



Gedling Borough Council

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2011

The Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations Review 2011

The Reasons for the Review

Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced changes to the Representation of the Peoples Act 1983 requiring the authority to conduct a review of Parliamentary Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations every four years. Gedling's last review was carried out in 2007 therefore we were required to complete another review by the end of 2011.

The main aim of the review was to ensure that all electors had reasonable access to a polling station and that the buildings which were used had facilities to cater for people that have different types of disability.

Polling Districts and Polling Places for local government elections were not automatically included in the review, but in practice they are broadly the same as the Parliamentary polling arrangements and therefore have been included.

While polling district boundaries and polling places can be changed by the Council, Ward, County and Parish electoral boundaries can only be changed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Parliamentary electoral boundaries can only be changed by the Boundary Commission for England.

Important Definitions

A **Polling District** is a geographical area created by the sub-division of a constituency, ward or division into smaller parts.

A **Polling Place** is the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Acting Returning Officer.

A **Polling Station** is the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place. There may be more than one Polling Station in a Polling Place and this is decided by the Returning Officer for the election.

The **Acting Returning Officer**, is personally responsible for the conduct of Parliamentary elections and is usually the Chief Executive of the Council, this is the case at Gedling. The title used during elections depends on the type of election as shown in the table below.

Type of election	Officer
Parliamentary Gedling	Acting Returning Officer
Parliamentary Sherwood	Deputy Acting Returning Officer
Local Elections	Returning Officer
County	Deputy Returning Officer
Referendum	Counting Officer
European	Local Returning Officer, reporting to Regional Returning Officer

As the review is of Parliamentary areas it is the Acting Returning Officer who is consulted. So in this case we consulted both the Acting Returning Officer for Gedling and the Acting Returning Officer for Sherwood. For ease of reading the term "Returning Officer" will be used for the rest of this document.

Conduct of the Review

The review was conducted by a Steering Group consisting of the Acting Elections Manager; the Chief Executive; the Head of Strategy & Performance; the Community Centres Manager, the Member Services Manager and the Senior Planning Officer.

This group considered representations received during the consultation period, investigated options and identified recommendations for consideration by the full Council on 5th October 2011.

Timetable for the Review

15 th July 2011	Notice of Start of Review
26 th August 2011	Deadline for representations
Through September	Steering Group considers representations and formulates recommendations to the Council
5 th October 2011	Council meeting to approve recommendations
1 st December 2011	New Register of Electors published with any changes implemented

Consultation

A six week period of consultation took place. Any elector within the Gedling Borough area was able to make representations. The review was publicised in the Contacts Magazine and on the Website. In addition, representations were sought from persons and organisations that are considered to have a particular interest or expertise, for example in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have a disability.

Set out below is the list of organisations and individuals that were consulted :

All Gedling Borough Councillors
 Gedling Access Group
 Local MPs
 All Nottinghamshire County Councillors for Gedling
 All Parish Councils in Gedling
 Returning Officers for Sherwood and Gedling Constituencies
 Presiding Officers
 Managers/Owners of all polling stations

Consultees were advised to take the following considerations, substantially taken from Electoral Commission guidance, into account when making representations:-

When considering Polling Districts:-

- Boundaries: Are they well defined? For example, do they follow the natural boundaries of the area? If not, is it clear which properties belong in the polling district?
- Location: Are there suitable transport links within the polling district, and how do they relate to the areas of the district that are most highly populated? Are there any obstacles to voters crossing the current polling district and reaching the polling place e.g., steep hills, impassable major roads, railway lines, rivers?

When considering Polling Places:-

- Polling Places should not be changed without good reason, electors get used to their station and problems can occur during elections when things are changed.
- The Polling Place should be in the Polling District except in special circumstances.
- Polling Places should not be shared between Wards as this causes problems during elections.
- Where possible we should avoid electors having to pass another Polling Place on the way to their assigned Polling Place.
- The location: Is it reasonably accessible within the polling district? Does it avoid barriers for the voter such as steep hills, major roads, rivers, etc? Are there any convenient transport links?
- Size: Can it accommodate more than one polling station if required? If multiple polling stations are required, is the polling place ample enough to accommodate all voters going into and out of the polling stations, even where there is a high turnout? Ideally Polling Stations would have 2000 electors or less.
- Suitability: Is the building readily available in the event of any unscheduled elections? Is there any possibility that the building may be demolished as part of a new development? Is the building accessible to all those entitled to attend the polling place?

The Electoral Commission

The Electoral Commission has no role in the review but must consider representations if it is considered that the Council did not meet the reasonable requirements of electors or take sufficient account of accessibility by people with a disability. The Electoral Commission may require the Council to make changes if it agrees with the representations.

Background Information & Representations

Consultees were provided with statistical information to help inform their views, as well as details of all the wards and the associated polling places.

Representations and comments were added to this report as they were received.

Maps

Maps of Wards, Polling Districts and Polling Places were made available on the website and at the Civic Centre.

Population Growth

Figures published by the Office of National Statistics in its 2008-based Sub-national Population Projections were provided. For the Gedling region this showed a growth of approximately 2,800 people of 18 or above, around a 3% increase, between 2011 and 2015. While this is a significant number, in the last year nearly a thousand new postal votes were granted, so this is likely to more than compensate for the increase in the use of polling stations. See the Postal Voting section later in the report for more details. We therefore suggested that Consultees would be better placed to consider the large scale proposed development site information below as a guide to population increase.

Large Scale Proposed Development

The following information about potential large scale developments over the next 4 years was provided.

Sites under construction (but not yet completed)

Site Name	Street	Ward	Polling District	No.
Stockings Farm	Calverton Road	St Marys	X2	360
Plains Road/Arnold Lane	Plains Road	Porchester	T1	53
Ashwater Drive	Spring Lane	Lambley	M2 / J1	147

Sites with Planning Permission

Site Name	Street	Ward	Polling District	Dwellings
Daybrook Laundry	Mansfield Road	Daybrook	R2	115
Metallifactory Ltd	Mansfield Road	Bestwood Village	A2	66

Allocated sites without planning permission

Site Name	Ward	Polling District	Dwellings
Dark Lane	Calverton	D2	110
Gedling Colliery / Chase Farm	Gedling	J1	1120
North of Victoria Park	Netherfield and Colwick	P1	205
Teal Close	Netherfield and Colwick	P1	195
Top Wighay Farm	Newstead	Q2	595
Newstead Sports Ground	Newstead	Q2	80

Postal Voting

In the May 2011 elections, 13766 postal votes were issued, including temporary ones, and the postal voting rate is around 14.8% of the Borough electorate. Over the last year 949 new postal votes were granted. We believe the proportion of people voting by post will continue to increase at least for the next few years, which as discussed previously, will offset any growth in Polling Station numbers.

The Returning Officer's Comments And Proposals

The approach taken to this review is to keep changes to a minimum and only to suggest modifications where absolutely necessary. The main reasons for this are:-

- Firstly, there were very few concerns expressed, or problems encountered, in relation to polling districts, places and stations during the 2010 General Election or the 2011 Local Election and National Referendum.
- Secondly, the new administration at Gedling Borough Council has signalled an intention to reduce the size of the Council and a review of electoral arrangements has now been requested, to be carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Again, this could result in knock-on changes to polling districts, places and stations.

1. Bestwood Village Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
A1	1256	Bestwood Youth & Community Centre, Moor Road, Bestwood Village (1)
A2	25	Mobile Unit, Killarney Park, Lamins Lane, Bestwood (2)
A3	279	Mobile Unit, Killarney Park, Lamins Lane, Bestwood (2)

Constituency: Sherwood

Parish Council: Bestwood St Albans (Polling Districts A1, A3, B2)

Major Developments

Sites with planning permission: A2 - 66 dwellings

Consultation Feedback

Feedback received from Presiding Officers confirmed that the locations and facilities for both polling stations were satisfactory.

Returning Officers Comments

While it would normally be preferable to use an existing public building rather than a mobile unit, there are no such appropriate buildings in this area. In view of this and the positive feedback from Presiding Officers, no changes are proposed.

2. Bonington Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
B1	1431	Redhill Academy, Redhill Road, Arnold, NG5 8GX (3)
B2/1	1193	Christian Community Church, Muirfield Road, Warren Hill, Nottingham (4)
B2/2	1233	Christian Community Church, Muirfield Road, Warren Hill, Nottingham (5)
B3	1240	Redhill Academy, Redhill Road, Arnold, NG5 8GX (6)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: Bestwood St Albans (Polling District B2 only)

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Feedback from Presiding Officers confirmed that the above locations and facilities were generally satisfactory. The Presiding Officer for the Redhill Academy polling station identified a minor issue with the entrance door being narrow.

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed but I recommend that a check is undertaken of the entrance into the Redhill Academy polling station to ensure that it is sufficiently accessible.

An inspection has since been arranged with the Council's Building Control section.

3. Burton Joyce and Stoke Bardolph Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
C1/1	1399	Methodist School Room, Meadow Lane, Burton Joyce (7)
C1/2	1415	Methodist School Room, Meadow Lane, Burton Joyce (8)
C2	131	Community Rooms, Stoke Lane (9)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council(s): Burton Joyce (Polling District C1)

Note Stoke Bardolph has a Parish Meeting, but no election (Polling District C2)

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for the Methodist School Room polling station confirming that the location and the facilities for voting were satisfactory and that, although the entrance doors were a little narrow, they were able to accommodate wheelchair access.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for the Community Rooms to say that the location was ideal and that access was satisfactory.

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed.

4. Calverton Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
D1	1788	Calverton Wesleyan Methodist Hall, Collyer Road, Calverton (10)
D2	1582	Calverton Library, St Wilfrids Square, Calverton (11)
D3	2085	Calverton Wesleyan Methodist Hall, Collyer Road, Calverton (12)
D4	43	Calverton Wesleyan Methodist Hall, Collyer Road, Calverton (12)

Constituency: Sherwood

Parish Council: Calverton (Polling Districts D1, D2 and D3 only)

Major Developments

Sites without planning permission: D2 - 110 dwellings

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officers for the above Polling Stations confirming that the facilities for voting and the locations were both satisfactory.

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed.

5. Carlton Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
E1	1107	Carlton Hill Recreation Ground Pavilion (13)
E2/1	1101	Bowls Pavilion, Onchan Drive, Carlton (14)
E2/2	1080	Bowls Pavilion, Onchan Drive, Carlton (15)
E3	1301	Carlton Baptist Church Hall, Station Road, Carlton (16)
E4	767	Carlton House, Southcliffe Road, Carlton (17)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: None

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Carlton Hill Recreation Ground Pavilion to say that there were difficulties with a small step, which resulted in some wheelchair users and elderly people needing to be helped into the station. The building is also quite small.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for the Bowls Pavilion Polling Station confirming that the station was satisfactory.

Returning Officers Comments

The Council's Building Services Section have confirmed that a ramp will be provided at future elections to assist with access into the Carlton Hill Recreation Ground. Other than this, I propose that no changes are made.

6. Carlton Hill Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
F1	879	Standhill Road Infants School, Standhill Road, Carlton (18)
F2	1331	Porchester Junior School, Standhill Road North, Carlton (19)
F3/1	1215	Richard Herrod Leisure Centre, Foxhill Road, Carlton (20)
F3/2	1142	Richard Herrod Leisure Centre, Foxhill Road, Carlton (21)
F4	869	Brickyard Community Centre, Old Brickyard, Carlton (22)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: None

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer of Porchester Junior School to say there were no problems with the facilities.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Richard Herrod Leisure Centre to say there were no complaints about the facilities although some voters had complained about the travelling distance of the polling station.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Brickyard Community Centre to say that the modern building was ideal for a polling station with good access for people with disabilities.

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed, although I recognise that the Richard Herrod Leisure Centre is outside of the polling district and ward boundary. I also acknowledge that voters at the farthest end of the polling district, away from the polling station, have other stations that are closer. This cannot be avoided as the closer polling stations are allocated for neighbouring wards and polling districts. The Richard Herrod Leisure Centre is a well-known, popular and prominent building in the area. It is easily accessed as it is on a main route in the area and can be accessed by vehicles and pedestrians. The building has adequate provision for disabled access and parking. As there are no other suitable facilities in the polling district, I propose that it should continue to be used.

7. Valley Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
G1	1355	Wheldon School and Sports College, Coningswath Road, Carlton (23)
G2	1914	Community Room, Rushcliffe Avenue Warden Aided Complex, Carlton (24)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: None

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for the Community Room Polling Station confirming that the facilities for voting and the location were both satisfactory and that access was good.

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed.

8. Gedling Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
J1	1892	Willow Farm Primary School, Willow Lane, Gedling (25)
J2	1067	Gedling Memorial Hall, Main Road, Gedling (26)
J3	1422	Burton Road Recreation Ground Pavilion, Burton Road, Gedling (27)
J4	893	Bowls Pavilion, Conway Road, Carlton (28)

Constituency: Gedling
Parish Council: None

Major Developments

Sites without planning permission: J1 - 1120 dwellings

Sites under construction: J1 - 73 dwellings

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Willow Farm Primary School confirming that the facility was satisfactory but suggesting future consideration of an extra station.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Burton Road Recreation Ground Pavilion confirming that the facility was satisfactory.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for the Conway Road Bowls Pavilion confirming that electors had reasonable facilities and that there were no concerns in relation to disabled access.

Returning Officers Comments

A large increase in electors in J1 will require extra stations, however the potential development is likely to occur after the impending Parliamentary Boundary Review and Local Boundary Reviews. These events will trigger a new Polling District and Polling Place Review at which point it will be appropriate to review polling station provision. Prior to then, I recommend no changes to the existing arrangements.

9. Killisick Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
K1	644	Killisick Community Centre, Killisick Road, Arnold (29)
K2	1158	Killisick Community Centre, Killisick Road, Arnold (29)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: None

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Killisick Community Centre confirming that the facilities and access were satisfactory.

A representation was received from Cllr Henry Wheeler commenting that many residents of K1 would prefer a polling station closer to home and that there would be an improved turnout if Robert Mellors Primary School was used for K1, while the Community Centre was retained for K2.

Returning Officers Comments

Wherever possible, I endeavour to avoid the use of Schools unless there is no other suitable building available.

In the case of Robert Mellors Primary School, while some electors will have less distance to travel, others will have to travel further and in view of this and to avoid a School closure, I do not propose to make any changes to the existing arrangements.

10. Kingswell Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
L1	1145	Pavilion/Playing Field, Thackerays Lane, Woodthorpe (30)
L2	1355	Ernehale Junior School, Derwent Crescent, Arnold (31)
L3	1330	Arnold View Primary School, Gedling Road, Arnold (32)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: None

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for the Pavilion / Playing Field Polling Station confirming that the location was convenient and accessible.

Feedback was also received from the Presiding Officer for Ernehale Junior School confirming that the facilities and access were satisfactory.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Arnold View Primary School confirming that the facilities were satisfactory.

Representations were received regarding the use of Ernehale Junior School from the Head Teacher and Board of Governors. There were also many phone calls, emails and letters in the run up to the General Election expressing opposition to the use of the school as a Polling Station. A number of alternatives were proposed, those within the nearby proximity being:-

Weaverthorpe Scout Hut
Arnold Hill Community Centre
St. Marks Church
Ernehale Infants School (community room)
Arnold Hill School
A Mobile Unit

A representation was also received from Councillor Paul Key regarding the use of Arnold View Primary School affecting the provision of Nursery, Key Stage 1 (infant) and Key Stage 2 (Junior) education for around 350 children and their parents/carers who were required to find alternative provision probably requiring absence from employment. Alternatives suggested were:-

The Old Peoples Welfare Centre, 78 Nottingham Road Arnold
Arnold Methodist Church

Returning Officers Comments

Wherever possible, it is advisable to avoid using schools as polling stations for the reasons covered above. However, schools are sometimes the only convenient and accessible buildings in a locality that have the required facilities. I propose that the alternatives above are fully explored and that continued use of Ernehale and Arnold View schools be as a last resort only.

Steering Group Investigations and Recommendations

L2 – Ernehale Junior School

The suggested alternatives have been considered:-

Weaverthorpe Scout Hut & Arnold Hill Community Centre

Both of these suggestions are existing polling stations in neighbouring wards. It is not advisable to use the same building for two wards due to problems this can cause in the counting of votes and the confusion caused to voters. We would therefore not recommend these venues be used for the Kingswell ward.

St. Mark's Church

St. Mark's Church is a polling station for the Woodthorpe ward, so would not be suitable for the same reasons as given above. It is also a long way inside the neighbouring polling district and could be too far for voters to walk.

Arnold Hill School

Arnold Hill School is outside of the Kingswell ward. While this isn't a reason in itself to not use it, it also located right next to the Arnold Hill Community Centre which is used as a Polling Station for the Mapperley Plains ward. This has the potential to create confusion as electors would pass this building in order to get to their assigned polling station. It is not recommended as a appropriate polling station for Kingswell.

A Mobile Unit

Mobile units are only to be used where no suitable building exists. They are not ideal venues especially if there is an election in bad weather. Costs are much higher and disabled access is more difficult than most fixed buildings. As other buildings are available, use of a mobile is not recommended.

Ernehale Infants School (next door to current Polling Station)

As the only location left the possibility of using the Community Room has been explored. A meeting with the Head Teacher at the School showed that the Community Room was an excellent venue for a polling station, the room is large enough, there is suitable disabled access, and satisfactory kitchen and toilet facilities. The possibility of the School staying open during polling was discussed, but this would not be possible due the layout of the School and its

grounds. (this is a decision for the Head Teacher and as such is outside the scope of this review).

It was proposed that the whole School campus be assigned as the Polling Place allowing the polling station to be selected from the two available school buildings, with a view to giving the Junior School a break from being a polling station at the next election.

The Head of Ernehale Junior School, was contacted and confirmed that the Junior School would be able to remain open if the Infant School was used as a polling station.

Recommendation

That the entire campus of Ernehale Infant and Junior Schools be assigned as the polling place for Kingswell L2 (See Appendix B - Ernehale Campus Boundary Map). This will provide the Returning Officer with the discretion to select which building to use for each election, with a view initially to using the Infant School to enable the Junior School to remain open.

L3 - Arnold View Primary School

The suggested alternatives are considered below. The Steering Group also considered a suggestion to use a pavilion on the King George V Playing Fields, but ruled this out as the pavilion has been demolished.

The Old People's Welfare Centre

While the building and facilities would be suitable as a polling station the Centre is not as centrally located as the Arnold View Primary School. More importantly it is located on the corner of Nottingham Road and Charles Street. This is a very busy area, especially at peak times. The building has no car parking provision and Nottingham Road has parking restrictions. Charles Street has limited parking which is usually occupied with residents cars and people using the adjacent Arnold Tyre and Exhaust Centre. For these reasons, it is not considered to be an appropriate alternative.

Arnold Methodist Church

While this is an excellent venue, it is currently the polling station for the St Mary's ward. It is not advisable to use the same building for two wards due to problems this can cause in the counting of votes and the confusion caused to voters. We would therefore not recommend this venue be used for the Kingswell ward (L3) as well.

Recommendation

That Arnold View Primary School continue to be the polling place for Kingswell (L3).

11. Lambley Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
M1	956	Lambley Primary School, Catfoot Lane, Lambley (33)
M2	795	Lambley Primary School, Catfoot Lane, Lambley (34)

Constituency: Sherwood

Parish Council: Lambley (Polling District M1 only)

Major Developments

Sites under construction: M2 - 74 dwellings

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from both Presiding Officers for Lambley Primary School. In general, it was reported that the facilities were satisfactory, if a little small for two stations.

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed.

12. Mapperley Plains Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
N1/1	1019	Killisick Junior School, Killisick Road, Arnold (35)
N1/2	1165	Killisick Junior School, Killisick Road, Arnold (36)
N2/1	1816	Arnold Hill Community Centre, Gedling Road, Arnold (37)
N2/2	1770	Arnold Hill Community Centre, Gedling Road, Arnold (38)

Constituency: Gedling
Parish Council: None

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from both Presiding Officers confirming that the stations at Killisick Junior School and Arnold Hill Community Centre were satisfactory.

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed.

13. Netherfield & Colwick Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
P1	1127	Methodist Church Hall, 139a Victoria Road, Netherfield (39)
P2	1226	Ley Street Day Centre, Ley Street, Netherfield (40)
P3	914	St George's Centre, 91 Victoria Road, Netherfield (41)
P4	1419	Colwick Community Centre, Vale Road, Colwick (42)
P5	753	Colwick Community Centre, Vale Road, Colwick (42)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: Colwick (Polling Districts P4 and P5 only)

Major Developments

Sites without planning permission: P1 - 400 dwellings

Comments received from consultation

Positive feedback was received from the Presiding Officers for Ley Street Day Centre, the St George's Centre and the Colwick Community Centre.

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed.

14. Newstead Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
Q1	170	Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead (43)
Q2	785	Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead (43)
Q3	186	Hanson House, Main Street, Linby (44)
Q4	552	Papplewick & Linby Village Hall, Papplewick (45)
Q5	52	Papplewick & Linby Village Hall, Papplewick (45)

Constituency: Sherwood

Parish Council(s): Newstead (Polling District Q1 and Q2)
Linby (Polling District Q3)
Papplewick (Polling District Q4)

Major Developments

Sites without planning permission: Q2 - 675 dwellings

Comments received from consultation

The Presiding Officers for each of the Polling Stations confirmed that the stations were all satisfactory, in terms of location, accessibility and facilities.

A representation was received from Councillor Patricia Andrews that voters from the housing estate containing High Leys Drive and other roads, off Kirby Road, would have easier access to the polling station at Ravenshead than their current Polling Station at the Newstead Centre (See Appendix A for map).

Returning Officers Comments

While I acknowledge Councillor Patricia Andrews comment above, I would not recommend that Q1 voters vote at Ravenshead Village Hall as it is outside of the polling district and it is not advisable for a polling place to be used for more than one ward. It would, however, be appropriate to review this situation as part of any future ward/parish boundary review.

15. Daybrook Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
R1	1375	Arnbrook Primary School, Bestwood Lodge Drive, Arnold (46)
R2	1141	St Timothy's Community Centre, Swinburne Way, Off Byron Street, Daybrook (47)
R3	1252	God of Prophecy Church, Church Drive, Arnold (48)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: None

Major Developments

Sites with planning permission: R2 - 115 dwellings

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Arnbrook Primary School expressing some concern about the lack of space due to a change in the reception area and suggested using the hall in future.

Positive feedback was received from the Presiding Officers for St Timothy's Community Centre and the God of Prophecy Church confirming that both stations were satisfactory

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed, other than to follow up the suggestion to relocate the station within Arnbrook Primary School.

16. Phoenix Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
S1/1	1298	Priory Primary School, Priory Road, Gedling (49)
S1/2	1323	Priory Primary School, Priory Road, Gedling (50)
S2	1017	Mobile Unit, Car Park, Charles Close, Gedling (51)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: None

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Priory Primary School confirming that the school was an excellent venue.

Returning Officers Comments

While it would normally be preferable to use an existing public building rather than a mobile unit, there are no such appropriate buildings in this area. Given this and feedback from Presiding Officers, no changes are proposed.

17. Porchester Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
T1	1174	Mapperley Plains Sports & Social Club, Mapperley Plains (52)
T2	1613	Haywood Road Community Centre, Haywood Road, Mapperley (53)
T3	1773	St James Church Hall, Marshall Hill Drive, Mapperley (54)
T4	915	Westdale Lane Community Centre, Westdale Lane, Mapperley (55)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: None

Major Developments

Sites under construction: T1 – 53 dwellings

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Mapperley Plains Sports & Social Club to confirming that the venue was good for voting.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for St James Church Hall confirming that voting ran smoothly and that the polling station was satisfactory.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Westdale Lane Community Centre confirming that the facilities were ideal.

A Representation was received from John Tanner (Ex Porchester Ward Councillor and Chairman of the Haywood Road Community Association) suggesting a return to a system similar to one used previously:-

- The area between Woodborough Road and Kenrick Road (one side) and Westdale Lane and Porchester Road to vote at the Haywood Road Centre;
- Westdale Lane to Arnold Lane to a point down Digby Avenue to vote at the School off Central Avenue
- Kenrick Road (Other Side) to the ward boundary to vote at the St. James' Church Hall

Returning Officers Comments

The current polling districts were introduced in 2003 and additional changes were made to polling stations in 2007 in order to improve access and convenience for voters. I have looked at the alternative suggestion made, but do not consider that the proposed reduction in the number of polling stations would lead to an improvement overall in the existing arrangements.

18. Ravenshead Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
V/1	1188	Ravenshead Village Hall, Vernon Crescent, Ravenshead (56)
V/2	1308	Ravenshead Village Hall, Vernon Crescent, Ravenshead (57)
V/3	1063	Ravenshead Village Hall, Vernon Crescent, Ravenshead (58)
V/4	1191	Ravenshead Village Hall, Vernon Crescent, Ravenshead (59)

Constituency: Sherwood
Parish Council: Ravenshead

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officers for Ravenshead Village Hall confirming that the location was satisfactory and that accessibility and the station facilities were good.

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed.

19. St James Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
W1	1522	Stanhope Primary School, Keyworth Road, Gedling (60)
W2	678	Gedling Library, Wollaton Avenue, Gedling (61)
W3	1143	Cavendish Road Community Centre, Between 326/328 Cavendish Road, Carlton (62)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: None

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Stanhope Primary School confirming that the facilities were satisfactory.

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed.

20. St Marys Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
X1	1247	Arnold Methodist Hall, 54 Front Street, Arnold (63)
X2	1634	St Mary's Family Centre, Rear of St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Arnold (64)
X3/1	1132	Pondhills Lane Community Centre, Pondhills Lane, Arnold (65)
X3/2	1131	Pondhills Lane Community Centre, Pondhills Lane, Arnold (66)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: None

Major Developments

Sites under construction: X2 – 360 dwellings

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Arnold Methodist Hall confirming that the location was excellent and that there were no issues with disabled access.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for St Marys' Family Centre commenting that car parking was limited but that most voters walked to the station.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Pondhills Lane Community Centre to say the facilities were satisfactory and that electors were familiar with the location.

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed at this time – though consideration will need to be given to the requirement for an additional station at St Mary's Family Centre once the development in X2 is completed.

21. Woodborough Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
Y	1562	Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough (67)

Constituency: Sherwood

Parish Council: Woodborough

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Positive feedback was received from the Presiding Officer.

Returning Officers Comments

No changes are proposed.

22. Woodthorpe Ward

Existing arrangements		
Polling District	Number of electors	Polling Place / Station (Station number at 2011 election)
Z1	1355	Breckhill Pavilion, Woodthorpe Drive, Woodthorpe (68)
Z2	1642	Woodthorpe Branch Library, Wensley Road, Woodthorpe (69)
Z3	1433	Weaverthorpe Scout HQ, Weaverthorpe Road, Woodthorpe (70)
Z4	1211	St Marks Church, De Vere Gardens, Woodthorpe (71)

Constituency: Gedling

Parish Council: None

Major Developments - None

Comments received from consultation

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Breckhill Pavilion confirming that the facilities were reasonable with easy access and that disabled access was satisfactory.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Woodthorpe Branch Library who considered the facilities to be first class.

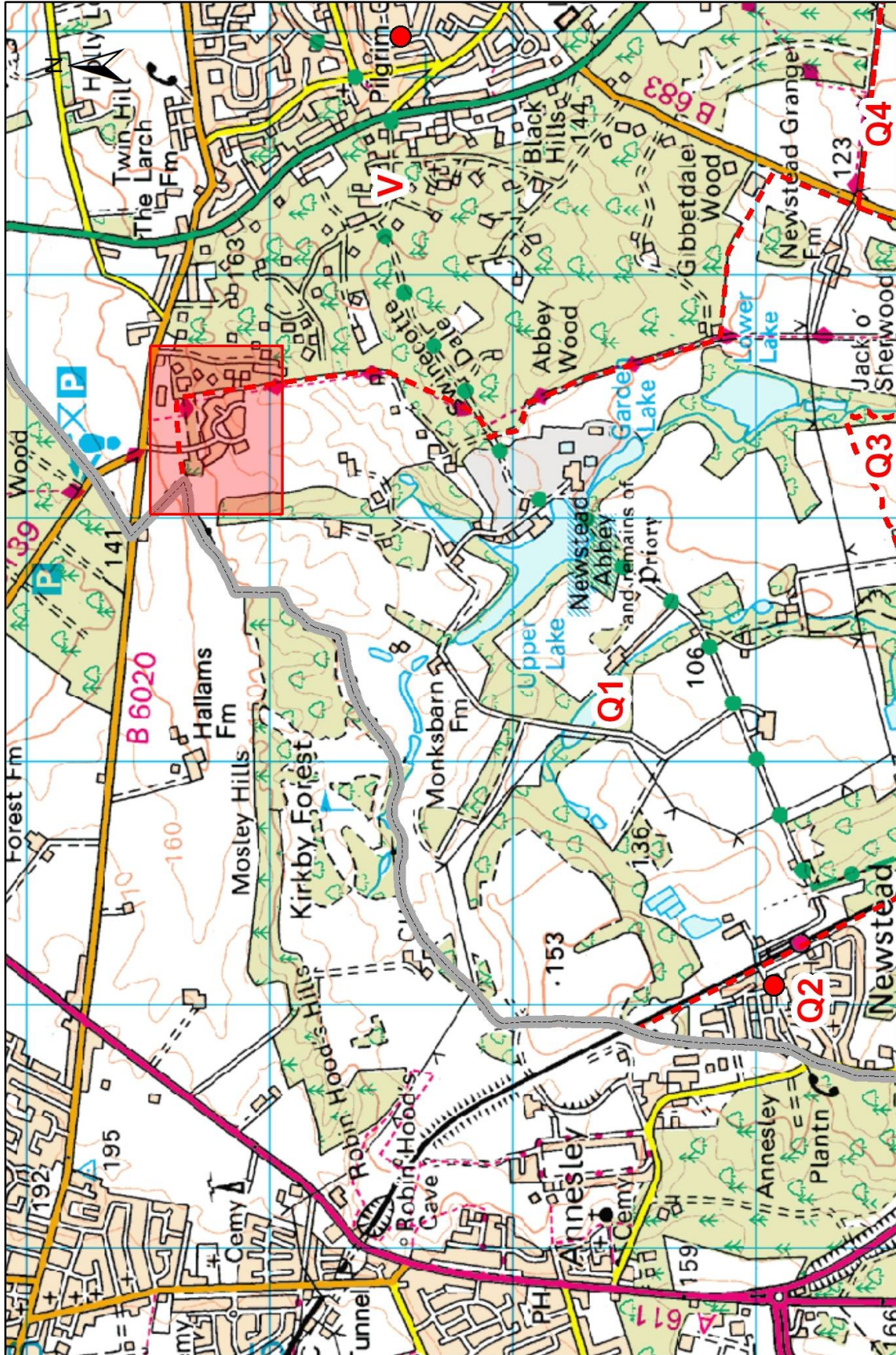
Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for Weaverthorpe Scout HQ confirming that the facilities were good and that the location and disabled access were satisfactory.

Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer for St Marks Church confirming that the station was satisfactory and that access for disabled people was good.

Returning Officers Comments

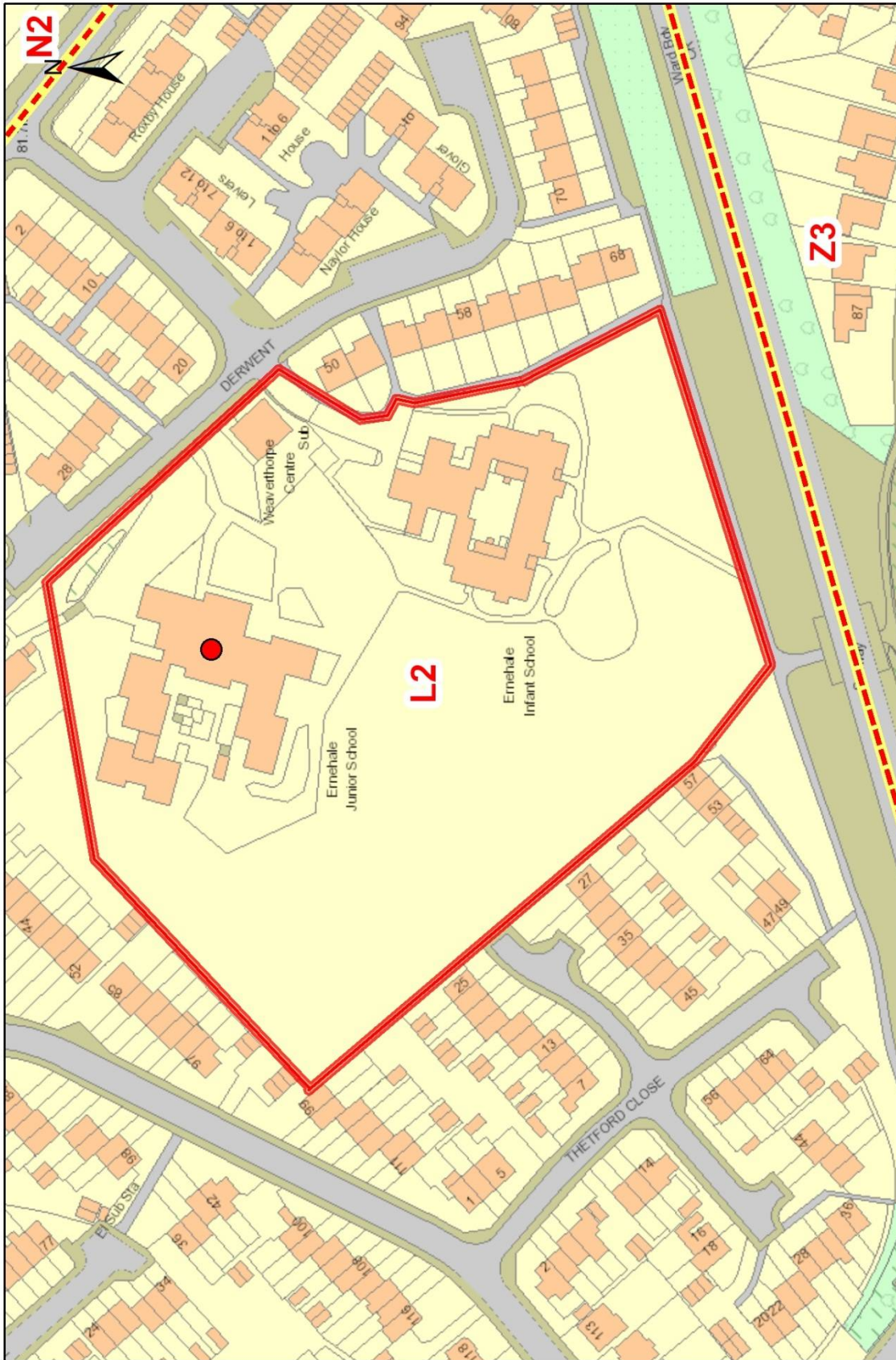
No changes are proposed.

Appendix A - High Leys Drive Estate Map



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Appendix B - Ernehale Campus Boundary Map



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