

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Polling District and Polling Place Review Appendix B: Summary of responses to public consultation on polling districts and polling places (9 October to 6 November 2023)

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1. Responses concerning Hinckley & Bosworth constituency

1.1 Ambien Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
A voter	CV13 6LA	Not specified	No comment made
A voter	CV13 6DF	Not specified	No comment made
A voter	CV13 6HH	Stoke Golding	Venue seems ideally suitable, its central to the village and a ramp for wheelchair access is always provided.
A voter	CV13 6BZ	Sutton Cheney	Why did you make resident from Shenton go to Dadlington to vote when for years we always went to Sutton Cheney

1.2 Barlestone Nailstone & Osbaston Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
A voter	CV13 0HR	Not specified	No comment made

1.3 Barwell Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
<i>No comments received</i>			

1.4 Burbage Sketchley & Stretton Ward

Respondent	Postcode or organisation	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
A voter	LE10 2DW	Burbage, Sketchley & Stretton Ward, CAB, Burbage Millenium Hall	I agree that this is a good and relevant location. I have used it a number of times and it has always been easily accessible with no issues
A voter	LE10 2LA	Sketchley Grange	I am partially disabled. I cannot access the polling station via the stairs because there is no hand rail. There is an adjacent slope which is very steep and again no rail. I need a person to assist me to unable me to the actual polling area or as I know has been done for the ballot paper to be brought up to the landing to the voter for their vote to be cast. Neither proper access to the polling

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			area or the paper to be brought to the voter is very satisfactory. The simple answer is for a rail to be installed by the hotel.
An elected representative	Burbage Parish Council	Not specified	No comment made

1.5 Burbage St Catherines & Lash Hill Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
<i>No comments received</i>			

1.6 Cadeby Carlton & Market Bosworth with Shackerstone Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
A voter	CV13 0AX	Cadeby Church Hall	Cadeby Church Hall is not accessible to all. There is a high step to enter. I am not a wheelchair user but have some physical difficulties and have now registered to vote by post as I find it painful to enter the hall, even with a plastic step put out the front. I preferred voting when it was in the church, which had a new, smooth path laid in recent years to improve accessibility for all. It is very wheelchair-friendly and with no steps. I appreciate that the issue with the church is the lack of facilities for the people supervising the voting rather than for the voters themselves but the hall can always be made available for use of facilities in conjunction with the church. The church has a separate vestry area with a kettle.
A voter	CV13 0AX	Cadeby Church Hall	Excellent polling station in centre of village of Cadeby. No need to drive to park. Church Hall is clean & tidy and ideal to use for casting a vote.
A voter	CV13 0AT	Sketchley Grange	Convenient and suitable as a polling station for Cadeby

1.7 Earl Shilton Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
<i>No comments received</i>			

1.8 Hinckley Castle Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
A voter	LE10 0PN	DAB, Trinity Centre	It makes sense to merge DAC & DAD, new name DAB in Castle Ward. It does indeed equalise electorate numbers. The Trinity Centre on Marchant Rd is ideal as it is large, central, has nearby parking at Trinity Vicarage Car Park or Marchant Rd and allows easy access for all including disabled.

1.9 Hinckley Clarendon Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
A voter	LE10 0UQ	Hope Community Church / Redmoor Academy	<i>Comments taken from a telephone response</i> Electoral Staff are always great and receptive but the tellers are quite aggressive [...] Hope Community Church is now used, which is preferable to Redmoor Academy, where staff on the gates were abusive. This was reported to the Presiding Officer, who was dismissive and accessibility was impeded. [...] Notices and directions leave a lot to be desired [...] they should be well before you enter the polling station.

1.10 Hinckley De Montfort Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
A voter	LE10 0QZ	ABA and ABD	If I've understood correctly, I will vote at St Francis on Tudor Road. This makes perfect sense for me. I am concerned about the Ashby Road Sports Club having issues with disabled access and would like to be sure that this had been addressed before it is adopted as a voting place. Also, don't understand why the bar has to stay open during voting periods?

1.11 Hinckley Trinity Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
<i>No comments received</i>			

1.12 Newbold Verdon with Desford & Peckleton Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
A voter	LE9 9JF	Newbold Verdon with Desford & Peckleton, St Martins Church Centre, Desford	It would be better if there was a 'One way system' seperate entrance and exit. Need more staff with voter ID requirements.

1.13 Twycross Witherley & Sheepy Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
A voter	CV9 3QY	Not specified	No comment made

1.14 Multiple wards

Respondent	Name of organisation	Comments
An elected representative	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	<p>Hinckley Castle: Support combining DAA and B DAD - would support them voting at Westfield alongside EAA</p> <p>Demontfort Support changes generally ABB - separate polling station in - perhaps Albert Rd church? Or there are a number of underused hbhc car parks where a portacabin could be put</p> <p>Clarendon - support changes - would perhaps look to find somewhere for a portacabin near the new coop for the new estate and use the new school when built</p> <p>FAD - would mandate Newlands to enable use of the school</p> <p>Trinity - support changes including using Gwendoline House.</p> <p>Wouldn't support moving the farms from ACC to Acb as this will complicate administration of the lcc elections</p>

2. Responses concerning Mid Leicestershire constituency

2.1 Groby Ward

Respondent	Name of organisation	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
On behalf of a Parish Council	Groby Parish Council	Groby Village Hall (Groby Ward) and Markfield Community & Sports Centre (Field Head ward)	Groby Parish Council, at their meeting held last night [6 November 2023], were in agreement with the (Acting) Returning Officer's initial comments and recommendations for Groby and Field Head Ward

2.2 Markfield Stanton & Field Head Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
<i>No comments received</i>			

2.3 Ratby Bagworth & Thornton Ward

Respondent	Postcode	Which polling district or polling place?	Comments
A voter	LE67 1HL	Bagworth Community Centre	Please keep this excellent venue. It is within walking distance for this area, it has disabled access, it has ample parking and toilets on site. For the polling station staff there is access to a kitchen and a separate seating area.