

## Summary of Responses to Polling Station Review

	<b>Which Polling Station are you commenting about?</b>	<b>Comments Received</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
1	MG Margate Central - Union Church, Union Row, Margate	<b>Local Resident</b> - No alternative	None	The existing polling station be retained.
2	BSH Viking - Pierremont Hall, Pierremont Park, Broadstairs	<b>Local Resident</b> - No comment included	None	The existing polling station be retained.
3	MP2 Salmestone - Lesters, Ramsgate Road, Margate	<b>Local Resident</b> -Lesters needs to be used for those who live near. The last election I had to walk to Hartsdown Football Ground . It took me 30 to walk there and 30 minutes to walk home. With planters fasciatus in my feet this was extremely painful. I have written to my two councillors to raise this concern. I live ONLY a five minute walk from Lesters but was not allowed to vote there so had to walk to Hartsdown. The reason given to me by a council worker was unacceptable. I hope I, and other residents of my road will will be permitted to vote at Lesters at the next election.	In order to move electors to Lester's the polling district boundary would need to be changed this cannot happen until the new ward boundaries have been established, however Electoral Services have written to Salmestone School to inquire as to whether they would have a room available for our use as a polling station, this would be closer than Margate Football club for most electors. To date, no reply has been received.	The existing polling station be retained.
4	BSG Viking - Crampton Function Hall, Crampton Tower Museum, The Broadway	<b>Local Resident</b> - Nowhere would be better for us. Crampton is ideal.	We are endeavouring to find a more suitable venue within the Viking Ward as we understand the concerns regarding the uneven surface to Crampton Tower. However, the only possible venue within the polling district that we had been able to find was St Mildreds School, we contacted the school but unfortunately they are	The existing polling station be retained.

			unable to accommodate us with an available room.	
5	RI Newington - Newington Community Centre, Princess Margaret Avenue, Ramsgate	<b>Local Resident</b> - The Community Centre is great for my road and the residents around Tescos but Newington is very big and having a single polling station for all of the estate means a lot of people just can't get there to vote. Newington has one of the lowest voter numbers. Why can't the Windmill pub be used in the same way as the Racing Greyhound is? It has plenty of parking and is in the middle of the ward.	Unfortunately The windmill Public House is not within the ward boundary of Newington and we have not been able to source another venue to accommodate the electorate of Newington. Newington Community Centre is a large venue suitable for accommodating two polling stations to serve the whole of the Newington Ward.	The existing polling station be retained.
6	BSG Viking - Crampton Function Hall, Crampton Tower Museum, The Broadway	<b>Local Resident</b> - No comment included	None	The existing polling station be retained.
7	RE2 Eastcliff - Centenary Hall, Hardres Street, Ramsgate	<b>Local Resident</b> - No comment included	None	The existing polling station be retained.
8	RE2 Eastcliff - Centenary Hall, Hardres Street, Ramsgate	<b>Local Resident</b> - Not applicable, I use the postal vote as it was inconvenient for me to get to any polling station after work without my own transport	None	The existing polling station be retained.
9	MJ1 Cliftonville West - Cliftonville Community Centre, St Paul's Road, Margate	<b>Local Community Group</b> - No comment included	None	The existing polling station be retained.
10	MH Margate Central - St John's Community Centre, Victoria Road,	<b>Local Resident</b> - No comment included	None	The existing polling station be retained.

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11	MD Westbrook - Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Garlinge, Margate	<b>Local Resident</b> - No comment included	None	The existing polling station be retained.
12	ME Garlinge - Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Garlinge, Margate	<b>Local Resident</b> - None. Its very convenient where it is.	None	The existing polling station be retained.
13	ML Cliftonville East - St Philip's Church, Summerfield Road, Margate	<b>Local Resident</b> - No comment included	None	The existing polling station be retained.
14	RM Cliffsend & Pegwell - Ramsgate Boating Pool, Royal Esplanade, Ramsgate, Kent	<b>Local Resident</b> - No comment included	None	The existing polling station be retained.
15	RA Northwood - St Mark's Church Hall, Pysons Road, Ramsgate	<b>Local Resident</b> - No comment included	None	The existing polling station be retained.
16	RF Eastcliff - Holy Trinity Church Hall, Bellevue Road, Ramsgate	<b>Local Resident</b> - No comment included	None	The existing polling station be retained.
17	MF Garlinge - All Saints Church Hall, All Saints Avenue, Margate	<b>Local Resident</b> - No comment included	None	The existing polling station be retained.
18	BSD Bradstowe - Retort House, Albion Street, Broadstairs	<b>Local Resident</b> - No comment included	None	The existing polling station be retained.

19	BSG Viking - Crampton Function Hall, Crampton Tower Museum, The Broadway	<b>Local Resident</b> - Access to Crampton Tower is very difficult. The ground is uneven and hard to walk on. Could an alternative site be found?	We are endeavouring to find a more suitable venue within the Viking Ward as we understand the concerns regarding the uneven surface to Crampton Tower. However, the only possible venue within the polling district that we had been able to find was St Mildreds School, we contacted the school but unfortunately they are unable to accommodate us with an available room.	The existing polling station be retained.
20	BSB/C Beacon Road - St Andrews Church Hall, Reading Street, Broadstairs	<b>District Councillor</b> - There needs to be a polling station on the Beacon Road estate to encourage engagement in the democratic process. I have been concerned for a long time that having the only polling station for both polling districts on the other side of Beacon Road to the estate, is going to exacerbate turnout problems in that community. We should be doing more to encourage people to vote, including setting up a temporary polling station on the estate.	We fully understand the current arrangement at St Andrews Church Hall accommodating two polling stations within the building is not ideal and would like to be in a position to find another venue more centrally. We have contacted venues on the industrial estate (including The Shed) in the past and no one has been able to provide us with an alternative venue. We are in the process of trying to find contact details to approach the old church building in Linley Road.	The existing polling station be retained.
21	BSB/C Beacon Road - St Andrews Church Hall, Reading Street, Broadstairs	<b>County Councillor</b> - Unless there is a chance of using The Shed or any other building on the industrial estate – I see no alternative to doubling up in the St Andrew's Church Hall.	We fully understand the current arrangement at St Andrews Church Hall accommodating two polling stations within the building is not ideal and would like to be in a position to find another venue more centrally. We have contacted venues on the industrial estate (including The Shed) in the past and no one has been able	The existing polling station be retained.

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22	BSB/C Beacon Road - St Andrews Church Hall, Reading Street, Broadstairs	<b>District Councillor</b> - The church in Linley Road that was a polling station for many years until it closed five years ago, has been sold to, I understand, a charitable organisation that does Well-being courses etc. There's some way to go yet, but it would seem possible for Beacon Road Ward to have a second polling station.	We fully understand the current arrangement at St Andrews Church Hall accommodating two polling stations within the building is not ideal and would like to be in a position to find another venue more centrally. We have contacted venues on the industrial estate (including The Shed) in the past and no one has been able to provide us with an alternative venue. We are in the process of trying to find contact details to approach the old church building in Linley Road.	The existing polling station be retained.