

APPENDIX 1

Redditch Polling District & Polling Place Review 2019
Proposals from final consultation

Ward	2019 Ward Electorate	May 2019 Polling Place Electorate (includes postal votes)	Polling District Code	Current Polling Place	No Change Submission	No Change Submission received from	Change	Change Submission from	Ward Cllr Comments to Review Response	Electoral Services	Returning Officer Comments	Recommendation from Electoral Matters Committee held 11 Sept to consult on.	Comments received on Electoral Matters Committee recommendations	Further Officer/ARO Comments
Abbey		1674	ABA	Abbeydale Community Club	No change	RB8 7/8 Cllr J Grubb					No change	Change to Polling District with ABC, No change to Polling Place	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Abbey		1229	ABB	Portable Building Rush Lane	No change	RB9 7/8 Cllr J Grubb					This is not ideal due to the siting of the portable building and the need for a ramp but nothing else in the area available so suggest no change.	No change	None Received	
Abbey	4651	1729	ABC	Redditch Baptist Church	No change	RB10 7/8 Cllr J Grubb					No change	Change to Polling District with ABA, No change to Polling Place	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Astwood bank & Feckenham		2401	AFA	Astwood Bank Church Hall							No change	No change	RB6 Ward Cllr Warhurst happy with current arrangements	
Astwood bank & Feckenham		1649	AFB	Portable Building Banners lane						Officers contacted Red Lion pub on Enfield Road however they were not interested in having a polling station.	No change	No change	RB6 Ward Cllr happy with current arrangements	
Astwood bank & Feckenham	4734	659	AFC	Feckenham Village Hall							No change	No change	RB6 Ward Cllr Warhurst happy with current arrangements	
Batchely & Brockhill		1601	BYA	Batchley Community Centre						Nothing else in available in BYA	No change	No change	None Received	
Batchely & Brockhill		2146	BYB	Portable Building Carthorse Lane						St Benedict's Social Club was considered but is no longer in operation.	The need for a ramp for this station does not make it ideal but no other venues are available so suggest no change.	Change to Polling District with BYD, No change to Polling Place	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Batchely & Brockhill		1818	BYC	Batchley Community Centre							No change	No change	None Received	
Batchely & Brockhill	6143	548	BYD	Portable Building Burrington Close						Nothing else available in the area	No change	Change to Polling District with BYB, No change to Polling Place	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	

Central		1580	CEA	Bentley Close Communal Room	No change	RB1 24/7 Resident, comments regarding name and parking					No change	Change to Polling District with CEB and CEC, No change to Polling Place	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Central		1130	CEB	REDDI Centre							No change	Change to Polling District with CEA and CEC, No change to Polling Place	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Central	4502	1773	CEC	Southcrest Evangelical Church							No change	Change to Polling District with CEA and CEB, No change to Polling Place	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Church Hill		1746	CHA	Church Hill Community Centre	No change. Would like to keep current arrangements.	RB12 20/8 Ward Cllr Hartnett					No change	No change	None Received	
Church Hill		1662	CHB	Abbeywood First School	No change. Would like to keep current arrangements.	RB13 20/8 Ward Cllr Hartnett	A number of reasons including;- Safeguarding issues Staff welfare Alternatives: St Andrews Methodist Church, YMCA, Willow Trees Children's Centre, Health Centre Inappropriate for schools to be used as polling stations. Loss of education, childcare costs for parents, school gates being closed forcing electors to travel longer distances. Alternatives: Portable building on Maisemore or Jersey Close. Private house to act as a polling station.	RB6 12/8 Paul Nash Abbeywood First School/Church Hill Middle School RB7 12/8 Ward Cllr Rouse	Cllr Rouse: I support the arguments made against closing the school for educational, safeguarding and staff welfare reasons. I do not support any of the proposed alternative sites and maintain a preference for a site that is more central to the Polling District. Cllr Isherwod: I totally agree to Cllr Mike Rouse statement on both regards.	Officers have visited St Andrews Methodist Church and confirm it could easily be used for CHB voters. The only concern is the amount of parking available. Officers have visited Maisemore and Jersey Closes can cannot find land large or level enough to site a polling station.	As St Andrews Methodist Church could service the electors CHB recommend that this is used as polling place but kept under review (see map).	No change, but review portable building sites within the polling district again.	RB2 Cllr Akbar: Polling place Should move to portable building due to school closure and loss of educational time. RB4 Cllr Hartnett: If using portable building needs to be fully funded by current venue. Should have adequate parking, Access and egress to the station. Nearby location to current polling place. RB5: Cllr Rouse: Opposes no change. Suggested portable building in either Jersey Close, Maisemore Close or Impney Close. If not possible on these sites to consider using a private residence.	Officers have visited the polling district and identified three possible sites for a portable building. There has been no response from the school regarding funding of a portable building.
Church Hill		1216	CHC	Marfield Barn	No change. Would like to keep current arrangements	RB14 20/8 Ward Cllr Hartnett					No change	No change	None Received	
Church Hill	5788	1145	CHD	St Andrews Methodist Church	No change. Would like to keep current arrangements	RB15 20/8 Ward Cllr Hartnett					No change	No change	None Received	
Crabbs Cross		2136	CCA	The Church of Jesus Christ of the LDS	No change. Site suitable appropriate for service provided	RB4 5/8 Cllr G Prosser			Cllr S Akbar: fine with current provision		No change	No change	None Received	
Crabbs Cross		1532	CCB	Windmill Community Centre	No change. Site suitable appropriate for service provided	RB4 5/8 Cllr G Prosser			Cllr S Akbar: fine with current provision		No change	Change to Polling District with CCC, No change to Polling Place	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Crabbs Cross	4470	780	CCC	Gazebo at Callow Hill	No change. Site suitable appropriate for service provided	RB4 5/8 Cllr G Prosser			Cllr S Akbar: fine with current provision		No change	Change to Polling District with CCB, No change to Polling Place	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Greenlands		3365	GRA	St Johns Church Hall							No change	No change	None Received	

Greenlands	6713	3327	GRB	Woodrow Community Centre							No change	No change	None Received	
Headless Cross & Oakenshaw		1804	HOA	Vaynor First School			Move from Vaynor First School: Alternatives should be considered rather than closing schools for elections. Parents and children suffering for election closure. Alternatives: Porta cabin	RB2 30/7 Ward Cllr Tom Baker-Price		Have been unable to find any suitable alternatives in the area.	Since there does not seem to be any suitable alternative suggest no change.	Change to Polling District with HOB and HOC, No change, but consider Scout Hut off Feckenham Road. Officers to visit.	RB2 Cllr Akbar: Polling place should move to portable building due to school closure and loss of educational time. RB3 Cllr Baker Price: Would be in favour of using the Scout Hut RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports PD boundary changes. Supports use of Scout Hut, opposes continued use of school.	14 Oct: Officers have been unable to contact a person to allow access to review the Scout Hut
Headless Cross & Oakenshaw		1654	HOB	Rocklands Social Club							No change	Change to Polling District with HOA and HOC, No change to	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Headless Cross & Oakenshaw		1702	HOC	Oakenshaw Community Centre			Why are there two polling stations for Oakenshaw? Expensive to use porta cabins and unnecessary in this area.	RB5 5/8 Resident	Cllr Baker-Price: Comments regarding turnout. Thinks current provision is appropriate.	Officers agree with Cllr Baker-Price and think Oakenshaw Community Centre should remain as the polling station for HOC	No change	Change to Polling District with HOB and HOC, No change to Polling Place	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	6561	1369	HOD	Portable Building Grangers lane			Why are there two polling stations for Oakenshaw? Expensive to use porta cabins and unnecessary in this area.	RB5 5/8 Resident	Cllr Baker-Price: Comments regarding turnout. Thinks current provision is appropriate.	Having a porta cabin in this polling district is not ideal however this does not need a generator as there is an electrical hook up. Officers have considered St Peters CE in Crabbs Cross (not available) or Crabbs Cross Methodist Church. Both involve quite a walk across the foot bridge over Rough Hill Drive.	Maybe consider Crabbs Cross Methodist Church otherwise suggest no change.	No change	RB2 Cllr Akbar: No change	
Lodge Park		1755	LPA	Oak Hill First School	No change Supports Oakhill First School as safest place. Could support Lodge Park Club as it has function room with separate entrance.	RB11 20/8 Ward Cllr Andrew Fry	Constant complaints as County Cllr re parking and closure of the school. Local Club has offered. Alternative: Lodge Park Club	RB3 31/7 County Cllr Pattie Hill		As the County Cllr states Lodge Park Social Club has offered in the past, officers trying to arrange a visit to assess current suitability. It should be noted that Oakhill First School did make a submission but this received after the deadline.	If Lodge Park Club is still a suitable venue and is willing to host suggest polling place is changed.	Change to Polling District with LPB, Move polling to Lodge Park Social Club	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	Officers have visited Lodge Park Club who are happy to host polling.
Lodge Park		1642	LPB	Harry Taylor House	No change Perfect for Lakeside	RB11 20/8 Ward Cllr Andrew Fry					No change	Change to Polling District with LPA, No change	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Lodge Park	3796	373	LPC	Beoley Road West Communal Room	No change Aware that has less than 400 electors of which around 80 vote. Would like to see this remain as many elderly people live in St Georges and may fear walking through underpasses to Harry Taylor House.	RB11 20/8 Ward Cllr Andrew Fry				Could easily combine this polling district with LPB as 70 electors voted in 2018 a 20% turnout. Extra walking time to Harry Taylor House is minimal but it is recognised that electors would have to use the underpasses if walking. Could trial moving electors and if proved positive combine the two polling districts.	With the low turnout of electors would be happy to consider moving electors to Harry Taylor House (see map).	Move polling to Harry Taylor House	None Received	

Matchborough		2079	MBA	Matchborough East Community Centre							No change	No change	None Received	
Matchborough	4486	2388	MBB	Matchborough Meeting Rooms							No change	No change	None Received	
West		1939	WEA	Webheath Village Hall						Officers can see no reason why WEA and WEB cannot be joined to be one polling district. The Electoral Commission has been contacted and they confirm there is no maximum for electors in a polling district just the amount of electors that can vote at any one station.	No change to polling station but recommend WEA and WEB are combined.	No change to Polling Place, combine WEA and WEB to one Polling District	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
West	4609	2652	WEB	Webheath Village Hall						See WEA above	No change to polling station but recommend WEA and WEB are combined.	No change to Polling Place, combine WEA and WEB to one Polling District	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Winyates		2608	WIA	Tenacres Children's Centre							No change	Change to Polling District with WIB, No change to Polling Place	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Winyates		1831	WIB	Roman Way First School							No change	Change to Polling District with WIA, No change to Polling Place	RB5: Cllr Rouse: Supports changes	
Winyates	6118	1656	WIC	Winyates Green Community Centre							No change	No change	None Received	
General Comments													RB1 Cllr Bennett - Against shutting schools on polling day.	