

# Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in the District of Lewes

Consultation document for a full review 2020

**Consultation period runs from  
9<sup>th</sup> October to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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## 1. Background to the Review

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 district must be undertaken at intervals of not less than 4 years. A review must also be undertaken when a change in a particular polling place is proposed to be made.

The relevant legislation can be found in section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (as amended), 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.

The Council's last full review was carried out in 2016 and approved by the Council in December 2016.

Further information about the procedures for making representations is given later in this paper and the detailed proposals, including proposals for change, are set out in appendix A.

## 2. Definitions

**“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. Only the parts of Lewes and Brighton Kemptown Constituencies that lie within Lewes District are being reviewed by this Council. The area of the constituency that lies outside the District has been 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.

### 3. The review process

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.

The Council is required to publish a notice of the holding of a review. Information about the review is made available on the Council's website and can also be obtained in person from Electoral Services at Southover House, Lewes.

The consultation document will also be sent to the local Member of Parliament, District, County, Town and Parish Councillors and local political parties and groups. It will also be sent to persons who have a particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

The consultation period for this review will last for 4 weeks.

#### **The timetable for this review is set out below:**

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Publication of notice  | 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2020   |
| Publication of consultation document including Returning Officer's proposals   | 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2020   |
| Closing date for representations.  | 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2020  |
| Final proposals published (as part of the agenda papers for meeting of the Council on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020.<br><br>These will be available on the Council's website. | 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 |
| Council approves revised scheme.   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020 |

#### **4. The role of the Returning Officer**

The Council is required to consult the Returning Officer for every Parliamentary Constituency that is wholly or partly within its area. This consultation document already included proposals made by the Returning Officer for the Lewes Parliamentary Constituency.

#### **5. Proposals**

The appendix to this consultation document sets out details of current polling district and polling places for each of the wards in the District of Lewes and details of any proposed changes.

#### **6. Making representations**

Any elector in the whole of the Lewes constituency may make representations to the Council.

Representations will also be considered from persons who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

We would encourage anyone making representations to suggest alternative polling districts/places to those proposed where appropriate and to give reasons for the alternative.

Any representations must be received by 5pm Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

All representations should be addressed to:

Polling Place Review  
Electoral Services  
Lewes District Council  
Southover House  
Southover Road  
Lewes  
BN7 1AB

If you prefer you can email your representations (with the words "Polling Place Review" in the subject line) to [electoral@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:electoral@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk)

All representations received will be published on the Council's website as soon as possible after receipt, even if you have already commented on the proposals, you may make further submissions in response to views and comments you see on the website, provided these are received no later than the consultation closing date on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020. You can view this document at <https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/consultations/>

#### **7. Completion of the review**

A report will be submitted to a meeting of the Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. The Council will then be asked to consider the Returning Officer's proposals and any 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.

Revisions to any electoral register comprising a revised polling district will be made when the new register is published on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

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; and
- details of where the results of the review have been published.

## **8. Challenging the outcome of the review**

Although the Electoral Commission has no initial role in the review process itself, it does have an important role in respect of considering representations and observations made that a council has not conducted a review so as 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.

## **9. Who may make a representation to the Electoral Commission?**

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;

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

## **10. Review by the Electoral Commission**

The Electoral Commission is required to consider any such representations and observations, and after doing so, may direct the relevant council to make any alterations it sees necessary to the polling places designated by the review.

Should a council fail to make the alterations within 2 months of the direction being given, the Commission may make the alterations itself.

## Appendix A

## Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in Lewes District

## Polling Places Proposals document

Electorate as at 01/09/2020

## Chailey, Barcombe &amp; Hamsey Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letters | Polling Place  | Electorate | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons  | Comments Received  |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|
| LAA              | <b>CBA</b>                            | <b>BARCOMBE VILLAGE HALL (2011)</b><br>Barcombe Mills Road<br>Barcombe<br>Lewes, BN8 5BH | 1231       | Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Plenty of car parking available. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Short walk from the centre of the village. | <b>No change</b>           | No record of complaints. Very suitable modern hall built in 2011. Most suitable venue within the polling district.   |  |
| LAD/             | <b>CBC</b>                            | <b>BEECHWOOD HALL (2007)</b><br>Beechwood Lane<br>Cooksbridge<br>Lewes, BN7 3QG          | 556(LAD)   | Located within polling district LAD but outside polling district LPD. Accommodates two polling stations. Plenty of car parking available. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out.                                 | <b>No change</b>           | No record of complaints. Very suitable modern hall built in 2007. Most suitable venue within the polling district and for the neighbouring polling district. | Good Afternoon,<br><br>I am emailing on behalf of Hamsey parish Council in reference to the documentation received for the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in the District of Lewes. Hamsey Parish Council have considered the proposal and agree with the proposed changes detailed in the Consultation documentation. |
| LAC              | <b>CBB</b>                            | <b>CHAILEY PARISH HALL (1983)</b><br>Chailey Green Road                                  | 2420       | Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling  | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the  |  |

|  |  |                                 |  |   |  |                   |  |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------|--|
|  |  | Chailey Green<br>Lewes, BN8 4DA |  | station. Plenty of car parking available. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. |  | polling district. |  |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------|--|

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**Reasons:** The renaming of the Polling Districts is to make it clearer where the polling district is located by using the first and second letters of the name of the town or village and third letter indicating an alpha order (A-Z). The current naming convention has all polling districts starting with L and it is not clear where they are located within the District.

Proposal to designate the whole ward as the polling place would mean that at any time we lose a polling station, we can look at the next best suitable venue to serve the voters in the area internally and where there is only one choice, not have to conduct a full public consultation.



## Ditchling & Westmeston Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letters | Polling Place  | Electorate | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons   | Comments Received |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| LCA              | <b>DWA</b>                            | <b>DITCHLING VILLAGE HALL (1983)</b><br>Lewes Road<br>Ditchling<br>Hassocks, BN6 8TT         | 1407       | Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Plenty of car parking available. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out.                              | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |
| LCC/             | <b>DWC</b>                            | <b>WESTMESTON PARISH HALL (2003)</b><br>Lewes Road<br>Westmeston<br>Hassocks, BN6 8RL        | 259 (LCC)  | Located within polling district LCC and outside of polling district LPB. Easily accommodates the required polling station. Plenty of car parking available. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. | <b>No change</b>           | Established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.      |                   |
| LCB              | <b>DWB</b>                            | <b>WIVELSFIELD VILLAGE HALL</b><br>Eastern Road<br>Wivelsfield<br>Haywards Heath<br>RH17 7QH | 462        | Located within polling district LBA but just outside polling district LCB. Accommodates two polling stations. Plenty of car parking available. Good disabled access.  | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |

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### East Saltdean & Telscombe Cliffs Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letters | Polling Place  | Electorate | Issues, Options and Considerations   | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons  | Comments Received |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|--|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| LDA              | <b>STA</b>                            | <b>ST MARTINS CHURCH HALL (1983)</b><br>Longridge Avenue<br>Saltdean<br>Brighton, BN2 8RB                                | 2488       | Located just outside the polling district.. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. On street car parking available. Good disabled access.  | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Just outside of the polling district, but a good location for electors to get to.   |                   |
| LDB              | <b>STB</b>                            | <b>TELSCOMBE PARISH HALL (1983)</b><br>Tyedean Road<br>Telscombe Cliffs<br>Peacehaven<br>BN10 7AU                        | 1866       | Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. On street car parking available. Suitable lighting inside and out.   | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.  |                   |
| LDC              | <b>STC</b>                            | <b>TELSCOMBE CLIFFS CP SCHOOL – NURSERY (2003)</b><br>Telscombe Cliffs Way<br>Telscombe Cliffs<br>Peacehaven<br>BN10 7DE | 1780       | Located within the polling district<br>Easily accommodates the required single polling station. On street car parking available. Good disabled access. The only concern raised has been the distance from Telscombe Village by road. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Generally in a good location within the polling district. As there is no access to vehicles across Telscombe Tye, the distance from Telscombe village by road is unavoidable. |                   |

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## Kingston Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letters | Polling Place   | Electorate | Issues, Options and Considerations   | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons   | Comments Received |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------|--|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| LEA              | KIA                                   | <b>FALMER PARISH HALL (1983)</b><br>South Street<br>Falmer<br>Brighton, BN1 9PQ | 160        | Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Plenty of car parking available. Good disabled access. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |
| LEB              | KIB                                   | <b>IFORD VILLAGE HALL (1983)</b><br>The Street<br>Iford<br>Lewes, BN7 3EL       | 159        | Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Plenty of car parking available. Good disabled access. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |
| LEC              | KIC                                   | <b>KINGSTON PARISH HALL (1983)</b><br>The Street<br>Kingston<br>, BN7 3NT       | 701        | Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. On street car parking available. Good disabled access. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |

### Kingston Ward - continued

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letters | Polling Place  | Electorate            | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons   | Comments Received |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| LED              | <b>KID</b>                            | <b>PIDDINGHOE VILLAGE HALL (1983)</b><br>The Street<br>Piddinghoe<br>Newhaven, BN9 9AS | 216                   | Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. No parking available, turning area only. Good disabled access.              | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Ideally situated within the polling district.  |                   |
| LEE / LEG        | <b>KIE<br/>KIG</b>                    | <b>RODMELL VILLAGE HALL (1983)</b><br>Martens Field<br>Rodmell<br>Lewes, BN7 3HR       | 358 (LEE)<br>34 (LEG) | Located within polling district LEE but outside polling district LEG. Accommodates the required single polling station. Plenty of car parking available. Disabled access. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district and for the neighbouring polling district. |                   |
| LEF              | <b>KIF</b>                            | <b>CHRIST CHURCH HALL,<br/>Prince Edward's Road<br/>Lewes<br/>BN7 1BL</b>              | 87                    | Located just outside polling district LHB and next to polling district LEF. Accommodates two polling stations. Ample parking.   | <b>No change</b>           | Effective new polling venue with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.                                    |                   |

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## Lewes Bridge Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letters | Polling Place   | Electorate | Issues, Options and Considerations   | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons  | Comments Received |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------|--|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| LFA /            | <b>LBA</b>                            | <b>THE TOWN HALL – CORN EXCHANGE (1983)</b><br>Fisher Street Entrance<br>Lewes, BN7 2DE | 972 (LFA)  | Located within polling district LGB but just outside polling districts LFA and LGC. Accommodates twopolling stations. No on street parking, but car parks available close by. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting, inside and out. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district and for the neighbouring polling districts. |                   |
| LFB              | <b>LBB</b>                            | <b>CLIFFE HALL (1983)</b><br>Cliffe High Street<br>Lewes, BN7 2AN                       | 1120       | Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Very limited parking. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out.  | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district   |                   |
| LFC              | <b>LBC</b>                            | <b>MALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE (1983)</b><br>Spences Lane<br>Lewes, BN7 2HQ                | 2107       | Located within the polling district. Accommodates the required single polling station. Plenty of car parking available. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out.  | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Ideally situated within the polling district.   |                   |

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## Lewes Castle Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letters | Polling Place   | Electorate              | Issues, Options and Considerations   | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons  | Comments Received |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| LGA              | LCA                                   | <b>LANDPORT COMMUNITY HUB (1960) refurb in 2017</b><br>Landport Road<br>Lewes, BN7 2SU  | 1468                    | Located within the polling district. Accommodates one polling station. Plenty of on street car parking available. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out.  | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use. No record of complaints  |                   |
| LGB / LGC/       | LCB LCC                               | <b>THE TOWN HALL – CORN EXCHANGE (1983)</b><br>Fisher Street Entrance<br>Lewes, BN7 2DE | 741 (LGB)<br>1094 (LGC) | Located within polling district LGB but just outside polling districts LFA and LGC. Accommodates two polling stations. No on street parking, but car parks available close by. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district and for the neighbouring polling districts. |                   |
| LGC1             | LCD                                   | <b>ST MARYS SOCIAL CENTRE (1983)</b><br>Christie Road<br>Lewes, BN7 1PL                 | 133                     | Located within polling district LHA. Accommodates two polling stations. Car parking available. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out.   | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.  |                   |

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## Lewes Priory Ward

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|---|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| LHA              | LPA                                   | <b>ST MARYS SOCIAL CENTRE (1983)</b><br>Christie Road<br>Lewes, BN7 1PL    | 1901       | Located within polling district LHA. Accommodates two polling stations. Car parking available. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting, inside and out.         | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.        |                   |
| LHB              | LPB                                   | <b>CHRIST CHURCH HALL (2014)</b><br>Prince Edwards Road<br>Lewes, BN7 1BL  | 2648(LHB)  | Located just outside polling district LHB and next to polling district LEF. Accommodates two polling stations. Ample parking. Suitable lighting inside and out. | <b>No change</b>           | Effective new polling venue with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |
| LHC              | LPC                                   | <b>SOUTHOVER GRANGE (1572)</b><br>Southover High Street<br>Entrance, Lewes | 1863       | Located inside the polling district. Good disabled access. No Car Park but plenty limited pay and display on- street parking                                    | <b>No Change</b>           | Established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.             |                   |

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## Newhaven North Ward

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------|--|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| LIA              | NNA                                   | <b>LEWES ROAD SOCIAL CENTRE (1983)</b><br>Lewes Road<br>Newhaven, BN9 9BL                             | 1763       | Located inside the polling district. Accommodates the required single polling station. Lighting adequate. On street parking. Good disabled access. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |
| LIC              | NNB                                   | <b>DENTON &amp; MOUNT PLEASANT SOCIAL CENTRE (1983)</b><br>Denton Road<br>Denton<br>Newhaven, BN9 0PX | 2208       | Located inside the polling district. Accommodates the required single polling station. Own car park.   | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |

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## Newhaven South Ward

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| LJA / LJC        | <b>NSA<br/>NSC</b>                    | <b>HILLCREST CENTRE (2015)</b><br>Bay Vue Road<br>Newhaven, BN9 9LH | 1178 (LJA)<br>3994 (LJC) | Located inside polling district LJC and next to polling district LJA. Accommodates two polling stations. Has own large car park. Good disabled access.  | <b>No change</b>           | Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |
| LJB              | <b>NSB</b>                            | <b>AIR CADETS HUT</b><br>Transit Road<br>Newhaven, BN9 0BB          | 340                      | <del>The Air Cadets Hut has good disabled access.</del> Located inside the polling district. Accommodates the required single polling station. Ample car park. Small lip at door threshold giving poor wheelchair access. | <b>No Change</b>           | Only suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |

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## Newick Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letters | Polling Place  | Electorate | Issues, Options and Considerations   | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons  | Comments Received |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|--|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| LKA              | NEA                                   | <b>NEWICK VILLAGE HALL (2016)</b><br>Western Road<br>Newick, BN8 4LE | 2125       | Located inside the polling district. Accommodates the required single polling station. Has own large car park. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. | <b>No change</b>           | Effective polling venue with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |

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## Ouse Valley & Ringmer Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letters | Polling Place   | Electorate             | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons   | Comments Received |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| LLA              | <b>ORA</b>                            | <b>RINGMER VILLAGE HALL (1983)</b><br>Lewes Road<br>Ringmer<br>Lewes, BN8 5QH                     | 3770                   | Located inside the polling district. Adequate size. Accommodates two polling stations. Has own large car park. Good disabled access.  | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.   |                   |
| LLB / LLC        | <b>ORB<br/>ORC</b>                    | <b>BEDDINGHAM READING ROOM (1999)</b><br>Station Road<br>Glynde<br>Lewes, BN8 6RU                 | 168 (LLB)<br>196 (LLC) | Located inside the polling district for LLC but outside for LLB Accommodates one polling station. On road parking. Small lip at door threshold giving poor wheelchair access. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. Hazard tape used to assist disabled voters at entrance. |                   |
| LLD              | <b>ORD</b>                            | <b>FIRLE VILLAGE HALL (1983)</b><br>The Street<br>Firle<br>Lewes, BN8 6NS                         | 228                    | Located within the polling district. Accommodates one polling station. On street car parking available. Good disabled access.   | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.   |                   |
| LLE / LLF        | <b>ORE<br/>ORF</b>                    | <b>DENTON HOUSE COMMUNITY HALL (2005)</b><br>Forward Close<br>South Heighton<br>Newhaven, BN9 0JY | 22 (LLE)<br>772 (LLF)  | Located within polling district LLF but outside LLE. Accommodates one polling station. Adequate size. On road parking. Disabled access.                                       | <b>No change</b>           | Established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.  |                   |

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## Peacehaven East Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letters | Polling Place   | Electorate | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons   | Comments Received |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| LMA              | PEA                                   | <b>SPORTS PAVILION (2011)</b><br>Piddinghoe Avenue<br>Peacehaven<br>BN10 8RH            | 1812       | Located outside the polling district. Accommodates one polling station. Large car park. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out.                             | <b>No change</b>           | Established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.  |                   |
| LMB              | PEB                                   | <b>EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH HALL (1983)</b><br>Mayfield Avenue<br>Peacehaven<br>BN10 8RE | 1641       | Located within the polling district. Accommodates one polling station. Good car parking. All on one level with no steps. Disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.   |                   |
| LMC              | PEC                                   | <b>SCOUT HEADQUARTERS (1983)</b><br>Arundel Road<br>Peacehaven<br>BN10 8TE              | 849        | Located outside the polling district. Accommodates one polling station. On street parking. Rough pathway to entrance makes disabled access poor.                            | <b>No change</b>           | No other suitable venue within the polling district. Temporary pathway considered but was not a practical solution to the access issues. Polling station is set up to ensure disabled voters can be seen at the entrance by polling staff and offered assistance, and additional signage is provided. |                   |

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## Peacehaven North Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letters | Polling Place  | Electorate              | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons   | Comments Received  |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|--|
| LNA / LNB        | <b>PNA<br/>PNC</b>                    | <b>MERIDIAN COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL (1987)</b><br>Roderick Avenue<br>North<br>Peacehaven<br>BN10 8BZ | 344 (LNA)<br>1831 (LNB) | Located outside the polling district. Accommodates two polling stations. Excellent car parking facilities. Good disabled access.  | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. No other suitable venue within the polling district. |  |
| LNA1             | <b>PNB</b>                            | <b>MERIDIAN CENTRE - ANZAC ROOM (1983)</b><br>Greenwich Way<br>Peacehaven<br>BN10 8BB              | 289                     | Located just outside the polling district LOA but inside polling district LOC. Accommodates two polling stations. Disabled access. Ample parking. Central position. Suitable lighting inside and out. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.     | <p>call from Cllr Lynda Duhigg, following the publication of the Polling Place review on the Council website.</p> <p>She wanted to draw to our attention that the Anzac room at the Meridian Centre, was being considered for planning and development in the next 2 years, effectively putting it out of use for potentially quite a period of time.</p> <p>We discussed how difficult it is to find suitable alternative venues and she volunteered that the Age Concern building, Kempton House, Sutton Avenue, might be an alternative.</p> <p><b>From:</b> Town Clerk<br/>&lt;townclerk@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk&gt;<br/><b>Sent:</b> 29 October 2020 14:40<br/><b>To:</b> electoral &lt;electoral@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk&gt;<br/><b>Subject:</b> Polling Station Review</p> <p>In response to the District Council review of the division of its area into polling districts and the places, it is noted that no changes are proposed for Peacehaven.</p> <p>It should be highlighted that, at some point in time, the area around Community House will be undergoing development.</p> <p>Best regards,</p> |

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|     |            |  |      |  |                  |   | <p>Tony</p> <p><b>Tony Allen</b><br/> <b>Town Clerk</b><br/> <b>Tel: 01273 585493</b></p> <p>Peacehaven Town Council<br/> Community House<br/> The Meridian Centre<br/> Peacehaven<br/> BN10 8BB</p> |
| LNC | <b>PND</b> | <b>THE ANNEXE ROOM (1991)</b><br>Meridian C P School<br>Roderick Avenue<br>North<br>Peacehaven<br>BN10 8BZ | 1442 | Located within the polling district. Accommodates one polling station. Good disabled access. | <b>No change</b> | Long established use with no record of complaints. No other suitable venue within the polling district. |  |

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### Peacehaven West Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letters | Polling Place  | Electorate            | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons   | Comments Received |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| LOA/<br>LOC      | <b>PWA<br/>PWD</b>                    | <b>MERIDIAN CENTRE<br/>- ANZAC ROOM (1983)</b><br>Greenwich Way<br>Peacehaven<br>BN10 8BB      | 995 (LOA)<br>123 LOC) | Located just outside the polling district LOA but inside polling district LOC. Accommodates two polling stations. Disabled access. Ample parking. Central position. Suitable lighting inside and out. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |
| LOA 1            | <b>PWB</b>                            | <b>EVANGELICAL FREE<br/>CHURCH</b> , Mayfield Avenue,<br>Peacehaven                            | 516 (LOA1)            | Located within the polling district. Accommodates one polling station. Good car parking. All on one level with no steps. Disabled access.   | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |
| LOB              | <b>PWC</b>                            | <b>PEACEHAVEN HEIGHTS<br/>INFANT SCHOOL (1999)</b><br>Hoddern Avenue<br>Peacehaven<br>BN10 7QY | 2357                  | Located inside the polling district. Accommodates the required single polling station. Adequate size. Car parking with disabled spaces. Disabled access.  | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |

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### Plumpton, Streat, East Chiltington & St John (Without) Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letter | Polling Place  | Electorate              | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons  | Comments Received |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| LPA/<br>LPC      | <b>PLA<br/>PLC</b>                   | <b>PLUMPTON VILLAGE HALL (1983)</b><br>West Gate<br>Plumpton Green<br>Lewes, BN7 3BQ | 1293 (LPA)<br>379 (LPC) | Located inside the polling district LPA but outside the polling district LPC. Accommodates one polling station. Adequate size. Disabled access. Good parking facilities. Centrally located.                         | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.  |                   |
| <i>LPB</i>       | <b>PLB</b>                           | <b>WESTMESTON PARISH HALL</b><br>Lewes Road<br>Westmeston<br>Hassocks, BN6 8RL       | 154                     | Located within polling district LCC and outside of polling district LPB. Easily accommodates the required polling station. Plenty of car parking available. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. | <b>No change</b>           | Established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.   |                   |
| <i>LPD</i>       | <b>PLD</b>                           | <b>BEECHWOOD HALL (2009)</b><br>Beechwood Lane<br>Cooksbridge<br>Lewes, BN7 3QG      | 44                      | Located within polling district LAD but outside polling district LPD. Accommodates two polling stations. Plenty of car parking available. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out.                   | <b>No change</b>           | No record of complaints. Very suitable modern hall built in 2009. Most suitable venue within the polling district and for the neighbouring polling district. |                   |

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### Seaford Central Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letter | Polling Place   | Electorate   | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons   | Comments Received |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| LQA<br>LQB1      | <b>SCA</b><br><b>SCC</b>             | <b>St Thomas More Church,<br/>54 Sutton Road, Seaford,<br/>BN25 1SS</b> | 1610<br>1231 | Located within the polling district. Accommodates two polling stations. Adequate size. Has an adequate car park and on street parking. Disabled access. Suitable internal and external lighting | <b>Change</b>              | The Clinton Centre was not available for an election in 2019 and so we moved to St Thomas More Church, 54 Sutton Road Seaford. This was a successful change and Established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district with better facilities and parking. |                   |
| LQB              | <b>SCB</b>                           | <b>CLAREMONT HALL<br/>(2009)</b><br>Brooklyn Road<br>Seaford, BN25 2DX  | 1463         | Located just outside the polling district. Accommodates one polling station. Adequate size. 6-8 parking spaces.   | <b>No Change</b>           | Established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.  |                   |

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The Clinton Centre suddenly became unavailable to us at an election in 2019 and we had to relocate to St Thomas More Church; this turned out to be a more suitable venue with better facilities and parking, we would like to make this move permanent.

### Seaford East Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letter | Polling Place  | Electorate | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons   | Comments Received |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| LRA              | <b>SEA</b>                           | <b>ST LUKES CHURCH HALL (1995)</b><br>Walmer Road<br>Seaford, BN25 3TH         | 2831 (LRA) | Located within the polling district. Accommodates the required single polling station. Adequate size. On street parking. Disabled access.                                     | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |
| LRB              | <b>SEB</b>                           | <b>SEAFORD HEAD SCHOOL (2009)</b><br>Steyne Road Entrance<br>Seaford, BN25 4LX | 1157 (LRB) | Located inside the polling district LTA but outside the polling district LRB. Accommodates two polling stations. Car parking on site and on street. Disabled access adequate. | <b>No change</b>           | Established use as a polling venue. No other suitable venue within the polling district.            |                   |

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**Seaford North Ward**

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letter | Polling Place  | Electorate           | Issues, Options and Considerations   | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons  | Comments Received   |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| LSA              | <b>SNA</b>                           | <b>DOWNS LEISURE CENTRE<br/>- SUTTON HALL (1983)</b><br>Sutton Road<br>Seaford, BN25 4QW | 1207 (LSA)           | Located outside the polling district. Accommodates two polling stations. Adequate size. Plenty of on site parking available. Disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out.  | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district.  |   |
| LSB              | <b>SNB</b>                           | The Chapel Rooms, Saint Peter the Apostle Church, Belgrave Road, Seaford, BN25 2HE       | 1325 (LSB) (approx.) | Proposal is to split this Polling District into 2 new Polling Districts and move this new polling district to The Chapel Rooms, Saint Peter the Apostle Church, Belgrave Road, Seaford, BN25 2HE<br><br>See Appendix 2 map for the split of the Polling District.) | <b>Change</b>              | We no longer use Cradle Hill School and moved to using a portacabin at The Ridings. Portacabins are costly (approx. £4,800) and not a practical long term solution. We have been trying to obtain the use of Kingswell Community Church, Vale Road but they will not allow us to use their venue. In June we wrote to all residents within LSB asking for suggestions of suitable venues and Saint Peter's was suggested several times. It is situated just outside of the LSB boundary but by splitting LSB into 2 Polling Districts we believe this is the most suitable venue to serve this new Polling District. | Cllr Brett 'I think there will be many Seaford Residents relieved in particular that they will not have to queue at the Portacabin at The Ridings in the rain and wind again so am pleased to support the changes which seem sensible to be.'<br><br>Good Afternoon,<br><br>At a meeting of Seaford Town Council Full Council last night, it was resolved to respond to the LDC Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places to support this review and the proposals as they affect Seaford.<br><br>Kind regards,<br><br><b>Isabelle Moulard</b><br>Assistant Town |

|                               |                                      |   |                   |   |                            |  | Clerk<br>Seaford Town<br>Council |
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| Polling District              | Proposed New Polling District Letter | Polling Place                               | Electorate        | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons  | Comments Received                |
| LSB<br>(new polling district) | <b>SNC</b>                           | The Cabin, Raymond Close, Seaford, BN25 3HQ | 1689<br>(approx.) | Proposal to use The Cabin Raymond Close as the polling station for this new Polling District.<br>Please see map at Appendix 2 | <b>Change</b>              | We have used this venue for a couple of small by elections and have received no complaints |                                  |

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### Seaford South Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letter | Polling Place  | Electorate | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons  | Comments Received   |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------|---|----------------------------|--|---|
| LTA              | SSA                                  | <b>SEAFORD HEAD SCHOOL,</b><br>Steyne Road Entrance<br>Seaford, BN25 4LX | 3324 (LTA) | Located inside the polling district LTA but outside the polling district LRB. Accommodates two polling stations. Car parking on site and on street. Disabled access adequate. | <b>No change</b>           | Established use as a polling venue. No other suitable venue within the polling district. | Lewes Liberal Democrats<br>There have been problems in the past with identifying polling places in literature sent to voters. This has led to confusion about where the polling place was located and councillors receiving communications from voters unable to vote on Election Day. Specifically and most recently this occurred in the General Election in 2019 where the postcode for Seaford Head School was incorrect. Please can you make sure that you have robust procedures in place to ensure that voters get accurate information about the location of polling places and that you ensure there is no potential for ambiguity. This will be particularly important to have in place if you have to make an urgent change in a |

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|            |            |  |                    |   |                  |   | polling place just before literature is printed and sent out. |
| <i>LTB</i> | <b>SSB</b> | <b>DOWNS LEISURE CENTRE<br/>- SUTTON HALL,</b><br>Sutton Road<br>Seaford, BN25 4QW | 450 ( <i>LTB</i> ) | Located outside the polling district. Accommodates two polling stations. Adequate size. Plenty of on site parking available. Disabled access. Suitable internal and external lighting | <b>No change</b> | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |   |

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### Seaford West Ward

| Polling District      | Proposed New Polling District Letter   | Polling Place   | Electorate                          | Issues, Options and Considerations  | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons   | Comments Received |
|-----------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| LUA /<br>LUB /<br>LUC | <b>SWA</b><br><b>SWB</b><br><b>SWC</b> | <b>SEAFORD BAPTIST CHURCH HALL (1983)</b><br>Belgrave Road<br>Seaford, BN25 2EE | 1867(LUA)<br>1376(LUB)<br>768 (LUC) | Located just outside the polling district. Accommodates three polling stations. Adequate size. Disabled access. Car parking available on site and in surrounding roads. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use as a polling venue. No other suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |

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## Wivelsfield Ward

| Polling District | Proposed New Polling District Letter | Polling Place   | Electorate | Issues, Options and Considerations   | Returning Officer Proposal | Reasons   | Comments Received |
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| LBA              | <b>WIA</b>                           | <b>WIVELSFIELD VILLAGE HALL (1983)</b><br>Eastern Road<br>Wivelsfield<br>Haywards Heath<br>RH17 7QH | 2221(LBA)  | Located within polling district LBA but just outside polling district LCB. Accommodates two polling stations. Plenty of car parking available. Good disabled access. | <b>No change</b>           | Long established use with no record of complaints. Most suitable venue within the polling district. |                   |

**Returning Officer's Proposal:** The proposal is to rename all the Polling Districts as indicated in the Column 'Proposed New Polling District Letters' and designate the whole of the Ward as the Polling Place.

**Reasons:** The renaming of the Polling Districts is to make it clearer where the polling district is located by using the first and second letters of the name of the town or village and third letter indicating an alpha order (A-Z). The current naming convention has all polling districts starting with L and it is not clear where they are located within the District.

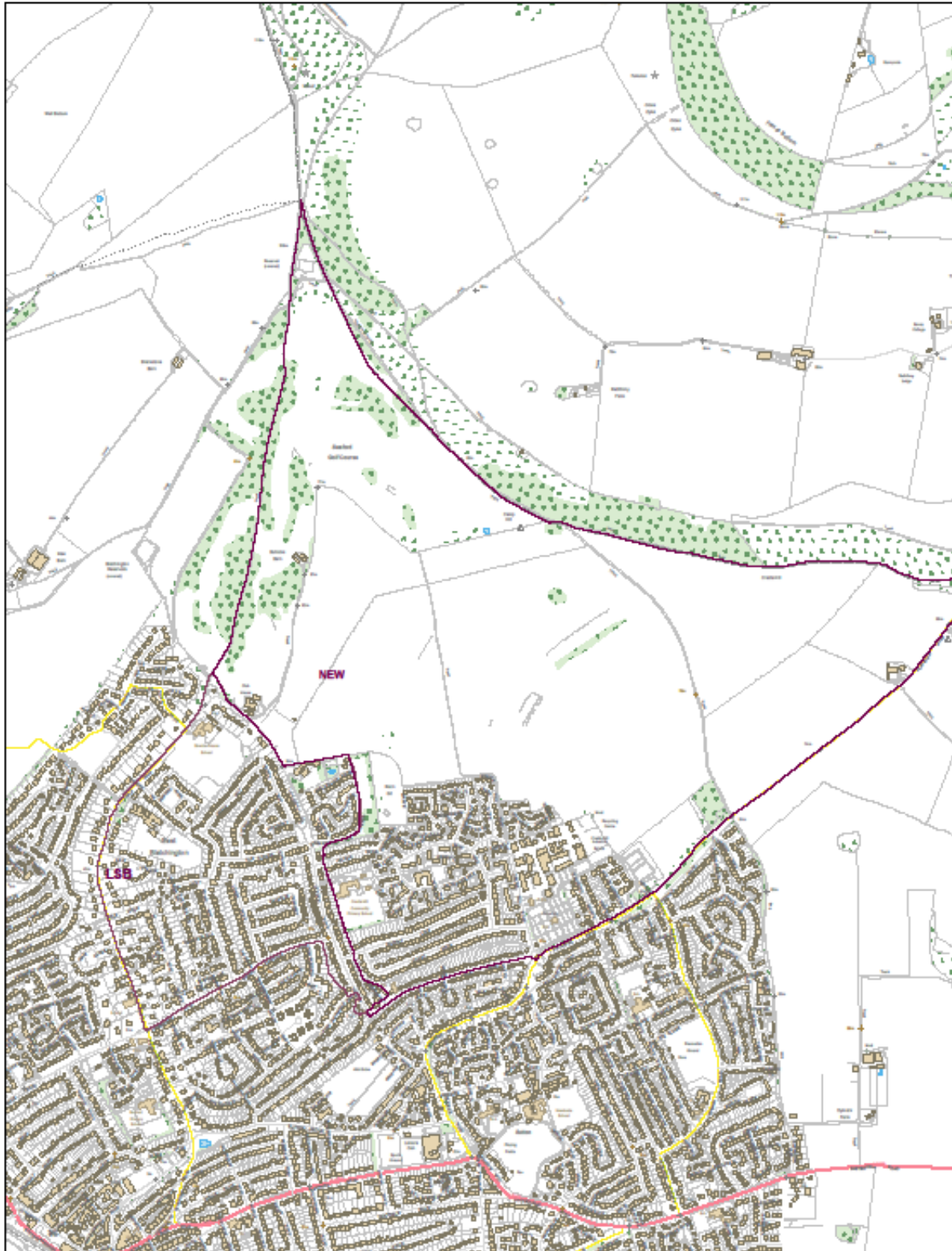
Proposal to designate the whole ward as the polling place would mean that at any time we lose a polling station, we can look at the next best suitable venue to serve the voters in the area internally and where there is only one choice, not have to conduct a full public consultation.

1. Note: Lewes Liberal Democrats supplied a general comment regarding the renaming of the Polling Districts: 'In principle, changing the names of the polling districts is a good thing as the current designations do cause considerable confusion. However, the changes have important and significant knock-on effects on the computer and data systems of political parties. Unfortunately, while the change is simple, it will cause significant work which will hinder the ability of parties with fewer resources to inform voters effectively of their democratic choices.

We have an important election coming up in May. We would ask that the changes are not made until after these elections. If the change is made before then, we request that we are given at least 2 months' notice before the change is implemented so that we can develop and put in place mitigating actions.



## Appendix B Map of Proposed split of LSB into 2 Polling Districts



Proposed Split (LSB / NEW) Seaford North (PART)

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