

Appendix 1– Summarised consultation responses with response from the (Acting) Returning Officer.

		Existing Polling Place/District	Comment made	(Acting) Returning Officer Comments
1	Elected Member	Hanson House – SN4	<p>Suggestion to change of polling station for the residents of the new Bellway estate, north of Papplewick Lane, Linby.</p> <p>Their current polling station is at Hanson House, Linby but their closest is Papplewick Village Hall, which they have to pass to get to Linby. A change of venue will avoid confusion and hopefully encourage more to vote as the proposed site will be within walking distance.</p>	We agree that it would be helpful for those residents to vote somewhere closer to them but have agreed that this should stay the same for the time being, due to the affected electors still having to remain in the Linby parish boundary. If they were to change venue for some elections, it would confuse them further. This change will be investigated when housing developments in the area has been finished as the large growth in electorate would deem another review necessary.
2	Elected Member	Burton Joyce Community Church – GT1	Wanted to confirm that the GT1 polling station was the Burton Joyce and Bulcote Village Hall	The Burton Joyce Community Church was the current venue on all reports as this is what was on the schedule that was approved by full council in 2019 and is what we must use as “current”. The venue will change on the new schedule of polling stations to show Burton Joyce and Bulcote Village Hall as the proposed polling place.
3	Resident	Redhill ward – GS1-3	Resident states the present arrangements seem satisfactory	No comment
4	Resident	All of Gedling borough	Resident states that the proposals are appropriate and well considered	No comment
5	Polling station staff	St Lukes Church - GT2	The usual Presiding Officer as St Lukes Church notes that the change to the community centre is only a short distance away and would be easier for everyone to park rather than outside the church on the main road.	Thank you for your comment, we plan to go ahead with the use of the Community Centre in Stoke Bardolph, rather than St Lukes Church.
6	Polling station staff	Newstead Centre – SN2 and SN3	The member of staff noted their view regarding the staffing ratios at previous elections – not applicable to the review.	No comment

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7	Polling station venue	St George's Centre – GM1 and GM3	Stated their commitment to allowing the venue being used as a polling station and note they are full accessible.	No comment
8	Polling station staff	All of Gedling borough	Generally, the arrangements work well and the proposals for change are minor but sensible. Avoiding the use of schools is good as it avoids children missing a day at school.	No comment
9	Elected member	Calverton Library – SB2 and SB5	<p>Wanted to object to the removal of the library as a polling station and noted that only having the Village Hall and the Methodist Church (where the parking is awful) is totally unacceptable.</p> <p>Calverton is now a huge village, always having new housing and two polling stations are not enough.</p>	We have reviewed this and several similar representations and have decided to not remove the library as a polling station in an effort to ensure an accessible and close polling station for the local residents.
10	Polling station staff	All of Gedling borough	Has no issues with proposed changes	No comment
11	Polling station staff	Ravenshead Village Hall – SN1 and SN6	Venue needs to changes	No changes are proposed here.
12	Elected member	Calverton Library – SB2 and SB5	Wanted to express concerns regarding the removal of the library as a polling station as it will affect nearly 2,000 voters with many of them travelling to the village hall on Park Road a good mile or so away, mostly by car.	<p>We have reviewed this and several similar representations and have decided to not remove the library as a polling station to ensure an accessible and close polling station for the local residents.</p> <p>We acknowledge that the social media posts were sent out later than we would have liked.</p>

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			<p>This course of action will also prevent people from voting and could reduce turnout.</p> <p>Quite a few of the Main Street residents are also elderly and not all of them have transport so they will have to rely on others for a lift or apply for a postal vote, some of which still don't trust this method of voting as there is no confirmation of their vote being received.</p> <p>The residents I have spoken to knew nothing of this potential closure, there has been none or very little media coverage.</p> <p>I have been asked to put forward the following alternate venues: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The London Room at the Working Men's Club - Baptist Church - Baptist Hall at the Nook - The Bandook - Old Bookies in St Wilfrids Square shopping centre 	<p>There is no time to review the alternatives for this review but will seek to explore these at future reviews, thank you.</p>
13	Polling station staff	Calverton Library – SB2 and SB5	<p>Moving polling districts SB2 and SB5 to the village hall will alleviate some of the issues regarding lack of parking available in St Wilfrids Square car park. The village hall is an ideal place to accommodate two polling stations, there is adequate space, plenty of parking and it has very good facilities for the staff who will be working.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, however we have decided to leave the library as a venue for now due to concerns it may reduce turnout and accessibility for voters.</p>

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			<p>It is also warm which has in the past been a problem at the Methodist Church. In addition, the Methodist Church has a small and awkward car park so the location of two polling stations has sometimes been an issue. The Methodist Church is able to accommodate two polling stations but as I have said above it can be very cold, particularly in the church hall at the back of the building. The church itself is warmer because of the door configuration. So in conclusion, they consider that the proposed changes should be acceptable for both voters and staff on polling days.</p>	
14	Polling station staff	<p>St Lukes Church - GT2</p> <p>Willow Farm Primary – GL1</p>	<p>The member of staff noted that local electors shared their views with them confirming they preferred voting at the church compared to the Community Centre as a unique venue which they all seemed proud about. Both venues are in easy reach for the electors.</p> <p>They noted that the new venue has limited parking so suggested many of the electors walk and that we could look to make an arrangement that electors can park at the Primary School leaving spaces at the Scout Group for disabled and Blue Badge only parking.</p>	<p>Thank you. We will be going ahead with proposals to change the polling place from St Lukes Church to the community centre as this is a newly refurbished venue with better facilities and accessibility.</p> <p>The school are very reluctant to be used in any capacity, so this suggestion is not viable. It also means the people parking at the school would need to walk to the proposed venue and could do that somewhere closer.</p>
15	Elected member	Gedling Memorial Hal – GL2	Technically there is no safe parking in the area and have made this comment as a county council member for Carlton West.	We agree the parking isn't great at all in that area.

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		Carlton Hill Library – GD3	As one of the Carlton Hill councillors I agree with all comments but would suggest a plan b for the library.	Thank you for your comment, we have had no issues raised about the library in the past so would need more detail for the reasoning behind a suggestion for an alternative venue for the library.
16	Elected member	Portacabin at Charles close – GP1	<p>They noted they were supportive of such a change as the facilities for both voters and polling station staff would be better at Marion Murdoch rather than Charles Close. The parking might also be better at Marion Murdoch.</p> <p>They gave suggestions for signage for the re-allocation</p>	Thank you, we will be continuing with the proposal to move this station and will of course ensure there is sufficient signage and equipment for electors.
17	Parish Chair & Elected members	Emmanuel Church Hall – GA3	They support the proposal for the permanent change as the Church Hall is central to the electors in this parish.	Thank you, we will be continuing with the proposal to keep this change in venue permanently.
18	Parish Clerk & Elected members	Calverton Library – SB2 and SB5	Wanted to object to the removal of the library as a polling station but noted they understand the options in Calverton were difficult due to the parish boundaries.	We have reviewed this and several similar representations and have decided to not remove the library as a polling station in an effort to ensure an accessible and close polling station for the local residents.