# POLLING PLACES AND POLLING DISTRICTS REVIEW WORKING GROUP

## Meeting held in Committee Room, Council Offices, Urban Road,

## Kirkby-in-Ashfield,

## on Monday, 11 September 2023 at 2.00 p.m.

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| **Present:** | Councillor Jason Zadrozny in the Chair; |
|  | Councillors Samantha Deakin, Rachel Madden, Andrew Meakin, Philip Rostance and Helen-Ann Smith |
| **Apologies for Absence:** | Councillor Thomas Hollis |
| **Officers Present:** | Carla Benedetti, Gillian Bradley, Ruth Dennis, Michael Joy and Rachel Newton |

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| **PPD10.** | **Declarations of Interest by Members and Officers** | |
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|  | No declarations of interest were made. | |
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| **PPD11.** | **Minutes** | |
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|  | The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record. | |
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| **PPD12.** | **Polling Places – Action Required** | |
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|  | The Electoral Services Assistant took members through the table of required actions and provided an update on each item. | |
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|  | The group discussed the options and made a recommendation against each action as set out below:   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **CARSIC: CAR2 Proposed new polling place** | | | | | | **Existing Polling District** | **Existing Polling Place** | **Proposed Change** | **County Division** | **Access Issues** | | CAR2 | Aspley Court | St Marys Court | Sutton West | No access issues | | **Comments:**  St Marys Court is an existing polling place for electors in CAR1, the proposal is to create a double station at St Marys Court and remove Aspley Court as a polling place. This will help support residents at Aspley Court | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **KIRKBY CROSS & PORTLAND: KXP2, KXP3 & KXP4 Polling place and polling district boundary changes** | | | | | | **Existing Polling District** | **Existing Polling Place** | **Proposed Change** | **County Division** | **Access Issues** | | KXP1 | St Wilfrids Church Hall | No change | Kirkby South | No access issues | | KXP2 | The Hill Methodist Church | No change | Kirkby South | No access issues | | KXP3 | Urban Social Club | Merge with KXP2 | Kirkby South | N/A | | KXP4 | Kingsway Public House | Becomes KXP3 | Kirkby South | No access issues | | **Comments:**  The rationalisation of the polling districts will assist electors in having better access to a polling place. The following streets will be transferred from KXP3 to KXP2:   * Alfred Street * Austen Grove * Bellamy Drives * Bennet Drive * Bingley Crescent * Cobden Street * Erewash Street * Festus Street * Greenholme Close * Hodgkinson Road * King Street * Lime Street * Lindleys Court, Lindleys Lane * Lindleys Lane * Meryton Grove * Queen Street * Ronchin Gardens * Spring Close * Station Street * Urban Road   Subsequently the polling district previously known as KXP4 will become KXP3. | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **HUCKNALL CENTRAL: HCE2 Polling place and polling district boundary changes** | | | | | | **Existing Polling District** | **Existing Polling Place** | **Proposed Change** | **County Division** | **Access Issues** | | HCE1 | The John Godber Centre | Alteration of the polling district boundary | Hucknall South | N/A | | HCE2 | Watnall Road Community Centre | Holy Cross Catholic Church – Community Room | Hucknall South | No access issues | | HCE3 | Royal British Legion | Additional properties placed in polling district HCE3 from HCE2 | Hucknall South | N/A | | **Comments:**  Watnall Road Community Centre is no longer suitable as a polling place. Holy Cross Catholic Church Community Room offers reasonable facilities for electors and is within the polling district.  Additionally, the rationalisation of the polling districts across HCE1, HCE2 and HCE3 will assist electors in having better access to a polling place.  The following streets will be transferred from HCE1 to HCE2, and those electors will vote at Holy Cross Catholic Church – Community Room:   * Sandy Lane, Hucknall (even numbered properties 64a-118) * Sandy Lane, Hucknall (odd numbered properties 49-79) * Windmill Avenue, Hucknall (all properties) * Windmill Grove, Hucknall (all properties) * William Street, Hucknall (all properties)   The following streets will be transferred from HCE2 to HCE3, and those electors will vote at The Royal British Legion:   * Croft Avenue, Hucknall (odd numbered properties) * Truman Drive, Hucknall (all excl Autumn Court) * Orchard Street, Hucknall (all properties) | | | | | | **HUCKNALL NORTH: HNO2 & HNO4 Polling place and polling district boundary changes** | | | | | | **Existing Polling District** | **Existing Polling Place** | **Proposed Change** | **County Division** | **Access Issues** | | HNO1 | George Street Working Mens Club | No change | Hucknall North | No access issues | | HNO2 | Interchange (Young People Centre) | No change | Hucknall North | No access issues | | HNO3 | Interchange (Young People Centre) | No change | Hucknall North | No access issues | | HNO4 | Leen Valley Golf Club | Jamie Brough Pavilion | Hucknall North | No access issues | | **Comments:**  Leen Valley Golf Club does not offer adequate transport links and is particularly difficult to access by foot. Jamie Brough Pavilion offers reasonable facilities for electors, has good transport links and is within the polling district.  Additionally, the rationalisation of the polling districts across HNO2 and HNO4 will assist electors in having better access to a polling place.  The following streets will be transferred from HNO2 to HNO4, and those electors will vote at Jamie Brough Pavilion:   * Papplewick Lane, Hucknall (odd numbered properties) * Rowan Court, Hucknall (all properties) * Balmoral Grove, Hucknall (all properties) * Buckingham Avenue, Hucknall (all properties) | | | | | | **HUCKNALL SOUTH: HSO4 & HSO5 Polling place and polling district boundary changes** | | | | | | **Existing Polling District** | **Existing Polling Place** | **Proposed Change** | **County Division** | **Access Issues** | | HSO1 | The Grove | No change |  | No access issues | | HSO2 | St Johns Church Community Complex | No change |  | No access issues | | HSO3 | Bestwood Community Centre | No change |  | No access issues | | HSO4 | Broomhill Inn | Merge with HSO5 change polling place to create a double polling station at St Johns Church Community Comp. |  | No access issues | | HSO5 | The Grove | Merge with HSO4 and change polling place to create a double station at St Johns Church Community Complex |  |  | | **Comments:**  The rationalisation of the polling districts across HSO4 and HSO5 will see the two polling districts merge and will assist electors in having better access to a more suitable polling place at St Johns Church Community Complex.  The following streets will be merged from HSO5 to HSO4 and become HSO4:   * Dallman Close (all properties) * Derwent Drive (all properties) * Farleys Lane (all properties) * Hazel Meadows (all properties) * Nursery Close (all properties) * Park Drive (all properties) * Torkard Court (all properties) | | | | | | **HUCKNALL WEST: HWE2 Proposed new polling place** | | | | | | **Existing Polling District** | **Existing Polling Place** | **Proposed Change** | **County Division** | **Access Issues** | | HWE2 | West Hucknall Baptist Church | The Engine Rooms | Hucknall West | No access issues | | **Comments:**  The Engine Rooms, sited on the Rolls Royce Site, offers better access links for electors living in the polling district. HWE2.  The rationalisation of the polling district boundaries will assist electors in having better access to a polling place. The following streets will be transferred from HWE1 into HWE2:   * Watnall Road, Hucknall (even numbered properties) * Pilot Drive, Hucknall (all properties) * Kingsway Road, Hucknall (all properties) * Harrier Grove, Hucknall (all properties) * Kingsway Gardens, Hucknall (all properties) * Westville Drive, Hucknall (all properties) * Merlin Drive, Hucknall (all properties) * Westland Avenue, Hucknall (all properties) * Royce Avenue, Hucknall (all properties) * Wings Drive, Hucknall (all properties) * Avon Avenue, Hucknall (all properties) * Neve Close, Hucknall (all properties) * Trent Drive, Hucknall (all properties) * Conway Road, Hucknall (all properties) * Spey Close, Hucknall (all properties) * Watnall Lodge, Watnall Road, Hucknall (all properties) * Olympus Court, Hucknall (all properties) * Stubbing Wood Farm, Hucknall (all properties) | | | | | | **HUTHWAITE & BRIERLEY: HBR2 Proposed new polling place and polling district boundary change** | | | | | | **Existing Polling District** | **Existing Polling Place** | **Proposed Change** | **County Division** | **Access Issues** | | HBR1 | Mansfield Hosiery Mills Sports & Social Club | N/A | Sutton West | No access issues | | HBR2 | Mill House Community Centre | Brierley Forest Park – Café | Sutton West | No access issues | | HBR3 | The All Saints Centre | N/A | Sutton West | No access issues | | **Comments:**  Mill House Community Centre is no longer suitable as a polling place. Brierley Forest Park Café offers reasonable facilities for electors and is within the polling district.  The rationalisation of the polling districts will assist electors in having better access to a polling place. The following streets will be transferred from HBR2 to HBR1 and will cast their vote at Mansfield Hosiery Mills Sports & Social Club:   * Sutton Road, Huthwaite (even numbered properties 6-120) * Elmhurst Drive, Huthwaite (all properties) * Beech Avenue, Huthwaite (all properties) * Crossley Avenue, Huthwaite (all properties) * Lime Avenue, Huthwaite (all properties) * Corner Croft, Huthwaite (all properties) * Mill Close, Huthwaite (all properties) | | | | | | **SKEGBY: SKG3 Proposed new polling place** | | | | | | **Existing Polling District** | **Existing Polling Place** | **Proposed Change** | **County Division** | **Access Issues** | | SKG3 | Harwood Court | The Bridge Baptist Church Complex | Sutton North | No access issues | | **Comments:**  Harwood Court is no longer considered a suitable venue for a polling place. The Bridge Baptist Church complex, whilst just outside of the polling district, offers reasonable facilities and good transport links for electors. | | | | | | **STANTON HILL & TEVERSAL: SHL2 Proposed new polling place** | | | | | | **Existing Polling District** | **Existing Polling Place** | **Proposed Change** | **County Division** | **Access Issues** | | SHL2 | Brand Court | All Saints Church Hall | Sutton North | No access issues | | **Comments:**  The facilities at Brand Court are no longer considered adequate for electors, those offered at All Saints Church Hall meet all necessary requirements. | | | | | | |
|  | Further investigative work is required in respect of Abbey Hill Ward. The Electoral Services Assistant to update the Chairman and (Acting) Returning Officer accordingly prior to the commencement of the formal consultation process. | |
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|  | RECOMMEND:  That the proposals contained within the above table be presented to Council and following approval, be taken forward for consultation. The consultation period to commence on 2 October 2023 and end on 31 October 2023. | |
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| **PPD13.** | **GIS Projection Information** | |
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|  | The Corporate Information Analyst presented the updated projection information as requested at the last meeting. Although there were some increases of a higher nature in the projected number of electors in some polling districts, those variances did not exceed the tolerances detailed in the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBC) guidance for 2023. | |
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|  | Members were comfortable that the small changes to the boundaries for a limited number of polling districts during the process of this review would not require the LGBC to be engaged. | |

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| The meeting closed at 3:40 p.m. |
| Chairman. |