

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.

- 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

PPD10. Declarations of Interest by Members and Officers

No declarations of interest were made.

PPD11. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.

PPD12. Polling Places – Action Required

The Electoral Services Assistant took members through the table of required actions and provided an update on each item.

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
<p>Comments:</p> <p>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</p>				

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
<p>Comments:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Additionally, the rationalisation of the polling districts across HCE1, HCE2 and HCE3 will assist electors in having better access to a polling place.</p> <p>The following streets will be transferred from HCE1 to HCE2, and those electors will vote at Holy Cross Catholic Church – Community Room:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <p>The following streets will be transferred from HCE2 to HCE3, and those electors will vote at The Royal British Legion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Comments:</p> <p>The facilities at Brand Court are no longer considered adequate for electors, those offered at All Saints Church Hall meet all necessary requirements.</p>				

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.

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.

PPD13. GIS Projection Information

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.

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.

The meeting closed at 3:40 p.m.

Chairman.