

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in the Borough of Eastbourne  
(Consultation 26 September to 7 November 2014)

Acting Returning Officer's proposals

Maps showing the ward and polling district boundaries can be viewed on the council's website at <http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/about-the-council/consultations/>

*(Electorate and postal voter figures as at 1 August 2014.)*

**Devonshire Ward**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate:</b>
<b>DVA</b>	All Souls Parish Room, Wellesley Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3RJ	2,265 (of which 225 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- The venue is centrally located within the polling district.
- Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- It does sit within the controlled parking zone, so parking is by residents' permit or fee.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received:** None.

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>DVB</b>	The EODS Centre, 96 Seaside, Eastbourne, BN22 7QP	2,151 (of which 280 electors receive a postal vote)

	<b><i>(Note: A change to the Eastbourne Blind Society centre at 124/142 Longstone Road is proposed.)</i></b>	
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**Issues, options and considerations:**

- The venue is centrally located within the polling district.
- Use is long standing and well known by residents, though new or infrequent voters do have difficulty locating and in the past numerous phone calls are made to the elections office on polling day seeking directions.
- Situated on a busy bus route. Limited on-street parking.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue apart from requests to locate venue.
- Facilities for polling staff within building are poor.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** The Eastbourne Blind Society centre at 124/142 Longstone Road, Eastbourne, BN22 8DA is proposed as the new polling station for this polling district.

**Reasons:** The centre is reasonably centrally located within the polling district. Has excellent access of good width (level throughout, including the main entrance) with a large well lit hall. There are kitchen and toilet facilities for staff. On-street parking is free but limited being close to the town centre. The road frontage to the centre is protected with a 'keep clear' zone. There is space for party tellers to be accommodated in the main entrance hall.

**Comments received:**

**From:** Cllrs Wallis and Bannister

**Comment:** "...we are of the view that the EODS (Devonshire) polling station should be retained for the 2015 general/borough elections.

As you can appreciate the 2015 elections are very important and will result in a higher than normal turnout. We do not want to cause confusion or annoyance with residents who may not like the change, or will be aware of the change in polling station location.

We would rather wait until after the May 2015 elections and then consult and review the DVB polling station location then."

**From:** Cllr Stanley

**Comment:** "...happy with the change to the Blind Society."

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>DVC</b>	St Agnes Church Hall, Whitley Road, Eastbourne, BN22 8NJ	2,349 (of which 336 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- The venue is reasonably centrally located within the polling district. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Small car park including reserved disabled space. Otherwise limited on-street parking. Situated on a busy bus route.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>DVD</b>	Archery Youth Centre, Archery Recreation Ground , Seaside, Eastbourne, BN22 7RR	1,928 (of which 371 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- The venue is centrally located although just across the road from the polling district. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Car park with reserved disabled parking. Limited on-street parking. Situated on a busy bus route.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- This venue is shared with the polling station for SAB (St Anthony's ward).
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue other than need to ensure suitable signage to advise voters from different wards of the correct entrance for their respective polling station.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located despite being just outside the polling district.

**Comments received: None.**

### **Hampden Park Ward**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>HPA</b>	Hampden Park Community Centre, Brodrick Road, Eastbourne, BN22 9NR	2,083 (of which 342 electors receive a postal vote)

#### **Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location within the polling district with good public transport links and close to local shops. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Small car park and also on-street parking available nearby.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>HPB</b>	St Peter's Church Hall, The Hydneye, Eastbourne, BN22 9BY	3,226 (of which 472 electors receive a postal vote)

#### **Issues, options and considerations:**

- The venue is centrally located within the polling district. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Parking spaces.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.

- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer’s proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>HPC</b>	Willingdon Trees Community Centre, Holly Place, Eastbourne, BN22 0UT	2,057 (of which 224 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Situated in central location of the polling district close to the local shops. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Parking spaces.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer’s proposal:** No change

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

**Langney Ward**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>LGA</b>	St Barnabas United Church, Kingfisher Drive, Eastbourne, BN23 7RA	1,589 (of which 289 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location close to the shopping centre that serves the area. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.

- Parking spaces.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>LGB</b>	Shinewater Community Centre, Milfoil Drive, Eastbourne, BN23 8ED	4,362 (of which 514 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Situated in central location of the polling district close to the local shops. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Parking spaces.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>LGC</b>	Langney Sports Club, Priory Lane, Eastbourne, BN23 7QH	1,909 (of which 354 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location, although on the eastern edge of the polling district. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.

- Large car park.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

### **Meads Ward**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>MDA</b>	St Saviours Church Hall, Spencer Road/South Street, Eastbourne BN21 4UT	2,521 (of which 466 electors receive a postal vote)

#### **Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Car park and reserved disability parking.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>MDB</b>	All Saints Church Hall, 21a Grange Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4HE	2,199 (of which 514 electors receive a postal vote)

#### **Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.

- Car park
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>MDC</b>	St John's Parish Hall, Meads Road/Meads Street, Eastbourne, BN20 7QL	3,412 (of which 748 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location close to local shops. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Limited on-street parking.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

**Old Town Ward**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>OTA</b>	Greenfield Methodist Church, Greenfield Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1JJ	3,598 (of which 611 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- This venue is shared with the polling station for OTD (also Old Town ward).



- Good location. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- On street parking is available.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>OTB</b>	Old Town Community Centre, Central Avenue, Eastbourne, BN20 8PL	2,125 (of which 282 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location close to local shops. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- A few parking spaces, otherwise on-street parking.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received:**

**From:** Cllr John Ungar

**Comment:** "... need to ensure that the entrance to the 2 different polling stations at the Greenfield Methodist Church in Green Street are quite separate from each other."

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>OTC</b>	Victoria Baptist Church Hall, Eldon Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1UE	1,669 (of which 331 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Large off-street car park.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>OTD</b>	Greenfield Methodist Church, Greenfield Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1JJ	988 (of which 260 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- This venue is shared with the polling station for OTA (also Old Town ward).
- Good location.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- On street parking is available.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received:**

**From:** Cllr John Ungar

**Comment:** "... need to ensure that the entrance to the 2 different polling stations at the Greenfield Methodist Church in Green Street are quite separate from each other."

**Ratton Ward**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
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<b>RNA</b>	Oakwood Primary Academy, Magnolia Walk, Eastbourne, BN22 0SS	1,410 (of which 323 electors receive a postal vote)
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**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Central location. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Parking is available.
- This is a local school that closes for the day but have a long established use with no recorded complaints
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>RNB</b>	Broadway United Church, The Broadway, Eastbourne, BN22 0AS	1,737 (of which 418 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location close to local shops. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Parking is available.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
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<b>RNC</b>	Red Lion Public House, 99 Wish Hill, Willingdon, Eastbourne, BN20 9HQ	2,373 (of which 496 electors receive a postal vote)
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**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location. Use is long standing and well known by residents. Polling station is entirely separate from the bar areas.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Some off street parking and ample on-street parking
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>RND</b>	St Clements Court, Framfield Way, Eastbourne, BN21 2QZ	2,161 (of which 582 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good central location. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Some on-street parking.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

**St Anthony's Ward**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
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<b>SAA</b>	Suncoast Church, 3 Courtlands Road, Eastbourne, BN22 8TR	2,121 (of which 385 electors receive a postal vote)
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**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Some off street parking
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district. (The church recently replaced Roseland School as the polling station venue. This followed strong representations from the school that closure of the school was causing significant problems for the school and parents and in line with the Council's policy of only using school premises where no other suitable venue is available.)
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received:** None.

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>SAB</b>	Archery Youth Centre, Archery Recreation Ground, Seaside, Eastbourne, BN22 7RR	1,193 (of which 160 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- This venue is shared with the polling station for DVD (Devonshire ward)
- Good location, although just outside the polling district.
- Car park with reserved disabled parking. Limited on-street parking. Situated on a busy bus route.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue other than need to ensure suitable signage to advise voters from different wards of the correct entrance for their respective polling station.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district. (The youth centre recently replaced Roseland School as the polling station venue. This followed strong representations from the school that closure of the school was causing significant problems for the school and parents and in line with the Council's policy of only using school premises where no other suitable venue is available.)

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>SAC</b>	St Andrews Church Hall, Seaside, Eastbourne, BN21 7RY	1,525 (of which 216 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location. Use is long standing (apart from short interruption while hall was re-built following a fire) and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Parking is available.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>SAD</b>	Langney Village Hall, Etchingam Road, Eastbourne, BN23 7DR	3,298 (of which 674 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good central location and close to local shops. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- On-street parking is available.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

### **Sovereign Ward**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>SVA</b>	Christ The King Church, Princes Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT	3,462 (of which 722 electors receive a postal vote)

#### **Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Off-street parking is available.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>SVB</b>	The Haven Voluntary Aided CE Methodist Primary School, Atlantic Drive, Eastbourne, BN23 5SW	2,206 (of which 333 electors receive a postal vote)

#### **Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Parking is available.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>SVC</b>	Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, 3 Harbour Quay, Eastbourne, BN23 5QF	3,505 (of which 688 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location close to local shops.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Parking is available.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received:**

**From:** Cllr Jim Murray

**Comment:** "Is there going to be a polling station at Kingsmere community centre, we had some complaints that it was not open at the last election?"

**Upperton Ward**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>UPA</b>	Upperton United Reformed Church, Watts Lane, Eastbourne, BN21 1LQ	1,841 (of which 344 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Limited off-street parking.



- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>UPB</b>	St Thomas a Becket School, Tutts Barn Lane, Eastbourne, BN22 8XT	2,756 (of which 547 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Parking is available.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>UPC</b>	Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4UG	884(of which 209 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location close to local shops. Use is long standing and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Reserved disabled access right outside and off street parking available.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received:** None.

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>UPD</b>	Elim Family Centre, Hartfield Lane, Eastbourne, BN21 2AD	2,028 (of which 384 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location. Use is long standing (apart from short interruption when old hall was demolished and new premises constructed) and well known by residents.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Limited on-street parking.
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.
- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received:** None.

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>
<b>UPE</b>	The Old Parsonage Barn, St Mary The Virgin Parish Church, Ocklynge Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1PW	579 (of which 117 electors receive a postal vote)

**Issues, options and considerations:**

- Good location, although across road from polling district. Venue recently replaced Edgmond Evangelical Church Hall which is now closed and awaiting re-development. Additional signage is placed to ensure infrequent and new voters can locate venue given its location behind St Mary's Church.
- Access and lighting adequate.
- Some off-street parking and limited on-street parking available..
- There is no other suitable and available venue within the polling district.

- There are no recorded complaints about this venue.

**Acting Returning Officer's proposal:** No change.

**Reasons:** Current venue is considered to provide reasonable facilities for voters and is suitably located.

**Comments received: None.**