

APPENDIX B – SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED

Denotes a change to the initial recommendations

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| CONSTITUENCY: Harrogate and Knaresborough | | | | | | |
| No | Division | Polling Districts affected | Commentator | Summary of comment | Assessment of comments | (Acting) Returning Officer's final recommendation |
| 1 | Bilton & Nidd Gorge | HRBAHH | Member of public | Dene Park Community Centre is not convenient for voters on my side of polling district | The Community Centre is well located within the polling district and remains suitable for polling | No change |
| 2 | Boroughbridge & Claro | HRWJH1H/ HRWJH2H | Oliver Quarmby, Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council | The Community Hall in Arkendale works very well, is accessible and well located near the bus stop | Thank you | No change |

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| 3 | Boroughbridge & Claro | HRWGHH | John Goss, Boroughbridge Town Council | The Methodist Church in Boroughbridge is ideal it have a ramp up to the building and a new ramp access into the building . Its in an ideal location in the town. Parking is a bit difficult | Thank you | No change |
| 4 | Coppice Valley & Duchy | HRDAH2H | Member of public | The resident lives closer to the polling station at St Joseph's Church than Harrogate Civic Centre and would like to change where they vote | St Joseph's Church is closer to resident's address, but to move it there would mean moving other voters in the same polling district to a location further away from their current polling station. | No change |
| 5 | High Harrogate & Kingsley | HRJAH1H/ HRJAH2H | Cllr Chris Aldred, High Harrogate & Kingsley Division | Starbeck Methodist Church is outside the polling districts and is inconvenient for voters. Suggest moving voters in certain streets to Christ Church polling station and moving polling station for remainder to the Common Room at the Station View Sheltered Housing Scheme | The polling districts boundary can be amended as suggested and the polling station for voters in HRJAH1H can be moved to Christ Church. Electoral Services staff have enquired about booking the common room as an alternative to Starbeck, but have been told it is not possible. | Voters in HRJAH1H to vote at Christ Church. Voters in HRJAH2H to vote at Starbeck Methodist Church. |

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| 6 | Killinghall, Hampsthwaite & Saltergate | All | Member of public | No issues with accessibility | Thank you | No change |
| 7 | Valley Gardens & Central Harrogate | HRSAH2 | Member of public | Current polling station is too far away to walk to | The current polling station is well established, is within the polling district and remains a suitable premises | No change |

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CONSTITUENCY: Richmond (Yorks)

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| 1 | Aiskew & Leeming Bar | HBBE02R | Michael Chaloner & Ian Barr, Aiskew & Leeming Barr Parish Council | You are again planning to have no Polling Station in Leeming Bar which results in people traveling significant distances out of their ward from parts of Leeming Bar to Leeming Village Hall to cast their vote. The Reubens Hotel is a suitable venue | Electoral Services officers visited the Reubens Hotel, agree it is suitable and can be booked for use as a polling station | Change polling station to Reubens Hotel, Leeming Bar |
| 2 | Aiskew & Leeming Bar | HBBE09R | Member of public | No problem. | Thank you | No change |
| 3 | Bedale | HBTA01R | Jonathan Jessop, Carthorpe Parish Council | Our facilities at the Community Hall are currently accessible and suitable for voting. | Thank you | No change |
| 4 | Bedale | HBTA19R | Member of public | I am currently a postal voter; however, were this to change, arrangements in Well are satisfactory. | Thank you | No change |
| 5 | Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale | RICA04R | Diane Kirkham, Catterick Parish Council | The Parish Council think the Booth Memorial Hall is still suitable as the polling station. | Thank you | No change |

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| 6 | Hipswell & Colburn | RIHI04R | Helen Grant, St Martins Parish Council | There doesn't appear to be any changes for St Martins which I am pleased to see. Parking at The Station can be difficult sometimes and disabled access to the room which is through heavy doors could be difficult for some. | Thank you. Comments about the doors are noted and will be included in election plans | No change |
| 7 | Hutton Rudby & Osmotherley | HBOS01R | William Thomas Scott, Carlton Parish Council | I can see no change from existing arrangements to this and neighbouring localities. I am therefore supportive of review with no further comment. | Thank you | No change |
| 8 | Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske | HBMO02R | 6 members of public | Kirkby Fleetham is a more convenient venue for voters in Great Langton than Danby Wiske | Agree with comments | Change polling station to Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall |
| 9 | North Richmondshire | RIME07R | Member of public | Melsonby St James the Great does not have disabled access | The polling station at Melsonby entrance has a lip, the venue has a ramp that will be available to be used. | No change |
| 10 | North Richmondshire | RICR05R | Member of public | Village is a good polling station | Thank you | No change |

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| 11 | Northallerton North & Brompton/ Northallerton South | HBNN02R/ HBNS01R/ HBNS02R | Member of public | Objection to using The Forum as a polling station due to some of the performers it has hosted in the past | The venue is a well used community venue and is suitable for continued use as a polling stations. | No change |
| 12 | Northallerton North & Brompton/ | HBNN01R/ HBNN02R | Member of public | Now with a new bigger village of Brompton and outer Northallerton on Darlington Road maybe a third venue for the town between Brompton and Northallerton and Romanby and Northallerton North Estate and re sort the polling stations for all. | We agree that new housing developments in the area will require a new polling station, but believe this is better introduced following the scheduled full boundary review | No change |
| 13 | Romanby | HBRY01R | Member of public | Remain perfectly suitable | Thank you | No change |
| 14 | Stokesley | HBST03R | Michael Canavan, Stokesley Town Council | Accept the No Change proposal. | Thank you | No change |
| 15 | Stokesley | HBST02R | Mary Frew, Kirkby Parish Council | The polling station and arrangements remain the same. They are accessible and suitable, no further comments. | Thank you | No change |

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| 16 | Upper Dales | RILS01R | 2 members of public | I am very pleased you are retaining St Mary's Church as I am severely disabled and would have great difficulty accessing Reeth whereas Arkengarthdale Church have improved disabled access | Thank you | No change |
| 17 | Upper Dales | RIHA04R | 23 respondents including Cllr Yvonne Peacock, Upper Dales Division and Melbecks Parish Council | Low Row village has an older population and they do not have transport and have limited public transport. Closing Low Row will make it more difficult to vote. The village hall has started to update the hall and one of the aims is better access when they can afford. | The comments about accessibility to the hall and future plans are noted. | Retain polling station at Low Row. |
| 18 | Upper Dales | RILS05R | 3 members of public | Supportive of continued use of current polling station | Thank you | No change |

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CONSTITUENCY: Scarborough and Whitby

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| 1 | Danby & Mulgrave | SCDISW/ SCDJSW | Lythe Parish Council | There are no proposed changes to the Lythe Parish area, thus no comments from Lythe Parish Council. | Thank you | No change |
| 2 | Esk Valley & Coast | SCGFSW | Member of public | Sneaton village hall is a good polling station for the community of the parish | Thank you | No change |
| 3 | Whitby Streonshalh | SCFASW | Member of public | The current polling station (Whitby Missions and Seafarers' centre) is not even within the polling district and requires a trek down into town and back up again. A better solution would be to use St Hilda's business centre on The Ropery YO22 4ET. Or further up the hill the Green Lane centre YO22 4EH. | Electoral Services have enquired in the past about using a space at St Hilda's Business Centre, but no suitable space is available. The community centre on Green Lane has been used as a polling station previously, but complaints were received from voters about its location at the top of a steep hill, and for that reason the location ceased to be used as a polling station. | No change |

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| 4 | Whitby Streonshalh | SCRASW | Cllr Neil Swannick, Whitby Streonshalh Division | Church House and United Reformed Church are the same building as far as I know, so no problem there as long as the new polling station is accessible. | They are separate building, but next door to each other. New station is accessible. | No change |
| 5 | Whitby Streonshalh | SCFCSW | Cllr Neil Swannick, Whitby Streonshalh Division | The problem with this location is that since the polling station was moved a few years ago, the street lighting has failed and cannot currently be restored by NYC due to the street not being an adopted highway. This would potentially cause problems if there was a winter election as the street is in total darkness at night. | The premises at the former St Hilda's Primary School are much more convenient for voters than Whitby Library. Before the next scheduled polls, the status of the street lighting will be reassessed and if necessary, temporary measures put in place on polling day to improve the external lighting in the vicinity of the polling station. | No change |
| 6 | Various | Various | J.G. Harston, Whitby Town Council | Submission focussed on the naming of polling districts in the Scarborough & Whitby constituency | Suggested name changes have been agreed as per proposal for polling districts that do not form part of warded parishes only. We disagree with the proposal to retain two polling districts in Scalby as the numbers of polling station voters will not exceed Electoral | No change to polling district boundaries, polling districts to be renamed as per the submission for polling districts not part of warded parishes with the |

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| 1 | Camblesforth & Carleton | SECDXSA/ SECLDSA/ SECNLSA | Dave Perry, Drax, Long Drax and Newland Parish Council | I agree that no changes are necessary | Thank you | No change |
| 2 | Cliffe & North Duffield | SEDHESA | Member of public | The Polling Station for Hemingbrough near Selby takes place in the village institute however this institute is used 5 days a week as a Preschool for children between the ages of 2-4 years and must close on election days. Can alternative venue be used? | This is a well-known community building and remains suitable for use as a polling station. | No change |
| 3 | Monk Fryston & South Milford | All | Member of public | Relieved to see no change proposed. Agree that no change is necessary. | Thank you | No change |
| 4 | Osgoldcross | SEWLSSA | Gillian Ivey, Little Smeaton Parish Council | Yes, the allocated venue for polling station for both Smeaton Villages is acceptable. | Thank you | No change |

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| 5 | Selby West | SESLSSA | Member of public | The former district council offices are perfect for voting. There's parking and a bus service into the hospital grounds | Thank you | No change |
| 6 | Spofforth with Lower Wharfedale and Tockwith | HRYMA2SA | Member of public | Voting for local councillor wasn't possible at Kirkby Overblow, had to drive 15mins to Sicklinghall. Village has a high proportion of elderly residents and this was difficult for some. | No suitable alternative is available in the polling district | No change |
| 7 | Thorpe Willoughby & Hambleton | SEHAGSA | Member of public | There is no public transport to Hambleton from Gateforth | The current location is a private residence and does not meet accessibility requirements. No suitable alternative exists within the polling district. | No change |

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CONSTITUENCY: Skipton and Ripon

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| 1 | Bentham & Ingleton | CRIAC5SR | John Metcalfe, Ingleton Parish Council | There are a number of premises within the Parish of Thornton in Lonsdale which would be suitable for use as a polling station without asking the residents to travel further to vote | No suitable alternative has been identified during the consultation period. | Change polling station to Ingleborough Community Centre |
| 2 | Gargrave & Malhamdale | CRGAM2SR | Catherine Downs, Bank Newton Parish Meeting | Residents in Bank Newton Parish find it easy to go to Gargrave Village Hall to vote in elections. | Thank you | No change |
| 3 | Gargrave & Malhamdale | CRGAM1SR | Member of public | I am very pleased to see there is no proposal to change the voting location in the Airton/Scosthrop area. This area has a high percentage of elderly and physically less-able voters, many of whom still like to go to the polling station to physically place their vote. | Thank you | No change |
| 4 | Gargrave & Malhamdale | CRHLP1SR | Member of public | A central location seems to be accessible to most people. | Thank you | No change |

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| 5 | Masham & Fountains | HRXMSSR | <p>20 respondents against initial proposal including Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, Masham & Fountains division and the Parish Council. 1 response in favour of initial proposal.</p> | <p>The Parish Council and Dallowgill residents feel very strongly that a polling station should remain in the school room at the Methodist Chapel in Dallowgill.</p> <p>There is adequate disabled access through the side entrance and adequate, albeit basic, toilet facilities.</p> | <p>A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and concluded the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel track. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting</p> | <p>Move polling station to Kirkby Malzeard Mechanics Institute, no change to initial proposals</p> |

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| | | | | | at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | |
| 6 | Pateley Bridge & Nidderdale | HRYESSR | Member of public | Suitability is fine but there are access issues at Pateley Memorial Hall. Although disabled parking and a low-threshold doorway are signposted, the passageway from that doorway to the polling booths has been obstructed by stacks of chairs on my last two visits making it unusable. I've needed to be helped through the 'able-bodied' entrance (up steps) in order to vote. | We will ensure any obstructions are removed to ensure polling booths are accessible to all | No change |
| 7 | Skipton West & West Craven | CRSKW2SR | Member of public | For those with mobility issues parking is limited at the church but generally the venue is good | There is a dedicated disabled parking space at the church | No change |

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| 8 | Wathvale & Bishop Monkton | HRZASSR | Member of public | There is no polling station in Asenby. Voters have to travel to next village Rainton. Those who do not drive cannot get there. | No suitable alternative has been identified during the consultation period. | No change |
| 9 | Wathvale & Bishop Monkton | HRWES1SR | 2 responses from Cllr Nick Brown, Wathvale & Bishop Monkton Division and a member of the public | Change of Polling Station from Crown Inn, Roecliffe to the Methodist Chapel, Boroughbridge will require car transport as bus service is minimal and not at a convenient time for elderly/infirm Roecliffe residents. A more convenient Polling Station site would be St Mary's Church, Roecliffe. | The church is not suitable having no disabled access or parking and a long gravelled drive | No change |
| 10 | Wathvale & Bishop Monkton | HRWDS1SR/ HRWDS2SR/ HRWDS3SR | Cllr Nick Brown, Wathvale & Bishop Monkton Division | I feel that because these new suggested polling stations are over a mile away from these villages your proposals are undemocratic. | In Norton-le-Clay/Cundall the proposal is to move the polling station from Dishforth to Marton-le-Moor which is slightly closer for most voters in those polling districts | No change |
| 11 | Wharfedale | CRBAF11SR | Debbie Burton, Rylstone Parish Meeting & 3 members of the public | Cracoe Village Hall is a good venue for Rylstone residents. It is accessible for all, with good car parking, and facilities. | Thank you | No change |
| 12 | Wharfedale | CRBAF6SR | Member of public | No change for us, so no issues. | Thank you | No change |

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CONSTITUENCY: Thirsk and Malton

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| 1 | Amotherby & Ampleforth | RYAAT | Mrs N Ballard, Amotherby Parish Council and a member of the public | No change needed. Polling station is central to area and accessible. | Thank you | No change |
| 2 | Amotherby & Ampleforth | RYACT | Member of public | Pleased to see great Habton Hall continues to be a designated polling station. It has good access inside and out and it central to the community. | Thank you | No change |
| 3 | Helmsley & Sinnington | RYFCT | Member of public | Happy to continue going to Helmsley to vote | Thank you | No change |
| 4 | Helmsley & Sinnington | RYFJT | Member of public | Rievaulx is a very small village, where the polling station has always been the Village Hall. As half the village residents are elderly and don't drive or have computers or smartphones, it's | The Village Hall at Rievaulx is not accessible to disabled voters and no suitable alternative is | No change |

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| | | | | important that we continue to be able to vote in the Village Hall. | available within the polling district | |
| 5 | Hillside & Raskelf | HBBA01T | 2 members of the public | The Greyhound, Bagby, has been used several times now as local polling station and is very convenient works well for all local residents. | Thank you | No change |
| 6 | Hillside & Raskelf | HBBA21T | Geoffrey Davis, Thornton-Le-Beans Parish Council | We are happy we are retaining our existing arrangements. | Thank you | No change |
| 7 | Hillside & Raskelf | HBRA12T | Carol Fenwick, Husthwaite Parish Council & Parish Council as a whole | Proposed polling station is accessible and the best option for the community | Thank you | No change |
| 8 | Huby & Tollerton | HBHU07T | Member of public | Farlington got on residents forced to vote 2.5 miles away in Stillington. I suggest not easy for all. | No suitable alternative within the polling district has been identified during the consultation period. | No change |
| 9 | Huby & Tollerton | HBEA09T | Member of public | Convenient site, but if there has been rain the pedestrian path outside the Community Centre floods as the pavement has sunk where the road | Comment about the path is noted and will | No change |

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| 10 | Malton | RYWCT | Member of public | Rainbow Lane Community Centre - very suitable, accessible | Thank you | No change |
| 11 | Sheriff Hutton & Derwent | RYEJT | James Johnston, Leavening Parish Council | This looks relatively straightforward and is an important review to take forward. We are happy with the recommendation for Leavening Parish. | Thank you | No change |
| 12 | Sheriff Hutton & Derwent | RYQAT | Member of public | No changes are proposed for Flaxton - I am content | Thank you | No change |
| 13 | Sowerby & Topcliffe | HBSO05T | Member of public | Happy with Sowerby Scout Hut | Thank you | No change |
| 14 | Sowerby & Topcliffe | HBSO05T | 2 members of public | I am concerned that the people of Sowerby Gateway do not have a nearer polling place. It is almost two miles for some voters. There could have been a place at the Hub in Orchid House? This is not accessible for some, there is no transport service and will mean some people walking quite a long way in the dark after work. | We agree a second polling station is required. We made an enquiry about booking the Hub, but were told it was not available due to existing bookings. | Create new polling district for Sowerby Gateway, and change polling station when a suitable venue is identified. Until then, no change to polling station. |
| 17 | Thirsk | HBTH07T | Member of public | I have no problem with the proposal | Thank you | No change |

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| 18 | Thornton Dale & Wolds | RYSFT | Levisham Parish Meeting | It's not changed. The poll place is as it's always been at Lockton. Non drivers can not access and would vote via mail. | Thank you | No change |
| 19 | Thornton Dale & Wolds | RYTDT | Gerald Bainbridge, Thixendale Parish Council | Status Quo, hence no comments. | Thank you | No change |
| 20 | Thornton Dale & Wolds | RYTET | Femi Shellard, Weaverthorpe Parish Council | I am pleased that there aren't any plans to change the Polling Place in Weaverthorpe as the Village Hall is fully accessible. | Thank you | No change |