



Elections – polling arrangements

Review of polling districts, polling places & polling stations

Background information and the Returning Officer's proposals

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by **13 September 2019**.

Polling District and Places Review 2018/2019

Background

Within each Local Authority area, legislation requires Councils to carry out reviews of Polling Districts and Polling Places in that area.

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews and the next review must be held between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 with subsequent reviews held within a 16 month period starting on 1 October every fifth year after 1 October 2018. The Council's last review was held in 2013 when a number of minor changes were made.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) carried out a District Ward Boundary Review and published their final proposals in May 2018. The number of wards reduced from 24 to 16 and took effect at the District Council Elections on 2 May 2019. The majority of our current polling station allocations were not affected by the new Ward Boundary arrangements, however three areas would have been affected. Council at its meeting on 24 July 2018 approved a review of the current polling station allocations for Colburn, Gayles and Richmond parishes as a result of revisions to their parish electoral arrangements. A review took place during August/September and final recommendations were approved at Council on 11 December 2018.

A Council's area is divided into polling districts with one or more districts making up a ward, with a polling place being the area or building within a polling district in which a polling station is situated. Consequently, it is inevitable that polling stations are also considered as part of these reviews.

As part of the information gathering process, a polling station review survey took place between February and May 2019, anyone could complete an online survey or complete one of the printed copies of the survey. 173 responses were received and a breakdown of the responses is as followed:

Getting to the polling station	Yes	No	Don't know	No reply
the polling station is easy to find?	96%	3%	1%	1%
the polling station is accessible to everyone?	82%	12%	4%	2%
travelling to the polling station avoids barriers such as steep hills, major roads, rivers, etc?	82%	14%	1%	4%
At the Polling Station	Yes	No	Don't know	No reply
the current polling station is adequate?	94%	4%	0%	2%
the interior of the building is suitable to use as a polling station?	97%	1%	0%	3%
the building is accessible for disabled people?	77%	13%	8%	3%

The review has considered:

- The boundaries of polling districts – for example, are they well defined? Do they follow natural boundaries? Are there suitable transport links? Are there any obstacles to crossing polling district boundaries?
- Polling Places – the location, size and accessibility of the polling place and its availability now and in the future
- Polling Stations – the suitability and accessibility of the room or area for use as a polling station

During the local and European Elections 2019, the opportunity was taken to complete the Electoral Commission's evaluation templates in order to assess the suitability/accessibility of the polling place/ station. Presiding Officers were also asked to record any complaints/ comments received.

The following tables summarise the existing arrangements and key issues identified from the recent Elections. There were a number of more detailed public comments from the Elections in relation to individual polling stations regarding improving accessibility/ privacy of voting. These detailed observations are not included within the schedule but will be taken into account in the planning for future electoral events. The Returning Officer's proposals/comments are included below in relation to the polling districts and places within each ward. The proposals take into account Electoral Commission Guidance that the number of electors allocated to a particular polling station should not exceed 2,500.

The Returning Officer's proposals

Prior to each election, an informal assessment of polling places takes place. At the elections held in May 2019, it was not necessary to use alternative polling places as temporary measures. It is intended to keep changes to a minimum, and only suggest alternatives where absolutely necessary as constantly changing polling stations can lead to confusion with voters.

Designation of polling districts and polling places

Local authorities must comply with the following legislative requirements regarding the designation of polling districts and polling places:

- each parish is to be a separate polling district, unless special circumstances apply
- the council must designate a polling place for each polling district, unless the size or other circumstances of a polling district are such that the situation of the polling stations does not materially affect the convenience of the electors
- the polling place must be an area in the district, unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area wholly or partly outside the district (for example, if no accessible polling place can be identified in the district)
- the polling place must be small enough to indicate to electors in different parts of the district how they will be able to reach the polling station

Accessibility

Local authorities must also comply with the following access requirements. As part of the review, they must:

- seek to ensure that all electors in a constituency in the local authority area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances
- seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place for which it is responsible is accessible to electors who are disabled
- The council must have regard to the accessibility to disabled persons of potential polling stations in any place which it is considering designating as a polling place or the designation of which as a polling place it is reviewing.

The following should be considered as part of the assessment of the suitability of polling district boundaries?

- Are the boundaries well-defined? For example, do they follow the natural boundaries of the area? If not, is it clear which properties belong in the polling district?
- Are there suitable transport links within the polling district, and how do they relate to the areas of the polling district that are most highly populated? Are there any obstacles to voters crossing the current polling district and reaching the polling place e.g., steep hills, major roads, railway lines, rivers?

The following must be considered when reviewing existing polling places or when assessing new polling places:

- **Location:** Is it reasonably accessible within the polling district? Does it avoid barriers for the voter such as steep hills, major roads, rivers, etc.? Are there any convenient transport links?
- **Size:** Can it accommodate more than one polling station if required? If multiple polling stations are required, is the polling place capable of accommodating all voters going into and out of the polling stations, even where there is a high Polling Station Turnout?
- **Availability:** Is the building readily available in the event of any unscheduled elections? Is there any possibility that the building may be demolished as part of a new development?
- **Accessibility:** Is the building accessible to all those entitled to attend the polling place?

Ideally, there would be the choice of a range of fully accessible buildings, conveniently located for electors in the area within which to establish polling stations. In practice, however, the choice of polling places will often be a balance between the quality of a building (access, facilities, etc.) and the proximity of the building to the electors. When making a decision, all factors will need to be considered and the authority will need to be able to demonstrate their reasoning behind the decision.

Where, because of local circumstances, a polling place has been selected that is not fully accessible, then reasonable adjustments must be undertaken to provide access for all electors. Alternatively, the local authority should consider whether it would be appropriate to designate a polling place that falls outside the polling district.

Part of the decision-making process involves assessing if the polling place is capable of accommodating more than one polling station together with the necessary staff and equipment, particularly in circumstances where the number of electors allocated to a polling place is high. The number of electors allocated to a particular polling station should not exceed 2,500.

In instances where there may be a higher Polling Station Turnout, such as at a UK Parliamentary election, (Acting) Returning Officers may wish to set up multiple polling stations within the polling place. Consideration will need to be given to whether the size and layout of the area or building can accommodate such arrangements. Information on the latest turnouts at the elections in May 2019 have been included in these proposals. Local elections (District and Parish Councils) on 2 May and European Parliamentary on 23 May. The first figure is the number of people voting in person at the polling station and the second figure is the polling station turnout (%). The European Union Referendum in 2016 had the highest turnout of 75.16% for Richmondshire, relevant information has been provided for those areas where changes have been suggested.

A mini review took place in 2018 to address issues for the parishes of Colburn, Gayles and Richmond following the District Ward Boundary Review. There has been no significant changes in all the other polling districts since the last review and none are anticipated in the next 4 years. In certain areas there is a limited alternative venues or no alternative, the building currently used being the only one available.

The Returning Officer is not proposing to change the current Polling Districts as these have recently been amended following the District Ward Boundary Review which reflect defined boundaries. However the Polling District letters are subject to amendment by the Parliamentary Returning Officer, as the UK Parliamentary Constituency of Richmond (Yorks) cover part of Hambleton District Council area and the whole of Richmondshire District Council.

Some amendments are proposed for existing Polling Places and Polling Stations. For Richmondshire District Council area the Polling Station is generally designated the same as the Polling Place. Some of the Polling Places have more than one room, occasionally a different one is to be used for the Election, as this permits the building to remain operational.

Polling Places with under 200 electors are constantly monitored to establish if it is viable to retain as a polling place or to cease using it. In that event electors would be allotted to the nearest polling place. It is not unusual for electors in rural areas to travel to their allocated polling station which is the case for several current polling districts within our area.

Timetable for this review

Review	1 October 2018
Information Gathering	28 February 2019
Online Survey & Questionnaire	10 May 2019
Additional Comments following European Election	23 June 2019
Notice of the Review	17 July 2019
Returning Officer's proposals received	24 July 2019
Publication of the Returning Officer's proposals	26 July 2019
Comments from consultation by	13 September 2019
Report to Council meeting	October 2019
Arrangements come into force when the next revised Voters List is published	1 December 2019

Making comments

The Returning Officer is proposing to keep the existing polling arrangements and to make minimal changes only where circumstances require.

Comments do not have to be restricted to alternative proposals; comments that support the Returning Officer's proposals are welcome in order to receive a balance of opinions.

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District Ward:	CATTERICK & BROMPTON ON SWALE
Electorate:	4882

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
CA01R CA06R CA07R CA08R	Bolton-on-Swale Ellerton-on-Swale Scorton Uckerby	12 14 103 16	31 78 570 36	43 92 673 52	715	860	L: 233 (27%) E: 245 (29%)	Scorton Institute		Y
CA02R CA05R	Brompton-on-Swale Easby	241 16	1187 85	1428 101	1272	1529	L: 330 (22%) E: 380 (25%)	Community Sports Hall, Brompton-on-Swale		Y
CA04R	Catterick	291	1648	1939	1648	1939	L: 369 (19%) E: 400 (21%)	Booth Memorial Hall, Catterick		Y
CA03R	Brough with St Giles	109	445	554	445	554	L: 60 (11%) E: 75 (14%)	Colburn Leisure Centre	The polling station lies just outside the polling district boundary. No suitable venue inside the polling district.	Y

Returning Officer's Proposals or Comments
No Changes

District Ward:	COLBURN
Electorate:	2780

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
CO01R	Colburn Town	343	2437	2780	2437	2780	L: 502 (18%) E: 499 (18%)	Colburn Village Hall		Y

Returning Officer's Proposals or Comments
No change

District Ward:	CROFT & MIDDLETON TYAS
Electorate:	2942

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
CR01R CR10R	Barton Newton Morrell	100 7	584 29	684 36	613	720	L: 223 (32%) E: 211 (30%)	Barton Village Hall		Y
CR02R CR12R	Cleasby Stapleton	15 43	116 119	131 162	235	293	L: 95 (33%) E: 94 (33%)	Cleasby & Stapleton Village Hall, Cleasby		Y
CR03R CR07R	Cliffe Manfield	5 37	15 179	20 216	194	236	L: 68 (29%) E: 75 (32%)	Village Hall, Glebe Lane, Manfield		Y
CR04R	Croft-on-Tees	50	326	376	326	379	L: 138 (37%) E: 125 (34%)	Village Hall, Croft-on-Tees		Y - ramp
CR05R CR06R	Dalton-on-Tees Eryholme	39 10	164 46	203 56	210	259	L: 95 (37%) E: 80 (31%)	Village Hall, Dalton-on-Tees		Y
CR08R CR09R	Middleton Tyas Moulton	92 32	411 101	503 133	512	636	L: 169 (27%) E: 184 (29%)	Memorial Hall, Middleton Tyas		Y

CR11R	North Cowton	91	328	419	328	419	L: 94 (23%) E: 116 (28%)	North Cowton Village Hall	The Methodist Chapel was closed in 2014, two venue were assessed - St Luke's Church Hall & North Cowton Village Hall. The former has been deemed the most accessible. This building was used until it closed after the Parliamentary Election in 2017. Whilst the Village Hall has limited disabled access it is the only venue within North Cowton.	limited
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Returning Officer's Proposals or Comments
No Changes – to keep North Cowton under review to find a more suitable venue.

District Ward:	GILLING WEST
Electorate:	1760

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
GI01R GI04R	Aske Gilling West	9 58	74 401	83 459	475	542	L: 198 (37%) E: 172 (32%)	Village Hall, Gilling West		Y
GI02R GI03R GI06R	Dalton Gayles Newsham	20 16 64	138 91 204	158 107 268	433	533	L: 124 (24%) E:170 (32%)	Village Hall, Dalton	A Mini Review took place in 2018 to allocate Gayles to this polling station following the District Ward Boundaries Review	Y
GI05R GI07R GI09R	Kirby Hill Ravensworth Whashton	8 31 19	33 164 104	41 195 123	301	359	L: 96 (27%) E: 96 (27%)	Village Hall, Ravensworth		Y - ramp
GI08R	Skeeby	54	272	326	272	326	L: 93 (29%) E: 113 (35%)	Village Hall, Skeeby		Y Ramp

Returning Officer's Proposals or Comments
No Changes

District Ward:	HAWES, HIGH ABBOTSDALE & UPPER SWALEDALE
Electorate:	1537

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
HA01R	Gunnerside	23	88	111	88	111	L: 45 (41%) E: 39 (36%)	Village Hall, Gunnerside	The number of electors in this polling district is currently under 200 which is an inefficient use of resources. Propose allocating Low Row to this venue.	Y – ramp
HA02R HA03R	Hawes High Abbotside	100 41	777 135	877 176	912	1053	L: 479 (46%) E: 312 (31%)	Hawes Market Hall		Y – side entrance
HA04R	Low Row	30	110	140	110	140	L: 39 (27%) E: 56 (40%)	Village Hall, Gunnerside (Existing: Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute)	The number of electors in this polling district is currently under 200 which is an inefficient use of resources. Suggest Village Hall, Gunnerside as alternative polling place.	Y – ramp
HA05R	Muker	44	189	233	189	233	L: 100 (43%) E: 89 (38%)	Muker Public Hall		Y – ramp

Returning Officer's Proposals or Comments

It is proposed to allocate electors of HA01R & HA04R to vote at Village Hall, Gunnerside – this is the more suitable of the two venues (Village Hall, Gunnerside and Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute, Low Row) with regards to disabled access. This will mean Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute will no longer be used for Elections, a potential minimum saving of £450. Melbecks Parish Council consists of Gunnerside and Low Row with local connection and working between the two areas and it is considered that one polling station is sufficient for these polling districts.

Note: At the European Referendum in 2016 Muker polling station was not available and electors were allocated to Gunnerside as the nearest venue. Turnout at Gunnerside (203 – 62%) and Low Row (78 – 58%).

District Ward:	HIPSWELL
Electorate:	3074

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
HI01R HI03R	Colburn Albermarle Hipswell Part 2	87 65	543 365	630 430	908	1060	L: 145 (14%) E: 192 (19%)	Hipswell Village Hall		Y
HI02R	Hipswell Part 1	280	1525	1805	1525	1805	L: 119 (7%) E: 188 (11%)	Swaledale Mountain Rescue, Hipswell Road West, Catterick Garrison	This venue has been used for elections for approximately 15 years. Its location is not ideal, however additional signage is provided. Alternative venues have been inspected and no suitable found.	Y
HI04R	St Martins	34	175	209	175	209	L: 63 (30%) E: 63 (31%)	The Station, Richmond		Y

Returning Officer's Proposals or Comments
No Changes - It is proposed to retain Swaledale Mountain Rescue as the polling station but to keep looking for a more suitably located venue.

District Ward:	LEYBURN
Electorate:	3140

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
LE01R	Bellerby	56	260	316	260	316	L: 131 (42%) E: 116 (37%)	Bellerby Village Hall		Y
LE02R	Carperby cum Thoresby	19	162	181	162	181	L: 88 (51%) E: 86 (48%)	Redmire Village Hall (Existing Carperby Institute)	The number of electors in this polling district is currently under 200 which is an inefficient use of resources. Suggest Redmire Village Hall as alternative polling place.	Y
LE03R LE05R LE06R	Castle Bolton Preston-under-Scar Redmire	7 21 31	45 112 270	52 133 301	427	486	L: 160 (33%) E: 167 (34%)	Redmire Village Hall		Y
LE04R	Leyburn	380	1648	2028	1648	2028	L: 465 (23%) E: 457 (23%)	Oak Room, Thornborough Hall, Leyburn	Confusion to voters when used as a double polling station. For several elections worked well with 1 Presiding Officer & 2 Poll Clerks	Y

LE07R	Wensley	19	110	129	110	129	L: 29 (23%) E: 38 (30%)	Redmire Village Hall (Existing Wensley Village Hall)	The number of electors in this polling district is currently under 200 which is an inefficient use of resources. Suggest Redmire Village Hall as alternative polling place.	Y
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Returning Officer's Proposals or Comments

It is proposed to allocate electors of LE02R & LE07R to vote at Redmire Village Hall with electors of LE03R, LE05R & LE06R and this will mean Carperby Institute and Wensley Village Hall will no longer be used for Elections, a potential minimum saving of £450 & £500 respectively.

Note: At the European Referendum in 2016, turnout was Carperby (141 – 76%) and Wensley (72 – 61%). No current issues with Carperby or Wensley as venues for polling stations.

District Ward:	LOWER SWALEDALE & ARKENGARTHDALE
Electorate:	1451

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
LS01R	Arkengarthdale	31	143	174	143	174	L: 69 (40%) E: 62 (36%)	Reeth District Memorial Hall (Existing St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale)	The number of electors in this polling district is currently under 200 which is an inefficient use of resources. Suggest Reeth District Memorial Hall as alternative polling place.	Y
LS02R LS05R LS10R LS11R	Downholme Hudswell Stainton Walburn	8 33 2 0	30 226 11 7	38 259 13 7	274	317	L: 113 (36%) E: 108 (34%)	Village Hall, Hudswell		Y – ramp
LS03R LS04R	Ellerton Abbey Grinton	3 24	12 121	15 145	133	160	L: 47 (29%) E: 54 (34%)	Reeth District Memorial Hall (Existing Grinton Literarcy Institute)	The number of electors in this polling district is currently under 200 which is an inefficient use of resources. Suggest Reeth District Memorial Hall as alternative polling place.	Y

LS06R	Marrick	22	95	117	95	117	L: 32 (28%) E: 28 (24%)	Reeth District Memorial Hall (Existing Marrick Institute)	The number of electors in this polling district is currently under 200 which is an inefficient use of resources. Suggest Reeth District Memorial Hall as alternative polling place.	Y
LS07R LS08R	Marske New Forest	18 2	56 9	74 11	65	85	L: 29 (34%) E: 17 (20%)	Reeth District Memorial Hall (Existing Scriddehurst, Marske)	The number of electors in this polling district is currently under 200 which is an inefficient use of resources. Suggest Reeth District Memorial Hall as alternative polling place.	Y
LS09R	Reeth	77	521	598	521	598	L: 233 (40%) E: 231 (39%)	Reeth District Memorial Hall		Y

Returning Officer's Proposals or Comments

It is proposed to allocate electors of LS01R, LS02R, LS03R, LS06R, LS07R & LS08R to vote at Reeth District Methodist Hall with electors of LS09R and this will mean St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale, Grinton Literary Institute, Marrick Institute and Scriddehurst, Marske will no longer be used for Elections, a potential minimum saving of £500 per polling station.

Note: At the European Referendum in 2016, turnout was Arkengardale (131 – 72%), Grinton (101 – 59%), Marrick (67 – 60%) & Marske (59 – 58%).

Grinton Literary Institute – no toilet facilities

Marrick Institute – Survey response – Important to retain these in rural locations

Scriddehurst, Marske – private home, no guarantee it will be available to be used as a polling station.

St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale replaced Arkengarthdale Methodist Church Schoolroom which closed in 2014 – limited space inside the church to act as a polling station – outside toilet facilities. No other alternatives available locally.

District Ward:	LOWER WENSLEYDALE
Electorate:	1513

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
LW01R LW02R LW03R LW04R LW05R LW06R LW08R LW13R	Akebar Barden Constable Burton East Hauxwell Finghall Garriston Hutton Hang West Hauxwell	3 14 26 3 22 3 4 1	15 19 112 26 117 24 16 5	18 33 138 29 139 27 20 6	334	410	L: 97 (24%) E: 123 (30%)	Village Hall, Constable Burton		Y
LW09R LW10R LW12R	Newton le Willows Patrick Brompton Thornton Steward	49 54 38	267 95 113	316 149 151	475	616	L: 165 (27%) E: 192 (31%)	Village Hall, Newton le Willows		Y
LW07R LW11R	Harmby Spennithorne	40 35	285 127	325 162	412	487	L: 138 (29%) E: 183 (38%)	Village Hall, Brook Terrace, Harmby		Y

Returning Officer's Proposals or Comments
No Changes

District Ward:	MELSONBY
Electorate:	1604

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ME01R	Aldbrough St John	73	258	331	258	331	L: 108 (33%) E: 112 (34%)	Village Hall, Aldbrough St John		Y
ME02R	Caldwell	32	87	119	557	693	L: 128 (19%) E: 169 (25%)	Village Hall, Eppleby		Y
ME03R	Carkin	12	29	41						
ME04R	East Layton	11	54	65						
ME05R	Eppleby	29	200	229						
ME06R	Forcett	17	64	81						
ME08R	Stanwick St John	29	89	118						
ME09R	West Layton	6	34	40						
ME07R	Melsonby	79	501	580	501	580	L: 140 (24%) E: 182 (32%)	St James the Great Church, Melsonby	No toilet facility	Y

Returning Officer's Proposals or Comments
No Changes – to keep Melsonby under review for a more suitable venue (eg new Village Hall)

District Ward:	MIDDLEHAM
Electorate:	1497

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
MI01R MI02R MI03R MI04R MI06R MI08R	Caldbergh with East Scafton Carlton Highdale Carlton Town Coverham with Agglethorpe Melmerby West Scafton	5 12 17 8 7 20	25 75 96 55 27 30	30 87 113 63 34 50	314	377	L: 82 (22%) E: 92 (25%)	Coverdale Memorial Hall, Carlton		Y
MI05R	East Witton	37	158	195	158	195	L: 58 (29%) E: 65 (33%)	Middleham Key Centre, Middleham (Exisiting East Witton Parish Room)	The number of electors in this polling district is currently under 200 which is an inefficient use of resources. Suggest Middleham Key Centre as alternative polling place.	Y
MI07R	Middleham	88	530	618	530	618	L: 159 (26%) E: 143 (23%)	Middleham Key Centre, Middleham		Y
MI09R	West Witton	40	267	307	267	307	L: 79 (26%) E: 113 (37%)	Village Hall, Church Lane, West Witton		Y

Returning Officer's Proposals or Comments

It is proposed to allocate electors of MI05R to vote at Middleham Key Centre with electors of MI07R and this will mean East Witton Parish Room will no longer be used for Elections, a potential minimum saving of £500.

Note: At the European Referendum in 2016, turnout was East Witton (128 – 65%)

District Ward:	RICHMOND EAST
Electorate:	1571

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
RE01R RE02R	Richmond East Richmond East	384 10	1223 26	1607 36	1249	1571	L: 437 (27%) E: 458 (28%)	Venue being sought	Mini Review took place in 2018.	

Returning Officer's Proposals or Comments
<p>Amendment (250719): We have recently been advised that Richmond Youth Club will no longer be available to act as a polling station. We are currently seeking possible alternatives venues.</p> <p>The two polling districts will be combined into one when the new Register is published on 1 December.</p>

District Ward:	RICHMOND NORTH
Electorate:	1627

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
RN01R RN02R	Richmond North Richmond North	221 77	957 372	1178 449	1329	1627	L: 437 (27%) E: 325 (20%)	Venue being sought	Mini Review took place in 2018.	

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District Ward:	RICHMOND WEST
Electorate:	3426

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
RW01R	Richmond West Part 1	94	636	730	1025	1197	L: 296 (28%) E: 435 (27%)	Market Hall, Market Place, Richmond	Mini Review took place in 2018.	Y
RW02R	Richmond West Part 2	23	123	146						
RW03R	Richmond West Part 3	55	266	321						
RW04R	Richmond West Part 4	82	431	543	431	543	L: 139 (26%)	Market Hall, Market Place, Richmond	Mini Review took place in 2018 which included a suggestion to use Reeth Road Social Club for this polling district. It was used at local elections on 2 May but was unavailable for European election on 23 May. Electors used Richmond Market Hall for that election. It is not a suitable venue, therefore it is proposed to use Richmond Market Hall for this polling district but to continue to seek an alternative location.	Y

RW05R	Richmond West Part 5	144	504	648	1377	1686	L: 492 (29%) E: 503 (30%)	Methodist Hall, Dundas Street, Richmond	Mini Review took place in 2018.	Y
RW06R	Richmond West Part 6	162	828	990						
RW07R	Richmond West Part 7	3	45	48						

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<p>RW01R, RW02R & RW03R polling districts will be combined into one when the new Register is published on 1 December. RW04R to remain as a separate polling district, but will change to RW02R when the new Register is published on 1 December. RW05R, RW06R & RW07R polling districts will be combined into one when the new Register is published on 1 December and change to RW03R.</p> <p>It is proposed to retain a separate polling district for RW04R and to keep under review for an alternative venue, to allocate the electors to Richmond Market Hall and not to use Reeth Road Social Club.</p> <p>Note: Reeth Road Social Club – at top of a very steep hill, no building insurance, keyholders – difficult to make contact, constantly under threat of closure, lack of parking, only street parking an option.</p> <p>Survey Responses: Not on a bus route and up a steep hill. Top of a steep, access is via steps, not suitable for wheelchairs. Address is Reeth Road, actually Coronation Place up top of hill. Lack of clarity might mean less people find it and vote. Steep steps to access building. Top of a hill. Market Hall as before, easy access. Bit of a hill for wheelchair users. Had to google location, steep hill up to location, town centre as alternative.</p>

District Ward:	SCOTTON
Electorate:	2919

Polling District Letters	Parish	Current No of Postal Voters	No. Voting In Person At Polling Station	No. of Electors	Total No Voting in Person At Polling Station	Total No of Electors	Polling Station Turnout at May Elections	Proposed Polling Station	Comments	Disabled Access
SC01R SC07R	Appleton East & West Tunstall	17 40	44 208	61 248	252	309	L: 86 (28%) E: 100 (32%)	Tunstall Village Hall		Y
SC02R SC04R SC05R	Arrathorne Hornby Hunton	17 32 49	51 71 311	68 103 360	433	531	L: 137 (26%) E: 182 (34%)	Hunton Village Hall		Y
SC03R SC06R	Colburn Moor Scotton	51 324	233 1471	284 1795	1704	2079	L: 309 (15%) E: 358 (18%)	Village Hall, Scotton	Mini Review 2018 Alternative venues have been sought, however no suitable venue has been found to date	Y

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No Change – keep reviewing potential alternative venues for Scotton

District Ward:	YOREDALE
Electorate:	1667

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YO01R YO06R	Askrigg Low Abbotside	40 9	334 81	374 90	415	464	E: 178 (39%) E: 172 (38%)	Askrigg Village Hall		Y – ramp
YO02R YO09R	Aysgarth Thornton Rust	17 21	148 69	165 90	217	345	L: 93 (37%) E: 93 (37%)	Aysgarth Institute		Y – side entrance
YO03R	Bainbridge	60	340	400	340	400	L: 149 (37%) E: 117 (29%)	Bainbridge Village Hall		Y - ramp
YO04R YO07R YO08R	Bishopdale Newbiggin Thoralby	6 3 16	15 72 112	21 75 128	199	224	L: 113 (51%) E: 104 (47%)	Village Hall, Moor Road, Thoralby		Y
YO05R	Burton cum Walden	35	199	234	199	234	L: 65 (27%) E: 77 (30%)	Village Hall, West Burton		Y

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No changes.