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Purpose of this report

For the background to the report please see the Terms of Reference and Supporting Documentation at the [Polling District Review web page](#) .

This report sets out the initial recommendations and the final recommendations either for change or retention of existing polling places and polling district boundaries.

A number of alternative polling stations have been suggested and these have, where possible, been visited and assessed as part of this formal review. However, it has not been possible to visit all the suggested polling stations and so there are some outstanding suggested changes to be reviewed. Polling stations can be changed outside of a statutory review and any outstanding assessments will be carried out in time for implementation for the scheduled elections in May 2020.

Any new polling stations which have been assessed are detailed in the final recommendations.

The final recommendations are to be implemented on publication of the revised version of the Register of Electors 2020. This will be published by 1 February 2020.

General considerations taken into account

1. Limitations on change

There are some suggestions for changes which cannot be implemented. This is because the suggested change falls outside the legal remit of this review.

For example, changes to polling district boundaries are not possible where they would result in a change to a parish boundary or a ward of the District or Parish or Town Council.

Where a change is not possible, the reasons for this are set out in the report.

2. Impact of Parliamentary General Election

The snap election in December 2019 had a large impact on the work which was being carried out in this review. It is the reason why assessments have not been possible at some polling stations and why they are still outstanding.

In effect the general election removed almost 10 weeks from the time available to finalise this review and to produce this final report.

3. Accessibility of premises

Where possible, the premises used as polling stations are fully accessible. However in some cases, unfortunately, the only premises available for use are inaccessible to some.

In some cases, it is possible to remove the issues but in others it is not, as neither the Returning Officer nor the Council have the power to make material changes to premises outside their ownership or control. If it is not possible to remove the issues, a discussion takes place between the Electoral Services team, premises owners and polling station staff to reduce the impact of these issues. Every effort is made to make premises accessible to all but sometimes it is not possible.

Any new issues which arise on polling day are managed by the Returning Officer's staff and the polling station staff in particular.

4. Temporary polling stations

Where there is no alternative, temporary polling stations are used in the form of 'portakabins' or similar structures. These are used as a last resort and it is recognised that they are inaccessible to some electors due to the need for steps at their entrances.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide ramps or the larger accessible premises as there is insufficient room on the plots used to install a ramp or the larger accessible premises.

The contractors providing the temporary stations will continue to be asked if they have any suitable accessible temporary equipment and if it becomes available it will be used.

If alternative premises become available then they will be considered in future.

The use of temporary polling stations will therefore remain under review.

5. The use of schools as polling stations

Without the much valued support of schools, elections in Wakefield would not be possible.

Premises used as polling stations must provide the best possible facilities to enable all electors to cast their vote, i.e. they must be, where possible, easily accessible and located centrally within the relevant polling district (a geographical division of an area for elections).

Generally, school buildings are used as polling stations because they are the best available buildings. In the Wakefield District we currently use around 70 schools as polling stations of which just under half remain open to pupils. The remainder of polling premises are community centres, church halls and other community buildings where available. There are regrettably not enough suitable buildings in the district to allow us to stop using school premises altogether.

It is clear that the use of schools as polling stations is inconvenient to pupils, school staff, parents and carers and is disruptive to the pupils' school lives. While this is the case, it is also true that the use of schools is unavoidable.

Where an election is scheduled, most schools allocate an inset day to cover the closure. Schools are provided with the dates of scheduled elections up to five years in advance. In recent years however, there have been a number of unscheduled elections which have had a greater impact on schools.

Where possible the Returning Officer works with schools to allow them to stay open and to safeguard their pupils. However, there are always occasions when this is not possible.

The use of all schools will be kept under review and if at any point an alternative arrangement is suggested which is more convenient to the school, while providing the right voting facilities, the Returning Officer will agree to that alternative. For example, in May 2019 a change was agreed to move out of the school building into the former caretaker's home which allowed the school to stay open.

Suggestions for viable alternatives to schools are always welcomed.

6. Future housing developments

Reference has been made to the Strategic Land Availability Assessment 2018 (SLAA) carried out by the Council and of which details can be found here at the [SLAA 2018 webpage](#).

Any development which according to the SLAA is likely to take place within the next 5 years will be taken into account in the review as far as is practicable. Until the developments have planning permission or are actually completed, it is not possible to say with certainty which polling districts will be affected. However, development will be monitored and polling facilities will be reviewed as necessary.

7. Citizens of EU Member States

Given that no decision has yet been made as to what voting rights EU citizens will have after that the UK leaves the EU, the number of EU citizens has been included in the consideration given to the size of electorates in all areas.

8. Electorates and turnout at elections

Polling stations are always provided on the basis of 100% turnout at every election and always on the basis of total electorates. To do otherwise would be inappropriate.

The Electoral Commission suggest a maximum electorate of 2500 in each polling district and while this is achievable in the majority of cases, it is not always possible for practical reasons. This may be due to the lack of available premises, or the concentration of housing in an area. Where it is not possible to divide polling districts, two polling stations are provided within the same premises.

Over-arching recommendation

It is recommended that the polling place for each polling district be defined as the whole of the current polling district and all neighbouring polling districts within the same district council ward.

This is a technical recommendation to assist the efficient administration of elections.

In certain circumstances a polling station is unavailable at short notice. Legally, the polling station must be within the nominated polling place for the polling district. If it is not then a review must be carried out. Clearly a review in the lead up to an election would be practically impossible.

If the polling places are defined as widely as is practicable the need for review is removed and a polling district can be allocated another polling station immediately. Usually, this would involve using an existing polling station in a neighbouring polling district.

For those reasons it is recommended that polling places for every polling district be the whole of that polling district and all neighbouring polling districts within the same council ward.

Individual recommendations

The final recommendations are set out ward by ward, along with the initial recommendations for ease of reference.

In Featherstone No. 6 Ward an anomaly was revealed in the boundaries in Streethouse as a result of the implementation of new election management software. The minor change is not part of the review but has been made to allow electors living in Streethouse to vote at a polling station within the village.

Ward 1 – Ackworth, North Elmsall and Upton

Submission 1.1	Upton Parish Council Centre should no longer be used as a polling station and a change should be made to use another e.g. Upton Library
Response	Upton Library is already in use and would not easily accommodate a double polling station Upton Parish Council Centre and the Upton Library are in different Parishes and so a change is not practical
Initial recommendation	No change to existing arrangements

Submission 1.2	That the larger polling district (01HB) within Ackworth be divided and an additional polling station be provided at Brackenhill Community Centre
Submission 1.3	That the larger polling district (01HB) within Ackworth be divided and an additional polling station be provided at the Electric Theatre
Response	The polling district is in need of division particularly as there has been a large development of housing within it toward the western edge of the village.
Initial recommendation	That the polling district be divided along the line of the Dando Way footpath to the end of Barnsdale Way. The new boundary should then be drawn north and to the west of Coopers Close. The new development should be contained within the new polling district. A suitable venue will be sought for use as a polling station. A site visit to Brackenhill Community Centre and the Electric Theatre will be carried out as well as to any other suggested venues.

Notes

There is a clear need for additional facilities within a reasonable distance of the new development in the area and although there is no parking at Brackenhill Community Centre itself there is sufficient on-street parking close by.

No other change in the ward is needed as the current arrangements are suitable.

Final recommendations

That a new polling district be created as initially recommended to be served by a new polling station at the Brackenhill Community Centre.

There be no other change to the current electoral arrangements.

Ward 2 – Airedale & Ferry Fryston

Submission 2.1	That a new polling station be provided for (and by implication a new polling district created including) the residents of New Fryston The new polling station should be at the new Fryston Community Centre in the village
Response	As the area will potentially see some development in the next five years and as the current polling station for residents of New Fryston is some distance away, there should be a change in the boundary of polling district 02NC
Initial recommendation	Polling district 02NC be divided with the railway line forming the boundary between 02NC and a newly created polling district The Fryston Community Centre be assessed as to its current suitability for use as a polling station

Submission 2.2	That electors who currently vote at Airedale Infant School should vote at The Hut off Kershaw Avenue
Response	There have been issues with the access to the school grounds and the distance from car parking to the polling station entrance makes the station less accessible
Initial recommendation	The Hut be assessed as to its suitability for use as a polling station with a view to a possible change in polling station

Notes

There is development taking place in New Fryston and it is with this in mind that the new polling district is to be created.

Final recommendation

That an additional polling district be created for New Fryston and the surrounding properties (off Wheldon Road to the eastern side of its junction with Fryston Road) served by a new polling station at the Fryston Community Centre.

That The Hut continue to be considered as an alternative to Airedale Infant School.

That there be no further changes to the polling arrangements in Ward 2.

Ward 3 – Altofts & Whitwood

Submission 3.1	That there be an additional polling station to serve the electors living in Lower Altofts
Response	This area has been assessed in the past and no suitable premises were found
Initial recommendation	That the area be re-assessed with a view to additional premises being found

Submission 3.2	The temporary polling station in the Three Lane Ends area be used in place of Three Lane Ends Academy on a permanent basis
Response	<p>The school has not been available for use as a polling station due to urgent building works being required in recent years and a temporary arrangement has been in place.</p> <p>However, where more suitable premises are available, a temporary arrangement should not be made permanent. It is not possible therefore to commit to avoiding use of the school in future.</p>
Initial recommendation	That the possible use of the school is assessed year by year in order that the best available polling arrangements are in place

Submission 3.3	That the church hall adjacent to 66 Church Road in Altofts be used in place of Martin Frobisher Infant School
Response	<p>The church hall is closer to the polling district it would serve than is Martin Frobisher Infant school</p> <p>This submission relates in part to submission 1 in Ward 3 as the polling station serves the polling district for Lower Altofts</p>
Initial recommendation	The church hall should be assessed as to its suitability for use as a polling station with a view to moving the polling station out of the school

Submission 3.4	That The Brig community centre in Altofts be used as a polling station in place of Lee Brigg Infants School
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Response	The facilities at Lee Brigg Infant School are good and it is central to the polling district
Initial recommendation	The Brig should be assessed as to its suitability for use as a polling station and then consideration given to moving the polling station out of the school

Notes

No alternative premises could be found to serve Lower Altofts. The Church did not wish to be considered as a polling station.

Final recommendation

That the possible use of Three Lane Ends Infant school continue to be assessed year by year.

The Brig should continue to be considered as an alternative to Lee Brigg Infant School.

That there be no further changes to the polling arrangements in Ward 3.

Ward 4 – Castleford Central & Glasshoughton

Submission 4.1	That the polling station currently in Park Junior School on Medley Street be moved to the Civic Centre on Ferrybridge Road
Response	The Civic Centre has been assessed in the past and found unsuitable
Initial recommendation	The Civic Centre be assessed as to its current suitability for use as a polling station with a view to a possible move out of the school

Final recommendation

That the Civic Centre continue to be considered as an alternative to Park Junior Academy.

Ward 5 – Crofton, Ryhill and Walton

Submission 5.1	That as Whin View will shortly be unavailable for use as a polling station due to refurbishment works taking place there and an alternative polling station must be provided
Response	An alternative clearly needs to be found even if only for the short to medium term
Initial recommendation	Detailed consideration will be given to any alternative polling premises in the area. The use of a double polling at an existing polling station should be seriously considered

Submission 5.2 (Returning Officer)	That the Library within the school be considered for use as a polling station. The current facilities at Walton Primary Academy are not ideal for polling station staff and the Library would provide easier access for disabled electors from the car park
Response	A change to the room is use at the school can be discussed with the school before the next election
Initial recommendation	The school library should be assessed as to its availability and suitability for use as a polling station

Submission 5.3	That the boundaries between polling districts in the Ryhill and Havercroft areas be amended so as to avoid the need for electors to travel relatively long distances and past a polling station (for example from Mulberry Avenue where electors pass Newstead Green Academy) to vote at the polling station assigned to their polling district
Response	The relevant polling districts in the example above are 05HJ which lies within the Parish of Ryhill and 05HL which lies within the Parish of Havercroft and Cold Hiendley. To make a change to those boundaries would need a change to two parish boundaries It is not possible to amend parish boundaries during this review
Initial recommendation	That consideration be given to the boundaries of the polling districts internally within each parish alongside the review needed in response to submission 5.1 above

Notes

Whin View is to remain open and available for use as a polling station and the current polling districts are the best way to serve the needs of the electorate given the existence of parishes in the Ward.

Final recommendation

That there be no change to the current polling arrangements.

Ward 6 – Featherstone

Submission 6.1	That there be a polling station in New Sharlston to avoid electors having to travel to Streethouse to vote
Response	There were no suitable premises in New Sharlston when the area was last assessed
Initial recommendation	That New Sharlston be re-assessed with a view to a polling station being provided in the village

Submission 6.2	That a polling station be provided at the Sharlston Community Centre in place of Sharlston Community School to provide a more centralised polling station for the polling district
Response	<p>The Community School is located within a housing estate and so is convenient for a large proportion of the electorate</p> <p>An alternative premises next door to the school has been used for recent elections</p> <p>It is recognised that a polling station toward the centre of the polling district would be more convenient for a greater number of the electorate</p>
Initial recommendation	That the Sharlston Community Centre be assessed as to its suitability for use as a polling station

Notes

After the publication of initial recommendations it became clear that the submission to replace Sharlston Community School was a suggestion that 06HJ be divided with a new polling district to be created and a new polling station be provided at Sharlston Community Centre.

There is a need for a new polling district to serve the centre of Sharlston to avoid those electors living to the south of Weeland Road having to travel a long distance to Sharlston Community School.

The Sharlston Children's Centre or nursery at Sharlston Community School will continue to serve the electors living to the north of Weeland Road.

There are no premises available in New Sharlston which could serve the needs of electors in that village.

Final recommendations

That a new polling district be created to the south of Weeland Road served by a new polling station at Sharlston Community Centre.

That there be no further changes to the polling arrangements in Ward 6.

Ward 7 – Hemsworth

Final recommendation

That there be no change to the polling arrangements in Ward 7.

Ward 8 – Horbury & South Ossett

Submission 8.1 (received from five consultees)	To move the polling station at Horbury Infants School to the Cluntergate Centre or another alternative venue
Response	A move to the Cluntergate Centre will necessitate a small change to polling district boundaries The Cluntergate Centre has been assessed since its renovation and has been found to be a suitable location for a polling station
Initial recommendation	That the polling station currently placed in Horbury Infants School be moved to the Cluntergate Centre

Submission 8.2	That a new polling station (and by implication a new polling district) be created for the electors living in Horbury Junction to remove the need for electors to cross the main Wakefield – Huddersfield Road
Response	A new boundary could easily be created along the line of the Wakefield - Huddersfield Road A possible polling station venue is St Mary's Parish Centre
Initial recommendation	That the St Mary's Parish Centre be assessed as to its suitability for use as a polling station and if found to be suitable the new polling district should be created and St Mary's be designated as its polling station

Notes

St Mary's Parish Centre has been assessed but found to be unsuitable for use as a polling station due to a lack of accessibility. The driveway to the centre is not adopted and is unlit which represents a health and safety risk.

Final recommendations

That the boundary between 08WB and 08WC be amended to allow the use of the Cluntergate Centre as a polling station in place of Horbury Infants School.

That there be no other changes to the polling arrangements in Ward 8.

Ward 9 – Knottingley

Submission 9.1 (Returning Officer)	The premises at England Lane Primary School will close soon as the school is being moved to the site of the De Lacy Academy (formerly Knottingley High School). The school currently serves two polling districts and so a replacement must be found
Response	N/a
Initial recommendation	That the new school site be assessed for its suitability for use as a polling station if the current site is to be unavailable in future elections

Final recommendations

That the new site for the England Lane Academy be used as a polling station.

That there be no other change to the polling arrangements in Ward 9.

Ward 10 – Normanton

Submission 10.1 (received from two consultees)	That the electors living in Sovereign Gardens be allowed to vote at Normanton Library rather than having to travel a longer distance to Normanton Newlands Primary School
Response	Sovereign Gardens and Normanton Library lie in two different wards of Normanton Town Council. To allow the electors to vote at Normanton Library is beyond the remit of this review and would need a community governance review to achieve such a change
Initial recommendation	That electors in Sovereign Gardens continue to vote at the polling station for their current polling district

Submission 10.2	That the polling station currently located in Normanton All Saints Infant School be moved to the All Saints Parish Rooms
Response	The Parish Rooms are very close to the current polling station
Initial recommendation	That the Parish Rooms be assessed for suitability for use as a polling station with a view to a possible move out of the school

Notes

The Parish Rooms have been assessed as suitable for use as a polling station.

Final recommendations

That the All Saints Parish Rooms be used as a polling station in the place of Normanton All Saints Infant School.

That there be no other change to the current polling arrangements in Ward 10.

Ward 11 – Ossett

Submission 11.1	That the number of polling districts in Ossett ward be reduced from eight to seven with changes to all current polling district boundaries
Response	<p>The suggested changes to boundaries are not yet clearly defined but the boundaries can be clarified during the second consultation period</p> <p>As the submission suggests changes to all polling district boundaries, careful consideration of the needs of electors and the polling facilities available in the proposed polling districts will need careful consideration</p>
Initial recommendation	That there be a meeting between the Electoral Services team and the consultee to clarify the proposed boundaries and careful consideration should then be given to the detail of the submission

Submission 11.2	<p>That there be changes to the polling stations used in Ward 11 with the following changes proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One polling station be removed from Ossett Town Hall• An additional temporary polling station be provided on Wood Street adjacent to Thorpe View• Only one of either Dimple Well Infants or Southdale Junior school be used as a polling station in future
Response	<p>The suggested changes are dependent on the review of the boundaries as set out in submission 11.1 above</p> <p>It should be noted that temporary polling stations are used only as a last resort where there are no suitable alternative premises</p> <p>A temporary polling station will not be used</p>
Initial recommendation	That there be a meeting between the Electoral Services team and the consultee to clarify the proposed boundaries and careful consideration should then be given to the detail of the submission

Notes

A meeting took place with the consultees at which it was agreed that the arrangements in Ossett would be looked at in detail.

There were a number of issues to be covered in the review of Ossett:

- The loss of the temporary polling station at Holme Leas
- An intention to avoid the use of Southdale School if at all possible

- To reduce the number of polling stations and therefore electors in the Town Hall which has no parking of its own
- To allow the exploration of alternative polling stations at Kingsway Church, Holy Trinity Parish Centre and Ossett War Memorial Community Centre

Final recommendations

That the existing polling district 11WD Holme Leas be removed by:

1. A new boundary along the length of Pildacre Lane
2. The area to the south of Pildacre Lane being merged with 11WC Headlands
3. The area to the north of Pildacre Lane being merged with 11WE Ossett Central

That there be a new boundary in 11WE Ossett Central along Dale Street and Ventnor Way to join the existing boundary with 11WH at Bank Street.

That the boundary to 11WG Ossett East be changed to its north west end to run south west from the existing boundary on Southdale Road to The Green, north west along The Green to Prospect Road, north east on Prospect Road to the junction with Station Road and finally south east along Station Road to its existing boundary. That as a result, small parts of 11WH Ossett East and 11WE Ossett Central form part of 11WH.

Ward 12 – Pontefract North

Submission 12.1 (Returning Officer)	That the boundaries between polling districts 12ND, 12NE and 12NG be amended to take into account the large number of houses being built on the site of, and area around the former Prince of Wales colliery
Response	The level of development around the area will be assessed in detail. A potential polling station will be considered in the new leisure centre being built in Pontefract Park for use after its expected completion in autumn 2020
Initial recommendation	That the boundaries between 12ND, 12NE and 12NG be amended to provide polling arrangements for the completion of the developments in the area

Notes

As development in the area continues the area will be kept under review and the use of the new leisure centre will be assessed as a possible polling station when it is completed.

Final recommendation

That there be no change to the current arrangements in Ward 12.

Ward 13 – Pontefract South

Submission 13.1 (Returning Officer)	That the boundary between 13NA and 13NB be changed to avoid electors passing a polling station at De Lacy Primary School to get to the polling station at St Mary's Community Centre
Response	A boundary running in an approximately north-west to south-east rather than an approximately south-west to north-east direction would better serve the relevant polling districts
Initial recommendation	That the boundary between the polling districts be amended to run along Grove Road, Harewood Avenue, School Road and the northern end of Rookhill Road and then along the edge of the Eastbourne Estate to Baghill Lane The existing polling stations at St Mary's Community Centre and De Lacy Primary School be retained

Final recommendation

That the boundary between 13NA and 13NB be amended as initially recommended above.

That there be no other change to the current polling arrangements in Ward 13.

Ward 14 – South Elmsall & South Kirkby

Final recommendation

That there be no changes to the polling arrangements in Ward 14.

Ward 15 – Stanley & Outwood East

Submission 15.1 (Returning Officer)	That the large developments at City Fields be kept under review and consideration be given to the provision of a polling station to serve the new development
Response	The development falls partly within Ward 15 and partly within Ward 16 and so the impact will be assessed across both wards
Initial recommendation	That consideration be given to the use of premises within the new development if any are available to provide a new polling station If a new polling station becomes available a new polling district should be created for the area of the City Fields development in this ward

Final recommendation

That there be no change to the current polling arrangements in Ward 15.

Ward 16 – Wakefield East

Submission 16.1 (Returning Officer)	That there be new boundaries between 16WC, 16WD and 16WE to accommodate the new development at City Fields as far as it falls within Ward 16
Response	The development falls partly within Ward 15 and partly within Ward 16 and so the impact will be assessed across both wards
Initial recommendation	That the northern boundary of 16WD run along Park Lodge Lane to the junction with Eastern Relief Road The northern section of 16WD be included in 16WC with the electors in any new development on City Fields vote at the St Swithun's Centre

Final recommendations

That the boundary between 16WC, 16WD and 16WE be redrawn as recommended above.

That there be no further changes to the polling arrangements in Ward 16.

Ward 17 – Wakefield North

Submission 17.1	That the polling station serving 17WF be returned to City Limits or located in New Wells Sheltered Housing complex
Response	<p>The former polling station at City Limits is permanently unavailable</p> <p>The polling station is currently located in Ingsbeck Mews and is fit for purpose but it is recognised that it is not as prominent a site as New Wells</p> <p>Ingsbeck Mews was used in May 2019 as it was available for a site visit and at short notice. New Wells was not available at the same short notice</p>
Initial recommendation	That New Wells be assessed as to its suitability for use as a polling station and that if it has the same or better level of facilities as Ingsbeck Mews, the polling station be located at New Wells.

Final recommendations

That a possible change of polling station from to Ingsbeck Mews to New Wells Sheltered Housing continue to be assessed.

That there be no further changes to the polling arrangements in Ward 17.

Ward 18 – Wakefield Rural

Submission 18.1	That Crigglestone St James CE School no longer be used as a polling station
Response	<p>There are no other premises in the polling district which are suitable for use as a polling station and in fact the school accommodates two polling stations due to the lack of facilities in other areas</p> <p>Arrangements have been agreed in the past to allow the use of the school on polling day with the school remaining open</p>
Initial recommendation	That the Returning Officer and the Electoral Services team work together with the school to discuss internal changes to the polling stations to allow the school to remain open

Notes

A temporary alternative to the use of the school was found in December 2020 and the adjoining nursery centre was used. This has not been agreed as a permanent replacement for the school but discussions will take place with the school before every election to make the best arrangements possible for electors and the school itself.

Final recommendations

That there be no further to the polling arrangements in Ward 18.

Ward 19 – Wakefield South

Final recommendation

That there be no changes to the polling arrangements within Ward 19.

Ward 20 – Wakefield West

Submission 20.1	That the polling district boundaries be reviewed with a view to the polling stations being more centrally located in each
Response	There is a lack of suitable buildings within the Ward with all current polling stations being fit for purpose It is however recognised that some are not in a central position and are not in prominent positions
Initial recommendation	That the current boundaries are reviewed in detail across the whole ward but that changes will only be made where it is in the interests of the majority of the electorate

Submission 20.2	That the temporary polling station currently serving 20WH be removed and relocated to the northern end of Broadway in Lupset
Response	The provision of a temporary polling station which is likely to be inaccessible for a number of electors would be to provide worse facilities than are currently available
Initial recommendation	That the possible reduction in turnout precludes the removal of the polling district and polling station

Submission 20.3	That 20WH is merged with 20WG and electors vote at Wakefield West Methodist Church
Response	The removal of a polling station and the distance to be travelled by electors in 20WH to the church may reduce turnout from that area
Initial recommendation	That the provision of another polling station to the northern end of Broadway be considered as part of the review of the ward as a whole in response to submission 20.1 above

Notes

The merger of 20WG and 20WH as submitted may have a negative result on turnout given the greater distance that electors would have to travel to the Wakefield West Methodist Church. There is also development on the former Redcats site on the south side of Horbury Road and electors in that development will vote at the same church.

There are no more suitable premises available than those currently in use in the ward.

Final recommendation

That there be no change to the polling arrangements in Ward 20.

Ward 21 – Wrenthorpe & Outwood West

Submission 21.1	That the electors living on the western side of the A61 Leeds Road be permitted to vote at the polling station at Newton Hill School
Response	The relevant electors live within Ward 21 but the polling station at Newton Hill School is located within Ward 15. It is not possible therefore to make the suggested change
Initial recommendation	That there be no change to the current polling arrangements in Ward 21

Final recommendation

That there be no changes to the polling arrangements in Ward 21.

Future elections

Specific polling stations which are to be considered following this review are highlighted in the body of this report but all polling stations currently in use will be reviewed at every election with a view to making changes where necessary to improve electoral arrangements to the benefit of the electorate.

Comments about polling stations and electoral arrangements are welcomed at any time either by email to elections@wakefield.gov.uk or, by post to Electoral Services, Wakefield Council, County Hall, Wakefield, WF1 2QW.