

Agenda



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A meeting of the **Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee**

will be held on Tuesday 22 October 2019 at 6.30 pm
135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB

Members of the Committee:

Councillors	
Ron Batstone (Chair)	
Paul Barrow	Mike Pighills
Alison Jenner	Janet Shelley
Sarah Medley (Vice-Chair)	

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Margaret Reed
Head of Legal and Democratic

Agenda

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1. Apologies for absence

To record apologies for absence and the attendance of substitute members.

2. Minutes

(Pages 4 - 6)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2018 - **attached**.

3. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

4. Urgent business and chair's announcements

To receive notification of any matters which the chair determines should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the chairman.

5. Public participation

To receive any questions or statements from members of the public that have registered to speak.

6. Report of the Returning Officer on the delivery of the May 2019 district and parish elections

To consider the report of the returning officer – **to follow**.

7. Polling district and polling places review

(Pages 7 - 19)

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic on proposals for polling districts and polling places following a periodic review required by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 - **attached**.

8. District wide community governance review

Vale of White Horse District Council undertook a district wide review of parish arrangements in 2013/14 with Council agreeing changes at its meeting in July 2014. This committee undertook a number of further reviews, some deferred from the 2013/14 district wide review and others in response to further requests from parish councils, with any agreed changes implemented prior to the 2019 elections.

A community governance review (CGR) is a review carried out by a principal council of the whole or part of its area. The aim is to look at one or more of:

- the creation, merging or abolition of parishes

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- the naming of parishes
- the style of parishes (for example town, village, community)
- the electoral arrangements for parishes (for example size of parish councils, number of councillors, warding arrangements)

District council wards and county council divisions cannot be altered in a community governance order. However, a request may be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to carry out a review for changes to district or county boundaries as a result of a local CGR.

At its meeting on 23 October 2017 this committee agreed “that the council undertakes a community governance review every four years with changes agreed for implementation at the next scheduled parish elections”. In line with this resolution committee is invited to agree that a district wide community governance review is commenced in 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

That officers submit a timetable for a community governance review to this committee for a review to commence in Spring 2020.

Minutes

of a meeting of the

Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee

held on Monday 26 November 2018 at 6.30 pm
in Meeting Room 1, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon,
Oxfordshire, OX14 4SB

Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Yvonne Constance (Chairman), Charlotte Dickson, Ben Mabbett, Helen Pighills and Janet Shelley

Officers: Susan Baker, Steven Corrigan, Abbie Mulcairn and Margaret Reed

Also present: Councillors Eric Batts and Emily Smith

Number of members of the public: 1

48. Apologies for absence

None.

49. Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2018 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman signs them as such.

50. Declarations of interest

None.

51. Urgent business and chairman's announcements

None.

52. Public participation

Councillor Emily Smith addressed the committee.

She spoke in support of the need for a designated polling place in polling district SAC2 (Harwell East) to serve the electorate in the Great Western Park development and requested that Harwell Parish Council is consulted on any venue.

She also stressed the need for a designated polling place in polling districts SSB1 and SSB2 (Segsbury ward of Wantage parish). She referred to anecdotal information that residents in this area had not voted in the recent Wantage and Grove County Division by election due to the distance needed to travel to The Beacon which was designated as a temporary polling place.

She also sought clarification regarding the recent changes to the boundary of Abingdon and neighbouring parishes and specifically where electors would vote if the parish and district ward boundaries were not coterminous (see minute 54).

Sarah Medley, a Harwell resident and Harwell parish councillor, addressed the committee on the need for a designated polling place in Harwell East to ensure the local electorate had a convenient location to vote (currently required to travel to Harwell village). She provided details of a possible location – Boundary Park Pavilion.

53. Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

The committee considered the report of the head of legal and democratic on proposals for polling districts and polling places following an interim review in preparation for the May 2019 district and parish elections.

The committee considered the views expressed by Councillor Smith and Sarah Medley. In respect of polling districts SSB1 and SSB2, the committee agreed that officers should investigate the possible use of either King Alfred's School (west site) or Stockham Primary School. The committee noted the suggestion made by Sarah Medley in respect of Harwell East and requested officers investigate the suitability of the Boundary Park Pavilion as a polling place.

The committee further agreed that the final decision on the above matters should be made in consultation with committee members, the relevant local ward councillors and relevant parish council.

The committee supported the designations as set out in the schedule of polling districts and polling places attached as appendix A to the report subject to the above ongoing matters.

RESOLVED: to

1. approve the schedule of polling districts and polling places set out in Appendix A to the report of the head of legal and democratic to the meeting of the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee on 26 November 2018 subject to 2 below;
2. authorise the returning officer, in consultation with committee members, relevant ward councillors and the relevant parish council, to allocate an appropriate polling place for polling districts SAC2 (Harwell East), SSB1 and SSB2 (Segsbury ward of Wantage parish).

54. Request for related alterations - Community Governance Review of Vale of White Horse

The committee received a verbal update on the outcome of requests made to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to make changes to the boundaries of district wards and county divisions to reflect changes made at parish level following the community governance reviews completed in 2017 and 2018 and implemented on 1 November 2018 under the Vale of White Horse District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2018. Officers confirmed that at its meeting on 20 November the Commission had approved all the requests. The relevant Order will come into force for the May 2019 elections.

In response to the issue raised by Councillor Smith (see minute 52), officers confirmed that, due to the above, electors will now vote in the relevant Abingdon district and Abingdon parish ward.

The committee noted and welcomed the decision of the LGBCE which provided for coterminous district ward and parish boundaries for the benefit of the electorate.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm

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Report of head of legal and democratic

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To: Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee

DATE: 22 October 2019

Polling District and Polling Places Review

Recommendation

That the Committee:

1. notes the consultation responses and the officer comments set out in appendix A;
2. notes the Acting Returning Officer's comments
3. approves the schedule of polling districts and polling places set out in Appendix C to this report
4. authorises the head of legal and democratic, acting in her capacity as the council's returning officer, to make changes to polling districts and polling places where circumstances dictate that this is desirable, having first consulted with members of the committee and the local councillor(s)

Purpose of Report

1. This report sets out proposals for polling districts and polling places following a periodic review required by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.

Strategic Objectives

2. The report does not specifically relate to any of the council's strategic objectives, but agreement of the recommendations (amended if the committee sees fit) will ensure compliance with the law.

Background

3. In accordance with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, the Council has a duty to undertake a review of parliamentary polling districts and polling places, which it must complete by the 31 January 2020. Subsequent reviews must be undertaken at least once every five years. The last such review in Vale of White Horse was undertaken in October 2014. The results of the polling districts and polling places review were agreed by this committee at its meeting on 27 January 2015. The council undertook an interim review with this committee agreeing recommendations at its meeting on 26 November 2018 prior to the district and parish elections in May 2019 to ensure arrangements reflected the outcome of recent community governance reviews agreed by this committee, reflected in the Vale of White Horse District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2018, and to ensure electors continue to have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
4. The current polling arrangements within the Vale are predominantly satisfactory as has been shown at elections conducted in recent years (the 2015 elections, the European Referendum, Police and Crime Commissioner elections in 2016 and the Oxfordshire County Council and Parliamentary elections in 2017) and very recently at the district and parish elections in May 2019, to be practicable. All polling stations were visited during the May elections and comments received have been taken into consideration as part of the review.

Terminology

5. **Polling District:** a geographical area created by the sub-division of a UK Parliamentary constituency or ward into smaller parts within which a polling place can be located which is convenient to electors. By and large each parish is a polling district in its own right and has its own polling place or places. Exceptions are where parishes are sub-divided into electoral wards or split between district wards which necessitates the creation of additional polling districts.
6. **Polling place:** the building(s) within each polling district that will house polling stations.
7. **Polling stations:** the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place. The number of polling stations within each polling place is a matter for the returning officer and is not covered in this report.

Requirements of the review

8. Local authorities must comply with the following legislative requirements when designating polling districts and polling places:
 - Each parish in England must be a separate polling district
 - The council must designate a polling place for each polling district
 - The polling place must be an area in the polling district unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area wholly or partly outside the polling district (for example, if no accessible polling place can be identified)

- The polling place must be small enough to indicate to electors in different parts of the district how they will be able to reach the polling station
- That so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place is accessible to electors who are disabled

The review

8. Council gave notice of this review on 15 July 2019. Notice of the review was published on the council's website and given to the Acting Returning Officer (ARO), parish councils, district councillors and members of parliament. The review was also publicised via a press release and social media. The Acting Returning Officer for Oxford West and Abingdon and Wantage was consulted and her comments are attached at appendix one.

Consultation responses

9. The council received a number of responses before the deadline of 27 September which are set out in appendix A attached to this report with officer comments. The Acting Returning Officer for Oxford West and Abingdon and Wantage was consulted and her comments are attached at appendix B and referred to below.

Key issues

10. Due to renovation works, St Mary's Convent was not available as a polling place for the elections in May 2019. This committee designated Stockham School as the alternative polling place for those elections and the same venue was used at the European parliamentary elections. This arrangement was not supported by the school and did not provide a suitable location for polling station staff or electors. In her comments, the ARO, also asked the council to endeavour not to use schools that are required to close if used as a polling station. Officers will continue to seek an alternative venue and will assess the suitability of St Mary's Convent as a polling place following the renovation works. In the meantime, officers propose that The Beacon is designated as the polling place for polling districts SSB1 and SSB2 (covering the Segsbury ward of Wantage parish). The most impacted electors will have to travel an additional distance of approximately 0.5 miles vote at The Beacon.
11. In her comments the ARO suggests no polling place is shared by two district wards, unless special circumstances apply, such as the lack of a suitable building for polling stations in the adjoining areas, to avoid potential confusion for voters. Where this is not avoidable or is considered to offer geographical convenience to voters, she recommends the use of separate rooms or a physical boundary should be considered. The election team welcome this suggestion and will ensure a clear physical barrier is provided in such circumstances.
12. Officers are also currently identifying alternative polling places for those designated in appendix C should any become unavailable for a particular election.

Financial Implications

13. There is a modest cost associated with running a polling place. Often this cost is shared amongst a number of parties because the polling place hosts multiple elections at the same time. At national elections the cost is reimbursed to the council. Cost, however, should not be a consideration in determining how many polling places to designate

Legal Implications

14. The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 requires the council to complete its review of polling districts and polling places by 31 January 2020. Decisions made in respect of the proposals in this report will fulfil this requirement.

Risks

15. There are no discernable risks associated with the proposals set out in this report

Conclusion

16. The council has a legal requirement to complete a review of polling districts and polling places by the end of January 2020. Decisions taken in respect of this report will fulfil that requirement.

Background Papers

Polling District and Polling Places Review report to the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee on 27 January 2015.
Interim review of Polling Districts and Polling Places report to the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee on 26 November 2018

Area	Feedback	
South Abingdon	"With respect to polling stations,I live South Abingdon and I've always thought why not use the Rugby Club in Lambrick way. With many people now in the new houses the impact on the Preston Road could be relieved by using this Space which can serve The Marina, Andersey Way Wilsham Road plus Metcalfe Close Crosedale and other roads in the area, perhaps to Bakers Rd."	Officers consider that the current polling station at Preston Road Community Centre offers a more convenient location for the majority of electors in the polling district. Officers will investigate the use of the Rugby Club as an alternative venue if the Community Centre is unavailable.
Schools	"I would make a comment about the use of schools as polling stations. As a parent I have had to take a number of days of work in the past because my child's school has been closed due to being used as a polling station. I believe that it should be perfectly possible for a school to act as a polling station and to provide education for children at the same time. However, all my previous conversations with Head Teachers and Governors has convinced me that schools are unable or unwilling to allow their building a to be used for both activities at the same time. As a result the school closes and parents are left with a short notice requirement to find childcare. As a result I feel that schools should not be used as polling stations unless every other option has been investigated and rejected as	The council has operated a policy not to use school buildings, where an alternative venue exists, unless the head teacher confirms that they are happy for the school to remain open on election day.
Abingdon Wildmoor	Having been involved in canvassing at the recent local elections, I would like to comment that the polling station arrangements for Abingdon Wildmoor be reviewed. A lot of residents stated they would not go and vote because their polling station was too far away.	Electors are currently required to vote in the neighbouring polling district. Officers have not located a suitable venue within Abingdon Fitzharris Wildmoor.
Steventon/Wantage	The general view was that the polling stations should: - have disabled access - have parking available - not cause disruption to education - not chop and change locations Specifically, in Steventon, the Council should consider having stations on either side of the railway line – the wait at the level crossings can be very long and may deter voting. Also, in Wantage where a busy main road (such as the A417 Reading Road) has to be crossed by the electorate to reach the polling station, this is potentially unsafe. If possible an alternative location should be sought, for example, the Charlton Village church hall, or the Cricket Club."	In respect of the provision of a polling station in Steventon officers consider that Steventon Village Hall provides a suitable venue for all electors in the village. The provision of an additional venue for 127 electors is not required. In respect of Wantage a zebra crossing provides a safe alternative means of crossing the road for pedestrians.
Harwell	"I'd like to put forward my concerns with the current boundaries of the South Oxfordshire and Vale districts. Really, the Harwell section of great western park (east of the A34) should be on South Oxfordshire and not Vale. It's a part of didcot, connected too and also community wise. This also means I believe that it should also come under the Didcot Parish and not Harwell. Please take into consideration these suggestions as I do believe that the districts currently drawn do not reflect the local area and its communities."	The boundary between districts is not a matter for this review and not an issue the council can change. The power to alter district council boundaries is within the remit of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

Polling Place	Feedback on existing polling stations:	<i>Officer response</i>
Harwell Village Hall, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX	(a) "I believe that the polling station in Harwell village is in the appropriate place and fit for use"	
Upton Village Hall, Station Road, Upton, OX11 9HX	(a) "On behalf of Upton Parish Council, I can report that as the village hall is the only place that could be a polling station and has access to all, that the council is happy for it to continue as such."	
Milton Methodist Church, 63 High Street, Milton, OX14 4EJ	(a) "Just a quick note to say I find Milton Methodist Church to be conveniently central in Milton village as a polling station. First time I used it, there was a bit of confusion (even with signs) about exactly where to go but by the most recent poll, the European election, all was nice and clear."	
The Corn Exchange, Faringdon, SN7 7JA	(a) "I live in Faringdon and think the Corn Exchange is an excellent polling station. Good flat access, plenty of room inside, access to toilets and (for the officers) the kitchen for refreshments as required."	
The Corn Exchange, Faringdon, SN7 7JA	as above	
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Old Mill Hall, School Lane, Grove, OX12 7LB	(a) "Can I suggest that both of the polling stations in Grove be in the Old Mill Hall which has two separate rooms off of the reception. Currently there are 2 wards in Grove. The largest one of which is voted for in the Old Mill Hall which has lots of parking right outside the door. The smaller ward is voted for in Grove Methodists Church which is literally around the corner from the Old Mill Hall with parking in Millbrook Square or in front of the Church itself on Main Street. Years ago all the voting in Grove was done in the Old Mill Hall."	The designation of an additional polling place at Grove Methodist Church addressed problems with queues and provides a better location for voter convenience.
Old Mill Hall, School Lane, Grove, OX12 7LB	as above	
Old Mill Hall, School Lane, Grove, OX12 7LB	as above	
Marcham Baptist Church Hall, Packhorse Lane, Marcham, OX13 6NT	(a) " I understand that a new place had to be found as there is building work going on at the usual venue of the Social Club. However, the old Baptist Hall is very inconvenient. The access for cars is poor, being in the middle of double bends on A415, and foot access is also limited due to the absence of a pavement to the west. The school would have been a better option, the pub or Denman College possibly." (b) "Use of the Baptist hall in Marcham for the last elections was not great. There is no footpath from the centre of the village to the hall, only from Howard Cornish Road. Although there is a car park, the situation of the hall on the busy bends of the A415 make it difficult to enter/exit safely."	Officers will revisit the designation of the Baptist Hall as an alternative polling place for future elections.
Letcombe Regis Village Hall, Bassett Road, Letcombe Regis OX12 9LJ	(a) "I would like to confirm that my local polling station, Letcombe Regis Village Hall is excellently venue. It has easy access, parking and facilities for the disabled, of whom my son is one."	
Merestones, Woolstone, SN7 7QL	(a) "As requested my comment on the above is that for me this is an excellent site."	

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall, Hobbyhorse Lane, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4BB	(a) "Just for the record, I write to advise you that Sutton Courtenay Parish Council considered the polling places review, at its recent meeting. As far as the Parish Council is concerned, the current village hall in Sutton Courtenay, is satisfactory for the purposes, in that it has disabled access, is flat and level, has a kitchen, toilet facilities and a large car park. It is considered very suitable for the purpose of elections."	
Sutton Courtenay Village Hall, Hobbyhorse Lane, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4BB	as above	
Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage OX12 9HL	(a) "I live on xxx, Wantage. The last polling station I used was at Stockham School - the school remained open which meant the station was in some sort of ancillary building which was totally inadequate. For convenience I would prefer my polling station to be in the Beacon - I go into town frequently but outlying estate venues are not	Officers recommend the designation of The Beacon as the polling place whilst seeking an alternative venue in the polling district.
Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage OX12 9HL	as above	
Little Coxwell Village Hall, Little Coxwell, SN7 7LW	(a) "The current polling station is the Village Hall in the centre of Little Coxwell. This works very well for the residents. We have a number of elderly residents with very limited mobility but the Village Hall has good disabled access and facilities, which together with being local, makes it as easy as it can be for people to vote. We are very happy with the current location and would not like any change."	
Trinity Church Hall, Conduit Road, Abingdon, OX14 1DB	(a) "I use Trinity Methodist Church Hall. I have always found it well run and easy to use. Parking in Conduit Road can be a little difficult at times."	
Trinity Church Hall, Conduit Road, Abingdon, OX14 1DB	as above	
Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Road, Abingdon, OX14 1NS	(a) "Having been involved in canvassing at the recent local elections, I would like to comment that the polling station arrangements for Abingdon Wildmoor be reviewed. A lot of residents stated they would not go and vote because their polling station was too far away."	
Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Road, Abingdon, OX14 1NS	as above	
South Hinksey Village Hall, Manor Road, South Hinksey, OX1 5AS	(a) "The Council discussed the review of polling districts and polling places at its September meeting and instructed me to write to your authority informing you that this Council is content to have both parish wards continue to use South Hinksey Village Hall as their polling station."	
St Andrews Church Hall, Orchard Road, Dean Court, OX2 9BH	(a) "I know that one response we will get from the Dean Court residents as well as those who have to come from the Cumnor Hill area is that the polling station at St Andrews church needs signage from the Eynsham Road. When they have put the paper Polling Station sign on Eynsham Road before it blows away, gets soaked in the rain or falls on the floor. Surely their can be laminated signs given to some some stations signing them from main roads."	Officers will provide polling station staff with more robust signage for future elections.
St Andrews Church Hall, Orchard Road, Dean Court, OX2 9BH	as above	

<p>Cumnor Village Hall, 1 Leys Road, Cumnor, OX2 9QS</p>	<p>(a) "re Cumnor boundaries and Cumnor polling places 1. Currently the boundary between the Cumnor Village and Cumnor Hill is the A420: while this looks convenient, if it were necessary to make changes to rebalance the number of electors in different polling districts, I would suggest the moving Oxford Road, Bertie Road, Norreys Road and Chawley Lane into Cumnor Village would be well understood by those of us living here. However, if no change is needed then we are familiar with the current boundaries. 2. The current polling place is usually the Cumnor Village Hall, which is on the edge of Cumnor Village. My view is that Cumnor Old School would be a more convenient location. I think it is sensible NOT to use Cumnor School so as to avoid the children of the local school losing a day's education. "</p>	<p>The current polling districts reflect the parish warding arrangements and are therefore logical for electors and officers. The council is reluctant to use schools as polling places due to the inconvenience to pupils and parents. The current polling place is well known to electors. Officers will investigate the designation of Cumnor Old School as a possible back-up.</p>
<p>Cumnor Village Hall, 1 Leys Road, Cumnor, OX2 9QS</p>	<p>as above</p>	

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2019

COMMENTS FROM THE ACTING RETURNING OFFICER

This sets out the Acting Returning Officer's (ARO) submission to the above review.

The ARO is responsible for the conduct of the elections for two Parliamentary Constituencies which cover parts of Vale of White Horse District Council – namely Oxford West and Abingdon and Wantage. The boundaries of those constituencies extend to also cover part of Oxford City and Cherwell (for Oxford West and Abingdon) and South Oxfordshire (for Wantage).

The following comments concentrate solely on the polling districts and polling places which are located within Vale of White Horse District Council.

The council undertook an interim review in 2018 in preparation for the district and parish council elections in May 2019. There have been very few adverse comments from voters, political parties or polling station staff about the polling places used. Consequently, I am content with the current designations, which on the whole have been in place for the District, County, Police and Crime Commissioner, Parliamentary and European elections in the past four years. In general terms, all the buildings used as polling stations are considered to be fit for purpose, accessible to the majority of the electorate which the venue serves, and accessible for those with a disability.

Because of recent community governance reviews the council has adjusted some parish boundaries and proposed, and received consent, to make related alterations to district ward and county division boundaries. These changes have resulted to changes to some polling districts at parish level to reflect the changes.

The table available on the [council's website](#) sets out the name of each polling district and the polling place used. It also shows where a polling place is outside a polling district. As stated, I am content with the current arrangements but do have a few observations set out below:

- Where possible I suggest that the council should identify an alternative polling place for that designated in case it is not available for a particular election.
- Attempts are made not to use schools for polling places as, understandably, head teachers and parents do not welcome either the disruption of closing the whole school for a day or the security issues if a room is used as a polling place and the remainder of the school remains open. The council designated Stockham Primary School as a polling place for polling districts SSB1 and SSB2 due to renovation works to the previous polling place at St Mary's Convent. I would urge the council to seek an alternative venue to avoid the use of Stockham Primary School. The council currently designates St Blaise CE Primary School as a polling place for polling district SJD. I would ask that

the council reviews the implications of this on the school and, if necessary, seek an alternative venue.

- I suggest no polling place is shared by two district wards, unless special circumstances apply, such as the lack of a suitable building for polling stations in the adjoining areas, to avoid potential confusion for voters. Where this is not avoidable or is considered to offer geographical convenience to voters, the use of separate rooms or a physical boundary should be considered.

I will continue to monitor developments in respect of the major residential developments in the Vale and make recommendations to change polling districts and polling places as required.

I reserve the right to make further comments after the close of the public consultation period.

Margaret Reed

Acting Returning Officer for the Oxford West and Abingdon and Wantage
Parliamentary Constituencies

6 August 2019

Polling District Reference	Parish/Parish Ward/Polling District	District Ward	Proposed Polling Place	Comments
XAA1	Abingdon No.1 (Caldecott)	Abingdon Caldecott	Preston Road Community Centre	
XAA2	Abingdon No.2 (Caldecott)	Abingdon Caldecott	St. Johns Ambulance HQ, Caldcott Road	
XAA3	Abingdon No.3 (Caldecott)	Abingdon Caldecott	Trinity Hall , Conduit Road, Abingdon	Polling place is in adjacent parish ward
XAB1	Abingdon No.4 (Fitzharris Ock)	Abingdon Fitzharris	Stonewater (Jephson Common Room), Bridges Close	
XAB2	Abingdon No.5 (Fitzharris Ock)	Abingdon Fitzharris	Trinity Hall , Conduit Road, Abingdon	
XAB3	Abingdon No.6 (Fitzharris Wildmoor)	Abingdon Fitzharris	Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Road, Abingdon	Polling place is in adjacent parish ward
XAC1	Abingdon No.7 (Abbey)	Abingdon Abbey Northcourt	The Guildhall, Abbey Close, Abingdon	
XAC2	Abingdon No.8 (Northcourt)	Abingdon Abbey Northcourt	Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Road, Abingdon	
XAC3	Abingdon No.9 (Northcourt)	Abingdon Abbey Northcourt	All Saints Methodist Church, Appleford Drive	
XAD1	Abingdon No.10 (Peachcroft)	Abingdon Peachcroft	Hadland Road Community Centre	
XAD2	Abingdon No.11(Peachcroft)	Abingdon Peachcroft	North East Abingdon Community Centre	
XAE1	Abingdon No.12 (Dunmore)	Abingdon Dunmore	All Saints Methodist Church, Appleford Drive	Polling place is in adjacent parish ward
XAE2	Abingdon No.13 (Dunmore)	Abingdon Dunmore	Long Furlong Community Centre, Boulter Drive	
XAE3	Abingdon No.14 (Dunmore)	Abingdon Dunmore	2nd Abingdon Scout Hut, Farm Road	
SQA	Appleford	Sutton Courtenay	Appleford Village Hall	
XAE	Appleton with Eaton	Thames	Appleton Village Hall	
SIA	Ardington	Hendreds	Loyd Lindsay Rooms, High Street, Ardington	
STA	Ashbury	Watchfield & Shrivenham	Ashbury Village Hall	
SOA	Baulking	Stanford	Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington	Polling place is in adjacent parish
XEB	Besselsleigh	Thames	Appleton Village Hall	Polling place is in adjacent parish
SAA	Blewbury	Blewbury & Harwell	Blewbury Village Hall	
STB	Bourton	Watchfield & Shrivenham	Bourton Village Hall	
SRA	Buckland	Thames	Buckland Memorial Hall	
STC	Buscot	Watchfield & Shrivenham	Buscot Village Hall	
SKA	Charney Bassett	Kingston Bagpuize	Charney Bassett Village Hall	
SMA	Childrey	Ridgeway	Childrey Village Hall	
SAB1	Chilton No.1	Blewbury & Harwell	Chilton Fields Community Room,Horsa Lane	
SAB2	Chilton No.2	Blewbury & Harwell	Chilton Village Hall	
STD	Coleshill	Watchfield & Shrivenham	The Hall Coleshill	
STE	Compton Beauchamp	Watchfield & Shrivenham	Ashbury Village Hall	Polling place is in adjacent parish
XCA1	Cumnor (Farmoor)	Cumnor	Farmoor Village Hall	
XCA2	Cumnor (Dean Court)	Cumnor	St Andrews Church Hall, Orchard Road, Dean Court	
XCA3	Cumnor (Cumnor Village)	Cumnor	Cumnor Village Hall	
XCA4	Cumnor (Cumnor Hill)	Cumnor	Cumnor Village Hall	Polling place is in adjacent parish ward
SPA	Denchworth	Steventon & the Hanneys	Denchworth Village Hall	
SFA	Drayton	Drayton	Drayton Village Hall	
SMB	East Challow	Ridgeway	East Challow Village Hall	
SPB	East Hanney	Steventon & the Hanneys	Hanney War Memorial Hall, East Hanney	
SJA	East Hendred	Hendreds	Snells Hall, East Hendred	

STF	Eaton Hastings	Watchfield & Shrivenham	Buscot Village Hall	Polling place is in adjacent parish	
SGA	Faringdon	Faringdon	Faringdon Corn Exchange		
STG	Fernham	Watchfield & Shrivenham	Longcot Methodist Chapel	Polling place is in adjacent parish	
SKB	Frilford	Kingston Bagpuize	Evangelical Chapel, Kingston Road, Frilford		
SRB	Fyfield and Tubney	Thames	Mobile Unit White Hart, Main Road, Fyfield		
SKC	Garford	Kingston Bagpuize	Garford Village Hall		
SKD	Goosey	Kingston Bagpuize	Charney Bassett Village Hall	Polling place is in adjacent parish	
STH	Great Coxwell	Watchfield & Shrivenham	Reading Room, Great Coxwell		
SHA	Grove No1. (North)	Grove North	Old Mill Hall, School Lane, Grove		
SSA	Grove No.2 (Brook)	Wantage & Grove	Grove Methodist Church, Main Street, Grove		
SAC1	Harwell No.1	Blewbury & Harwell	Harwell Village Hall		
SAC2	Harwell No.2	Blewbury & Harwell	Harwell Village Hall		
SJB	Harwell No.3 (Harwell Oxford Camp)	Hendreds	Harwell Village Hall		
SOB	Hatford	Stanford	Stanford in the Vale Village Hall	Polling place is in adjacent parish	
SRC	Hinton Waldrist	Thames	Hinton Waldrist Village Hall		
XDA1	Kennington No.1	Kennington & Radley	Kennington Village Hall		
XDA2	Kennington No.2	Kennington & Radley	Kennington Village Hall		
SKE	Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor	Kingston Bagpuize	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall		
SMC	Kingston Lisle	Ridgeway	The Bungalow Village Hall, Kingston Lisle		
SMD	Letcombe Bassett	Ridgeway	Letcombe Basset Village Hall		
SME	Letcombe Regis	Ridgeway	Letcombe Regis Village Hall		
STI	Little Coxwell	Watchfield & Shrivenham	Little Coxwell Village Hall		
SRD	Littleworth	Thames	Reading Room, Littleworth		
SJC	Lockinge	Hendreds	Loyd Lindsay Rooms, High Street , Ardington	Polling place is in adjacent parish	
STJ	Longcot	Watchfield & Shrivenham	Longcot Methodist Chapel		
SRE	Longworth	Thames	Longworth Village Hall		
SKF	Lyford	Kingston Bagpuize	Charney Bassett Village Hall	Polling place is in adjacent parish	
				Not available until May 2020. Returning Officer to designate alternative venue for election(s) prior to this date.	
SLA	Marcham	Marcham	Marcham Sports & Social Club Anson Field		
SFB	Milton No.1 (Village)	Drayton	Milton Methodist Church		
SJD	Milton No 2 (Heights)	Hendreds	Milton Community Centre, School Lane, Milton Heights		
XBA	North Hinksey	Botley & Sunningwell	The Church Hall of St Peter and St Paul		
SRF	Pusey	Thames	Buckland Memorial Hall	Polling place is in adjacent parish	
XDB	Radley No.1	Kennington & Radley	Site Office, Pebble Hill Mobile Home Park, Radley		
XDE	Radley No.2	Kennington & Radley	Radley Village Hall, Gooseacre, Radley		
SOC	Shellingford	Stanford	Shellingford Community Hall		
STK	Shrivenham	Watchfield & Shrivenham	Shrivenham Memorial Hall		
SBB 1	South Hinksey (Hinksey Hill)	Botley & Sunningwell	South Hinksey Village Hall	Polling place is in adjacent parish ward	
SBB 2	South Hinksey (Village)	Botley & Sunningwell	South Hinksey Village Hall		

SMF	Sparsholt	Ridgeway	Griffin Memorial Hall, Sparsholt		
XFC	St Helen Without No.1 (Dry Sandford)	Marcham	Scout Hall, Lashford Lane, Dry Sandford		
SLB	St Helen Without No.2 (Shippon)	Marcham	Shippon Village Hall		
SOD	Stanford-in-the-Vale	Stanford	Stanford in the Vale Village Hall		
SPC	Steventon	Steventon & the Hanneys	Steventon Village Hall		
XBC	Sunningwell	Botley and Sunningwell	Sunningwell Village Hall		
SQB	Sutton Courtenay	Sutton Courtenay	Sutton Courtenay Village Hall		
SOE	Uffington	Stanford	Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall		
SAD	Upton	Blewbury & Harwell	Upton Village Hall		
SSB1	Wantage No.1 (Segsbury)	Wantage & Grove Brook	The Beacon, Portway, Wantage	Officers to assess St Mary's Convent's suitability as a polling place following renovation works and to continue to seek an alternative venue. The most affected electors will need to travel a further 0.5 miles.	
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SSB2	Wantage No.2 (Segsbury)	Wantage & Grove Brook	The Beacon, Portway, Wantage		
SSC1	Wantage No.3 (Charlton)	Wantage Charlton	The Beacon Portway, Wantage		
SSC2	Wantage No.4 (Charlton)	Wantage Charlton	Scout HQ, Springfield Road, Wantage		
SSC3	Wantage No.5 (Charlton)	Wantage Charlton	Wantage Silver Band Hall, Reading Road, Wantage		
STL	Watchfield	Watchfield & Shrivenham	Watchfield Village Hall		
SMG	West Challow	Ridgeway	West Challow Village Hall		
SPD	West Hanney	Steventon & the Hanneys	Hanney War Memorial Hall, East Hanney	Polling place is in adjacent parish	
SJE	West Hendred	Hendreds	West Hendred Village Hall		
SOF	Woolstone	Stanford	Merestones, Woolstone		
XFA	Wootton	Wootton	Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre		
XBD	Wytham	Botley & Sunningwell	Wytham Village hall		