

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL



This matter is not a Key Decision within the Council's definition and has not been included in the relevant Forward

Report of the Chief Executive

Polling District and Station Review 2014

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To give consideration to draft proposals arising from a Review of polling districts and polling station provision which the Council is required to undertake under the Electoral Administration Act (EAA) 2006.
- 1.2 The Electoral Registration and Administration Act (ERAA) 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places. The next compulsory review must now be started and completed between 1st October 2013 and 31st January 2015.
- 1.3 Subsequent compulsory reviews must be started and completed within the period of 16 months that starts on 1st October of every fifth year after 1st October 2013.
- 1.4 It is important that the review is completed to coincide with the publication of the new Electoral Register on 1st December 2014.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **The Council approve the draft proposed amendments to existing polling station locations within the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley as set out in Appendix 2.**
- 2.2 **That following publication of the draft proposals, and consideration of any further representations, a final report be considered by Council at its meeting on 27th November 2014, recommending a final scheme for approval and implementation on 1st December 2014 and for all electoral events up to 30th September 2018, unless urgent reconsideration is required due to any late unavailability of any polling stations.**

3. Introduction

- 3.1 Section 16 of the EAA 2006 states that the Review commences with the publication of a public notice. A public notice will be advertised throughout the Borough on 26th September 2014 providing information on the review and requesting representations to make changes to the current scheme (as

operated for the May 2014 polls) of polling districts and polling stations with a closing date for the initial consultations of 24th October 2014.

3.2 Informal consultation has already begun with Elected Members together with the following groups. These groups will be consulted again as is required by the legislation.

- Members of Parliament for Barnsley Central, Barnsley East, Penistone & Stocksbridge and Wentworth & Dearne
- Members of the European Parliament
- Town and Parish Councils
- South Yorkshire and Local Councils Association
- Constituency Associations
- Other Political Groups
- Returning Officers and Electoral Services Managers at Rotherham MBC and Sheffield City Council

3.3 Notice will also be given to all council social network sites, to the Council's Connects Centres/Libraries and various display points as well as via the council's website.

3.4 During the initial consultation period the Director, Legal and Governance has written to all ward members with any matters arising in their areas and has met with them wherever was requested. Any comments arising from these consultations have been taken into consideration when compiling the new proposals.

3.5 Section 18 of the Representation of People Act (RPA) 1983 provides that the Authority must seek to ensure that all electors in its area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances and that is so far as it is reasonable and practicable, only buildings which are accessible by persons with disabilities are designated as polling stations. These criteria have been considered in the assessment of suitability for polling wherever alternatives have been put forward.

3.6 All premises in areas where alternative options have been proposed have been the subject of a site visit and the views of experts have been sought where necessary.

3.7 There are currently 151 polling districts with 151 polling stations spread over 145 polling locations, split between the 21 Council Wards.

4. Proposal and Justification

4.1 Appendix 1 is the comprehensive list of all Polling Districts (in Ward Order) with details of the current polling station designation and details of any proposed change or if no changes have been submitted.

- 4.2 Appendix 2 is a summary document listing only the proposed changes for ease of reference.
- 4.3 Changes to arrangements may require the amendment to polling district references. These will be covered in the final report for the 27 November 2014 meeting.
- 4.4 In considering these proposals or making any additional proposals and representations Members need to give due consideration to section 18 of the RPA 1983 as outlined in paragraph 3.5.

5. Implications for Local People / Service Users

- 5.1 The Review impacts on all area of the Borough for which Local members (amongst others) have been consulted on. Any proposals for change have been developed to seek to maximise accessibility of polling stations for electors with the objective of enhancing participation in the electoral process and wider community engagement.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no additional budget implications associated with the implementation of this report. Any costs associated with providing improved access to polling stations will be met from within existing electoral budgets. Members need to be mindful that if any alternative proposals are submitted which require significant additional expenditure such as the use of temporary mobile polling stations there may be additional pressures on electoral budgets which would be a material consideration in giving consideration to such alternative proposals.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1 There are no direct employee implications arising from this report.

8. Communications Implications

- 8.1 Refer to 3 above.

9. Consultations

- 9.1 Refer to 3 above.

10. List of Appendices

- 10.1 Appendix 1 - Comprehensive list of all Polling Districts, with details of current polling station designation and details of any proposed changes.
- 10.2 Appendix 2 - Summary list of all proposed changes.

11. Background Papers

11.1 The ERAA 2013, EAA 2006 and RPA 1983. Copies are available on request from Electoral Services.

11.2 Maps supporting the review are available on request from Electoral Services.

12. Officer Contact

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Financial Implications / Consultation
(To be signed by senior Financial Services officer where no financial implications)

D P I S T R I C T	P S I A I T I O N	P R O P O S A L	
Central Ward - Barnsley Central Constituency			
AA	Baptist Church School Room, Union Street, Barnsley, S70 1LJ	No changes submitted at the present time	
AB	Temporary Building sited opposite Spice of India Restaurant, Pontefract Road, Barnsley, S71 1HS	No changes submitted at the present time	
AC	Barnsley Premier Leisure - Head Office, 23 Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AN	That the the change made for the 2014 Elections from PADS Grove Street Barnsley to BLP Head Office Queens Road Barnsley be approved	
AD	Doncaaster Road Primary School, Doncaaster Road, Barnsley, S70 1TS	That an alternative be investigated due representation being received	
AE	Church of the Nazarens, Sheffield Road, Barnsley, S70 4PH	No changes submitted at the present time	
AF	The Full House, Rotherham Road, Monk Bretton, Barnsley, S71 2NW	No changes submitted at the present time	
AG	Harborough Hill Working Mens Club, 14 Vernon Street, Barnsley, S71 1BW	That the the change made for the 2014 Elections from Eldon Centre Eldon Street North Barnsley to Harborough Hill Working Mens Club 14 Vernon Street Barnsley be approved	
AH	Quaker Meeting House, 2a Western Street, Barnsley, S70 2BP	No changes submitted at the present time	
Cudworth Ward - Barnsley East Constituency			
BA	Guide Room Cudworth Methodist Church, Barnsley Road, Cudworth, Barnsley, S72 8SU	No changes submitted at the present time	
BB	Function Room Cudworth Industrial Sports & Social Club, James Street, Cudworth, Barnsley, S72 8AN	No changes submitted at the present time	
BC	Darfield Road Community Centre, Darfield Road, Cudworth, Barnsley, S72 8RL	No changes submitted at the present time	
BD	Valley Community Centre, Manor Road, Cudworth, Barnsley, S72 8DG	No changes submitted at the present time	
BE	The Old Bridge Inn, Burton Road, Monk Bretton, Barnsley, S71 8RP	No changes submitted at the present time	
Darfield Ward - Barnsley East Constituency			
CA	Darfield Cadet Hlt, Cliffe Road, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9HP	No changes submitted at the present time	
CB	Darfield Wesley Methodist Church, Barnsley Road, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9PB	That the the change made for the 2014 Elections from Centre 77 Darfield Youth Centre to Darfield Wesley Methodist Church Barnsley Road Darfield be approved	
CC	Darfield Community Centre, Ilisley Road, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9AL	No changes submitted at the present time	
CD	Upperwood Academy, Darree Walk, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9NL	No changes submitted at the present time	
CE	Darfield Primary Academy, Snapeshill Road, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9LT	No changes submitted at the present time	
CF	Billingley Community Centre, Back Lane, Billingley, Barnsley, S72 0JF	No changes submitted at the present time	

CG	St Michael's RC JM School, Stonyford Road, Wombwell, Barnsley, S73 8AF	No changes submitted at the present time
CH	Broomhill Polling Station - former Post Office, 162 Eventill Gate Lane, Wombwell, Barnsley, S73 0YQ	No changes submitted at the present time
CI	Middlecliffe WMC, Middlecliffe Lane, Little Houghton, Barnsley, S72 0HX	No changes submitted at the present time
Darton East Ward - Barnsley Central Constituency		
DA	Darton Primary School, Station Road, Darton, Barnsley, S75 5AD	No changes submitted at the present time
DB	St John's Church Hall, Greenside, Staincross, Barnsley, S75 6GU	No changes submitted at the present time
DC	Temporary Building, Gasmere Crescent, Staincross, Barnsley	No changes submitted at the present time
DD	Alder Close Community Centre Alder Close Staincross S75 6JA	No changes submitted at the present time
DE	Temporary Building Pioneer Car Park	No changes submitted at the present time
DF	Spark Lane Wesleyan Reform Church, Spark Lane, Mepplewell, Barnsley, S75 6AA	No changes submitted at the present time
DG	Temporary Mobile Unit, Woolley Colliery, Woolley Colliery, Barnsley	No changes submitted at the present time
Darton West Ward - Barnsley Central Constituency		
EA	All Saints Parish Hall, Church Street, Darton, Barnsley, S75 5NQ	No changes submitted at the present time
EB	Priestley Avenue Community Centre, Priestley Avenue, Kexborough, Barnsley, S75 5LG	No changes submitted at the present time
EC	Kexborough Methodist Church Hall, Churchfield Lane, Darton, Barnsley, S75 5DN	No changes submitted at the present time
ED	Barugh Green Community Centre, Barugh Green Road, Barugh Green, Barnsley, S75 1JT	No changes submitted at the present time
EE/SHG	St Thomas's Community Centre, Church Street, Gawber, Barnsley, S75 2PL	No changes submitted at the present time
EF	Withorpe and Redbrook Community Centre, Withorpe Road, Barnsley, S75 1JF	No changes submitted at the present time
Dearne North Ward - Wentworth and Dearne Constituency		
RFA	Goldthorpe Primary School, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, Rotherham, S63 9NG	No changes submitted at the present time
RFB	Gooseacre Primary School, Gooseacre Avenue, Off Merril Road, Thurnscoe, Rotherham, S63 0NU	No changes submitted at the present time
RFC	The Hill Primary Academy, Tudor Street, Thurnscoe, Rotherham, S63 0DS	No changes submitted at the present time
RFD	The Embankment Children's Centre, Station Road, Thurnscoe, Rotherham, S63 0JR	No changes submitted at the present time
RFE	Houghton Road Community Centre, Houghton Road, Thurnscoe, Rotherham, S63 0NA	No changes submitted at the present time
Dearne South Ward - Wentworth and Dearne Constituency		
RGA	Highgate Primary School, Highgate, Goldthorpe, Rotherham, S63 9AS	No changes submitted at the present time
RGB	Dearne Youth Club, Goldthorpe Green, Off Furlong Road, Goldthorpe, Rotherham, S63 9EJ	No changes submitted at the present time
RGC	Furlong Road Methodist Church Hall, Furlong Road, Bolton-on-Dearne, Rotherham, S63 8HU	No changes submitted at the present time

Appendix 1
Comprehensive List of Polling Districts and Stations

RGD	Heather Garth Primary School, Blillingley View, Bolton-Upon-Deerne, Rotherham, S63 8ES	No changes submitted at the present time
RGE	Willowcroft Flats, Dearne Road, Bolton-Upon-Deerne, Rotherham, S63 8LF	No changes submitted at the present time
Dodworth Ward - Penistone and Stocksbridge Constituency		
SHA	Dodworth Library, High Street, Dodworth, Barnsley, S75 3RF	No changes submitted at the present time
SHB	Wharfedale Communal Centre, Wharfedale, Dodworth, Barnsley, S75 3DA	No changes submitted at the present time
SHC	Sure Start - Conservatory, Barnsley Road, Barnsley S75 3JS	No changes submitted at the present time
SHD	Moorlands Training Centre, Moorland Avenue, Barnsley, S70 8PQ	That the change made for the 2014 Elections from Gate Crescent Community Centre to Sure Start - Conservatory Barnsley Road Dodworth be approved
SHE	Higham Methodist Church, Higham Common Road, Higham, Barnsley, S75 1PQ	No changes submitted at the present time
SHF/MB	Pognoor Methodist Church, Wade Street, Barnsley, S75 2DY	No changes submitted at the present time
SHG	Combined with EE	No changes submitted at the present time
Hoyland Milton Ward - Barnsley East Constituency		
IA	Greenfield Primary School Nursery Unit, Cherrytree Street, Hoyland, Barnsley, S74 9RG	No changes submitted at the present time
IB	St Andrew's Community Centre, St Andrew's Road, Hoyland, Barnsley, S74 9HD	No changes submitted at the present time
IC	St Andrew's Church Hall, Market Street, Hoyland, Barnsley, S74 9ET	No changes submitted at the present time
ID	Sunrise Manor Community Centre, Guest Street, Hoyland, Barnsley, S74 9SW	No changes submitted at the present time
IE	Blacker Hill Lifelong Learning Centre, Nursery, Wentworth Road, Blacker Hill, Barnsley, S74 0RL	No changes submitted at the present time
IF	Gray Street Community Centre, Gray Street, Elsecar, Barnsley, S74 6JJ	No changes submitted at the present time
IG	The Ellis CE Primary School, Nursery, The Ellis CE Primary School, School Street, Hemmingfield, Barnsley, S73 0PS	No changes submitted at the present time
IH	Jump Wesleyan Reform Church, Church Street, Jump, Barnsley, S74 0HZ	No changes submitted at the present time
Kingsstone Ward - Barnsley Central Constituency		
JA	Function Room, The Silkstone Public House, Park Road, Barnsley, S70 1YG	No changes submitted at the present time
JB	Veeby, St. Edward The Confessor Church, Racecommon Road, Barnsley, S70 6JY	No changes submitted at the present time
JC	Trinity United Reformed Church, Farrar Street, Barnsley, S70 6BS	No changes submitted at the present time
JD	Shawlands Primary School, Shaw Street, Barnsley, S70 6JL	No changes submitted at the present time
JE	Longcar Professional Development Centre, Longcar Lane, Barnsley, S70 6BB	That an alternative be investigated due to the imminent closure of the building
JF	St Luke's Church Hall, Highstone Road, Barnsley, S70 4EJ	No changes submitted at the present time
Monk Bretton Ward - Barnsley Central Constituency		
KA	TARA Bungalow, 48 Belmont Avenue, Stribbles, Barnsley, S71 2AR	No changes submitted at the present time

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SND	Oxspring Primary School, Sheffield Road, Oxspring, Sheffield, S36 6YV	No changes submitted at the present time
SNE	Silkstone Primary School, High Street, Silkstone, Barnsley, S75 4LR	No changes submitted at the present time
SNF	Silkstone Common Methodist Church, Ben Bank Road, Silkstone Common, Barnsley, S75 4PA	No changes submitted at the present time
SNG	The Pavilion, Hood Green, Hood Green Road, Hood Green, Barnsley, S75 3EU	No changes submitted at the present time
SNH	Combined with SNG	No changes submitted at the present time
SNI	Thurgoland Village Hall, Roper Lane, Thurgoland, Sheffield, S35 7AA	No changes submitted at the present time
SNJ	Crane Moor Methodist Church Hall, Crane Moor, Sheffield, S35 7AT	No changes submitted at the present time
SNK	St Peter's CE (A) Primary School - Nursery Annex, Westwood New Road, Tankersley, Barnsley, S75 3DA	No changes submitted at the present time
SNL	Tankersley Welfare Hall, Piley Lane, Tankersley, Barnsley, S75 3AP	No changes submitted at the present time
SNM	Hoylandswaine Village Hall, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield, S35 7JJ	No changes submitted at the present time
SNN	Wortley Parish Church, Halifax Road, Wortley Village, Sheffield, S35 7DS	No changes submitted at the present time
Penistone West Ward - Penistone and Stocksbridge Constituency		
SOA	Bank View Cafe, Langsett, Stocksbridge, Sheffield, S36 4GY	No changes submitted at the present time
SOB	Milhouse Institute, Manchester Road, Milhouse Green, Sheffield, S36 9NA	No changes submitted at the present time
SOC	Thurstone Primary School, Thurstone, Sheffield, S36 9RD	No changes submitted at the present time
SOD	St John's Community Centre, Church Street, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 6AR	No changes submitted at the present time
SOE	Cubley Hall, Mortimer Road, Cubley, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 9DF	No changes submitted at the present time
SOF	Springvale Methodist Church, Sheffield Road, Springvale, Sheffield, S36 6HF	No changes submitted at the present time
SOG	The Parish Community Centre, Sheffield Road, Victoria, Holmefirth, HD9 7TP	No changes submitted at the present time
SOH	The Fountain Inn, Wellthorne Lane, Ingbrichworth, Sheffield, S36 7GJ	No changes submitted at the present time That the change made for the 2014 Elections from Ingbrichworth Methodist Church to The Fountain Inn Wellthorne Lane Ingbrichworth be approved
Rockingham Ward - Barnsley East Constituency		
PA	Hoyland Common Community Centre, Fitzwilliam Room, 30a Hoyland Road, Hoyland Common, Barnsley, S74 0PB	No changes submitted at the present time
PB	Hillcrest Community Centre, Hillcrest, Hoyland, Barnsley, S74 0BU	No changes submitted at the present time
PC	Parkside Community Centre, 100 Chapel Street, Hoyland Common, Barnsley, S74 0NP	No changes submitted at the present time
PD	Cloughfields Community Centre, Shaftesbury Drive, Hoyland, Barnsley, S74 0HR	No changes submitted at the present time That the change made for the 2014 Elections from Meadow View Community Centre to Cloughfields Community Centre Shaftesbury Drive Hoyland be approved
PE	Kirk View Community Centre, Kirk View, Kirk Balk, Hoyland, Barnsley, S74 9HY	No changes submitted at the present time
PF	St Helen's Catholic Primary School, West Street, Hoyland, Barnsley, S74 9DL	No changes submitted at the present time

Appendix 2
Summary List of Proposed Changes

D P o s i t i o n g t	P S o i a t i i n o n g	P r o p o s a l
Central Ward - Barnsley Central Constituency		
AC	Barnsley Premier Leisure - Head Office, 23 Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AN	That the the change made for the 2014 Elections from PADS Grove Street Barnsley to BLP Head Office Queens Road Barnsley be approved
AD	Doncaster Road Primary School, Doncaster Road, Barnsley, S70 1TS	That an alternative be investigated due representation being received
AG	Harborough Hill Working Mens Club, 14 Vernon Street, Barnsley, S71 1BW	That the the change made for the 2014 Elections from Eidon Centre Eidon Street North Barnsley to Harborough Hill Working Mens Club 14 Vernon Street Barnsley be approved
Darfield Ward - Barnsley East Constituency		
CB	Darfield Wesley Methodist Church, Barnsley Road, Darfield, Barnsley, S73 9PB	That the the change made for the 2014 Elections from Centre 77 Darfield Youth Centre to Darfield Wesley Methodist Church Barnsley Road Darfield be approved
Dodworth Ward - Penistone and Stocksbridge Constituency		
SHC	Sure Start - Conservatory, Barnsley Road, Barnsley S75 3JS	That the the change made for the 2014 Elections from Gate Crescent Community Centre to Sure Start - Conservatory Barnsley Road Dodworth be approved
Kingstone Ward - Barnsley Central Constituency		
JE	Longcar Professional Development Centre, Longcar Lane, Barnsley, S70 6BB	That an alternative be investigated due to the imminent closure of the building

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Monk Bretton Ward - Barnsley Central Constituency		
KG	Carlton Parish Hall, Carlton, Barnsley, S71 3EW	That an alternative be investigated due representation being received
North East Ward - Barnsley East Constituency		
LD	Grimethorpe Pentecostal Church Brierley Road Grimethorpe S72 7EH	That an alternative be investigated due to the polling station not being within the polling district
Penistone West Ward - Penistone and Stocksbridge Constituency		
SOH	The Fountain Inn, Wellthorne Lane, Ingbirchworth, Sheffield, S36 7GJ	That the change made for the 2014 Elections from Ingbirchworth Methodist Church to The Fountain Inn Wellthorne Lane Ingbirchworth be approved
Rockingham Ward - Barnsley East Constituency		
PD	Cloughfields Community Centre, Shaftesbury Drive, Hoyland, Barnsley, S74 0HR	That the change made for the 2014 Elections from Meadow View Community Centre to Cloughfields Community Centre Shaftesbury Drive Hoyland be approved
Royston Ward - Barnsley Central Constituency		
QB	St John The Baptist CE Primary School, Vicarage Lane, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4QY	That an alternative be investigated due representation being received
Stairfoot Ward - Barnsley East Constituency		
SD/SF	Kendray Resource Centre, Thornton Road, Kendray, Barnsley, S70 3NG	That the change made for the 2014 Elections combining Polling Districts SD and SF be approved

