

EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
INTERIM REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2022-23
ANALYSIS OF REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED & FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

New District Ward	New Polling District Reference	Area covered by new polling district	Electorate (Dec 2022)	Representations received and considerations	Proposed Polling Place	Comments
ASTON, DATCHWORTH & WALKERN (County Division: Hertford Rural) (Parliamentary Constituency: ADW1 & ADW2 = Stevenage; ADW3 & ADW4 = North East Hertfordshire)	ADW1	Existing DAS1 polling district (Aston Parish)	678	N/A	Aston Village Hall, Nr Stevenage, SG2 7ED	
	ADW2	Existing DAS2 polling district (Datchworth Parish)	1,230	N/A	Datchworth Village Hall, Knebworth, SG3 6TL	
	ADW3	Existing WAL2 polling district (Benington Parish)	693	Parish Councillor Rob Hewlett stated that the address given for the polling place is incorrect as Benington is not in Stevenage.	Benington Village Hall, Benington, Herts, SG2 7LN	
	ADW4	Existing WAL3 polling district (Walkern Parish)	1,199	N/A	Walkern Sports and Community Centre, Jubilee Pavilion, High Street, Walkern, SG2 7NP	
BISHOP'S STORTFORD ALL SAINTS (Town Council Wards: BSA1 & BSA2 = All Saints; BSA3 = Waterside)	BSA1	Part of existing BSA1 polling district, most of existing BSA2 and small part of existing BSM2	1,051	The initial consultation document proposed separate polling districts covering (i) part of the existing BSA1 and (ii) most of the existing BSA2, voting at Parsonage Community Hall and All Saints Vestry respectively. County Councillor Calvin Horner proposed an alteration to the boundary between the two whereby properties in streets closer to All Saints Vestry would be allocated to that venue.	All Saints Vestry, Stansted Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2DY	

(County Divisions: BSA1 & BSA2 = Bishop's Stortford East; BSA3 = Bishop's Stortford West) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)				Following further consideration the proposal was amended to combine the two areas into one new polling district with electors voting at All Saints Vestry to reflect the amended ward boundaries (Parsonage Community Hall being outside the new All Saints Ward).		
	BSA2	Existing BSA3 polling district plus small part of existing BSM1	2,254	<p>Electors in this proposed polling district previously voted at Thorn Grove Primary School. However the school will not be available in May 2023 due to scheduled SAT tests. Suggestions were therefore invited for any suitable alternative polling places within this polling district, either on a temporary or permanent basis.</p> <p>Councillor Mione Goldspink suggested the Hockerill Cricket Club or the Bowls Club, both in Beldams Lane, and stated that the latter has a better car park. County Councillor Calvin Horner and Councillor David Snowden also suggested these two venues, acknowledging that they are just outside the East Herts boundary. Councillor Snowden also suggested two further potential venues within the district - the Herts & Essex Sports Centre, Beldams Lane and the Nags Head Public House.</p> <p>Officers have confirmed the availability and suitability of Herts and Essex Sports Centre and this is recommended for use as a polling place.</p>	Herts & Essex Sports Centre, Beldams Lane, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 5LH	
	BSA3	Parts of existing BSC1 and BSC3 polling districts	461	No suitable polling place venue has been identified within the new BSA3 polling district. Electors in this area previously voted at Holy Trinity Church and the initial consultation document proposed that due to	South Mill Arts (prev. Rhodes Arts Complex),	Will be a double station serving

				<p>the proximity of the venue this arrangement should continue despite the venue no longer being within the same polling district/ward.</p> <p>County Councillor Calvin Horner proposed using South Mill Arts (also outside the ward) in preference to Holy Trinity Church, stating that this is closer by foot to key residential developments and has a car park and therefore would be more convenient.</p> <p>Officers have confirmed that South Mill Arts can accommodate the additional electors and this is now recommended as the polling place for the new BSA3.</p>	1-3 South Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3JG	BSA3 and BSC4 (see below)
BISHOP'S STORTFORD CENTRAL (Town Council Ward: Central) (County Division: Bishop's Stortford West) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	BSC1	Most of existing BSC1 polling district	1,884	N/A	Holy Trinity Church, South Street, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3BQ	
	BSC2	Existing BSC2 polling district	2,087	N/A	Havers Community Centre, 1 Knights Row, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3GR	
	BSC3	Parts of existing BSS2 and BSS3 polling districts	489	<p>Some adverse comments were received from electors at the May 2021 elections regarding the suitability of Windhill Churches Centre especially due to a lack of parking provision. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and St Mary's Catholic School have each previously been used as polling places but both schools have asked not to be used and the Council's policy is to avoid using schools where alternatives are available. The consultation document therefore sought suggestions for suitable venues in the new BSC3 polling district.</p>	Windhill Churches Centre, The Old Monastery, Windhill, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2PE	Will be a double station serving BSC3 and BST3 (see below)

				No alternative suggestions were received and it is therefore recommended to continue using Windhill Churches Centre for the time being.		
	BSC4	Existing BSC4 polling district	1,065	N/A	South Mill Arts (prev. Rhodes Arts Complex), 1-3 South Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3JG	Will be a double station serving BSA3 and BSC4 (see above)
BISHOP'S STORTFORD NORTH (Town Council Wards: BSN1 & BSN2 = Silverleys; BSN3 = Chantry) (County Divisions: BSN1 & BSN2 = Bishop's Stortford West; BSN3 = Bishop's Stortford East) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	BSN1	Existing BSS1 polling district	1,085	Bishop's Park Community Centre already serves as a double station for the existing BSS1 and BSS2 polling districts. To date no suitable separate venue has been identified in the new BSN1. The situation will be kept under review as development in the area progresses.	Bishop's Park Community Centre, Lancaster Way, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4DA	Will be a double station serving BSN1 and BSN2 (see below)
	BSN2	Most of existing BSS2 polling district plus small part of existing BSS3	1,783	N/A	Bishop's Park Community Centre, Lancaster Way, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4DA	Will be a double station serving BSN1 and BSN2 (see above)
	BSN3	Most of existing BSM1 polling district	2,682	Electors in the new BSN3 polling district previously voted at Charringtons House. This venue will not be available due to development. The initial consultation document suggested options including the new Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre or Northgate End, or a double station at an existing polling place in a neighbouring ward at Holy Trinity Church or Windhill Churches Centre; and invited any alternative suggestions.	Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2HH	Will be a double station for BSN3 due to size of the electorate

				<p>County Councillor Calvin Horner suggested that should neither Charringtons House nor the Water Lane Hall be available, consideration be given to Avanti Meadows School, the Community Room at Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre or Northgate End Young Persons Centre in preference to either Windhill Church Centre or Holy Trinity Church, which are both outside the proposed polling district. Councillor David Snowdon suggested Grange Paddocks as the most suitable venue and, should that venue or Northgate End not be suitable, the Town Council building on Windhill as an alternative.</p> <p>Officers have confirmed the availability and suitability of Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre and this is recommended for use as a polling place.</p>		
<p>BISHOP'S STORTFORD PARSONAGE</p> <p>(Town Council Ward: Parsonage)</p> <p>(County Division: Bishop's Stortford East)</p> <p>(Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)</p>	BSP1	Most of existing BSM2 polling district plus part of existing BSM1	1,983	<p>Parsonage Community Hall has previously hosted a triple station serving the existing districts of BSA1 and BSM2.</p> <p>County Councillor Calvin Horner proposed that the southern section of Castle View, Hockerill Street, Kingfisher Way, Heron Court, Kings Court, Fuller Court, Stansted Road south of All Saints Close and All Saints Close form a separate polling district to vote at All Saints Church Vestry, stating that this is closer than Parsonage Community Hall by foot.</p> <p>Following consideration it is not recommended that this suggestion be implemented, as All Saints Vestry is outside the new ward boundary and in use for the new BSA1, and electors in the new BSP1 have previously voted at Parsonage Community Hall).</p>	Parsonage Community Hall, Parsonage Lane, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 5PY	Will be a triple station serving BSP1 and BSP2 (x2) (see below)

	BSP2	Most of existing BSA1, small part of existing BSA2	2,805	Parsonage Community Hall has previously hosted a triple station serving the existing districts of BSA1 and BSM2.	Parsonage Community Hall, Parsonage Lane, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 5PY	Will be a triple station serving BSP1 and BSP2 (x2) (see above)
BISHOP'S STORTFORD SOUTH (Town/Parish Council Wards: BSS1 & BSS2 = Bishop's Stortford South; BSS3 = Thorley Urban; BSS4 = Thorley Rural) (County Division: Bishop's Stortford Rural) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	BSS1	Existing BSO1 polling district	1,691	<p>Electors in the new BSS1 polling district previously voted at Bishop's Stortford High School. This venue will not be available due to the School moving to a new site. The initial consultation document sought suggestions for suitable alternative venues and suggested that in the absence of these an option may be for electors to vote at Thorley Community Centre in the neighbouring Thorley Manor Ward.</p> <p>County Councillor Calvin Horner suggested Bishop's Stortford Baptist Church Centre, Twyford Road as a polling place in preference to Thorley Community Centre as it is located within the proposed polling district and has a large car park. Councillor Diane Hollebon was concerned that the loss of the High School would cause problems for local residents and suggested that they be provided with information about postal voting should they prefer to vote in this way. Councillor Hollebon was also unsure that other existing venues would have the capacity to accommodate additional electors, and suggested Richard Whittington Primary School and Thorley Hill Primary School as suitable alternatives. She considered that Thorley Community Centre would not offer ease of access to South Ward voters and that parking would be a problem during peak voting times.</p>	Richard Whittington Primary School, Thornbera Gardens, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3NP	

				Officers have investigated the options suggested. Thorley Hill Primary School, which is adjacent to the previous venue at Bishop's Stortford High School, would be the most convenient polling place for local electors. However, the school has asked not to be used due to potential disruption to the education activities and the lack of any evening caretaking facility. Subject to confirmation of availability it is recommended that Richard Whittington Primary School be designated as the polling place for the BSS1 polling district.		
	BSS2	Part of existing BSO2 polling district	1,679	<p>The Council has been notified that the proposed polling place for BSS2, Thorley Christian Centre, will not be available for the elections on 4 May 2023. The consultation document therefore invited suggestions for a temporary alternative polling place.</p> <p>No alternative venues were suggested within the new BSS2 itself. However, County Councillor Calvin Horner suggested Thorley Community Centre (in the neighbouring Thorley Manor Ward) or the St Barnabas Centre in Church Lane, Thorley (in new BSS4).</p> <p>Officers have confirmed the availability, suitability and capacity of the St Barnabas Centre and this is recommended for use as a temporary polling place for new BSS2 as well as a permanent venue for BSS3 and BSS4 (see below).</p>	<p>Thorley Christian Centre, Vicerons Place, Villiers Sur Marne Avenue, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4EL (but unavailable in May 2023)</p> <p>Temporary polling place for May 2023: St Barnabas Centre, Church Lane, Thorley, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4BE</p>	For May 2023, St Barnabas Centre will be a triple station serving BSS2, BSS3 and BSS4 (different town/parish wards)
	BSS3	Most of existing BSO4 polling district	218	Electors in the new BSS3 polling district previously voted at Bishop's Stortford High School. This venue will not be available due to the School moving to a new site. The initial consultation document sought	St Barnabas Centre, Church Lane, Thorley, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4BE	For May 2023, St Barnabas Centre will

		(Thorley Parish Urban Ward)		<p>suggestions for suitable alternative venues and suggested that in the absence of these an option would be for electors to vote at St Michael's Mead Community Centre in the neighbouring Thorley Manor Ward.</p> <p>No alternative venues were suggested within the new BSS3 itself. However, Councillor Diane Hollebon was concerned that the loss of the High School would cause problems for local residents and suggested that they be provided with information about postal voting should they prefer to vote in this way. Councillor Hollebon was also unsure that other existing venues would have the capacity to accommodate additional electors, and suggested Richard Whittington School and Thorley Hill Primary School (both in new BSS1) as suitable alternatives. County Councillor Calvin Horner suggested Bishop's Stortford Baptist Centre (in new BSS1) and the St Barnabas Centre, Church Lane, Thorley (in new BSS4) in preference to St Michael's Mead Community Centre.</p> <p>Officers have confirmed the availability and suitability of the St Barnabas Centre and this is recommended for use as a polling place.</p>		be a triple station serving BSS2, BSS3 and BSS4 (different town/parish wards)
	BSS4	Existing MHA5 (Thorley Parish Rural Ward)	52	<p>Electors in the new BSS3 polling district previously voted at Bishop's Stortford High School. This venue will not be available due to the School moving to a new site. The initial consultation document sought suggestions for suitable alternative venues and suggested that in the absence of these an option would be for electors to vote at St Michael's Mead</p>	St Barnabas Centre, Church Lane, Thorley, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4BE	For May 2023, St Barnabas Centre will be a triple station serving BSS2, BSS3

				<p>Community Centre in the neighbouring Thorley Manor Ward.</p> <p>Councillor Diane Hollebon was concerned that the loss of the High School would cause problems for local residents and suggested that they be provided with information about postal voting should they prefer to vote in this way. Councillor Hollebon was also unsure that other existing venues would have the capacity to accommodate additional electors, and suggested Richard Whittington School and Thorley Hill Primary School (both in new BSS1) as suitable alternatives. County Councillor Calvin Horner suggested Bishop's Stortford Baptist Centre (in new BSS1) and the St Barnabas Centre, Church Lane, Thorley (in new BSS4) in preference to St Michael's Mead Community Centre.</p> <p>Officers have confirmed the availability and suitability of the St Barnabas Centre and this is recommended for use as a polling place.</p>		and BSS4 (different town/parish wards)
<p>BISHOP'S STORTFORD THORLEY MANOR</p> <p>(Town Council Wards: BST1 & BST4 = Thorley Manor South; BST2 & BST3 = Thorley Manor North)</p>	BST1	Existing BSO3 polling district plus parts of existing BSO2 and BSO4	2,088	<p>The initial consultation document proposed a larger BST1 polling district including both St Michael's Mead (existing BSO3) and parts of existing BSO2 to both the east and west of it.</p> <p>County Councillor Calvin Horner suggested that consideration should be given to having two polling districts for the Bishop's Stortford Thorley Manor South Town Ward.</p> <p>Following consideration it is proposed that Councillor Horner's suggestion should be agreed and that the</p>	St Michael's Mead Community Centre, Turners Crescent, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4FZ	

(County Divisions: BST1 & BST4 = Bishop's Stortford Rural; BST2 & BST3 = Bishop's Stortford West) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)				area to the east of St Michael's Mead should form a separate polling district (see BST4 below).		
	BST2	Most of existing BSC3 polling district	1,837	The initial consultation document indicated that the preferred polling place for this district, Thorley Community Centre, would not be available in May 2023. However, Thorley Community Centre has since confirmed the availability of the venue for use as a polling station on 4 May 2023 and at future elections.	Thorley Community Centre, Friedberg Avenue, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4RF	For May 2023, Thorley Community Centre will be a double station serving BST2 and BST4 (see below) (different town council wards)
	BST3	Most of existing BSS3 polling district	1,997	No suitable polling place venue has been identified within the new BST3 polling district. Electors in this area have previously voted at Windhill Churches Centre, just over the boundary in Bishop's Stortford Central Ward. Some adverse comments were received from electors at the May 2021 elections regarding the suitability of Windhill Churches Centre especially due to a lack of parking provision. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and St Mary's Catholic School have each previously been used as polling places but both schools have asked not to be used and the Council's policy is to avoid using schools where alternatives are available. The consultation document therefore sought suggestions for suitable venues in the new BST3 polling district.	Windhill Churches Centre, The Old Monastery, Windhill, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2PE	Will be a double station serving BSC3 and BST3 (see above)

				No alternative suggestions were received and it is therefore recommended to continue using Windhill Churches Centre for the time being.		
	BST4	Part of existing BSO2 polling district	1,194	<p>This area was initially proposed to be part of new BST1 above. During consultation County Councillor Calvin Horner suggested that consideration should be given to having two polling districts for the Bishop's Stortford Thorley Manor South Town Ward – one including St. Michael's Mead (former BSO3) and the part of former BSO2 west of the by-pass, to vote at St. Michael's Mead Community Centre. The second to include the remainder of former BSO2 within the ward, to vote at Thorley Community Centre, provided there is adequate space. Councillor Horner felt that this would provide polling stations within reasonable walking or driving distance for most electors.</p> <p>Following consideration, it is recommended that Cllr Horner's suggestion to split the polling district should be agreed. In relation to the polling place for the new BST4 however, electors in this area have previously voted at Thorley Christian Centre, which is very close to the polling district, and it is recommended that this should be designated as the permanent polling place for BST4, with Thorley Community Centre being used only on a temporary basis in May 2023 when the Christian Centre is unavailable.</p>	<p>Thorley Christian Centre, Vicerons Place, Villiers Sur Marne Avenue, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4EL (but unavailable in May 2023)</p> <p>Temporary polling place for May 2023: Thorley Community Centre, Friedberg Avenue, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4RF</p>	For May 2023, Thorley Community Centre will be a double station serving BST2 and BST4 (see above) (different town council wards)
BRAUGHING & STANDON (County Divisions: BRS1 & BRS2 =	BRS1	Existing BRA2 polling district (Braughing Parish)	1,060	N/A	Old Boys School, Church End, Braughing, SG11 2QA	
	BRS2	Existing PUC1 polling district	2,266	N/A	Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre,	

Buntingford; BRS3 & BRS4 = Ware North)		(Standon Parish, Puckeridge Ward)			Station Road, Standon, Nr. Ware, SG11 1TF	
(Parliamentary Constituency: North East Hertfordshire)	BRS3	Existing TST2 polling district (Standon Parish, Standon Ward)	1,122	N/A	Standon Village Hall, Standon, Ware, SG11 1LE	Will be a double station serving BRS3 and BRS4 (see below) (different parish wards)
	BRS4	Existing TST1 polling district (Standon Parish, Colliers End Ward)	166	<p>Electors in the new BRS4 polling district have previously voted at Puller Memorial School and High Cross Village Hall and the initial consultation document proposed that the latter venue would continue to be their polling place.</p> <p>Councillor Peter Boylan was unsure about this proposal stating that High Cross Village Hall does not lie within or close to the ward boundary and will be in use as a polling place for the new Ware Rural ward.</p> <p>Following further consideration and to reflect the new ward boundaries the proposal was amended so that electors in the whole of Standon Parish will be allocated to vote at Standon Village Hall.</p>	Standon Village Hall, Standon, Ware, SG11 1LE	Will be a double station serving BRS3 and BRS4 (see above) (different parish wards)
BUNTINGFORD (County Division: Buntingford)	BUN1	Existing BUN 1 polling district (Buckland Parish)	226	Councillor Jeff Jones stated that the Countryman Inn has been closed for business for over 2 years now, and although registered as an ACV its future is unclear. He suggested St Andrews Church, Buckland as a possible alternative although vehicular access is not as good. Buckland & Chipping Parish Council also	For May 2023 elections: The Countryman Inn, Ermine Street, Chipping, Buntingford, SG9 0PG	

(Parliamentary Constituency: North East Hertfordshire)				<p>stated that it does not consider the Countryman Inn to be a secure venue as the property is up for sale/development. They also suggested St Andrew's Church, Buckland as well as Buckland Barn, Lower Farm, Buckland.</p> <p>Officers have confirmed the availability of the Countryman Inn in May 2023 and it is proposed to continue to use the venue for those elections. However, officers will continue to liaise with the proprietors in relation to future use of the premises and will also research the alternatives suggested during the consultation.</p>	For future elections: Officers to investigate St Andrew's Church, Buckland and Buckland Barn, Lower Farm as possible replacement venues if required.	
	BUN2	Existing BUN2 polling district (Buntingford Parish (Town))	5,489	The Manor House is a convenient and suitable polling venue. The size of the electorate in this polling district has grown and is now in excess of the Electoral Commission guidance for a double polling station. For future elections it may be necessary to consider splitting the polling district and identifying an alternative polling place for some electors. However, no suitable additional venue(s) within the area were suggested during the consultation and for the time being it is proposed to provide a triple polling station at the Manor House.	The Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford, SG9 9AB	Will be a triple station for BUN2 due to the size of the electorate.
	BUN3	Existing BUN3 polling district (Wyddial Parish)	116	N/A	"Rosemead", Moles Lane, Wyddial, Nr Buntingford, SG9 0EX	
	BUN4	Existing MCO1 polling district (Aspenden Parish)	178	N/A	The Restaurant at The Fox Public House, Aspenden, Buntingford, SG9 9PD	

	BUN5	Existing MCO2 polling district (Cottered Parish)	833	N/A	Cottered Village Hall, Nr. Buntingford, SG9 9RA	
	BUN6	Existing BRA4 polling district (Hormead Parish)	609	The Church Room at St Nicholas' Church has previously been used for this polling district but the polling station reverted to Hormead Village Hall from 2021 and this is considered more suitable as it is closer to the main settlement and has better accessibility, facilities and parking.	Hormead Village Hall, Great Hormead, SG9 0NZ	
GREAT AMWELL & STANSTEADS (County Divisions: GAS1 & GAS2 = Ware South; GAS3 & GAS4 = Sawbridgeworth) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	GAS1	Existing GAM1 polling district (Great Amwell Parish)	1,763	N/A	Parish Hall Great Amwell, Hillside Lane, Gt. Amwell, Ware, SG12 9SG	
	GAS2	Existing GAM2 polling district (Stanstead St Margarets Parish, West Ward)	416	N/A	St Margaretsbury Recreation Ground Clubhouse, St Margarets, Stanstead Abbots, SG12 8EH	Will be a double station serving GAS2 and GAS3 (see below) (different parish wards & county divisions)
	GAS3	Existing SAB1 polling district (Stanstead St Margarets Parish, East Ward)	828	GAS2 and GAS3 vote at the same polling place. No suitable alternative polling place has been identified within GAS3.	St Margaretsbury Recreation Ground Clubhouse, St Margarets, Stanstead Abbots, SG12 8EH	Will be a double station serving GAS2 and GAS3 (see above) (different parish

						wards & county divisions)
	GAS4	Existing SAB2 polling district (Stanstead Abbots Parish)	1,469	N/A	Stanstead Abbots Parish Hall, Roydon Road, Stanstead Abbots, Nr. Ware, SG12 8EZ	
HERTFORD BENGEO (Town Council Wards: HBE1, HBE2 & HBE3 = Bengoe North; HBE4 = Bengoe South) (County Divisions: HBE1, HBE2 & HBE3 = Hertford All Saints; HBE4 = Hertford St Andrews) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	HBE1	Existing HBE1 polling district	2,315	N/A	Bengoe Sports Pavilion, Boundary Drive, Off New Road, Hertford SG14 3JG	
	HBE2	Existing HBE2 polling district	1,766	<p>No suitable polling place venues have been identified in HBE2. The Bengoe Club (in HBE1) was used as a polling station for HBE2 for the 2021 Elections as Bengoe Primary School was undergoing building work and the school has indicated that its premises will again be unavailable in May 2023. Suggestions for possible alternative polling places in this polling district were invited as part of the consultation.</p> <p>Hertford Town Council suggested Bengoe Parish Hall, Duncombe Road and the United Reformed Church, Cowbridge. Councillor Ben Crystall also suggested Bengoe Parish Hall, Duncombe Road as a backup venue.</p> <p>However, both of the suggested alternative venues are also outside the HBE2 polling district and it is therefore proposed to continue using the Bengoe Club for the time being.</p>	The Bengoe Club, Bengoe Street, Bengoe, Hertford SG14 3ES	
	HBE3	Existing HBE3 polling district	1,967	N/A	3rd Hertford Scout Headquarters, Port	

					Vale, Hertford SG14 3AF	
	HBE4	Existing HCA6 polling district	506	No suitable polling place venues in the new HBE4 have been identified or been suggested during the consultation. St Andrew's Church Hall is currently used as a polling station which is located in HBE3. The nearby Mill Bridge Rooms (also in HBE3) were used for the European Parliamentary Elections in May 2019 and this remains a suitable back-up venue.	St. Andrew's Church Hall, St. Andrew Street, Hertford SG14 1HZ	
HERTFORD CASTLE (Town Council Ward: Castle) (County Division: Hertford St Andrews) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	HCA1	Existing HCA1 polling district plus part of existing HCA5	2,180	<p>The River Room at Hertford Theatre has previously been used as a polling station for HCA1. This is not available in the short to medium term due to development work at the Theatre. The initial consultation document suggested that one possible option would be temporarily to allocate electors to St Andrew's Church, which is already used as a polling station in the neighbouring Hertford Bengoe ward but also invited alternative suggestions for suitable polling place venues within HCA1 itself.</p> <p>Hertford Town Council suggested St John's Hall, adjacent to All Saints Church, which has good access and parking. Councillor Ben Crystall also suggested the community hall at All Saint's Church, as well as the Quaker Room at the Friend's Meeting House, or Wallfields (in HCA3). Councillor Suzanne Rutland-Barsby felt that using St Andrews Church in Bengoe ward might be confusing and suggested the Mill Bridge Room in the Seed Warehouse which is opposite the Theatre and owned by Hertford Town Council.</p> <p>Officers have investigated the suggestions made. Unfortunately the Mill Bridge Room is not available</p>	Hertford Theatre, The Wash, Hertford, SG14 1PS (but unavailable in May 2023) Temporary polling place for May 2023: St John's Hall, All Saints' Church, Churchfields, Hertford, SG13 8AE	

				on 4 May 2023. Subject to confirmation of availability it is recommended that St John's Hall be used as a temporary polling place until Hertford Theatre is again available.		
	HCA2	Existing HCA2 polling district	557	N/A	The Brace Room, St Mary's Church, St Mary's Lane, Hertingfordbury, SG14 2LD	
	HCA3	Existing HCA3 polling district	1,261	The Council's policy is to try to avoid using schools where possible but to date no suitable alternative venue has been identified within HCA3. Suggestions in this regard were invited during the consultation but none were received.	Morgans Primary School, The Annex Via Adj. Public Footpath, Wilton Crescent, Hertfords, SG13 8DR	
	HCA4	Existing HCA4 polling district	562	N/A	Hornsmill Community Centre, 115E Cecil Road, Hertford, SG13 8HS	
HERTFORD HEATH & BRICKENDON (County Division: Ware South) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	HHB1	Existing HHE1 polling district (Hertford Heath Parish)	1,822	N/A	Village Hall Hertford Heath, London Road, Hertford Heath, SG13 7RH	
	HHB2	Existing HHE2 polling district (Brickendon Liberty Parish)	545	N/A	Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Liberty Village Hall, Brickendon Green, Nr Hertford, SG13 8PB	
HERTFORD KINGSMEAD (Town Council Wards: HKI1 & HKI2)	HKI1	Existing HKI1 polling district	2,118	N/A	Pinehurst Community Hall, Birdie Way, Hertford, SG13 7SS	
	HKI2	Existing HKI2 polling district	2,244	The Communal Lounge, Sheltered Housing, Braziers Field has previously been used as the polling station	For May 2023 elections:	

<p>= Kingsmead East; HKI3 = Kingsmead West)</p> <p>(County Divisions: HKI1 & HKI2 = Hertford All Saints; HKI3 = Hertford St Andrews)</p> <p>(Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)</p>			<p>for HKI2 but complaints were received at the 2021 elections regarding long queues as a result of the small size of the venue. Although this was exacerbated in 2021 by the Covid-19 restrictions it is considered that an alternative venue should be sought going forward, in particular given the likely higher turnout at a parliamentary election. The consultation document therefore sought suggestions in this regard and proposed that one option could be to use Pinehurst Community Hall as a double station serving HKI1 and KHI2.</p> <p>Respondents including Liz McGarry, Kingsmead Residents' Association, Cllr Rosemary Bolton, David Lowe, John Carroll, Carl Brittain, Hertford Town Council and Councillor Ben Crystall all expressed concerns about the potential loss of Braziers Field as a polling place and opposed the allocation of HKI2 electors to Pinehurst Community Hall due to the uphill and difficult walk required, the limited capacity of that venue and restricted parking nearby, all of which they felt could deter electors from voting. Alternative options suggested by respondents included the Ware Road Day Service, the Zoo Café (Pioneer Hall), Wheatcroft School, or using the Methodist Church Hall, Ware Road as a double station for HKI2 and HKI3 (with separate entrances front and rear).</p> <p>Carl Brittain considered that Braziers Field was adequate for local elections but revised arrangements may be required for a parliamentary. Kingsmead Residents' Association stated that an improved internal layout in Braziers Field could reduce delays.</p>	<p>Communal Lounge, Sheltered Housing, Braziers Field, Hertford, SG13 7JS</p> <p>For future elections: Officers to investigate Ware Road Day Service, the Zoo Café (Pioneer Hall), Wheatcroft School, or Methodist Church Hall, Ware Road as possible replacement venues if required.</p>	
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				In the light of the responses received, it is proposed to retain Braziers Field as the polling place for the local elections in May 2023 and to investigate the other options suggested with a view to putting in place the most suitable arrangements for forthcoming parliamentary and other future polls.		
	HKI3	Part of existing HCA5 polling district	2,204	N/A	Methodist Church Hall, Ware Road, Hertford, SG13 7DZ	
HERTFORD RURAL (County Division: Hertford Rural) (Parliamentary Constituency: North East Hertfordshire)	HRR1	Existing HRS1 polling district (Bayford Parish)	372		Bayford Memorial Hall, Hertford, SG13 8PX	
	HRR2	Existing HRS2 polling district (Hertingfordbury Parish)	527		Hertingfordbury Cowper School, Birch Green Nr. Hertford, SG14 2LR	
	HRR3	Existing HRS3 polling district (Little Berkhamsted Parish)	408		Little Berkhamstead Village Hall, Little Berkhamstead, Nr. Hertford, SG13 8LY	
	HRR4	Existing HRS4 polling district (Tewin Parish, South Ward)	775		Tewin Memorial Hall, Lower Green, 11 Lower Green, Tewin, AL6 0JX	Will be a double station serving HRR4 and HRR5 (see below) (different parish wards)
	HRR5	Existing HRN5 polling district	519	HRR4 and HRR5 vote at the same polling place. No suitable alternative polling place has been identified within HRR5.	Tewin Memorial Hall, Lower Green, 11	Will be a double station

		(Tewin Parish, North Ward)			Lower Green, Tewin, AL6 0JX	serving HRR4 and HRR5 (see above) (different parish wards)
HERTFORD SELE (Town Council Ward: Sele) (County Division: Hertford St Andrews) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	HSE1	Part of existing HSE1 polling district	913	<p>The Council's policy is to try to avoid using schools where possible but to date no suitable alternative venue has been identified within HSE1. Suggestions in this regard were invited during the consultation but none were received.</p> <p>Councillor Mary Brady and Hertford Town Council each raised concerns about the lack of a polling place in the Campfield Road area and the distance and hilly nature of the walk from that area to the Sele School. It is therefore proposed to split the existing HSE1 polling district into two separate areas – see HSE5 below.</p>	The Sele School Training Hub, Welwyn Road, SG14 2DG	For the May 2023 elections, the Sele School Training Hub will be a double station serving HSE1 and HSE5 (see below)
	HSE2	Existing HSE2 polling district	695	The Council's policy is to try to avoid using schools where possible but to date no suitable alternative venue has been identified within HSE2. Suggestions in this regard were invited during the consultation but none were received.	St Joseph's RC School, North Road, Hertford, SG14 2BY	
	HSE3	Existing HSE3 polling district	932	HSE3 and HSE4 vote at the same polling place. No suitable alternative polling place has been identified within HSE3.	Sele Farm Community Centre, 25 Perrett Gardens, Hertford, SG14 2LW	Will be a double station serving HSE3 and HSE4 (see below)

	HSE4	Existing HSE4 polling district	1,318		Sele Farm Community Centre, 25 Perrett Gardens, Hertford, SG14 2LW	Will be a double station serving HSE3 and HSE4 (see above)
	HSE5	Part of existing HSE1 polling district	429	<p>This area currently forms part of HSE1 polling district. However, during the consultation respondents including Cllr Mary Brady and Hertford Town Council expressed concern of the lack of a polling place in the area of Campfield Road/Mount Road/Valeside and the distance and hilly nature of the walk from this area to the existing polling place at The Sele School Training Hub. Councillor Brady had previously raised this matter with the council and expressed concern that it may deter electors in the area from voting.</p> <p>In view of the points made it is recommended that the existing polling district HSE1 should be split, with the Campfield Road area forming a polling district of its own. This will enable an alternative, more convenient polling place to be allocated to electors in this area as and when such a venue is identified.</p> <p>So far however, no suitable premises within the area itself have been found. Two possible venues were suggested for investigation – the Apollo Recording Studios in Mimram Road and the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Hertingfordbury Road. However both of these are on the other side of the A414 and are outside Sele Ward. Suggestions for any suitable venues within the new HSE5 area itself were invited from local respondents but none have been received – one reply was received expressing</p>	<p>For May 2023 elections: The Sele School Training Hub, Welwyn Road, SG14 2DG</p> <p>For future elections: Officers to continue to seek a suitable and more convenient venue within the Hertford Sele ward that could be used instead of the Sele School for electors in this area.</p>	For the May 2023 elections, the Sele School Training Hub will be a double station serving HSE1 and HSE5 (see above)

				the view that any polling place should be within the relevant ward.		
HUNSDON (County Division: Sawbridgeworth) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	HUN1	Existing HUN1 polling district (Eastwick Parish)	143	HUN1 Eastwick Parish and HUN3 Gilston Parish (one Grouped Parish Council) vote at the same polling place (Gilston Village Hall). No other suitable polling places have been identified within the electoral areas.	Gilston Village Hall, Nr. Harlow, Essex, CM20 2RB	Will be a double station serving HUN1 and HUN3 (see below) (different parishes)
	HUN2	Existing HUN2 polling district (Hunsdon Parish)	910		Hunsdon Village Hall, 45 High Street, Hunsdon, Ware, SG12 8NJ	
	HUN3	Existing HUN5 polling district (Gilston Parish)	537	HUN1 Eastwick Parish and HUN3 Gilston Parish (one Grouped Parish Council) vote at the same polling place (Gilston Village Hall). No other suitable polling places have been identified within the electoral areas.	Gilston Village Hall, Nr. Harlow, Essex, CM20 2RB	Will be a double station serving HUN1 and HUN3 (see above) (different parishes)
LITTLE HADHAM & THE PELHAMS (NB Brent Pelham & Meesden are grouped under a common Parish Council)	LHP1	Existing LHA1 polling district (Albury Parish)	482	N/A	Albury Village Hall, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, SG11 2JQ	
	LHP2	Existing LHA2 polling district (Furneux Pelham Parish)	429	N/A	Furneux Pelham Village Hall, Buntingford, SG9 0LL	
	LHP3	Existing LHA3 polling district	895	N/A	Little Hadham Village Hall, Ware, SG11 2BP	

(County Divisions: LHP1, LHP2, LHP3 & LHP4 = Bishop's Stortford Rural; LHP5, LHP6 & LHP7 = Buntingford) (Parliamentary Constituency: North East Hertfordshire)		(Little Hadham Parish)				
	LHP4	Existing LHA4 polling district (Stocking Pelham Parish)	141	N/A	Stocking Pelham Village Hall, Buntingford, SG9 0JA	
	LHP5	Existing BRA1 polling district (Anstey Parish)	259	N/A	Anstey Village Hall, Buntingford, SG9 0BY	
	LHP6	Existing BRA3 polling district (Brent Pelham Parish)	144	N/A	Brent Pelham Village Hall, Near Buntingford, SG9 0HE	
	LHP7	Existing BRA5 polling district (Meesden Parish)	98	N/A	Meesden Village Hall, Buntingford, SG9 0BD	
MUCH HADHAM (County Divisions: MHA1 & MHA2 = Sawbridgeworth; MHA3 & MHA4 = Bishop's Stortford Rural) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	MHA1	Existing MHA1 polling district (part of High Wych Parish)	158	N/A	Allens Green Village Hall, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 0LR	
	MHA2	Existing MHA2 polling district (part of High Wych Parish)	456	N/A	High Wych Memorial Hall, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 0HX	
	MHA3	Existing MHA3 polling district (part of Much Hadham Parish)	1,223	N/A	Much Hadham Village Hall, Much Hadham, SG10 6BS	
	MHA4	Existing MHA4 polling district (part of Much Hadham Parish)	420	N/A	Mission Hall Green Tye, Much Hadham, SG10 6JP	

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Town Council: Sawbridgeworth) (County Division: Sawbridgeworth) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	SAW1	Existing SAW1 polling district	3,644	N/A	The Hailey Day Centre, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, CM21 9AN	Will be a double station for SAW1 due to the electorate size
	SAW2	Existing SAW2 polling district	163	SAW2 has only a small number of electors but this polling place caters for the electors at the far north of the town. Spellbrook Primary School (used at previous elections) has asked not to be used.	The Three Horseshoes Public House, Spellbrook Lane East, Spellbrook, CM22 7SE	
	SAW3	Existing SAW3 polling district	1,176	N/A	Bullfields Centre, Cutforth Road, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9EA	
	SAW4	Existing SAW4 polling district	1,944	N/A	Leventhorpe School, Cambridge Road, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9BY	
THE MUNDENS (County Divisions: MUN1, MUN4, MUN5 & MUN6 = Hertford Rural; MUN2 & MUN3 = Buntingford) (Parliamentary Constituency: North East Hertfordshire)	MUN1	Existing WAL1 polling district (Ardeley Parish)	321	N/A	Ardeley Village Hall, Ardeley, Stevenage, SG2 7AH	
	MUN2	Existing MCO3 polling district (Westmill Parish)	225	N/A	Westmill Village Hall, Buntingford, SG9 9LG	
	MUN3	Existing MCO4 polling district (Great Munden Parish)	282	N/A	Great Munden Church, Nr. Munden Bury, Great Munden, Ware SG11 1HG	
	MUN4	Existing MCO5 polling district (Little Munden Parish)	757	N/A	Little Munden Memorial Hall, Dane End, Nr. Ware, SG12 0NR	Will be a double station serving

						MUN4 and MUN5 (see below) (different parishes)
	MUN5	Existing HRN3 polling district (Sacombe Parish)	128	No suitable polling place venue has been identified in MUN5. Therefore Little Munden Parish (MUN4) and Sacombe Parish (MUN5) vote at the same polling place (Little Munden Memorial Hall).	Little Munden Memorial Hall, Dane End, Nr. Ware, SG12 0NR	Will be a double station serving MUN4 and MUN5 (see above) (different parishes)
	MUN6	Existing HRN1 polling district (Bengeo Rural Parish)	492	Bengeo Rural Parish Council stated that they have no comments to add to this consultation.	Tonwell Village Hall, Nr. Ware, SG12 0HN	
WARE PRIORY (Town Council Wards: WPR1 = Chadwell; WPR2 & WPR3 = Christchurch) (County Division: Ware South) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	WPR1	Existing WCW1 polling district	2,511	At the May 2019 polls electors were sent to 3 rd Ware Scout Hut at Broadmeads as Ware Drill Hall was not available. No change is proposed but this remains a potential back up venue.	Ware Drill Hall, 17 Amwell End, Ware, SG12 9HP	Will be a double station for WPR1 due to the electorate size
	WPR2	Existing WCC1 polling district	1,245	N/A	Priory Hall, The Priory, High Street, Ware, SG12 9AL	
	WPR3	Part of existing WCC2 polling district	1,688	N/A	Christ Church Hall, New Road, Ware, SG12 7BS	Will be a double station serving WPR3 and WTR1 (see below)

WARE RURAL (County Divisions: WRR1 & WRR2 = Ware North; WRR3 & WRR4 = Sawbridgeworth) (Parliamentary Constituencies: WRR1 & WRR2 = North East Hertfordshire; WRR3 & WRR4 = Hertford & Stortford)	WRR1	Existing TST3 polling district (Thundridge Parish, (Thundridge Ward)	746	N/A	Thundridge Village Hall, Cambridge Road, Thundridge, Ware, SG12 0SZ	
	WRR2	Existing TST4 polling district (Thundridge Parish, High Cross Ward)	472	Puller Memorial CoFE Primary School has previously been used for WRR2 but the school has asked not to be used. High Cross Village Hall is a suitable alternative venue in the polling district and was used at the elections in May 2021.	High Cross Village Hall, North Drive, High Cross, Herts, SG11 1AR	
	WRR3	Part of existing HUN3 polling district (Wareside Parish, Rural Ward)	535	N/A	Wareside Village Hall, Ware, SG12 7QY	
	WRR4	Existing HUN4 polling district (Widford Parish)	480	N/A	Widford Village Hall, Bell Lane, Widford, Nr. Ware, SG12 8SH	
WARE ST MARY'S (Town Council Ward: St Mary's) (County Division: Ware North) (Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)	WSM1	Existing WSM1 polling district	955	N/A	Scout H.Q., Poles Lane, Ware, SG12 0SF	
	WSM2	Existing WSM2 polling district	1,542	Councillor Ian Kemp stated that some polling places are on the edges of wards (Ware St Mary's WSM2/3) but agreed with the conclusion that no obviously suitable alternative locations are apparent. Cllr Kemp suggested Chauncy School or St Catherine's School but noted that residents do not seem to have objected to walking to the existing venues, and community/church halls as currently used may be preferable to schools to avoid disrupting children's education.	Royal British Legion Hall, 12 Gladstone Road, Ware, SG12 0AG	

	WSM3	Existing WSM3 polling district	1,499	Councillor Ian Kemp – as above.	Age Concern Hall, Garland Room, Priory Street, Ware, SG12 ODE	
	WSM4	Existing WTR1 polling district	870	<p>Electors in the new WSM4 polling district previously voted at St Mary’s Junior School. The initial consultation document suggested that these premises may not be available for use at the elections in May 2023. Therefore suggestions for suitable alternative polling place venues within the polling district were invited.</p> <p>Cllr Ian Kemp felt the possible loss of St Mary’s School would be disappointing and suggested as options the Scout Hut at Poles Lane (already in use for WSM1) or a room at Wodson Park (although outside the ward and not easily accessible by foot, cycle or public transport from the Kingsway area). Martin Butcher (Ware TC) suggested Kingshill Infants School (on the same site as St Mary’s), Poles Lane Scout Huts (although the steep hill back up Kingsway would discourage walkers) or Wodson Park (but not a good option for the reason Cllr Kemp gives).</p> <p>Subsequently St Mary’s Junior School has confirmed that its premises will in fact be available in May 2023 and it is therefore recommended as the polling place.</p>	St Mary’s Junior School, Heath Drive, Ware, SG12 ORL	
WARE TRINITY (Town/Parish Council Wards: WTR1 = Ware Widbury; WTR2 & WTR3 = Ware	WTR1	Part of existing WCC2 polling district	1,257	<p>No suitable polling place has been identified in the new polling district WTR1.</p> <p>Councillor Ian Kemp noted that the proposed place is outside the ward but agreed with the conclusion that no obviously suitable alternative locations are apparent. Cllr Kemp suggested Priorswood School as</p>	Christ Church Hall, New Road, Ware, SG12 7BS	Will be a double station serving WPR3 and WTR1 (see above)

<p>Trinity; WTR4 = Wareside Parish (Urban Ward))</p> <p>(County Divisions: WTR1 = Ware South; WTR2 & WTR3 = Ware North; WTR4 = Sawbridgeworth)</p> <p>(Parliamentary Constituency: Hertford & Stortford)</p>				<p>a possible option but noted that residents do not seem to have objected to walking to the existing venues, and community/church halls as currently used may be preferable to schools to avoid disrupting children's education.</p> <p>Electors in the area are used to voting at Christ Church Hall and it is proposed that this should continue despite the venue no longer being in the same ward.</p>		
	WTR2	Existing WTR2 polling district	1,725	No suitable polling place venue has been identified within WTR2. Electors in the area are used to voting at the Larkspur Academy (in WTR3) and it is recommended that this should continue.	Larkspur Academy, Tower Road, Ware, SG12 7LP	Will be a triple station serving WTR2, WTR3 & WTR4 (see below) (WTR4 different parish)
	WTR3	Existing WTR3 polling district	1,366	N/A	Larkspur Academy, Tower Road, Ware, SG12 7LP	Will be a triple station serving WTR2, WTR3 & WTR4 (see below) (WTR4 different parish)


	WTR4	Part of existing HUN3 polling district	24	<p>Consultation: No suitable polling place has been identified in the new polling district WTR4. The small number of electors currently residing in this area previously voted at Wareside Village Hall and the initial consultation document suggested that this should continue.</p> <p>Councillor Ian Kemp stated that the proposals as outlined seem sensible and pragmatic and noted that the proposals for Ware Trinity also make appropriate mention of possible future changes for 2027 depending on progress in the N&E Ware development (WARE2).</p> <p>Following further consideration however and in order to reflect the new ward boundary the proposal was amended so that in the short to medium term electors should be allocated to vote at Larkspur Academy and that this should be reviewed in future once the proposed housing development in the area has progressed.</p>	Larkspur Academy, Tower Road, Ware, SG12 7LP	Will be a triple station serving WTR2, WTR3 & WTR4 (see above) (WTR4 different parish)
WATTON-AT-STONE (County Division: Hertford Rural) (Parliamentary Constituency: North East Hertfordshire)	WAS1	Existing WAS1 polling district (Watton-at-Stone Parish)	2,012	N/A	The Nigel Poulton Community Hall, Sports Field, Adj. School Lane, Watton-at-Stone, SG14 3SF	
	WAS2	Existing HRN2 polling district (Bramfield Parish)	213	N/A	Bramfield Village Hall, Nr. Hertford, SG14 2QL	
	WAS3	Existing HRN4 polling district (Stapleford Parish)	443	Stapleford Village Hall was previously used as a polling place for WAS3. In 2019 alternative suggestions were sought due to negative feedback regarding accessibility of the venue and uncertainty	St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Stapleford, Herts, SG14 3NB	

				about its future availability. St Mary's Church has been used for elections since then and no untoward comments have been received in respect of its use.		
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APPROVAL TO OUTCOME OF THE REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

I agree the final recommendations of the East Hertfordshire Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2022-23 as set out above and approve the implementation of those recommendations with effect from 15 February 2023.

Signature


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Date

12 February 2023
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