

APPENDIX B

COMMENTS RECEIVED REGARDING DRAFT PROPOSALS

Ward	Polling District Code	Proposed Polling Place	Comments Received	Officer Comments	Final Recommendations
Baylis & Stoke	BSA	Manor Park Hall	No Comments Received	Central to the area and well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is Manor Park Hall
	BSB	The Falcon Sports Centre	No formal comments received, although verbal dissatisfaction voiced by a Slough Councillor	Although on the edge of the area it has excellent facilities, access and car parking	Designated Polling Place is The Falcon Sports Centre
	BSC	Portacabin junction of Oatlands Drive and Aldborough Spur	No formal comments received, although verbal dissatisfaction voiced by a Slough Councillor	An alternative was sought as one of our aims was to reduce the number of portacabins used. St Michael's Church Hall, on Whitby Road has been inspected and found to be suitable	Designated Polling Place is St Michael's Church Hall
Britwell & Northborough	BNA	Britwell Hub	No Comments Received	Although on the edge of the area, it has excellent facilities and is well known by the local community	Designated Polling Place is The Britwell Hub
	BNB	Scout & Guide Hut	No Comments Received	Following an amendment to the proposed polling district boundaries an alternative was sought. The Beechwood Conference Centre has excellent facilities, access and car parking and use of this facility saves having to use Claycots School	Designated Polling Place is Beechwood Conference Centre
	BNC	Scout & Guide Hut	No Comments Received	Following an amendment to the proposed polling district boundaries an alternative was sought which was more central to the new polling district area. The new proposal is relatively central to the majority of voters in the area and well known as AN existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is The Northborough Community Hall

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Central	CEA	British Legion	A Slough Borough Councillor would like the Lady Hague Club on Stoke Road reconsidered, due to traffic access issues (congestion etc.) as well as community concerns about having a polling station in a location where alcohol is served. These views are supported by residents and other Labour Group members. He suggests moving this polling station to be a portacabin, either along Petersfield Avenue or somewhere around the park entrance on St Paul's Avenue. Either of these locations will be easily accessible, including to residents from the Diamond Road / Wellesley Road area.	There are no other community buildings in this area. The argument given regarding the premise being unsuitable as alcohol is served in the premises is not supported as we have other premises where this is the case and there is nothing in legislation regarding such premises being unsuitable for use to facilitate polling. The argument about a portacabin being more suitably located for residents of the Diamond Road and Wellesley Road area is also not supported as these roads do not fall into the proposed polling district. A portacabin would cost in the region of £2,000 and location would be subject to finding a suitable space to locate it safely. However, the Driving Theory Test Centre on Petersfield Avenue is a suitable alternative	Designated Polling Place is Driving Theory Test Centre
	CEB	Portacabin, Goodman Park	No Comments Received	Although the location is not ideal, there is no way of relocating it to a more central position, however it is well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is a portacabin on Goodman Park
	CEC	St Mary's Church	No Comments Received	Relatively central to the majority of voters in the area and well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is St Mary's Church
Chalvey	CHA	Portacabin, Montem Lane	No Comments Received	Relatively central to the majority of voters in the area and well known as existing polling place. Given our aim to reduce portacabins, the Old Town Hall is a suitable alternative	Designated Polling Place is Claycotts Annexe at The Old Town Hall site.
	CHB	Chalvey Community Centre	No Comments Received	Relatively central to the majority of voters in the area and well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is The Chalvey Community Centre
	CHC	Slough Bowls Club	No Comments Received	Relatively central to the majority of voters in the area and well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is Slough Bowls Club

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Cippenham Green	CGA	Cippenham Shared Church	No Comments Received	Although on the edge of the area, it has excellent facilities and is well known by the local community	Designated Polling Place is Cippenham Shared Church
	CGB	Maria Cowland Hall	No Comments Received	Relatively central to the majority of voters in the area and well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is Maria Cowland Hall
	CGC	Cippenham British Legion	No Comments Received	Although on the edge of the area, it has excellent facilities and is well known by the local community	Designated Polling Place is Cippenham British Legion
Cippenham Meadow	CMA	Cippenham Community Centre	No Comments Received	Although on the edge of the area it has excellent facilities, access and car parking and is well know to the local community	Designated Polling Place is Cippenham Community Centre
	CMB	Weekes Drive Community Hall	No Comments Received	Although on the edge of the area it has excellent facilities, access and car parking and is well know to the local community and is an existing polling place.	Designated Polling Place is Weekes Drive Community Hall
	CMC	Copthorne Hotel	A Slough Councillor does not feel that a hotel is an appropriate polling station. The fact that the hotel is at (or near) the M4 junction crossroads and so could be dangerous to get to. The distance from the Salt Hill area and that community, which is greater than distance of previous polling station. For the reasons that I have outlined, I would favour the new polling station being designated as the Polish church at Pitt's Road or nearby.	The Church on Pitts Road, would need to be visited to ascertain if it is suitable for our needs and whether they are happy for us to use it. It was originally considered as an option but members of the Working Group felt that the Copthorne Hotel was more widely known. Given that Shiloh Pentecostal Church is also located here and is a suitable existing polling place this would make more sense.	Designated Polling Place is the Shiloh Pentecostal Church on Pitts Road

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Colnbrook with Poyle	CPA	Holiday Inn	The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead replied - We understand that the hotel will allocate a suitably sized room for polling, that is easily accessible from the car park and that they have agreed to waiver car parking charges on polling day. If this is the case then we are happy to accept the proposal. A Slough Member also asked that the hotel in Colnbrook is not used as a polling station due to the position of a council run facility on the other side of the road	Initially officers recommended the continued use of Westfield Hall on Severn Crescent. However Members of the Working Group were concerned that the voters who are being added to this polling district may not know where the hall is located as it is tucked away at the edge of the area. The Holiday Inn was then considered as to have been more likely to be known by the new electors in the area. Officers are more than happy to revert to the original recommendation of the polling place being Westfield Hall.	Designated Polling Place is Westfield Hall
	CPB	Colnbrook Children's Centre	The RO at RBWM commented: We do not have any knowledge of this venue but believe it to be in a similar location to the previous polling place and therefore providing the venue is DDA compliant do not have any further comments	The location of this building is opposite the existing polling place, which has been problematic in terms of booking and the facilities offered for polling are inadequate for both electors and staff.	Designated Polling Place is Colnbrook Children's Centre
	CPC	Pippins School	The RO at RBWM commented: We are not aware of any issues in the past with this venue at parliamentary elections and are not aware of any other more suitable locations. We would hope that the school have been asked to locate the polling station as close as possible to the entrance.	Unfortunately there is a distinct lack of suitable facilities in this area. The school is central to the residential part of the area and is well know as an existing polling place.	Designated Polling Place is Pippins School

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Elliman	ELA	Orchard Youth Centre	A Slough Councillor believes Orchard youth club is not the right place. He suggests that there should be a portacabin in South Green off Belgrave Road car park	Following an amendment to the proposed polling district boundaries, the proposed polling place is designated as Elliman School	Designated Polling Place is Elliman School
	ELB	Thomas Grey Centre	Some Slough Councillors are not happy with the location of the Thomas Grey Centre as this is one corner of ward and is too far for Lismore Park residents. Instead of Thomas Grey Centre they suggest it should be Elliman School or portacabin near the school	Following an amendment to the proposed polling district boundaries, the proposed polling place is designated as the Thomas Grey Centre, which is more central to the newly proposed polling district	Designated Polling Place is the Thomas Grey Centre
	ELC	Portacabin, Shaggy Calf Lane	No Comments Received	Relatively central to the majority of voters in the area and the island provides a safe location for the portacabin to be placed	Designated Polling Place is a portacabin in Shaggy Calf Lane
Farnham	FAA	St Anthony's RC Church	No Comments Received	Although on the edge of the area, it has excellent facilities and is well known as a local polling place	Designated Polling Place is St Anthony's RC Church
	FAB	Faraday Ex-Servicemen's Club	No Comments Received	Although on the edge of the area, it has excellent facilities and is well known as a local polling place	Designated Polling Place is Faraday Ex-Servicemen's Club
	FAC	The Centre	No Comments Received	Although on the edge of the area, it has excellent facilities and is well known as a local polling place	Designated Polling Place is The Centre

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Foxborough	FOX	Boardroom, Byron House, Common Road	<p>A resident of the area proposes that the new Foxborough ward polling station should, if possible, be sited in the old Horsemoor Green community centre, which he understands is now run by Slough Mencap, which lets out rooms/halls etc for community use. Should that venue not be available, could consideration be given to using the Langley Village club, which is currently for sale, though such use would obviously depend upon its new owners. It is unlikely to continue being licensed premises whoever buys it. Both above options are very close to the current GA polling station, and have parking available. Fallback options, which could be considered if necessary, include the ground floor community rooms in Byron/Lyndon House flats, which are run by a housing association, and Harvey Park changing rooms (run by Parks, but it might not be suitable). At a push, even Redwood House in Cheviot Road could be considered as it too has a communal area.</p>	<p>Horsemoor Green Community Centre has already been inspected and found to be ideal for use. Given that Langley Village club has recently been sold and is to become a place of worship, no decision to designate could be made until the new owners confirm they are happy to be hired for voting purposes and a site visit is carried out to assess suitability. However, it is considered that Byron House is more central to the majority of voters in this area and therefore the boardroom at Byron House, which is situated on the ground floor and is fully accessible is proposed.</p>	<p>Designated Polling Place is The Boardroom in Byron House</p>

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Haymill & Lynch Hill	HLA	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	No formal comments received, although verbal dissatisfaction voiced for a Slough Member	Previously used without complaint from staff or electors. The Church does not permit the consumption of Tea or Coffee within the premises, which some politicians feel is not fair on the staff. However the staff were given free Hot Chocolate and caffeine free soft drinks throughout the day and have given favourable feedback to the premises and associated arrangements	Designated Polling Place is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
	HLB	Portacabin, Whittaker Road	No Comments Received	The original proposal for this area was to use the Haymill Youth and Community Centre, which was on the left hand boundary of the polling district. However we have been informed that this building is due for closure in the not too distant future, so an alternative has been sought, which preferably is more central to the voters in the area. A portacabin placed on the green along Whittaker Road is therefore the recommended proposal.	Designated Polling Place is a portacabin in Whittaker Road

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Haymill & Lynch Hill	HLC	Primrose Hall	A Slough Councillor commented: The move of the polling station serving South Haymill (ie south of the railway line) from its near central position at Cippenham Bowls Club to the eastern edge of the ward area is a detrimental relocation. Primrose Hall, sited halfway along a residential U-street rather than on a thoroughfare like Station Road is a deterrent to getting voters into the polling station. The Bowls Club is on the route home of rail commuters who live in South Haymill as well as being more central. For voters wanting to drive, Primrose Hall does not offer a car park and when I was there last week the road was choked with parked vehicles. Continued use of Foxborough school should be a last resort as use of any school inevitably causes considerable disruption, not only to children's education, but also to working parents who have to deal with the fallout from changed childcare arrangements.	Whilst it is agreed that Primrose Hall is not absolutely central to the whole ward it is argued that the alternative bowls club is less central to more voters than the current proposal and whilst it may have a car park, parking in it is difficult due to use by commuters. Foxborough School is not in the Ward or the polling district	Designated Polling Place is Primrose Hall
	HLD	Portacabin, Lynch Hill Lane	No Comments Received	Although on one side of the area it is well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is a portacabin in Lynch Hill Lane
Langley Kedermister	LKA	Kedermister Hall	No Comments Received	Although on one side of the area it is well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is Kedermister Hall
	LKB	Langley Free Church	No Comments Received	Relatively central to the majority of voters in the area and well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is Langley Free Church
	LKC	Portacabin, Haynes Close	No Comments Received	Given the aim of reducing the number of portacabins, due to cost and siting difficulties, an alternative is to return to Holy Family School	Designated Polling Place is Holy Family School

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Langley St Mary's	LMA	St Mary's Church Hall	No Comments Received	Although on one side of the area it is on a busy road and well known to the residents of the area	Designated Polling Place is St Mary's Church Hall
	LMB	Parlaunt Park Primary School	No Comments Received	Although on one side of the area it is on a busy road and well known to the residents of the area	Designated Polling Place is Parlaunt Park School
	LMC	Portacabin, Langley Leisure Centre	No Comments Received	Relatively central to the majority of voters in the area and well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is a portacabin at Langley Leisure Centre
Upton	UPA	Churchill House	No Comments Received	Although on one side of the area it is on a busy road and well known to the residents of the area	Designated Polling Place is Churchill House
	UPB	Upton Scout Hut	No Comments Received	Although on one side of the area it is on a busy road and well known to the residents of the area	Designated Polling Place is Upton Scout Hut
	UPC	St Francis Church	No Comments Received	Although on one side of the area it is well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is St Francis Church
Wexham Lea	WLA	Wexham Court Parish Hall	No Comments Received	Relatively central to the majority of voters in the area and well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is Wexham Court Parish Hall
	WLB	Portacabin, The Cherries	No Comments Received	Relatively central to the majority of voters in the area and the island provides a safe location for the portacabin to be placed	Designated Polling Place is a portacabin in The Cherries
	WLC	Upton Lea Centre	No Comments Received	Whilst outside of the ward boundary, there are no other council run buildings in the vicinity, but is well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is The Upton Lea Centre
	WLD	Portacabin, Rochfords Gardens	No Comments Received	Although on the edge of the area it is well known as existing polling place	Designated Polling Place is a portacabin in Rochfords Gardens

General Considerations

Reduce use of schools where possible

Central, convenient and accessible to voters

Portacabins cost in the region of £2,000 each to hire, locate and equip