

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023
Representations received during the Consultation and the Returning Officer's Response

	Respondent	Borough Ward	Representation made	Returning Officer's Response to Representation
1.	Cllr Vanessa King	Stoke	No issues with current polling places. Current locations work well.	Noted
2.	Cllr Catherine Young	Clandon & Horsley	"No significant comments, except with regard to the use of the Wheelhouse in West Horsley rather than Raleigh School. The Wheelhouse, I thought, was fine as a venue, but I wondered if there was less turnout there (if that was measured) as opposed to the school, which of course would be really convenient for those using the school."	We are trying, where possible, not to use schools as polling stations if there are suitable alternative premises in the polling district/ward. The Wheelhouse was used, for the first time as a polling station, at this year's Borough Council elections and it proved to be a suitable with no complaints from the public or polling station staff.
3.	Guildford & Waverley Green Party	None specific	No comments	Noted
4.	Guildford Labour Party	Onslow	"Overall, we think the provision of polling stations is good, especially in the rather dispersed rural wards. We agree too that we should avoid disrupting primary schools if at all possible. Apart from location, we find staff always helpful and the stations themselves well signposted." "Onslow lacks a convenient polling station in the lower part of the ward, where most people live. There is a church on Guildford Park Road by the station which might work. It would also	Noted We previously used the Grace Church on Guildford Park Road. The reason we changed was that once the new housing is built behind the church there will be no parking for staff. As you can imagine the

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			<p>capture shoppers and commuters on their way downhill. It has the advantage of not being a primary school".</p>	<p>amount of paperwork, ballot papers, etc that the Presiding Officer must take to the polling station at 6:15 am and then transport from the polling station to the count at 10.15pm is significant. We do need to provide parking for the Presiding Officer at least; unfortunately, in that area there is no parking either at the church, or on-street, which is controlled by Surrey County Council who will not issue a day pass or guarantee parking for our staff. The nearest car park would be the Farnham Road multi storey and this is too far from the church for the staff to be able to securely transport ballot papers and other paperwork and equipment.</p> <p>We changed the polling station last year during the polling district and places review after the Borough Boundary changes, at the time we did discuss this with Councillor Angela Goodwin, and although she would have preferred to keep using the church, she understood that once the building work starts in the car park, we would be unable to continue to use the church. It was felt by the RO at the time that we should move the polling station before the building works start in the hope the electorate would become used to the new polling station. We only received one complaint on polling day in May, about this change of</p>

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		Merrow	"The very large Bushy Hill estate is disadvantaged by the long walk to the polling station(s), though it is the densest housing in the ward. The Bushy Hill Community Club is a possible venue."	venue. If another venue becomes available in the area, we would of course be willing to consider this in the future. The Electoral Services Manager has been unable to contact the Community Club but will continue to try. If they are willing for us to use the venue, then the Electoral Services Manager will inspect the premises to see if they are suitable.
		Stoughton North	"The location of the Stoughton Methodist Church is very visible and would make a good polling station".	Noted
		Worplesdon	"We've had an email exchange about the new housing Keens Lane. This particular estate is growing quickly and has added to the pre-existing community on the other side of the lane clustered around Keens Park Road. Residents have a 2.2 km trek by car to Fairlands. We think that area needs its own polling station which might also serve North Stoughton. A possible venue is the Youth Centre just over Worplesdon Rd in Weydown Lane".	The Electoral Services Manager has been unable to locate the Youth Centre and the Labour Party have been unable to give any further information on the venue. The Electoral Services Manager will continue to try to find this venue and review its suitability. The Keens Lane development currently crosses parish ward boundaries so once it is completed this may need a Community Governance Review to change the parish ward boundary, which may even up the electorate across the two parish wards.
5.	Effingham Parish Council	Effingham	<u>Use of Barnes Wallis Hall at KGV as a polling place</u> "Current location is the best location for a polling place in the parish".	Noted

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6.	Pirbright Parish Council	Normandy & Pirbright	<p><u>Use of Lord Pirbright's Hall as a polling place</u></p> <p>"The Hall is a super location as a polling station. It offers a very large open airy space with several ancillary rooms which can be used by staff for their own purposes or for electoral purposes. It has disabled access, accessible toilets, and ample car parking"</p>	Noted
7.	Tongham Parish Council	Pilgrims	<p><u>Use of Tongham Community Centre as a polling place</u></p> <p>"The Centre is easily accessible and central to the village, with adequate parking."</p>	Noted
8.	Wanborough Parish Council	Pilgrims	<p><u>Use of The Granary as a polling place</u></p> <p>"The Granary is situated at the centre of the village. It provides ample stress free, free parking with full disabled access, and there has been no adverse feedback".</p>	Noted
9.	West Clandon Parish Council	Clandon & Horsley	<p><u>Use of The Village Hall, West Clandon as a polling place</u></p> <p>"The existing site was a good one and should remain as (i) it is located in the centre of the parish, and (ii) has ample</p>	Noted

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			parking and near rail, and bus services, and (iii) is accessible.”	
10.	West Horsley Parish Council	Clandon & Horsley	<p><u>Use of West Horsley Village Hall as a polling place</u> “Very easy access, good location, parking, ideal location.”</p> <p><u>Use of Raleigh School as a polling place</u> “Very easy walking access for a lot of households. Good parking if needed.”</p> <p><u>Use of East Horsley Village Hall as a polling place</u> “Not in West Horsley. Good alternative if the Raleigh is not available, but for most residents will require a car journey.”</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. See comments above in response to Cllr Young’s representation.</p> <p>Noted. East Horsley Village Hall was used, on a one-off basis, as a polling station for the recent SCC Horsleys by-election because the Wheelhouse was not available, and we did not wish to use the Raleigh School.</p>
11.	Acting Returning Officer, Surrey Heath		Happy to support the proposal not to make any changes to the area of the borough that now fall within Surrey Heath Parliamentary Constituency.	Noted
12.	<p><u>Lettings Managers of Polling Places:</u></p> <p>Ash Manor School</p>	Ash South	“School refurbishment work to take place between 15 July and 1 September 2024.”	Noted

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13.	Holly Lodge Primary School	Ash Vale	"As a school, polling days disrupt the education of pupils who have missed significant education following COVID."	No suitable alternative venue in the polling district. We only close the school for UK Parliamentary elections, when we have to use the main hall.
14.	St Mary's Church Community Centre	Ash Vale	No comments	
15.	The Benson Room, Japonica Court	Ash Wharf	No comments	
16.	Victoria Hall	Ash Wharf	No comments	
17.	New Hope Church	Bellfields & Slyfield	No comments	
18.	Bellfields Youth Centre	Bellfields & Slyfield	No comments	
19.	Sutherland Memorial Hall	Burpham	No comments	
20.	Guildford Adult Education Area Centre	Castle	No comments	
21.	The Spike	Castle	No comments	
22.	Christ Church Centre	Castle	No comments	
23.	East Clandon Village Hall	Clandon & Horsley	No comments	
24.	St Martin's Church Hall	Clandon & Horsley	No comments	

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25.	East Horsley Village Hall	Clandon & Horsley	No comments	
26.	St Martin's Community Hall	Clandon & Horsley	No comments	
27.	West Horsley Village Hall	Clandon & Horsley	No comments	
28.	King George V Hall	Effingham	"Works will be carried out to the "Village Rooms" area over Christmas but will be completed by January 2024."	Noted
29.	Merrow CoE Infant School	Merrow	No comments	
30.	Merrow Village Club & Hall	Merrow	"Wifi connection expected in 2024."	Noted
31.	Boxgrove Primary School	Merrow	No comments	
32.	St Mark's Hall	Normandy & Pirbright	No comments	
33.	Library & Learning Centre, Stag Hill Campus	Onslow	No comments	
34.	The Sands Room	Pilgrims	No comments	
35.	Seale Village Hall	Pilgrims	No comments	
36.	Marwick Hall	Pilgrims	"No refurbishment works are planned and there are no access issues."	Noted
37.	Shackleford Village Hall	Pilgrims	No comments	

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38.	The Granary	Pilgrims	No comments	
39.	Tongham Community Centre	Pilgrims	"No major refurbishments scheduled."	Noted
40.	All Saints Church	Send & Lovelace	"No refurbishments planned. No access issues. Flat tarmac pathway, no steps and a disabled toilet".	Noted
41.	Lancaster Hall	Send & Lovelace	"Hall is closed from 5 to 7 April 2024"	Noted
42.	Compton Village Hall	Shalford	No comments	
43.	Peasmarsh Church Hall	Shalford	No comments	
44.	Shalford Village Hall	Shalford	No comments	
45.	Chilworth Village Hall	Shalford/ Tillingbourne	No comments	
46.	St Joseph's Church Hall	Stoke	No comments	
47.	Army Cadet Centre	Stoughton North	No comments	
48.	Stoughton Infant School	Stoughton North	"If the school is to be used, the polling station would be in our nursery classroom. Access to the main school will be limited. Steps to nursery classroom may be an issue for wheelchair users."	We are trying, where possible, not to use schools as polling stations if there are suitable alternative premises in the polling district/ward. We are therefore recommending that the designated polling place is changed to Stoughton Methodist Church, Stoughton Road.

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49.	Emmanuel Parish Centre	Stoughton South	No comments	
50.	Shere Village Hall	Tillingbourne	No comments	
51.	Holmbury St Mary Village Hall	Tillingbourne	No comments	
52.	Westborough United Reformed Church	Westborough	"Kitchen refurbishment is in early planning stages, but unlikely to be before July 2024".	Noted
53.	Manor Park Village and Surrey Research Park	Westborough	No comments	
54.	St Mary's Church Hall	Worplesdon	No comments	
55.	St Alban's Church Hall	Worplesdon	No comments	
56.	Fairlands Community Centre	Worplesdon	No comments	
57.	Worplesdon Memorial Hall	Worplesdon	"One very low front step into hall – has been the same for many years. You provide a ramp, there is regular equipment brought to hall by yourselves."	Noted
58.	1 st Jacobs Well Scout & Guide Group HQ	Worplesdon	"Ramp required to clear door threshold as per previous bookings."	Noted