaim Singh	It is difficult to get to St Theresa's too as it's a cul de sac, very narrow road	Feedback noted and will change to St Johns Methodist Church.

BO3	Councillor Jas Dehar	This is a south Asian community with a lot of elderly residents who could not get to St Johns Methodist Church, and some do not know where it is. They always go to Goldthorn Park.	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this feedback and proposes that the polling station is at Goldthorn Park Primary School.
BO3	Councillor Paul Birch	Would like to retain Goldthorn Park School as Double for BOC/BOD	As above
BO4	Councillor Jas Dehar	This is where they have always voted. It caused confusion changing it last year.	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this feedback and proposes that the polling station is at Goldthorn Park Primary School.
BO4	Voter	it looks like it will make little difference to my wife and myself just a little bit more walking.	Feedback noted, no further action required. The final proposal will revert back to the ordinary polling station.
BO4	Councillor Paul Birch	Would like to retain Goldthorn Park School as Double for BOC/BOD	As above
BO5	Voter	It is more convenient from a parking and traffic point of view than St Teresa's School	Feedback noted, no further action required.
BO5	Voter	Within the local area of Blakenhall, there are plenty of community locations that could be used instead of St Teresa's primary school.	Feedback noted, no further action required.

		I think it is a very positive step forward to remove the need for schools to close to pupils and am grateful for the proposed changes – removes the negative impact on education.	
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Bushbury North

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
BU3	Councillor Andrew McNeil (ward councillor)	Northycote farm is too far away from the residential area. There aren't any other suitable buildings in the area. Need to look at temporary stations. Suggest Mayfield surgery and medical practice or the green land on northycote lane/abbeyfield road	The Acting Returning Officer agrees that this polling station is located further away from the residential area than is the norm. This has been the arrangement for many years and no negative feedback has been received from electors. Mayfield surgery and medical centre said they are not able to assist as they do not have a separate room and the car park is not big enough for a temporary. The concern is that the green land would not be practical from a health and safety perspective as there is nowhere safe for electors to park and queue. It would also be impractical to place a site

			on the grass especially in wet conditions. However a site visit was arranged to assess this further with the supplier and health and safety and a suitable area was found on the park next to Mayfield Medical Practice.
BU3	Voter	This site is totally unsuitable . It is too far from the housing estates . People who have mobility issues or don't have a car have a real problem if they want to vote in person. Given the physical area that the ward covers two polling stations are needed. Bus services are inadequate to get to Northycote Farm. The polling station needs to be far more central, say by the doctor's surgery in Cromwell Road, A smaller ward area or restricted to estates south of Northycote Lane would be more appropriate . There used to be a mobile polling station by the former King Charles pub. There is space on the open land central to where people live or even on the Surgery carpark.	As above.

BU4	Councillor Andrew McNeil (ward councillor)	Access and site isn't accessible at St Mary's Church. Would like to go back to the primary school	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this feedback as one of the concerns noted at the site visit was that it could be difficult to find especially at night. Northwood Primary school was an alternative to Collingwood library. The library service have confirmed that this will be opened again this year so can be used as a polling station again.
BU4	Presiding Officer	Library was more suitable - comments by several voters. Several people stated they had not received their postal votes. Station was too far and not suitable for people who are not able bodied. One member unable to vote due to lack of close parking. Library was closer and more suitable, this station is more uphill and electors may have health issues.	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this feedback and it echoes the feedback above, so it is proposed the polling station goes back to the library.
All	Wolverhampton Liberal Democrats	Bushbury North has 6 polling districts, one of which is under 1,000. If this is combined with BUE it would total 2,652 just over the 2,500 maximum, so a solution would be to transfer the School Lane area to BUD	This would make the polling station over the Stafford Road a significant logistical boundary – it is incredibly busy and difficult to cross so these are best kept as two separate districts.

		which would fit in well, and enable both electorates to be under 2,500. BU5 would then serve the existing BUF, and not BU1 with BU6.	
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Bushbury South and Low Hill

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
All	Councillor Ian Brookfield, Councillor Paula Brookfield, Councillor Paul Sweet (ward councillors)	Happy with the arrangements as there are no changes to the existing arrangements	Feedback noted, no further action required.
All	Wolverhampton Liberal Democrats	Bushbury South and Low Hill has 6 polling districts, and it would be difficult to reduce these to 5 conveniently although electors in BYE have some distance to go to vote in BYD.	Feedback noted, no further action required.

East Park

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
EP1, EP2, EP3, EP4, EP5	Councillor Anwen Muston (ward councillor)	Happy with these polling stations. Happy if security guard is on gate of EPB.	Feedback noted, no further action required. A security guard will be placed on EPD to operate the gate for access to the station.

EP6	Councillor Anwen Muston (ward councillor)	The polling station needs to be in the ward, not happy to go over to Ettingshall. The other alternatives proposed are too far. It would be good if the temporary station could be put on the car park if the building cannot be used.	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this feedback and has confirmed that it is possible to use stowheath training centre for next year.
All	Wolverhampton Liberal Democrats	East Park has 6 polling districts, one of which has only 737 electors. This splits Stow Heath from EPE and should be combined with it to reduce the number to 5 polling districts. This would be just over the 2,500 with 2,570, but redrawing the boundary in the east would transfer a small number of electors to EPB, which only has 1,436 currently, and bring the combined EPE and EPF below 2,500.	This works from a numbers perspective however this is incredibly inconvenient for the electors in EPF who would have to travel much further to get to their polling station. Therefore it is proposed that a temporary polling station is placed in the more residential area of EPF in Stow Heath area.
EP4	Voter	Disagree cost cutting exercise yet again. east park library as all access you need car park walking distance to vote. portobello voting too far to walk if gets passed not bother voting	Feedback noted. Portobello community hub is located on the edge of EPD but is still within a mile of the furthest elector which is considered reasonable. There may be some houses that are slightly closer to EPE - east park library. However, there is not

			much in the difference and these arrangements have worked well.
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Ettingshall North

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
EN1, EN3, EN4, EN5	Councillor Zee Russell	Happy with these proposals.	Feedback noted, no further actions required.
EN2	Councillor Zee Russell	Happy with this proposal, however, there is a risk of church closing in the near future.	This polling station will remain in the proposal, however, will be reviewed in future if the church closes.
All Districts	Liberal Democrats	Ettingshall North is another standard with 5 polling districts and doesn't need change.	Feedback noted, no further actions required.

Ettingshall South and Spring Vale

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
All Districts	Councillor McGarrity	Happy with these proposals.	Feedback noted, no further actions required.
ES1	Liberal Democrats	Unacceptable that the Overfield Drive estate no longer has a temporary polling station in the local car park and it would certainly discourage electors there from	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this feedback and will propose to split this polling district in to two along the spring road and have a

		voting, as it is a long way round to get to the one at ES1. Alternatively, give them all postal votes!	temporary polling station at Overfield drive.
ES1, ES2	Liberal Democrats	ESA and ESB are next to each other with the highest (2,391) and lowest (1,222) and it would seem sensible to add the northern part of ESA to ESB and use the polling station ES1 for both.	Although next to each other, there are separated by the Birmingham New Road which is a natural boundary between the two polling districts, and it would make it more difficult for some electors to move from Spring Vale Library to Hilton Hall.
ES5, ES6	Voter	Seems fine & well thought out. Very good access & Parking. Good site saves using a school helps education, very content.	Feedback noted, no further actions required.
ES6	Liberal Democrats	ESF is split either side of the A4123 so should not be a problem.	Feedback noted, no further actions required.

Fallings Park

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
FP2	Voter	The polling station in the Church on Blackhalve Lane had easy access, and on the flat for disabled voters. It was central to the ward, easy parking and very easy to find.	This is referring to St Gregory the Great Church. The church is closing and they are not able to host a polling station or temporary on this site so it

		<p>The loss of the polling station to Fallings Park ward which had been sited on Blackhalve Lane is wrong. This polling station should be re-instated.</p> <p>I do not know if the boundary changes have altered the Fallings Park ward, but the shape of the ward seems a little odd, but I do not know the criteria for assessing the polling district.</p>	will need to stay at Long Knowle Community Hub.
FP1, FP3 and FP4	Councillor Steve Evans	Happy with the proposals.	Feedback noted, no further action.
FP2	Councillor Steve Evans	Ok with current proposal as a second choice. Has suggested a temporary on St Gregory's Church car park (as more central for residents) and suggests putting sign on St Gregory's to say where polling station has moved to.	The church is closing and they are not able to host a polling station or temporary on this site so it will need to stay at Long Knowle Community Hub.
FP6	Councillor Steve Evans	Happy with the proposal, however, if venue cannot be used in future, recommends the fire station opposite. Has community room and good parking behind.	Feedback noted, and the polling station will be reviewed in future if the venue closes.
FP4, FP5, FP6	Liberal Democrats	Would be good to combine the two with the lowest electorates FPE (1,333) and FPF (1,234);	The Acting Returning Officer acknowledges this from an administrative point of view

		but a part of FPD along the A460 is in the way, so it would mean redrawing the boundary to make just 2 new polling districts out of 3. The A460 area would go to the new FPE which would use the FP6 polling station instead of the FP5. The SE of the existing FPE (Sambrook Road, part of Kingsway, Wimborne and Prestwood Road West) would transfer to the revised FPD to bring the electorate of the new FPE below 2,500.	but logistically this makes it much further for some electors to travel so will not be taking this forward.
FP5	Voter	I consider there to be ample parking in the vicinity; there is an access ramp; location is 'safe'.	Feedback noted, no further actions required.

Graiseley

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
All Districts	Liberal Democrats	Graiseley has 6 polling districts, with 3 of them between 1,047 and 1,129. Again, these 3 adjacent wards could be combined into 2. Any 2 of them would be under 2,500 but leave one low one behind. If all were added	The Acting Returning Officer notes the feedback and appreciates the effort to equalise the polling district numbers from an administrative perspective, however unlike the ward boundary review this is not the

		together and divided by 2, that would provide 2 new polling districts with an average of 1,652, similar to the other 3 Graiseley ones. So although Graiseley ward hasn't been revised, it now has the lowest electorate in the whole of the city with 8,571 and certainly doesn't deserve 6 polling districts!	aim with the polling district review. These proposals would reduce the number of polling stations and increase the distance that some electors would have to travel.
All Districts	Voter	All polling stations are suitable.	Feedback noted, however, as a result of Councillor feedback, there are currently investigations into altering the polling station for GRB.
GR1, GR3, GR4, GR5, GR6	Councillor John Reynolds, Councillor Asha Mattu	Happy with these proposals.	Feedback noted, no action required.
GR2	Councillor John Reynolds	Not happy with Association of Ukrainians. Suggests Bingley Strengthening Families Hub or St Chad's Church. The fire damage at Bingley SFH has been repaired, and the building to the right of St Chad's Church is council owned.	The Acting Returning Officer has contacted St Chad's Church on numerous occasions. It is recommended that this moves back to Strengthening Families Hub.
GR5	Beckminster Methodist Church	Happy with the proposals.	Feedback noted, no further action.
GR6	Voter	I think my polling station should stay where it is, there's no issue for people to get to	Feedback noted, no further action.

		and access the polling station. I believe that if the polling station was to be moved it would cause issues for residents to get to.	
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Heath Town

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
All Districts	Liberal Democrats	Heath Town has 5 polling districts, all similarly sized, and matches the ward standard.	Feedback noted, no further action.
HT1	Councillor Milkinder Jaspal	Happy with revised proposal to use Harvest Temple Church as polling station for HTA and stand down Woden Primary School as it is in the same polling district and makes a good double polling station.	The Acting Returning Officer accepts the feedback and will move the polling station to become a double station at Harvest Temple Church.

Merry Hill

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
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MH1	Councillor Dalton, Councillor Hyatt and Councillor Haynes (ward councillors)	Happy with the polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
All	Liberal Democrats	Merry Hill has 6 polling districts, the lowest down in the south being 1,160. Combining it with MHE would seem logical, but that takes it just over the 2,500. So the houses north of Highgate Avenue would need to be transferred to MHD, giving it an almost horizontal southern boundary. Although it is intended to avoid using schools as polling stations where possible, both MHE and MHF had polling stations outside their area, and I am sure it could be possible to use the Springdale Infant or Junior School as a replacement for these two.	Feedback noted. Given the strong arguments presented by ward councillors on communities of identity and polling station locations these polling districts will be proposed to be redrawn which will still avoid the need to use the school.
MH1	Voter	Fine, no issues. Have used for years and never had a problem, it is in walking distance	Feedback noted. No further action required.
MH1		The boundaries are suitable. The polling station is ideally situated within the ward with safe, spacious	Feedback noted. St Columbas Church has been visited and is suitable however will not be

		accommodation for your staff with adequate parking and disability access for all.	used in May 2023 elections following feedback received.
MH2	Councillor Dalton, Councillor Hyatt and Councillor Haynes	Happy with the polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
MH3	Councillor Dalton, Councillor Hyatt and Councillor Haynes	Happy with the polling station. St Joseph's church is great for this area.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
MH3/MH4	Voter	suitable, no issues.	Ample parking at church and nearby.
MH4	Councillor Dalton and Councillor Haynes	Nursing home needs to stay at MH3. Could be split down Leasowes drive to take in Pinfold Grove. Redraw the boundary line along Leasowes drive and up to new street because people living in that area – pinfold grove live right next to Warstones but do not go to that polling station.	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this feedback and proposed that MHD to give away Pinfold Grove to MHE to make it easier for electors to travel to vote following the concerns raised.
MH5	Councillor Dalton	Proposed to follow Warstones drive and down the road opposite Stourton drive to make make it easier for electors from MHE and MHF. walk ways are available through east croft road to make it easier for electors to	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this feedback and proposed that the boundary lines for MHE are moved to follow Warstones road and Stourton Drive to make it easier for electors to vote from MHE and MHF districts. Also,

		walk through to Springdale Methodist. Springdale have put restriction in the road and there are problems parking.	MHE will take in Pinfold Grove from MHD.
MH5	Councillor Hyatt	This is a low voting area. IT would be better if people went to Springdale infant school as people know where the school is and not where the library is. However on reflection we are trying to do more things at the library so it might be ok.	The Acting Returning Officer visited the venue and agrees that it is a suitable polling station, however it will not be used for May 2023 given the concerns raised.
MH5	Voter	Doesn't seem to have changed and Warstones Library is fine. Plenty of parking and quite local.	Feedback noted. Boundary lines changes to be made following the above concerns raised.
MH6	Councillor Dalton and Councillor Hyatt	Happy with this polling station. The church has great parking.	Feedback noted. No further action required.

Oxley

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
OX1	Councillor Collinge and Councillor Roberts	Happy with this polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
All Districts	Liberal Democrats	Oxley has seen a fair bit of change, and has 6 polling districts, one split 1,070/525 to	Legally the polling districts have to align to parliamentary constituencies so it is not

		accommodate part of what was St Peter's ward. This does seem unnecessary, although new constituency boundaries will not concur in some minor areas with the new wards, but it will be 8 years before another constituency review (instead of 5) whereas the wards are likely to remain the same. One OXE with 1,595 would get people used to the new Oxley.	possible to merge the areas as suggested.
OX2	Councillor Collinge and Councillor Roberts	Happy with this polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
OX3	Councillor Collinge and Councillor Roberts	Happy with this polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
OX4	Councillor Collinge and Councillor Roberts	Happy with this polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
OX5	Councillor Collinge	OXE/1 - to move some to OXD. Area north of lodge road to go back to Rakegate. As its lost some of St Annes area.	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this point and will redraw OXE/1 to move the areas north of lodge road to OX4 so that these voters vote at Rakegate school.
OX7	Councillor Roberts	OXF - seems quite far for people to travel . Too difficult to come across the Stafford road. Would have to be Bushbury lane academy really. They have enough to	The Acting Returning Officer is currently investigating the use of the Gatehouse car park for a temporary station. If this is not suitable then the recommendation would be to

		get their head around different ward and three members. Maybe we look at it in the future.	used Bushbury Lane Academy based on this.
OX7	Councillor Collinge	Bushbury Lane academy doesn't have much connection for the Akron estate and the southside is currently being developed. Due to building work near the academy not ideal for walking path. Potential for Temporary polling station either on the the communal area near Aldi or the gatehouse car park. Issue with little oaks nursery potentially....but it's quite a dark. Not ideal for the residents south of OXF to go vote at a temporary station however this is still a better option than the Pavillion.	The Acting Returning Officer agrees that the Gatehouse car park may be suitable for a temporary station and is currently investigating into this temporary station.
OX7	Liberal Democrats	It appears that the residents of the 'Goodyear estate' will be made to travel to a polling station outside their district. Polling numbers were low last time, and the use of Ripon Road School was unsuitable, so it is good that that has been deleted from the list.	The Acting Returning Officer agrees that the Gatehouse car park may be suitable for a temporary station and is currently investigating into this temporary station.

		<p>However, the use of the Church of the Epiphany is also unsuitable, as it is unknown to most residents on the estate, and too far from the houses concerned. I would suggest, though I am aware you don't like them, a portakabin on the estate, preferably on the Car Park of the Gatehouse pub. The Church of the Epiphany is awful for access, even when group activities take place in the hall, owing to the narrow entrance and the one-way system in Lymer Road/Church Road. The boundary changes are sensible especially bringing in Mercury Drive estate into Oxley.</p>	
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Park

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
PK1	Councillor Collingswood and Councillor Darke	Happy with using Cranmer Methodist church is it prevents a school closing it is a positive. Potential to put signs on the building to inform electors the building has	Feedback noted. No further action required.

		changed to tell them where the new polling station is.	
All Districts	Liberal Democrats	<p>Park has 6 polling districts, and a better arrangement would provide benefits while at the same time reducing the number to 5. PKA, PKB and PKF would stay the same, but PKF would become the new PKE. The zigzagging boundary between PKC and PKE would be removed, and this area would become the new PKC. A new boundary line would be created below Clark Road on the map, across and along the A454 west a short distance, than across to the corner of the boundary between the existing PKE and PKD below it on the map. PKD will now combine with the other half of PKC to create a new larger PKD. The sum of the existing PKC, PKD and PKE is 3,590, so the average for 2 polling districts will be 1,795, similar to the other 3 polling districts, but groups them in a much better way. Electoral services will have the electorates for the</p>	<p>The Acting Returning Officer considered this proposal as it is a good suggestion to reduce use of school. However it then creates a large electorate at the church and there is limited parking and it is a very busy road. Therefore this proposal will not be taken further forward at this stage.</p>

		split of PKC to determine the new totals.	
PK2	Councillor Collingswood and Councillor Darke	Happy with this polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
PK2	Voter	Seems to be a fair reflection of the area and logical boundaries. Very convenient for our house to walk to and although some people do choose to drive there it has not caused any problems as there is a car park and some street parking. Mostly people seem to walk there so the few vehicles are ok to put up with.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
PK3	Councillor Collingswood and Councillor Darke	Happy with this polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
PK4	Councillor Collingswood and Councillor Darke	Happy with this polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
PK5	Councillor Collingswood and Councillor Darke	Happy with this polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
PK6	Councillor Collingswood and Councillor Darke	Happy with this polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.

Penn

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
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PN1	Councillor Hibbett	Happy that it was moved from the library and the church is now in penn ward. Church has all the facilities needed and better than the library.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
All Districts	Liberal Democrats	Penn has 7 polling districts, 2 of which are below 1,000. In this case there is a fairly simple solution to reduce them to 5, without exceeding the nominal 2,500 maximum. PNB joins with PNG to give a total of 2,351, and PNC and PND combine with a total of 2,331. The bit of PNC which projects between PNB and PNG can be added to the new PNB, and the other polling districts PNE and PNF can be re-named PND and PNE appropriately.	<p>The Acting Returning Officer notes the feedback and appreciates the effort to equalise the polling district numbers from an administrative perspective, however unlike the ward boundary review this is not the aim with the polling district review. These proposals would reduce the number of polling stations and increase the distance that some electors would have to travel. It is inconvenient for electors in PNB to cross the main Penn Road to vote at PNG polling station and vice versa. The bit of PNC has households with fronts of penn road so it is easier for them to get to the station in the current polling district, to so this will not be taken forward.</p> <p>There is currently not a polling station in PNC so if PNC and</p>

			PND were merged the polling station would be woodfield social club which is too far for some electors in PNC to get to over a mile away. Therefore it is felt that PNC is best served by penn bowling club and PND to remain at woodfield sports and social club so it is proposed these will remain as two separate
PN2	Councillor Hibbett	Happy with that polling station and has always been there.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
PN3	Councillor Hibbett	The stations are okay it is not an ideal place. Has good parking space but is right in the middle of the road so can't walk there. Dangerous to get to the church and could even walk there. Proposed to use Penn united reformed church for PNC and Penn bowling Club for PNF due to high electorates.	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this feedback and proposed that PNC will continue to vote at Penn United reformed church.
PN4	Councillor Hibbett	Happy with the polling station. Facilities are good for the polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
PN5	Councillor Hibbett	Happy with the polling station, Polling station works well, high electorate but that is due to	Feedback noted. No further action required.

		high amount of houses in each street.	
PN6	Councillor Hibbett	PNF to vote at Penn Bowling Club due to high electorate instead of a double station with PNC at Penn united reformed church.	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this feedback and proposed that PNC will continue to vote at Penn United reformed church.
PN7	Councillor Hibbett	Happy with the polling station.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
PN7	Voter	No change to either the boundary or my polling station both of which I am happy with and Excellent provision of parking, location and facilities.	Feedback noted. No further action required.

St Peters

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
SP3	Councillor Qaiser Azeem (ward councillor) in consultation with fellow ward councillors Councillor Lynne Moran and Councillor Obaida Ahmed.	This area needs to go back to how it was before as it is too far for elector to get to university chaplaincy due to city centre navigation and lack of parking	The Acting Returning Officer accepts this feedback and proposes to split this district in to two and to use the Newhampton Arts Centre aswell.
SP5	Councillor Qaiser Azeem, Councillor Lynne Moran	On the basis that the boundary change should not cause them to walk further to their polling station.	The affected 28 electors will vote at the NTCG Harvest Temple Church.

SP1, SP4, SP6, SP7	Councillor Qaiser Azeem	Fine with these proposals	Feedback noted. No further action required.
All	Wolverhampton Liberal Democrats	<p>St Peter's has 5 polling districts, although the one representing the City centre only has 710 electors. Although it could be combined with SPE and still be within range (2,453) it could be the exception to prove the rule, with the likelihood of new apartments being built in the centre over the next decade. There seems no point in splitting SPC and SPE so as to accommodate in one case, 28 electors from Heath Town, and in the other case, 272 from East Park. It won't affect local elections and would have a minimal effect on general elections where there are slight discrepancies between the two boundaries! However, electors from the All Saints area will now have to cross the busy Bilston Road to get to their new polling station, (although there is an underpass) rather than sharing their existing polling station with Ettingshall North</p>	<p>Legally the polling districts have to align to parliamentary constituencies which is why there are small electorates in some of the polling districts. The Acting Returning Officer accepts the point it being difficult for electors from the All Saints area. This polling station is close for electors to get to so on balance it is felt that this is best kept in the St Peters ward to avoid further confusion for electors.</p>

		at the ASAN centre. This might confuse people voting.	
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Tettenhall Regis

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
TR1	Voter	It hasn't changed. It's absolutely fine. Convenient for many. Near the shops. Level ground. Parking available.	Feedback noted. No further action required.
ALL	Liberal Democrats	Tettenhall Regis has 6 polling districts with two adjacent ones, TRC with 1,146 and TRD with 1,017. It would seem sensible to combine these 2 to give a new total of 2,163 and keep just the one polling station as TR3 or TR4. TRE and TRF which share a polling station, would be re-named TRD and TRE. (TRA and TRB are both over 2,000 electors).	This proposal was investigated further. Insight from ward councillors revealed that a lot of residents in this area are elderly and would not be ideal for them to move further to their polling station. No further action will be taken.
TR2	Voter	A stupid idea!! The local primary school is inefficient. At the last election the car park was full and the entrance	The Acting Returning Officer visited the Pavilion and will propose that this is used as

		<p>blocked by a huge police van. I remonstrated with the police officer but just received obscene language as a reply. The adjacent street was packed with cars and so anyone who was disabled could only do one thing. That is not vote. I believe the reason for choosing this station is politically driven. That is enough.</p> <p>Why not use what we used to use -that large building on the Claregate Playing Field?</p>	<p>the polling station as it is a good alternative to a school.</p>
TR2	Polling Station – Claregate Primary School	<p>Being shortly before SATS and in a bank holiday weekend makes revision very difficult so if it could be moved to Christ the King, that would help us immensely.</p>	<p>As above</p>
TR3	Voter	<p>St Michael's c of e primary school. We have no choice but to close the school at the disruption to pupils and staff. Always near SATS week! Bring back a portable polling station or pay the school more for the disruption!</p>	<p>The Acting Returning Officer takes this feedback on board and it is the aim of this review to reduce the need for schools, but also to only use temporary stations where there are no suitable alternative venues.</p>

Tettenhall Wightwick

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
TW1	Councillor Crofts and Councillor Turrell		Feedback noted. No further action required.
All Districts	Liberal Democrats	Tettenhall Wightwick also has 6 polling districts with the three smallest being TWA, (1,183), TWC (1,282), and TWD (1,155). These 3 are all in line across the top of the ward and could make two polling districts averaging 1,810 by splitting TWC between TWA and TWD and re-naming TWE and TWF as TWD and TWE.	The Acting Returning Officer notes the feedback and appreciates the effort to equalise the polling district numbers from an administrative perspective, however unlike the ward boundary review this is not the aim with the polling district review. These proposals would reduce the number of polling stations and increase the distance that some electors would have to travel.
TW2	Councillor Crofts and Councillor Turrell	There have been large queues on both temporaries before. The space is not used very often. Contact the supplier to see if there is anything more substantial for this site from the rain.	The supplier is not able to offer another type of unit as they would also need to supply a separate generator and chemical toilet which would be problematic to get hold of the generators for a short period of time.

TW3	Councillor Crofts and Councillor Turrell	<p>Access for turning into this station can be quite tight due to the walls and there is not much parking so electors have to park elsewhere.</p> <p>In the past we have had road works on the day which has caused issues with traffic on the day, which could put people off from voting.</p>	<p>Feedback noted. This can be a busy station. The Acting Returning Officer does always check if there are any significant road works near any of the polling stations and will mitigate this as necessary.</p>
TW4	Councillor Crofts and Councillor Turrell	<p>Security guard on the school works well. Polling station is out the ward but nothing really in arear and have received no complaints from electors.</p>	<p>Feedback noted. No further action required.</p>
TW5	Councillor Crofts and Councillor Turrell		<p>Feedback noted. No further action required.</p>
TW5	Voter	<p>With regards to the boundary it cuts right through Finchfield and therefore some of the less mobile residents may struggle to get to the appropriate Merry Hill polling stations.</p> <p>The venue is unchanged for myself so I am pleased to see that it is still accessible.</p> <p>The one comment I would make regarding the polling station is at night it can be very dark. This could lead to issues for pedestrians arriving</p>	<p>Feedback noted. The Acting Returning Officer will liaise with the polling station venue around lighting to further assess the arrangements to see if additional lighting is required.</p>

		at night on foot as you can walk through the alley by the houses from one end, but the other requires you to walk across the carpark as cars are pulling into the carpark from the main road and with the hedges drivers are going to struggle to see people walking across in the dark until they are very close.	
TW5	Voter	<p>The polling district boundaries for Castlecroft do not seem to have changed. They fit our community.</p> <p>Parking at the church is good, though exiting by car is not good. The brow of the hill on Windmill Lane obscures sight of oncoming vehicles as one leaves the parking site by car. It is a blind summit.</p>	Feedback noted. The Acting Returning Officer will liaise with the polling station venue around this issue to see if any additional signs can be produced to help mitigate this risk.
TW6	Councillor Crofts and Councillor Turrell		Feedback noted. No further action required.

Wednesfield North

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
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WN1	Voter	I would like schools to be discontinued from being used as polling station. With reference to Woodend school, the Methodist Church in Woodend Road is also used as a polling station. Is that necessary with so little distance between them? Let the children go to school.	The Acting Returning Officer accepts the feedback; however, Wednesfield Methodist Church is currently in the process of being sold, and will therefore, not be available as a polling station in the future.
WN1	Councillor Philip Bateman	Woodend school goes to the Methodist Church, which is the best alternative as on the other side of the road. Church is being sold but hasn't been sold. Loosing shops at wood end is not an issue. Still happy with WNA.	Feedback noted, no further action required.
WN2	Councillor Phillip Bateman	Happy with the proposal.	Feedback noted, no further action required.
WN3	Councillor Mary Bateman	Problem is there is a lot of elderly people, and it is not flat. Lost a lot of voters and get a lot of complaints. It is too steep for elderly voters.	Feedback noted, and action addressed in point below. The furthest area away from the polling station in this district is Wolmer Road which is 0.6 miles away from Ashmore Park Baptist Church. Same for WNE and . WND
WN3	Councillor Phillip Bateman	Used to have a temporary station at the top of Higgs Road by shops and bus stop	The Acting Returning Officer accepts the feedback and a temporary polling station will

		and Griffiths Drive. Used to have a better turn out with a temporary. Glad it is back in. Best consultation we have had and is detailed. There is also a big piece of land at the true Britain on snape road, however, will not be as visible.	be placed at the top of Higgs Road, and the boundary lines will be redrawn to accommodate merging parts of WNC, WND, and WNE.
WN4	Councillor Mary Bateman	Top half of WND and top half of WNC previously voted at the temporary station on Higgs Road. Bus route is used frequently which runs right by the polling station.	This feedback has been noted and echoes the points raised by other Councillors. Therefore, temporary station will be placed at the top of Higgs Road subject to risk assessment.
WN4 and WN5	Liberal Democrats	2 districts with the lowest electorates are adjacent to each other (WND and WNE) and can be combined by removing the crinkly line between them, resulting in a new total of 2,260. Adjustments could be made to the boundaries to even up the electorates between WNA, WNB and WNC, but not strictly necessary here.	This feedback has been noted and echoes the points raised by Councillors. Therefore, parts of WNC, WND, and WNE will be merged, and a temporary station will be placed at the top of Higgs Road.
WN6	Councillor Mary Bateman	Would prefer for Oak Meadow to still be used due to	Feedback noted, no further action required.

		travelling too far for St Albans. Busy roads to cross if it is changed.	
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Wednesfield South

Polling District	Respondent type	Representation	Returning Officer response to representation
All Districts	Liberal Democrats	Wednesfield South has 7 polling districts, not justified by its ward total of 9,344. Again it has 2 under 1,000 electors, which could be combined with adjacent polling districts, and still keep the combined total below 2,500. Combining WSB and WSC together, with WS3 as the only polling station gives a total of 2,217 electors; and combining WSD and WSE, a total of 2,406, keeping WS4 as the polling station for both areas. At present there is a very strange boundary between WSD and WSE so removing it simplifies the shape of the polling district as a new WSC. WSF and WSG would be	The Acting Returning Officer has previously proposed combining WSB and WSC together, but feedback was received from ward councillors and electors that this is too far for many elderly residents who live in the area to travel. This will not be taken further at this time.
WS3	Edward the Elder Primary School	Previously Edward the Elder Primary has been used as a polling station, The map now	Feedback noted, no further action.

		looks like it would not need to be used. If this is the case, I would support this. It would be preferable for the pupils not to miss a day of learning at school if possible.	
WS6	Voter	Happy with the proposed boundaries and polling station is centrally located, within walking distance.	Feedback noted, no further actions.