

Comments received via our Consultation Form

Name	Representation	Prescribed Question on Consultation Form Comments	Response Provided
Bob Sampson	Councillor	Are you content with the proposed scheme of polling districts shown in the mapping provided on our website?	Yes
		Do you wish to provide comments regarding a polling place?	No
		Do you believe the polling place provides suitable access for those with disabilities?	Other (e.g. if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments)
		(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here: Overall, do you believe the polling place are/is suitable for use as a polling station?	Sayers Comon has no specified disabled parking near the polling station. Yes
Malcolm Avery	Councillor	Are you content with the proposed scheme of polling districts shown in the mapping provided on our website?	Yes
		Do you wish to provide comments regarding a polling place?	Yes
		What is the name of the polling place(s)?	Woodside Bolnore Village
		I find the location of the polling place:	Suitable
		Are/is the polling place easy to locate?	Yes
		Are there adequate transport facilities to and from the polling place?	Yes
		Once inside the polling place, are/is the voting area(s) easily accessible and can voting be cast in a private and straightforward manner?	Yes
		Do you believe the polling place provides suitable access for those with disabilities?	Yes
		Overall, do you believe the polling place are/is suitable for use as a polling station?	Yes
		If you are not satisfied with current arrangements for the polling place you are commenting on, are/is there a more suitable location that could be used?	Yes – I do know of suitable alternative polling place(s). Please provide details of this in 'Alternative Polling Places' box provided.
		(In reference to previous question) Alternative Polling Places: If you have any other comments in relation to polling district(s) or polling place(s), please provide these in the box provided:	Dolphin Leisure Centre At the last district council elections there was confusion as to where polling was to be carried out, particularly Woodside/Dolphin Leisure Centre. Need to ensure this is adequately advertised well in advance.
Pete Bradbury	Councillor	Are you content with the proposed scheme of polling districts shown in the mapping provided on our website?	No
		If no, please provide any alternative suggestions or comments here:	I propose that a new polling district be created for the following roads: Amberley Close; Beech Hurst Close; Bolnore Farm Lane; Bolnore Rd; Bramber Close; Climping Close; Duncton Close; Muster Green; Muster Green South; Oakwood Rd; Saddlers Way; Shire Lane; Wealden Way. Previously these residents voted at the Dolphin leisure centre and were able to access on foot. This is important as many in places such as Oakwood and Muster Court may not have cars. To walk to Woodside is not practical. Many complained to me subsequently that they were unable to access their polling station or went to the wrong place. I estimate that the number of residents affected is 462, clearly a large number to be potentially disenfranchised. My proposal therefore is for a new polling district for these residents that would vote at the Dolphin leisure centre.
	Local Resident	Are you content with the proposed scheme of polling districts shown in the mapping provided on our website?	Yes
		Do you wish to provide comments regarding a polling place?	Yes
		What is the name of the polling place(s)?	All polling stations MUST provide facilities for Clinically Extremely Vulnerable people who maybe wearing masks for their protection, Marshalls need to be aware of this! There are more than 1.2 million people affected by this and it is discriminatory to refuse entry for voting!
		I find the location of the polling place:	Unsuitable
		Are/is the polling place easy to locate?	Yes
		Are there adequate transport facilities to and from the polling place?	Yes
		Once inside the polling place, are/is the voting area(s) easily accessible and can voting be cast in a private and straightforward manner?	No
		Do you believe the polling place provides suitable access for those with disabilities?	No
		Overall, do you believe the polling place are/is suitable for use as a polling station?	Yes
		If you are not satisfied with current arrangements for the polling place you are commenting on, are/is there a more suitable location that could be used?	No – I do not know of an alternative polling place(s)
If you have any other comments in relation to polling district(s) or polling place(s), please provide these in the box provided.	A lady by the name of Andrea Barrett was refused entry to vote at the last local elections because she was wearing a mask, this has been reported by national news and the electoral commission are aware of it!		
	Local Resident	Are you content with the proposed scheme of polling districts shown in the mapping provided on our website?	Yes
		Do you wish to provide comments regarding a polling place?	No
		Do you believe the polling place provides suitable access for those with disabilities?	Yes
		Overall, do you believe the polling place are/is suitable for use as a polling station?	Yes
		Are you content with the proposed scheme of polling districts shown in the mapping provided on our website?	No
		(In reference to previous question) If no, please provide any alternative suggestions or comments here:	It is well outside of the parish ward boundary.
		Do you wish to provide comments regarding a polling place?	Yes
		What is the name of the polling place(s)?	LINDFIELD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH, CHALLONER RD, LINDFIELD
		I find the location of the polling place:	Unsuitable

Paul Brown	Councillor	Are/is the polling place easy to locate? <i>(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:</i>	Other (e.g if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments) It is located over a mile from the centre of the Walstead Parish Ward, with little or no parking in a congested residential road.
		Are there adequate transport facilities to and from the polling place?	No
		Once inside the polling place, are/is the voting area(s) easily accessible and can voting be cast in a private and straightforward manner?	Yes
		Do you believe the polling place provides suitable access for those with disabilities?	Other (e.g. if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments)
		<i>(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:</i>	Not sure
		Overall, do you believe the polling place are/is suitable for use as a polling station?	Yes
		If you are not satisfied with current arrangements for the polling place you are commenting on, are/is there a more suitable location that could be used?	Yes – I do know of suitable alternative polling place(s). Please provide details of this in 'Alternative Polling Places' box provided.
		<i>(In reference to previous question) Alternative Polling Places:</i>	Lindfield Rural Parish Council committee room/chamber, Walstead Chapel, East Mascalls Lane, Lindfield. It is closer than the existing GCB location for almost all residents It is within the Parish Ward It owned by Lindfield Rural Parish Council There is a footway to the Chapel and parking lay-by for cars on East Mascalls Lane It is a much shorter walk than to The Evangelical Free Church
If you have any other comments in relation to polling district(s) or polling place(s), please provide these in the box provided.	Do the electors of Lindfield Rural Parish Ward HAC, The Hollow, contribute to Haywards Heath Town Council or to Lindfield Rural Parish Council precept? Accordingly, are services to The Hollow residents provided by the parish or the town Council?		
	Local Resident	Are you content with the proposed scheme of polling districts shown in the mapping provided on our website?	Yes
		Do you wish to provide comments regarding a polling place?	Yes
		What is the name of the polling place(s)?	St Andrews and King's Weald
		I find the location of the polling place:	Adequate
		<i>(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:</i>	Last local election I had to go to King's Weald, which was much harder to find than St Andrews, where I have voted before.
		Are/is the polling place easy to locate?	Other (e.g if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments)
		<i>(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:</i>	Last local election I had to go to King's Weald, which was hard to find. Previously I have been sent to St Andrews, which is much easier to find.
		Are there adequate transport facilities to and from the polling place?	Other (e.g if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments)
		<i>(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:</i>	I know of no public transport to King's Weald, while St Andrews is on a main bus line.
		Once inside the polling place, are/is the voting area(s) easily accessible and can voting be cast in a private and straightforward manner?	Yes
		Do you believe the polling place provides suitable access for those with disabilities?	Other (e.g. if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments)
		<i>(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:</i>	I did not notice.
Overall, do you believe the polling place are/is suitable for use as a polling station?	Yes		
If you are not satisfied with current arrangements for the polling place you are commenting on, are/is there a more suitable location that could be used?	No – I do not know of an alternative polling place(s)		
If you have any other comments in relation to polling district(s) or polling place(s), please provide these in the box provided.	It is hard for me to walk to King's Weald. I prefer St Andrews, which is much closer to me (Wivelsfield station) and easier to walk to.		
	Local Resident	Are you content with the proposed scheme of polling districts shown in the mapping provided on our website?	Yes
		Do you wish to provide comments regarding a polling place?	Yes
		What is the name of the polling place(s)?	Haywards Heath Methodist Church Perrymount Road - see comments below (Please return polling station to Clair Hall which is far more accessible than the Methodist Church)
		I find the location of the polling place:	Unsuitable
		Are/is the polling place easy to locate?	No
		Are there adequate transport facilities to and from the polling place?	Other (e.g if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments)
		<i>(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:</i>	Insufficient parking, too many steps in and out for those less mobile
		Once inside the polling place, are/is the voting area(s) easily accessible and can voting be cast in a private and straightforward manner?	Yes
		Do you believe the polling place provides suitable access for those with disabilities?	No
		Overall, do you believe the polling place are/is suitable for use as a polling station?	No
		If you are not satisfied with current arrangements for the polling place you are commenting on, are/is there a more suitable location that could be used?	Yes – I do know of suitable alternative polling place(s). Please provide details of this in 'Alternative Polling Places' box provided.
		<i>(In reference to previous question) Alternative Polling Places:</i>	Clair Hall - proper parking facilities and level step free access
If you have any other comments in relation to polling district(s) or polling place(s), please provide these in the box provided.	Thanks for the opportunity to comment		
	Local Resident	Are you content with the proposed scheme of polling districts shown in the mapping provided on our website?	Yes
		Do you wish to provide comments regarding a polling place?	Yes
		What is the name of the polling place(s)?	St Andrew's Youth Centre, Cants Lane, Burgess Hill Kings Weald Community Centre
		I find the location of the polling place:	Other (e.g if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments)
		<i>(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:</i>	St Andrews Youth Centre is a suitable location for those living in Brookway, like myself Kings Weald Community Centre is unsuitable - it is a long walk as I don't have a car
		Are/is the polling place easy to locate?	Other (e.g if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments)
		<i>(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:</i>	It is easier to find the polling place at St Andrew's Youth Centre than at Kings Weald Community Centre
		Are there adequate transport facilities to and from the polling place?	Other (e.g if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments)
		<i>(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:</i>	I can easily walk to St Andrew's Youth Centre. It is a long walk to Kings Weald Community Centre, and the bus service is only every hour - so not adequate

		Once inside the polling place, are/is the voting area(s) easily accessible and can voting be cast in a private and straightforward manner?	Yes
		Do you believe the polling place provides suitable access for those with disabilities?	Yes
		Overall, do you believe the polling place are/is suitable for use as a polling station?	Yes
		Are you content with the proposed scheme of polling districts shown in the mapping provided on our website?	No
		If no, please provide any alternative suggestions or comments here:	<p>Mid Sussex Liberal Democrats Response to the 2023 Polling District and Polling Places Review</p> <p>MID SUSSEX CONSTITUENCY</p> <p>We broadly agree with the proposals in the Review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We welcome the adjustments to the labelling of polling districts in Cuckfield, Bolney & Ansty and Downland Villages to ensure consistency and alphabetical continuity. • For HAYWARDS HEATH ASHENGROUND we support the proposed merger of HCB and HCE because they share boundaries and are in the same wards and electoral division and the size of the new polling district would be appropriate. • For BURGESS HILL MEEDS & HAMMONDS, we propose that the logic applied in other wards to renaming and alphabetising of polling district codes should be applied here. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We would suggest that KFC is renamed to begin KD as with the other polling districts for this ward and to avoid confusion with Burgess Hill Victoria codes. o If KDB and KDC are merged as proposed then KDD and KFC should be renamed to avoid a break in alphabetisation. We recommend that the merged polling district becomes KDB, that KFC is renamed KDC and KDD remains as is. <p>We would also like to suggest a few changes to existing polling district boundaries where boundary changes do not affect warding but may confuse neighbours should MSDC later open separate polling places for the polling districts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HASSOCKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 13 houses to the west of Ockley Lane (postcode BN6 8NU) plus one house on Oldlands Lane (Oldland Cottage) are isolated in a separate polling district to the remainder of houses on Oldlands Lane and immediate neighbours on Ockley Lane. We would suggest that the dividing line is drawn further south (perhaps drawing a line opposite Grand Avenue junction) so that the properties are moved from NAC to NAB • HURSTPIERPOINT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cuckfield Rd separates MB from MA up to Iden Hurst. We suggest moving the line of separation north to the path running to the south of Fairfield Recreation Ground. This would result in approximately 90 homes moving from MA to MB. This would ensure that the residents of the Iden Hurst estate and the Bramble Park estate are all in one polling district thus ensuring residents of these estates do not later end up attending different polling stations if you subsequently acquire a second polling station for Hurstpierpoint. o We would suggest moving 161-167 College Lane from MA into MB so that they are in the same polling district as immediate neighbours, again to make any move to a new polling station easier for residents. We would suggest that Big Edgerley, Big Edgerley Barn and the Annexe could be moved from MB into MA as a swap because the entrance to these properties is further north along College Lane than 161-167. <p>Finally we would like to raise an issue discovered in HAYWARDS HEATH LUCASTES & BOLNORE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are concerned that Flats 21-29 Charter Gate, Boltro Road are in HDB while flats numbers lower and higher are in HDC. This places them not just in different town wards but in different county electoral divisions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this is due to an unintentional misinterpretation of LGBCE guidance on boundaries either from the 2016 county or 2022 district reviews by MSDC, perhaps through a problem with geocoding, we would ask that you ensure that the flats are all placed in the correct polling district in this review • If the issue derives unintentionally from the boundaries drawn up by the LGBCE reviews themselves then we would like to ask that you obtain guidance from LGBCE on whether this can be rectified now or needs to wait for a future review. <p>EAST GRINSTEAD CONSTITUENCY</p> <p>We broadly agree with the proposals in the Review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We support the proposed mergers of polling districts in Ashurst Wood and East Grinstead South, East Grinstead Baldwins, East Grinstead Herontye, East Grinstead Imberdown and East Grinstead Town. • For EAST GRINSTEAD ASHPLATS we support the proposed merger of BCB and BCD but suggest that the new polling district is named BBC to follow the same continuous naming pattern as other wards and avoid confusion with East Grinstead Herontye polling district codes.
		Do you wish to provide comments regarding a polling place?	No
		Do you believe the polling place provides suitable access for those with disabilities?	Other (e.g. if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments)
		(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:	No comments provided
		Overall, do you believe the polling place are/is suitable for use as a polling station?	Yes
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		Are you content with the proposed scheme of polling districts shown in the mapping provided on our website?	Yes
		Do you wish to provide comments regarding a polling place?	Yes
		What is the name of the polling place(s)?	St. Andrew's parish Burgess Hill
		I find the location of the polling place:	Moved to the brickworks, not sure of name
		Are/is the polling place easy to locate?	Unsuitable
		Are there adequate transport facilities to and from the polling place?	No
		Once inside the polling place, are/is the voting area(s) easily accessible and can voting be cast in a private and straightforward manner?	No
		(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:	Other (e.g if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments)
	Local Resident	Do you believe the polling place provides suitable access for those with disabilities?	The polling station used to be at St Andrews parish church which is on a main bus route and easily accessible for existing residents with car park outside or use of churchyard parking. This is a far better location particularly for commuters who can easily pop up Junction Road from Wivelsfield station. The brickwork location is too far out and is only served by the less frequent town bus service.
		(In reference to previous question) Please provide further comments here:	Other (e.g. if commenting on more than one polling place or have further comments)
		Overall, do you believe the polling place are/is suitable for use as a polling station?	St Andrews was fully accessible for disabled voters. It is also better located for train station.
		If you are not satisfied with current arrangements for the polling place you are commenting on, are/is there a more suitable location that could be used?	No
		(In reference to previous question) Alternative Polling Places:	Yes – I do know of suitable alternative polling place(s). Please provide details of this in 'Alternative Polling Places' box provided.
			St Andrews Parish church hall. The polling station should be reinstated to its previous location.
	Local Resident	Are you content with the proposed scheme of polling districts shown in the mapping provided on our website?	Yes
		Do you wish to provide comments regarding a polling place?	No
		Do you believe the polling place provides suitable access for those with disabilities?	Yes

Comments received via Other Methods (e.g e-mail or by post)

Name	Representation	Comments
	Local Resident	Dear Sirs I was telling at the last election in Brentwood and the polling officer spent a large part of the day redirecting potential voters to the correct polling station. A number complained that they lived very close to the polling station and that they had used this particular station in the past. A number of potential voters complained that they did not have sufficient time/energy/ability to go to the correct station. If the new boundaries exacerbate this issue with potential voters not knowing the correct station or feeling disincentivised to go to an unfamiliar one the turnout could be quite skewed. regards
Mims Davies	Member of Parliament	I write in strong support of the alternative proposal for a new polling district be created for the following roads, and with the Dolphin Leisure Centre as the Polling Station: Amberley Close Beech Hurst Close Bolnore Farm Lane Bolnore Rd Bramber Close Climping Close Duncton Close Muster Green Muster Green South Oakwood Rd Saddlers Way Shire Lane Wealden Way I understand that historically the Dolphin Leisure Centre has been the Polling Station for these roads, representing c. 460 residents, and that they were able to access this polling station on foot, and so being of benefit to those without cars which many of the residents are, due to their location close to town, bus routes and other facilities. Added to this, many live in older people accommodation that is located in this part of town as result of their needs and what is on their doorstep. The current proposal must be reconsidered for residents of these roads so there is not a long-term outcome to be required to travel to vote at Woodside, as it is simply not practical for those without cars, which is likely to include many from the Oakwood Rd and Muster Court communities. This has been raised to me after last year where voters were confused at the previous local elections and felt the locations were, as a result, unsatisfactory. This may long term disenfranchise residents, and this must be guarded against at all costs and the local needs and geography now fully understood.