

Representation		Officer Comments
Polling District	Polling Place / Station	
FH1	-	Regarding the wards , the boundaries of Folkestone harbour should be changed to exclude jocks Pitch and the green areas surrounding wear bay road. The people who live there are not representative of the harbour ward and the local requirements
RM1	Burmarsh Church Hall	Move the Polling Station to the Shepherd and Crook. Central to the village and as pubs have been used in Old Romney and St Marys in the Marsh clearly appropriate.
RM1	Burmarsh Church Hall	I note that you say that local residents have been asked about these new arrangements. This is not true as far as I know - I would have expected that the Burmarsh Parish Council would have been consulted before any publication of a change of Polling Station was considered. We have not been consulted and the first I knew about this was a posting on social media. Not really acceptable. I appreciate that the owners of the Church Hall may have been consulted but this village has a number of elderly residents without transport - the location suggested (Fallow Fields) is far to far away from the village centre for those who are mobility challenged. There are no street lights outside of the main part of the village and should an election be called for the winter months this venue in Donkey Street would be most unsuitable for many residents unless they have access to their own transport. Have you approached the owner of the Shepherd and Crook public house - it is in the centre of the village, has parking spaces and is easily accessible for older residents? I understand that they have a separate room that could be used and has been used at previous elections.
RM1	Burmarsh Church Hall	Object to the proposal to move the polling station from the church hall to Lathe barn. It would reduce the turn-out as a number of older people in the parish have mobility issues, but live centrally to the village, so using the Church Hall is the most logical option. Also by moving to Lathe barn, it would mean more people choose to drive to the polling station that day, and not every person has access to alternative transport, so again reduces the turnout as well as the impact on vehicle traffic/ emissions etc. There were plans to renovate the Church Hall, but the Diocese appears to be less willing on this, so surely it is better for the council to help encourage the Diocese to support the village's plans to improve the hall rather than move the polling station.
RM1	Burmarsh Church Hall	Why could the Shepherd & Crook not be used as it has been used for several elections previously. The room containing the pool table could be utilised as it doesn't have to sell alcohol. Fallow fields is only open for part of the year - what would happen when it's closed and an election is called ? More disruption for the village as the venue will have to be changed yet again. If they were to open specifically, they would be in breach of their planning permissions. If the polling station is relocated further out of the village itself to this basic campsite there will be a significant drop in voting numbers, If villagers have no transport it is a long dangerous walk down an unlit road with no footpath to this entirely unsuitable venue
CH2	Cheriton Scout Hut	Due to housing development and consequential population growth, there needs to be a polling station in the Shorncliffe Heights area. It no longer makes sense for all the Cheriton polling stations to be situated centrally along the main road.
RM1	Burmarsh Church Hall	I would like to offer my facilities as an alternative as its in the heart of the village, making it accessible for elderly and disabled residents of Burmarsh I have also sent a letter to the Returning Officer, suggesting my facilities as an alternative
NDW9	Lyminge Scout Hut	Given the scout hut is in the far corner of the village I would prefer a more central location such as the school or the Methodist Church.
RM1	Burmarsh Church Hall	Fully understand reasons for moving but Fallowfield Campsite access has no street lights or pavements and would cause issues for people getting to and from it. Have you tried the back room of local pub
RM5	The Star Inn	Could the polling station at the Star inn be moved to the new Village Hall/ Community Hub once it opens.
RM1-6	-	Why can't there be mobile voting buses on the Marsh especially for the older voters and disabled voters.
NDW9	Lyminge Scout Hut	The location and facilities are fine for the public. Attention to the staff's views who have been on duty is the most important factor.
CH2	Cheriton Scout Hut	Will you be opening the car park at Shorncliffe Stadium
RM1	Burmarsh Church Hall	We have a village pub that could be considered. It has a private room, toilet facilities and it's central in the village
RM1	Burmarsh Church Hall	I object to the new siting of the Polling Station as it is outside of the main village which will put a lot of residents off polling, it would also create extra traffic as many residents would not be able to walk that far
RM1	Burmarsh Church Hall	The new proposal is too far away from elderly residents in the village. If the Burmarsh Church Hall can not be used please could we have the polling station in The Shepherd & Crook public house like it used to be. Many residents feel the same and the new landlady is happy to support this change.
CH2	Cheriton Scout Hut	A lot of people from around us (Hawkins Road and surrounding) had asked why they had to go to Morehall to vote when we were a Polling station on their road.
RM2	Dymchurch Village Hall	I have been both PO and PC for many years at the Holiday Camp and then The Neptune serving the residents of the Redoubt Estate. For the last two elections we have been located at the Dymchurch Village Hall as a second station but this has been a disaster for the residents. Many are elderly and either are unable or unwilling to travel into the village. Previously many would call in to vote while walking the dog. This has resulted in only a handful of voters coming in over a period of 16 hours. This seems such a waste of resources as well as failing to support the residents. This could also lead to an unrepresentative election result.If the Neptune no longer wish to accommodate a Polling Station could the Holiday Camp not be persuaded to let us have a caravan for the day, as used to happen? I do feel strongly that something needs to change from the last two elections, especially with a possible General election on the cards.
RM1	Burmarsh Church Hall	In my opinion moving the poling station to the proposed new location would disadvantage many within the community forcing them to travel further to vote the church hall is a central location in a rural location and with improvement works currently ongoing is a very suitable place to hold the poling station
CH2	Cheriton Scout Hut	I support the change to the Shorncliffe Pavillion as this would be nearer to parts of Cheriton that are currently at quite a distance from a polling station.
NDW4	Sellindge Village Hall	The Council did consider this and it was agreed that no changes were required at the Durling Hall.

Jocks pitch is within polling district FH1, which covers the area from Tram Road through to the Warren. Wear Bay Road and Jocks Pitch is central to this polling district. The Harbour Ward boundary lines can not be changed, as this review can not change 'governance' boundary lines.

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The consultation opened on Monday, 02 October 2023 to invite comments from residents. There is no requirement to contact residents directly about the review. The Parish Council were contacted to inform them of the review, the notice and the Acting Returning Officer's statement and proposals.

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The Acting Returning Officer's statement includes a proposal to use the Shorncliffe Pavilion as a polling place for future elections, when it is up and running. This is to replace the Cheriton Scout Hut. We are hoping this will be available by the next election in May 2024.

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The authority and Acting Returning Officer avoid the closure of any schools for elections purposes if there are other suitable venues available. Where possible, places of worship are not to be used as this was requested in 2019 by councillors. The Scout Hall is located next to the village hall which used to be the polling station. There is adequate parking at the Scout Hut with an accessible entrance.

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This will be taken in to account and reviewed when a village hall / community hub has opened.

Unfortunately, there is no funding for this to take place. There is also no requirement in law to offer a mobile voting service. There is always the option to vote by post or by proxy (where someone votes on your behalf). You can get in contact with the elections team on 01303 853497 to request a postal or proxy vote application or apply online at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

Thank you for your comments.

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Thank you. This is one of the reasons why we are hoping to use the Shorncliffe Pavilion for future elections as it is in the same polling district and will stop any confusion.

As part of our process in finding another venue for the RM2 area, we visited and checked Sandy Bay (couldn't do it), Eastfleet Caravan Park (not suitable/accessible), Newbeach/Neptune owned by the same company that could no longer offer a venue for elections and can not guarantee space for the future, Environment Agency at Willop Depot (couldn't do it), Jehovah's Witness hall is occupied on Thursdays. The polling district boundary lines for RM2 start from the sluice gates just past Sandy Bay and end at the sluice gate near the Willop Depot. There are no other options within or near to the RM2 polling district boundary lines. If a polling place is situated within the neighbouring polling district of RM3, electors from this polling district will have to go past the polling place for RM2, causing the same confusion as already stated on row 19 regarding Cheriton. To avoid this confusion the most logical recommendation is to keep Dymchurch Village Hall as a double station for both RM2 and RM3 polling districts. The turnout difference between 2021 poll and 2023 was down 4% which can be attributed to more than the location of a polling place.

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HY / HR	-	<p>I am a member of Girlguiding and we have a Guide &amp; Brownie Hall, in St. Nicholas Rd, Hythe CT21 6JQ. The Hall is situated a few metres from the Dymchurch Road where there is parking or easily accessed by a 5 minute walk from Sainsbury's car park. There are bus stops at the Light Railway and close to Sainsbury, each within a 5 minute walk. The Hall has ample indoor space to accommodate a Polling Station and availability would not be a problem. Please can this venue be given consideration for future use as a Polling Station.</p>	<p>Thank you for your kind offer. There is no proposal to change polling places in the Hythe or Hythe Rural areas at the moment. The hall was visited (outside only) and the hall itself has a ramped access. A concern is that access ramp finishes on the road. In some quiet, rural areas this is unavoidable, however this hall is situated in a densely populated polling district. St Nicholas Road is a narrow, one way road that could become gridlocked if the turnout for an election was high. At the time of the visit to Dymchurch Road, there were no available parking spaces on the left side of the street, nearest to the venue.</p>
RM6	Newchurch Village Hall	<p>I am writing on behalf of the Newchurch Parish Council in response to your request for comments about the polling district and polling station arrangements in place. We as a Parish Council are very keen that our polling station at Newchurch Village Hall (Ref 48, District RM6) should continue to be used for all elections. As the established polling station, as well as being used regularly used for local events, it remains the best venue for use as a polling station. We believe that local democracy is best served by keeping polling stations accessible and locating them within the local community. This is particularly important given the lack of regular local bus services. Newchurch Village Hall is easily accessed by all voters within the village of Newchurch, whether on foot or by car. We look forward to receiving confirmation that Newchurch Village Hall will continue to be used as the polling station for all future elections.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, there is no proposal to change the polling place in Newchurch.</p>