

Body: Full Council

Date: 17 November 2010

Subject: Polling place review

Report of: Electoral Services Manager

Purpose: To review of polling districts and polling places in the Borough of Eastbourne.

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Summary:

This report deals with a review of the polling districts and polling places provided for elections that take place within the Borough of Eastbourne. The Council has a duty to undertake a full review at intervals of not less than 4 years.

The Council is expected to ensure that all electors in the constituency have reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances and that so far as is reasonable and practicable the polling places are accessible to those who are disabled.

A 12 week consultation was held ending on 29 October 2010. All representations received to the Council's proposals are set out in the report along with proposed responses and final recommendations.

Following this review, the revised polling arrangements will be implemented as from 1 December 2010.

Recommendations:

(1) That no change be made to existing polling district boundaries as shown on the maps accompanying the consultation document.

(2) That the proposals for polling places be as described in appendix 1 to this report.

(3) That the Electoral Services Manager, on behalf of the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer, be authorised to implement the Council's decisions in respect of the review.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council must regularly review the division of its area into polling districts and the places where electors are asked to vote. A full review of the whole borough must be undertaken at intervals of not less than 4 years.
- 1.2 The relevant legislation can be found in section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006, the Representation of the People Act 1983 and the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006. Guidance is also published by the Electoral Commission.
- 1.3 This matter is brought before full Council as decisions on matters in respect of polling district boundaries and polling places cannot be dealt with by a council's executive (i.e. the Cabinet) by virtue of The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000.
- 1.4 The Council's first full review under the legislation was carried out in late 2007 and approved by the Council in January 2008. Although the next full review is not due to be completed until the end of next year (2011) it has been decided that as there will be whole council elections for the Borough next May (and no scheduled elections for 2012) the review should be carried out a year earlier. A pattern will then be established for the future of having the 4-yearly review in the year before the borough elections.

2.0 Review process

- 2.1 As part of the review process the Council must:
- Seek to ensure that all electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
 - Seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable the polling places are accessible to those who are disabled, and
 - When considering or reviewing the designation of a polling place, have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.
- 2.2 The consultation period for this full review ran for 12 weeks between 20 August and 29 October 2010 in line with recognised best practice for conducting such consultations. Public notice of the review was published and information about the review made available on the Council's website. Any elector in the whole of the Eastbourne constituency (whether they live in the borough or not) was entitled to make representations.
- 2.3 The consultation document, together with maps of each ward showing polling district boundaries, can still be viewed on the Council's website at <http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/consultations/2010/polling-districts-and-polling-places-consultation/>
- 2.4 As well as being supplied on request, the consultation document was sent to the local Member of Parliament, Borough and County Councillors, local political parties. It was also sent to the Eastbourne Disability Group (DIG)

as required under the regulations as persons having particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability. The DIG is an umbrella group of local organisations that represents some 1,500 disabled people living in Eastbourne

3.0 Definitions

3.1 **“Parliamentary constituency”**. This cannot be changed by the review. It is the division of the constituency into polling districts and places that is the subject of the review. It should be noted that only that part of the Eastbourne constituency that is within the Borough of Eastbourne that is being reviewed by the Council. The area of the constituency that lies outside the Borough (Willingdon, Jevington and Wannock) will be reviewed separately by Wealden District Council.

“Polling district”. The area created by the division of a constituency or ward into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is convenient to the electors.

“Polling place”. The building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer.

“Polling station”. The actual area where the process of voting takes place. This must be located within the polling place and designated for the particular polling district. This function is the responsibility of the Returning Officer.

4.0 The proposals and comments received

4.1 An appendix to the consultation document set out details of current polling districts and polling places for each of the nine wards in the Borough of Eastbourne together with details of proposed changes. This appendix has been updated to indicate the proposals for which comments have been received and forms **appendix 1** to this report. **Appendix 2** comprises the full text of all comments received.

4.2 The following summarises the proposals and comments received together with any necessary observations on the comments:

Devonshire Ward

No changes are proposed.

Comment: Councillor Wallis suggested changing the polling place for district DVD (which currently votes at The Archery) to the new community hall in Wartling Road. His reason is that the temporary loss of St Andrew’s Church Hall St Anthony’s will mean that electors in SAC will vote at The Archery and he is concerned in case there would be any confusion or delay in having 2 wards voting at the same venue. I am satisfied that the 2 polling places can be successfully located at The Archery. Each will be an entirely separate polling station and appropriate notices will be provided and staff on hand to assist voters as necessary. It is anticipated that once St Andrew’s Hall is re-

built the “dual” use of The Archery will end. The hall in Wartling Road is a greater distance for the majority of residents as compared with The Archery.

Hampden Park Ward

No changes are proposed.

Comment: Councillor Thompson is happy with current arrangements.

Langney Ward

No changes are proposed.

Meads Ward

No changes are proposed.

Old Town Ward

No changes are proposed.

Ratton Ward

No changes are proposed.

Comments: Councillor Goodall is happy with current arrangements. Councillor Belsey notes that the old church hall on the corner of Spring Close that was previously used as a polling place is still extant. This was replaced by the back room of the Red Lion pub some years ago when the hall went on the market. It is my understanding that the hall is not available for hire and as the current arrangements have proved to be satisfactory I can see no reason to seek any change in the arrangements.

St Anthony’s Ward

1. Changes proposed for polling places in districts SAA and SAB (move to Sun Coast Church, 3 Courtlands Road, instead of Roselands School).

2. Temporary change for polling place in district SAC (move to The Archery Youth Centre until St Andrew’s Church Hall is rebuilt).

Comments: Roselands School have repeated their concerns at the use of the school.

The proposal to re-locate to the Sun Coast Church will be much welcomed by the head, governors and parents of the school. The church premises have level access, disability parking space, an entrance reception area and a large hall.

Sovereign Ward

Change proposed for polling place in district SVC (move to Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club instead of Conqueror Hall, Harold Drive).

Comments: Supportive comments received from 13 Sovereign Harbour residents, Councillor Tarrant, the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association and the Eastbourne Labour Party.

Upperton Ward

No changes are proposed.

5.0 Council consideration

- 5.1 Council is asked to consider the proposals and representations received and make a final decision. The Council is required to give reasons for its decisions in respect of the designation of both polling districts and polling places. Reasons have been given in appendix 1 with additional reasoning noted in paragraph 4.2 above.

6.0 Implementation

- 6.1 The new electoral register containing any revised polling districts will be published on 1 December 2010. The polling districts and polling places will become effective at all elections held after this date. It is important that the review is completed and that final decisions in relation to polling district boundaries are taken by the Council in advance of the publication of the new register. Failure to meet this deadline (and for this to be achieved a decision is required at this Council meeting) will mean that the register (or relevant parts thereof) has to be re-published at a later date with consequent cost implications.

- 6.2 In addition, the Council must publish:

- All correspondence sent to the Returning Officer in connection with the review and all correspondence sent to any person who the Council thinks has particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.
- All representations made by any person in connection with the review;
- The minutes of any meetings held by the Council where details of the review have been considered.
- Details of the actual designations of polling districts and polling places agreed as a result of the review.
- Details of where the results of the review have been published.

7.0 Appeal to Electoral Commission

- 7.1 The grounds under which the review outcome can be challenged are that the Council has failed to:

- meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency, or a body of them (i.e. the reasonable requirements of a particular area of the authority have not been satisfactorily met); or
- take sufficient account of the accessibility to disabled persons of polling stations within a designated polling place.

- 7.2 The following may make representations to the Electoral Commission namely;

- not less than 30 registered electors in the constituency
- any person who made representations to the council when the review was being undertaken (except the Returning Officer)
- any person who is not an elector within the constituency who the Electoral Commission feel has sufficient interest in the accessibility of disabled persons;

Also the Returning Officer may make observations on any representations made to the Commission.

8.0 Legal implications/risk assessment

- 8.1 The Council is under a legal duty keep its polling place arrangements under review at not less than 4-yearly intervals and to follow prescribed procedures when carrying out such reviews.

9.0 Policy and performance implications

- 9.1 This review helps meet the Council's corporate plan objectives under the heading "thriving communities" for encouraging peoples' involvement in their neighbourhoods and the heading "sustainable performance" in ensuring a customer focus in the delivery of its services.
- 9.2 The Electoral Commission are empowered under section 9A of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 to set out for local Returning Officers and Electoral Registration Officers the performance standards to be achieved in the conduct of their duties. This review and the associated documentation will help demonstrate that Eastbourne Borough Council is meeting the required standard.

10.0 Financial and resourcing implications

- 10.1 The impact of the review recommendations is essentially neutral, as once St Andrew's Church Hall is back in use the number of venues to be hired will be unchanged. The estimated cost of venue hire for the 2011 elections is c.£6,500. In addition there are the staffing costs of a presiding officer and poll clerks. Election costs are borne by the body holding the election. For parliamentary elections and referendums the Government pays and East Sussex County Council pays for county elections.

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Background papers:

Consultation document at
<http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/consultations/2010/polling-districts-and-polling-places-consultation/>

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**Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in the Borough of Eastbourne
2nd full review (Autumn 2010)**

Proposals document

Electorate figures as at 1 September 2010

Devonshire Ward

PD letters	Polling place	Elect- orate	Issues, options and considerations	Returning Officer proposals	Reasons	Comments received
DVA	All Souls Church Hall, Wellesley Road	1506	Centrally located within the polling district. With good access. It does sit within the controlled parking zone, so parking is by residents' permit or fee.	No change	No other suitable venue within the polling district. No complaints have been made about this venue.	None
DVB	EODS, 96 Seaside	1760	Located on Seaside with good public transport links. On street parking. Level access.	No change	No other suitable venue within the polling district. No complaints have been made about this venue.	None
DVC	St Agnes Hall, Whitley Road	2332	Located within the polling district. Small car park including reserved disabled space. Large room with level access.	No change	No other suitable venue within the polling district. No complaints have been made about this venue.	None
DVD	Archery Youth Centre, Seaside	1929	Located within the polling district with good public transport links. Car park with reserved disabled parking. Permanent ramped access. Small porch area for the tellers.	No change	Most suitable venue for this polling district. No complaints have been made about this venue.	Yes – see appendix 2 and para. 4.2 of report.

Hampden Park Ward

PD letters	Polling place	Elect-orate	Issues, options and considerations	Returning Officer proposals	Reasons	Comments received
HPA	Hampden Park Community Centre, Brodrick Road	2091	Situated within the polling district. Well maintained with good access. Parking near by.	No change	No other suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	Yes – see appendix 2 and para. 4.2 of report
HPB	St Peter’s Church Hall, The Hydneye	2980	Situated within the polling district. Level access with parking spaces and good lighting both inside and outside.	No change	No other suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	
HPC	Willingdon Trees Community Centre, Holly Place, Maywood Avenue	1877	Situated in central location of the polling district close to the local shops. Well maintained, level access and good lighting. Plenty of parking spaces near the entrance. Separate lobby area for the tellers.	No change	No other suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	

Langney Ward

PD letters	Polling place	Elect- orate	Issues, options and considerations	Returning Officer proposals	Reasons	Comments received
LGA	St Barnabas United Church, Kingfisher Drive	1473	Good location close to the shopping centre that serves the area. Some parking available. Good access to the entrance and large hall. Lobby area for the tellers.	No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	None
LGB	Shinewater Community Centre, Milfoil Drive	4218	Council run building close to the local school and shops. Good level access, lighting and parking facilities. Inside area for the tellers.	No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	None
LGC	Langney Sports Club, Priory Road	2004	Good location with level access, good lighting and large car park. Separate inside area for the tellers.	No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	None

Meads Ward

PD letters	Polling place	Elect-orate	Issues, options and considerations	Returning Officer proposals	Reasons	Comments received
MDA	St Saviour's Church Hall, South Street/ Spencer Road	2493	Ideally situated. Large fully accessible venue with car park and reserved disability parking. Inside lobby area for tellers.	No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	None
MDB	All Saints' Church Hall, 21A Grange Road	2026	Fully accessible venue with good lighting with some parking. Inside lobby area for tellers.	No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	None
MDC	St John's Parish Hall, Meads Street	3309	This venue is situated close to the local shopping facilities. Parking is not ideal. The hall provides a mobile ramp for disability access.	No change	Only suitable venue available. No complaints have been made about this venue.	None

Old Town Ward

PD letters	Polling place	Elect-orate	Issues, options and considerations	Returning Officer proposals	Reasons	Comments received
OTA	Greenfield Methodist Church Hall, Greenfield Road	3570	Good access into the venue. No car park but on street parking is available.	No change	Only suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	None
OTB	Old Town Community Centre, Central Avenue	2038	Central location, access adequate with limited off street and on-street parking.	No change	Long established use with no records of complaints. Only suitable venue.	None
OTC	Victoria Baptist Church Hall, Eldon Road	1615	Central location. Very good access with plenty of off street parking. Area inside for tellers.	No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	None
OTD	Edgmond Evangelical Church, 39-41 Church Street	984	Central location close to a local supermarket. Good access. Area inside for tellers.	No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	None

Ratton Ward

PD letters	Polling Place	Elect-orate	Issues, options and considerations	Returning Officer proposals	Reasons	Comments received
RNA	Oakwood School, Magnolia Drive	1487	Central Location with excellent access and car parking. Inside area for tellers. This is a local school that closes for the day but have a long established use with no recorded complaints.	No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	Yes – see appendix 2 and para. 4.2 of report
RNB	Broadway United Church, The Broadway	1731		No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	
RNC	The Red Lion Public House, Wish Hill	2324	Reasonable room entirely separate from the main bar area. Some off street parking and ample on-street parking.	No change	This is the only suitable venue which is available in or near to the polling district. No complaints have been made about this venue.	
RND	St Clements Court Framfield Way	2091	Central location. The venue is adequate with reasonable access. Some on-street parking.	No change	This is the only suitable venue which is available in or near to the polling district.	

St Anthony's Ward

PD letters	Polling place	Elect-orate	Issues, options and considerations	Returning Officer proposals	Reasons	Comments received
SAA	Roselands School, Woodgate Road	1077	Numerous complaints have been received from parents of children at this school. The school head has also written in the past objecting to the use of the school. There is only on street parking but is difficult as is in a residential area. The venue is adequate and accessible but the school has to close to facilitate us.	It is proposed to change this venue to Sun Coast Church, 3 Courtlands Road, located near to ESK. Sun Coast church has suitable flat access, disability parking space an entrance reception area and a large hall.	Although Sun Coast Church is just outside the polling district this is considered to be no less convenient to voters than the current locations. A major advantage will be the avoidance of disruption to local children's education in line with the Council's policy of only using school premises where no other suitable venue is available.	Yes – see appendix 2 and para. 4.2 of report
SAB	Roselands School, Woodgate ROad	2189	St Philip's Church Hall was used in 2009 as the polling place, however this venue is no longer available and the polling place returned to the school.	As for above. Sun Coast Church is located within in this polling district.	No other suitable options available.	

St Anthony's Ward (continued)

PD letters	Polling Place	Elect-orate	Issues, options and considerations	Returning Officer proposals	Reasons	Comments received
SAC	St Andrew's Church Hall, Seaside	1395	Unfortunately this venue was burnt down shortly after the May 2010 elections and we are lead to believe will take some 18months to rebuild.	As a temporary measure we would like to relocate voters to the Archery Youth Centre which is situated outside of this polling district in DVD but is a very short distance from St Andrews. This would be a temporary measure and we would return to St Andrews once it has been rebuilt	The Archery is a large venue and can easily accommodate two polling stations. No other suitable venue has been identified. .	Yes – see appendix 2 and para. 4.2 of report
SAD	Langney Community Centre, Etchingham Road	3578	Central location close to the local shops serving this area. Off-street parking. Reasonable access. Inside area for tellers	No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue	None

Sovereign Ward

PD letters	Polling Place	Elect- orate	Issues, options and considerations	Returning Officer proposals	Reasons	Comments received
SVA	Christ the King Catholic Church Hall, Princes Road	3260	Ideal location. Very good venue with off street parking. Easily accessible.	No change	Long established use with no records of complaints. Only suitable venue.	None
SVB	The Haven CE Methodist Primary School, Atlantic Drive	2142	Ideal location. Very suitable venue with good access and parking.	No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue	None
SVC	Conqueror Hall, Harold Drive/ Kingsmere Way	3189	This venue serves voters from Kingsmere Estate and Sovereign North Harbour it is not ideal or easily accessible to the North Harbour residents. We receive many calls asking how to get to this station.	It is proposed to change to the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, Sovereign Harbour North.	This venue is situated at The Crumbles close to the shops, cinema, restaurants and bars. Is easily accessible by foot, car or public transport. Large free car park. The venue is located on the 2 nd floor of the club but does have a lift.	Yes – see appendix 2 and para. 4.2 of report

Upperton Ward

PD letters	Polling place	Elect-orate	Issues, options and considerations	Returning Officer proposals	Reasons	Comments received
UPA	Upperton United Reformed Church Hall, Watts Lane	1702	Good location. Good access although there is limited on street parking.	No change	Long established use with no records of complaints. Only suitable venue.	
UPB	St Thomas a Becket Catholic Junior School, Tutts Barn Lane	2511	Good location. Very good access with parking. Inside space for tellers.	No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	
UPC	Town Hall, Grove Road	884	Ideal location, with very good access. Reserved disabled access right outside and off street parking available. Inside space for tellers.	No change	Long established use with no records of complaints. Only suitable venue.	
UPD	Elim Family Centre, Hartfield Road	1900	This building has recently been rebuilt and so is easily accessible.	No change	Most suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue	
UPE	Edgmond Evangelical Church, 39/41 Church Street	576	Although this venue is in the Old Town (OTD polling district), UPE is a very small compact district with no suitable venue of its own. Good access. Area inside for tellers.	No change	Only suitable venue. No complaints have been made about this venue.	

Comments received (in full)

The following are the comments received regarding the proposals made.

Sovereign Ward

The following comments were received in regards to the suggested proposal to change Sovereign Ward SVC polling place from Conqueror Hall to Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club:-

Comment received from a resident of North Harbour: ' I am writing as a North Harbour resident to say that I would be in favour of the Polling Station moving from Conqueror Hall to the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.

I have driven to Kingsmere once and found parking a major issue on Polling day, and I have walked a couple of times, and found getting to Conqueror Hall is a bit of a circuitous route from North Harbour.

I think the SHYC would offer a much better alternative.'

Comment received from residents of Vancouver Road Sovereign Harbour North: ' As residents of Sovereign Harbour my wife and I write to support the change of polling station for the Sovereign Ward from Conqueror Hall in Harold Drive; to Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club (SHYC).

Conqueror Hall is inconvenient to drive to, the route being convoluted. Parking is always a problem. In contrast SHYC has adjacent unlimited free parking and is located much nearer to the centre of gravity of the electorate than Conqueror Hall. It is easily accessed from a roundabout. Finally it's use as a polling station would involve some recognition by our Council of the role SHYC plays on the harbour in the absence of any publicly funded community facilities. In much the same way as church halls and the like.'

Comment received from Councillor Susan Tarrant: 'I think on behalf of residents in the north harbour the new proposed site would be most welcoming. I did send through a couple of letters I received earlier this year of people not wanting to go to Kingsmere. I only hope that people from Kingsmere will make the journey into the harbour. The problem for either set of residents is the dual carriage way which is a problem for both groups.'

Comment received from a resident of Hobart Quay: 'I would support the move of the polling station from Conqueror Hall to SHYC.'

Comment received from a resident of Midway Quay: 'A polling station at the SHYC would be most welcome.'

Comment received from a resident of The Piazza: 'I think it would be a good idea to transfer the polling station to SHYC. Most people could walk saving Fuel.'

Comment received from a resident of Tasmania Way: 'please move polling station to SHYC.'

Comment received from a resident of St Lawrence Way: 'I fully support the move of polling place to Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, much more convenient.'

Comment received from residents of St Lawrence Mews: 'As a resident of North Harbour we would welcome a change of Polling Station to SHYC because we could walk there easily. It would mean most other residents could do likewise and not have to use the car.'

Comment received from a resident of Admiralty Crescent: 'I would support a move of our polling station to Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.'

Comment received from a resident of Tasmania Way: 'Both my wife and myself support the suggestion to move Sovereign Ward – SVC – polling place to the Harbour Yacht Club. So much more convenient.'

Comment received from resident of Harbour View, Sovereign Harbour: 'I have read the proposed list of Polling Station venues for the May 2011 elections and wish to wholeheartedly agree to the change for the Sovereign Ward to be moved to the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club venue.'

I believe with the vast expansion of Sovereign Harbour, particularly the North Harbour, would make this a sensible option bearing in mind the number of residents and taking into consideration the larger parking facilities in the new location.'

Comment received from a resident of Canary Quay: 'Although I live in Sovereign Harbour South and am therefore not affected, I wish to support the proposal to move the polling place for SVC to the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. This area is close to the central hub of the Sovereign Harbour development and the facilities for parking are excellent. People will have less excuse not to vote if the venue is close to hand. Voters will also have the opportunity to see a glorious view.'

Comment received from the Election Agent of the Eastbourne Labour Party: 'Thank you for sending me the consultation document re the above. I have no comments to make on behalf of Eastbourne Labour party other than to welcome the change in Sovereign Ward to the Yacht Club.'

Comment received from a resident of St Lawrence Way: 'I am writing to express my support for the proposed change of polling station venue in Sovereign Ward SVC from Kingsmere to the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. This will be much better for all the residents in Sovereign Harbour North who are the vast majority of voters in this polling district and who, for many, find difficulty travelling into Kingsmere.'

The yacht club is a prominent, easily accessible venue with excellent road access and parking in the immediate vicinity.

Of course, if Sovereign Harbour ever gets the community centre that it deserves, the polling station should ideally be located there. Meanwhile, the yacht club is the next best thing.'

Letter received from the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association:

Sovereign Harbour Residents Association



Polling Place Review
Electoral Services
Eastbourne Borough Council
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15 October 2010

Dear Sir or Madam,

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in the Borough of Eastbourne

The Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA) wishes to comment on the proposed move of the Polling Place for the SVC Polling District in Sovereign Ward.

As the Proposals document points out, the current venue is not ideal, and is not easily accessible to the North Harbour residents. Those residents make up the majority of the electorate of the SVC District.

SHRA fully supports the change of venue from Conqueror Hall to the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. The new location offers a better venue and easier parking in a location closer to the majority of the electorate. We believe the move to be in the best interest of North Harbour residents, and that it will help ensure that this large electorate is properly enfranchised.

Yours sincerely

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Devonshire and St Anthony's Wards

The following comment was received regarding proposed changes for St Anthony's Ward SAA and SAB:-

Letter received from the Clerk to the Governors Roseland School:



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20th September 2010.

Dear Sir,

I have been asked to contact you on behalf of the Governing Body of Roselands Infants School to enquire whether you have been able to come to a more permanent arrangement as regards the use of a building as a polling station for all elections, Local, National and European?

It has been pointed out before, that the Governors are very concerned at the continued use of Roselands as a polling station for a number of reasons and you were on one occasion able to find an alternative building. We know that one of your criteria in finding somewhere suitable was that the building should be in the ward for whom the Councillors were being elected and we would like to suggest that you try the Bridgemere Community Centre to ascertain whether this would be suitable for your purposes, if St Phillips Hall is not being used again.

As you are no doubt aware, County Hall are discouraging the use of schools as polling stations, as it does cause disruption to the school week particularly in the light of the heavy demands on time that the National Curriculum imposes on staff and pupils.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Lyn Carey
Clerk to the Governors.

22 SEP 2010



The following comment was received regarding Devonshire Ward DVD and St Anthony's Ward SAC:-

Comment received from Councillor Steven Wallis: 'I refer to the 'Review of Polling Districts and polling places document.

Since the loss of the St.Andrews Church Hall, Seaside, another possible alternative solution could be to:

SAC – move to the Archery Youth Centre.

DVD – to the new community centre in Wartling Road.

This might save confusion and delays in the voting process at the Archery if two polling districts are combined.'

Hampden Park and Ratton Wards

The following comment was received regarding Hampden Park Ward:

Comment received from Councillor Mike Thompson: 'I am happy with the current Hamden Park ward polling arrangements. I see no need to alter them.'

The following comments were received regarding Ratton Ward:

Comment received from Councillor Barbara Goodall: 'As regards Ratton, I am happy with all our Polling Stations, there is certainly no where else we could have them.'

Comment received from Councillor Colin Belsey: 'We do not have problems in Ratton, except that the hall we used to use (now the pub) is still there, I thought that the reason we could not use the hall was redevelopment. Otherwise, quite happy.'