

Comments and Responses from Stakeholders During Consultation

Polling District/Polling Station	Comment	Name/s or Organisation	Response by RO
WWF Ellendune Hall	The bus service is not great, Priors Hill has no pavement so electors from Alexandra Park having to go to the Ellendune puts these voters at a disadvantage, particularly if they do not have their own transport. Suggest a polling station at Alexandra house Hotel, at the Shop unit on Whittington Drive or a mobile unit.	Councillor Cathy Martyn Councillor Brian Ford Robert Buckland MP	A mobile unit is not an option as it 1) cannot be positioned safely on the highway and 2) permission must be granted by the landowner to position it on the grassed area but the landowner cannot be established. The shop unit is not an option as the facilities are limited and not suitable for polling station staff. Officers have visited Alexandra House Hotel and discussed the suitability for a polling station. The RO would recommend that a polling station be situated at Alexandra House Hotel.
RWB Liddington Village Hall	In the newest part of the Badbury Park development, some roads are part of the Ridgeway Ward and vote at Liddington Village Hall, two and a half miles away. Residents who don't have cars or have mobility issues, will have difficulty getting to the hall, as the bus service is very limited and lengthy. This has a disenfranchising effect. A possible solution is for these residents to vote at Richard Jefferies museum with the other Badbury Park electors.	William Horley, Councillor for Central Swindon South Parish Council.	Ideally electors should vote in a polling station positioned within their polling district (PD) , however the area in question is a triangle of land to the west of the A419 making it difficult for those electors accessing their polling station, Liddington Village Hall, which is located to the east of the A419. Richard Jefferies Museum is not within the PD however geographically it would be easier for those electors to access. The RO recommends that an additional polling district is created in Ridgeway Ward within the “triangle” west of the A419, with the polling station allocated as the Richard Jefferies Museum.
SAA Tadpole Farm Primary School	Abbey Farm in St Andrews might be better going to the Jovial Monk polling station (SAC), rather than Tadpole Farm School (SAA).	Justin Tomlinson MP	Ideally electors should vote in a polling station positioned within their polling district (PD) unless there are no suitable venues located within that PD. Abbey Farm electors and Tadpole Farm School are within the SAA PD. The Jovial Monk pub is located in the SAC PD and the pub premises is not large enough to accommodate a double station. The RO recommends the polling station remains at Tadpole Farm School however

			the RO is also aware that another school is planned to be built on the Abbey Farm site in the future and, once built, officers will investigate its suitability as a potential polling station location.
SHA & SHC	To move Pilton Close from SHC to SHA. To change the names of some parish polling districts to reflect their actual geography.	Councillor Mary Martin Councillor Keith Williams	The RO confirms that Pilton Close is correctly situated in the SHC PD and therefore there are no changes to be made. The RO also comments that the Consultation Document is not reviewing the boundaries (and names) of borough wards, or parish and parish wards and these changes can only be made as a result of a Boundary Review and Community Governance Review.
LFD Oliver Tomkins School	Residents in the White Castle area of Toothill vote at Oliver Tomkins, but this is some walk away and the older residents could find it difficult to get there. May a new polling station be considered for those residents at the top of the hill.	Councillor Timothy Swinyard	Ideally electors should vote in a polling station positioned within their polling district (PD) unless there are no suitable venues located within that PD. The White Castle area and Oliver Tomkins School are within LFD PD. Officers have not been able to identify an alternative location in LFD and have asked Cllr Swinyard for his suggestions. The nearest polling station, Toothill Community Centre, is slightly nearer but is also down the hill and in a different borough ward (MWC). Therefore the RO recommends the polling station remains at Oliver Tomkins School however, if an alternative location is suggested, officers will investigate its suitability.
BHB Hannington Village Hall	Hannington Parish Council has considered the review of Polling Places/Stations, and wishes to advise that the preference throughout the Parish Council and residents is for the Village Hall to remain as the Polling Place/Station future elections.	Alan Gorton Clerk, Hannington Parish Council	The RO notes the parish councils comments
BHA Castle Eaton Village Hall	Castle Eaton Parish Council has considered the review of Polling Places and requests that the Village Hall remains as the appropriate place to be used as such.	Alan Gorton Clerk, Castle Eaton Parish Council	The RO notes the parish councils comments
CLB Calley Memorial Hall RWA Liddington Village Hall	Chiseldon Parish Council have no comments or amendments to make.	Clair Wilkinson Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer	The RO notes the parish councils comments
SMA, SME The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints SMB Grange Leisure	The current four polling places in St Margaret and South Marston Ward are well located for local residents and I do not suggest any change.	Councillor Roger Smith	The RO notes the ward councillors comments

SMC, SMG Coleview Community Centre SMD, SMF South Marston Village Hall			
BHA Castle Eaton Village Hall BHB Hannington Village Hall BHC Blunsdon Village Hall BHD, BHK Stanton Fitzwarren Village Hall BHE,BHG, BHI Westrop Primary School BHF, BHJ Highworth Community Room BHH Highworth Community Centre	I am happy with the Blunsdon and Highworth Ward details on it.	Councillor Steve Weisinger	The RO notes the ward councillors comments
RWD Bishopstone Village Hall	Councillors did not request any changes to the current arrangements.	Lesley Drewett – Clerk & RFO Bishopstone Parish Council	The RO notes the ward councillors comments