ELECTORAL ADMINISTRATION AND REGISTRATION 2013

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places/Polling Stations 2014

Representations made in response to initial consultation exercise

No.	From	Date Received	Comments submitted/Recommendations of Returning Officer
1	Councillor Andrew Moring	12 August 2014	Use of Kent Elms Library at the last elections was unsuitable and should be returned to Eastwood School
			Recommendation of Returning Officer
			That the polling station be returned to the Eastwood School.
2	Councillor Wexham	25 August 2014	Wheelchair or buggy access was not available at the West Leigh Baptist Church London Road / Lymington Avenue.
			Recommendation of Returning Officer
			The premises have been checked as part of the access survey.
			They are considered appropriate for use as a polling station.
3	Councillor Assenheim	3 September 2014	Provide a portable polling station on greensward in the Churchfields area in addition to the existing polling station for this polling district which is located at the Salvation Army Hall, Frobisher Way.
			Recommendation of Returning Officer That no further action be taken in respect of this suggestion as it would result in the provision of a mobile polling unit. (One of the main aims of the review is to reduce the number of mobile polling units which are expensive to hire – the units are only used in circumstances where there is no other suitable alternative in the vicinity). A similar request was rejected at the time of the last review.

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	Councillor Chalk	4 September 2014	Some electors in polling district ED who are expected to attend the polling at St. Georges School have to walk a long way to get to it and pass the polling station at Friars Community Centre (which is for Polling District EB) en route, but cannot vote there.
			Recommendation of Returning Officer That the polling district boundary between polling districts EB and ED be adjusted as illustrated in <i>Proposals Map 2</i> .
5	David Amess MP	4 September 2014	St Peters Church Hall should be considered for use as a polling station.
			Recommendation of Returning Officer That no further action be taken in respect of this suggestion as the existing polling stations are more appropriately located.
6	Mr Martin Berry	14 September 2014	Polling stations at Porter's Grange School should be re-located as the existing arrangements cause disruption to pupils' education.
			Recommendation of Returning Officer As this is a double station covering two polling districts, one of the polling districts will be moved to the Sacred Heart Church Hall, Southchurch Road. Additionally, a bespoke signage plan will be prepared and arrangements will be made to ensure the barrier to the car park is open at all times on election day.