

# East Suffolk Shadow Authority

## Review of Polling District, Polling Places and Polling Stations

### APPENDIX B - Consultation Responses

Date	Respondee	Polling District / Area	Polling Station	Comments
10/10/2018	<i>Doreen Savage (District Councillor)</i>	Felixstowe East Ward	Old Felixstowe Community Centre Brackenbury Sports Centre	As one of the Councillors for Felixstowe East ward I can confirm that both polling stations – Old Felixstowe Community Centre and Brackenbury Sports Centre are both suitable locations for Polling Stations with adequate access for people with disabilities and free parking.
10/10/2018	<i>Alice Taylor (Lowestoft Town Council)</i>	Kirkley North	Salvation Army Church & Community Centre	The polling station for Kirkley east (the area between the bridge and Carlton Road) has usually been at the Salvation Army rooms on Carlton Road. This is at the very southern border of the polling area and a more sensible and centralised place would be the Kirkley Centre on London Road South.
10/10/2018	<i>John Rayner (Leiston Town Clerk)</i>	Leiston (L, LA)	Leiston Community Centre Long Shop Museum	We are happy with the Community Centre and the Long Shop.
10/10/2018	<i>Resident (Lowestoft)</i>	Oulton Broad East	The Blue Boar Function Room, 28 Oulton Street Oulton Broad	You should note that this polling station may no longer be available The Blue Boar is closed. Should there be a snap election an alternative needs to be found.
10/10/2018	<i>Resident (Lowestoft)</i>	Oulton Centre	-	I would like to make representation on the consultation of polling stations in Waveney. I think that the Woods Meadow Estate on Lime Avenue should have a polling station. It is simply inadequate at the moment that residents have to travel a considerable distance to vote and this estate will only get bigger. I believe the council should consider using the Limes Academy on the estate until a suitable community centre has been constructed.
12/10/2018	<i>Susan Harvey (District Councillor)</i>	Kirton Ward	All Kirton PSs	The polling station in Kirton is absolutely fine. The Church Hall has disabled access so that's ok too.  Polling stations in my Ward ie: Bucklesham, Levington, Newbourne, Waldringfield are also fine and have disabled access.
23/10/2018	<i>Resident (Lowestoft)</i>	Normanston South/ Harbour South	-	This is just a comment which has annoyed me for years. I live 25yards from the polling station in St Andrews roman road and my neighbours over the road from me vote there, but we have to vote in town next to the bus station, which has no parking places, and at 70 years old I am afraid it puts me off voting for any elections which I do not consider important. Last time it was for exit to the EU. Which was more national than political. I understand that there has to be a boundary some were but just wish it was not up the middle of my road (Haward Street).
30/10/2018	<i>Resident (Aldeburgh)</i>	Aldeburgh	Aldeburgh Church Hall	As a former Town and District Councillor and long-time resident, I write to recommend MOST STRONGLY that the polling Station for Aldeburgh should, in future, be located at The Aldeburgh Community & Sports Centre off Kings Field. This building is the only suitable one situated near the CENTRE of the PERMANENT RESIDENTS of Aldeburgh - at least 90% of them. It has all the facilities required and there is plenty of parking space. The alternative is The Fairfield Centre in Fairfield Road, but there is NO PARKING available off-street. The Church Hall now finds itself on the periphery of the permanent residential area, which means many residents have to use a vehicle, unnecessarily, to reach this polling station.
30/10/2018	<i>TJ Haworth-Culf (District Councillor)</i>	Aldeburgh	Aldeburgh Church Hall	Scdc used the community centre for the recent planning appeal and it worked well. Distance wise from each hall is not that far but the com centre probably is more accessible for those permanent residents. It is only a one vehicle access on/off the roundabout but the church also is one vehicle wide as well. I guess the church hall is known as the polling station so if you do consider the com centre signing will have to be improved.

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20/11/2018	<i>Ash Tadjrishi (Felixstowe Town Clerk)</i>	Felixstowe	Felixstowe PSS	Just FYI – Council considered the polling district review last Weds and were content with the draft proposals.
21/11/2018	<i>Resident (Framlingham)</i>	Framlingham	Framlingham United Reform Church	The Polling Station at Framlingham is ideal. Disabled access in the middle of town with parking nearby - what could be better than the URC building.
23/11/2018	<i>Arthur Charvonia (ARO - Central Suffolk and North Ipswich Constituency)</i>	CSNI	CSNI PSS	Thank you for your correspondence regarding your review of all Parliamentary polling districts and polling places for East Suffolk. As the (A)RO for the polling districts and places within the Central Suffolk and North Ipswich Constituency I clearly have an interest in their disposition. I note that you are considering minor changes for Cretingham and Rushmere. I am not aware of any significant concerns around those polling districts and thus do not feel that I would be in a better position than your own Acting Returning Officer to assess their suitability in practice. However, I do ask that the provision is reasonable and provides convenient facilities for the electors to cast their votes in line with statutory requirements.
26/11/2018	<i>Resident (Aldeburgh)</i>	Aldeburgh	Aldeburgh Church Hall	Very happy no change proposed for the Aldeburgh Polling Station. It is well placed between the seaward, southward, westward and northwest wood parts of the town. There is plenty of parking in the Church Carpark for those who need it. It is accessible having a ramp for wheel chair users. There is plenty of space inside for the tellers and the polling booths. Great it is to stay.
26/11/2018	<i>Resident (Foxhall)</i>	Foxhall	Trinity Park	Trinity Park is fine as a polling station but there should be additional access via one of the Bucklesham Road entrances to avoid those of us this side of the showground having to drive all the way round to the main entrance instead of being within easy walking distance.
28/11/2018	<i>Resident (Great Glemham)</i>	Great Glemham	Great Glemham Village Hall	As residents living within the parish of Great Glemham we are pleased to see from the results of your review of polling stations that no change to the current provisions are necessary, i.e., that the polling station will remain within this village.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Carlton East & West	Uplands Community Centre	The current location offers good facilities and disabled access and Council recommends that Uplands Community Centre should remain as the Polling Place for Carlton East and West.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Gunton	Gunton St Benedicts Church Hall	The current location serves well as a Polling Place and Council recommends that Gunton St Benedicts Church Hall should remain as the Polling Place for Gunton.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Harbour Centre	Beresford Road Evangelical Church	Council recommends that the District Council review this site owing to the limited parking available and the potential problems with disabled access owing to the raised lip of the doorframe at the entrance to the Church.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Harbour North	Dance Studio, Water Lane Leisure Centre	Council recommends a review of this site owing to it being on the edge of the Polling District and not central. However, it is appreciated that alternative options are limited.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Harbour South	Stella Maris Hall	Council believes that the Polling Place for Harbour South should remain as Stella Maris Hall.

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29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Kirkley North	Salvation Army Church & Community Centre	Council recommends that the Polling Place for Kirkley North should be relocated from the Salvation Army Church and Community Centre to the Kirkley Centre, 154 London Road South, as it has a more central location in the Kirkley North Polling District.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Kirkley South	St Peters Church Hall	Council recommends that the use of St Peters Church Hall is reviewed as it can be difficult to locate and to park nearby. However, in the absence of viable alternatives, Council believes that the Polling Place for Kirkley South should remain as St Peters Church Hall.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Normanston North	Scout Hall, Rotterdam Road	Council believes the current location serves well as a Polling Place and recommends that the Scout Hall should remain as the Polling Place for Normanston North.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Normanston South	St Andrews Church Hall	Councils recommends that this should remain the Polling Place for Normanston South.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Pakefield East	Scout Hall, Kendal Road	Council recommends a review of this site as it has no private parking. However, in the absence of viable alternatives, Council recommends that this site remains as the Polling Place for Pakefield East.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Pakefield North	Walmer Road Recreational Building	Council recommends that this remains the Polling Place for Pakefield East.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Pakefield South	Seventh Day Adventist Church	Council recommends that this remains the Polling Place for Pakefield South.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	St Margarets Centre	Benjamin Britten Academy	Council recommends that this site remains the Polling Place for St Margarets Centre.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	St Margarets East	Gunton Residents Meeting Hall	Council recommends that this site remains the Polling Place for St Margarets East.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	St Margarets West	Oulton Community Centre	It is noted that this site is outside of the St Margarets West Polling District but provides easy accessibility in comparison to other potential sites. It is recommended that Oulton Community Centre should remain as the Polling Place for St Margarets West.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Tom Crisp	St Lukes Church Centre	It was noted that this is also the Polling Place for Whitton Centre and South and Council is concerned that incorporating three Polling Districts might be complicated. The location is not readily accessible to the majority of residents in the Tom Crisp Polling District. Council recommends that the use of this site for Tom Crisp is reviewed and a mobile polling station is employed at a suitable location within this new area.
29/11/2018	<i>Lowestoft Town Council</i>	Whitton Centre and South	St Lukes Church Centre	Council recommends that this site remains the Polling Place for Whitton Centre and South.

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29/11/2018	Lowestoft Town Council	Whitton East	Whitton Community Hall	Council recommends that this site remains the Polling Place for Whitton East.
30/11/2018	Aldeburgh Town Council	Aldeburgh	Aldeburgh Church Hall	<p>Aldeburgh Town Council welcomes the opportunity of responding to the periodic review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations. However, we see little merit in moving the Polling Station from the Church Hall to the Community Centre.</p> <p>ATC argues that the Church Hall Polling Station has served the local electorate effectively for many years, is as close to the centre of town as the Community Centre, has comparable car parking facilities and is marginally more accessible for wheelchair users.</p> <p>The Church Hall might now be perceived to be on the edge of the main residential area, but there is a cogent argument for retaining it as the Polling Station for Aldeburgh.</p> <p>It is called familiarity.</p> <p>Those people in the town who are eligible to vote are of a certain age. They have voted at the Church Hall for many years. They would not take too kindly to the Polling Station being moved for arbitrary reasons and would, most probably, not bother to vote if they had to divert to the Community Centre to cast their vote. Particularly, in inclement weather.</p> <p>Moving the Polling Station venue would, in the opinion of ATC, risk disenfranchising a high proportion of our elderly population.</p> <p>It also rejects the use of the Fairfield Centre as an alternative Polling Station venue. Off-street parking issues render this location totally unsuitable.</p>
30/11/2018	Martlesham Parish Council	Martlesham (All PDs)	Kesgrave Roman Catholic Church Martlesham Heath Pavilion Martlesham Community Centre Woodbridge Community Hall	<p>Suffolk Coastal - Polling District &amp; Polling Places Review 2018</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this review.</p> <p>Martlesham Parish Council has agreed the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council is satisfied that the Kesgrave Roman Catholic Church remains the polling station for Martlesham West, noting that there are no convenient alternatives available.</li> <li>It is pleased that the Martlesham Heath Pavilion will continue to serve Martlesham Ward however, now the Black Tiles Learning Centre is no longer available, it has concerns about the use of the Martlesham Community Centre. Council members would prefer a location more accessible to the residential parts of 'old' Martlesham.</li> <li>Please consider using the Fred Reynolds Centre for Martlesham North instead of Woodbridge Community Hall as it is closer to the North Ward.</li> </ul>
06/12/2018	Polling Station Owner and Resident (Heveningham)	Heveningham and Ubbeston	The Old Post Office, Heveningham	<p>Today I have received a copy of the SCDC Coastline newsletter and note on page 14 the forthcoming consultation process for polling stations. The original comments made about the use of the store room at the side of our house, The Old Post Office, Heveningham is still valid and I would just like reassurance that this location has been discussed by the ARO with a view to moving future election polling to The Hub at Huntingfield for the parishes of Heveningham, Ubbeston and Huntingfield. Although we have accommodated polling at our quirky site for many decades we feel that the new build of The Hub is more suitable for the electorate and polling staff alike and the building is already a combined collaboration for the use of the three parishes.</p>